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CURE's FIRST YEAR

The most obvious, concrete accomplishment of CURE during its first year was the publishing of the monthly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide a forum for the dissemination of information and expression of opinion among those concerned with combating racism. Many times the opinions expressed did not represent official CURE policy but nevertheless the CURE board of directors believed that these opinions needed to be expressed, since the opinions were held by large groups of San Diego citizens and there was no other forum open to them.

Our reporters and authors came from all segments of the community but they had in common their desire to promote racial equality. In the newsletter we supported: the grape boycott, the Elementaryinstitute of Science, the Teen Posts, the Crisis Center, CIC and Design for Understanding and their other programs, operation Stimulation, Mickey's missiles, the Walk for Justice, the Chicano legal defense fund, and the law suit against school board. Considerable coverage was given to: the school bonds, the inner city project and the Urban Coalition. The newsletter has contained hundreds of ideas for those who are asking, "What can I do?"

CURE has entered the public debate on issues touching our area of concern. The board of directors have made written and oral presentations to governmental agencies such as the board of education, city council, city-community dialogue, county board of supervisors, state board of education. In this way we supported an increased budget for CIC, urged that the county adopt the surplus food program, recommended that the city have a leased housing program, recommended that there be minority representation on the housing advisory committee, urged the appointment of minority people to fill council vacancies, urged that a black principal be appointed at Lincoln High School and that there be black officers on the police force. We ojected to the Clayton Brace editorial concerning CIC and the police department and to the San Diego Union editorial concerning Lincoln High Schools student walkout, and to the absence of plans to reduce de facto segregation through the recent school bonds.
CURE's telephone tree has provided a rapid communication network through which messages can be passed which will tend to combat racism in San Diego. These emergency messages called our members to action, and have transmitted information to them which could not wait for slower, more conventional distribution.

Our members have been informed of and urged to attend meetings and demonstrations which might influence our community leaders to move toward equal opportunities for all. Through this method our members learned of the TORCH protest concerning the housing crises, the Black Panthers clothing drive at Christmas, the Christmas party for disadvantaged children given by Jim Jones, the Mexican-American legal defense fund raising dinner-dance, the Chicano protest to the Life magazine ad of the San Diego Gas & Electric Co., the black-brown coalition picketing of San Diego motels using unfair hiring practices.

CURE has helped in the creation and execution of several educational programs designed to disseminate information about racism and how to combat it. These programs have attempted to mobilize (particularly the white middle class community) toward getting that job done. 650 San Diegans attended a CURE-UCSD Extension Workshop last September with the hope of learning how to become involved in the fight against racism. We supported the Jewish Community Center's dramatization of the Report of the Kerner Commission, Synanon's Black plays, and Roland McFarland's summer black theatre. We helped fund Ernie Chamber's appearance in San Diego.

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CURE has recently been working with the UCSD Extension representatives again to plan a class for next fall which will help the participants solve the problems involved in social action. Our annual meeting to be held May 7th will feature a reactor type panel responding to practical problems presented from the audience. We hope to show, "How to Be Effective Today Through Practical Politics."

CURE has an over-worked one woman Volunteer Bureau. At the UCSD-CURE workshop in September, many in attendance indicated their skills and willingness to volunteer on forms which were provided. Many of these people have been paired up with needs in the community. We frequently receive requests by telephone for special help -- such as finding transportation to medical facilities, finding housing. We also have attempted to refer volunteers who call in.

CURE has survived for a whole year and perhaps that in itself has been a real accomplishment! 500 voices don't speak loud enough in the councils of government; so one of our projects for the future will be a membership drive. We are considering publishing a magazine, perhaps a quarterly, which will provide space for in-depth articles concerning San Diego's racial problems and their possible solutions. We are considering the advisability of initiating some community-wide action projects. We have thought too of having some community wide social activities -- beach parties, picnics, pot-luck suppers which would help all people who agree with our purposes to get acquainted. We urge all who share our goals to join us, to roll up their sleeves and to work for a better San Diego.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1968-1969

Total income		$3,762.33
Expenditures:		
Newsletter production	$1,804.86	
Newsletter postage	1,267.05	
	3,071.91	
stationery & office supplies	56.53	
postage	75.23	
phone	63.90	
Ernie Chambers lecture fee	93.50	
incorporation papers	33.85	
advertising & promotion	15.00	
subscription to Voice	6.00	
	344.01	
Balance		$206.32
special fund for folding of newsletter		135.00
petty cash		5.09
		346.41
Outstanding bills	53.58	