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CO-OP SEEKING CITY-WIDE SUPPORT

Bethel A.M.E. was the setting Tuesday evening, March 18th, for a very significant meeting on a cooperative market endeavor.

A representative grouping of southeast San Diego residents enthusiastically endorsed the starting of a cooperative grocery store in southeast San Diego. Mrs. Greta Richardson and Rev. James Allison, pastor of the New Hope Friendship Baptist Church and current President of the South East Ministerial Alliance, were unanimously elected as co-chairmen of the group. Mrs. Susie Davenport, a member of WBSI staff, was appointed publicity chairman.

The group is now asking for participation, in this first-time-ever community project, from the larger community. Rev. Allison stated, "We must draw to you the goodwill of the total community to be successful." Members of other organizations and other individuals are invited to join in with this black-initiated project and carry it to a successful conclusion.

The next meeting of this group will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 31st & K Streets, on Tuesday, April 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

BEAUTIFUL VOLUNTEERS make CURE go

There is no professional staff.

We operate on a limited monthly income from memberships and subscriptions.

Do YOU wish CURE to continued? Insure this by sending in your contributions today.

Because you receive the newsletter does not mean you are a member. If you received a postcard notification of the annual meeting, we consider you as a member.

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This might be the last edition we send you for free.

Do you want to hear from us? Let us hear from you.

We need your financial support.

MAY 7 - CURE OBSERVES 1 YEAR

ELECTIONS, 'Pro's Tell How to be Effective'

The first annual election of the CURE Board of Directors on May 7, 8 p.m., at the Unitarian Church Auditorium, 4190 Front St., will be highlighted by a panel discussion on "effecting change today through practical politics."

Mrs. Kirk Abbey, president of the League of Women Voters, will act as moderator. Panelists will be Jack Walsh, county supervisor; Tom Johnson, past president of San Diego N.A.A.C.P. and area staff supervisor for minority relations of the San Diego Pacific Telephone Co.; John Leppert, manager of the San Diego Taxpayers Association; Dr. Richard McKenna, director of the New Adult Community; and Grace B. Rittoff, consultant to the Fair Employment Practices Commission. They will respond and react to questions from the audience by explaining how individuals and groups can accomplish specific goals.

On April 2, 7:30 p.m., Room 7, at the Unitarian Church a nominating meeting was held. The nominating committee presented its report and nominations were open to the floor. Nominees not present must give a written statement of acceptance or declination to the CURE secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd, before May 2.

The May 7 meeting will be open to the public. However, it will be a particularly important meeting for CURE members. Balloting will be done at the door.

The first election of the 15 member Board of Directors and an exciting panel presentation are good reasons for all members to attend. There will also be a social and coffee hour after the panel discussion. To use the panel's expertise on getting things done, specific questions can be mailed to CURE or introduced from the floor.

CURE is founded on the premise that citizens are concerned, they do desire to effect racial equality, and have the ability to do so.

The May 7 elections are very important in implementing this premise. Please come and make your membership count. Please come and share with us your individual thoughts. Come and lets celebrate our first year!

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HIRING PRACTICES ARE QUESTIONED

A 10-man task force formed by the Urban League is investigating racial discrimination in the hotel-motel-restaurant industry in San Diego.

After observing a number of these establishments, with special attention to 30 businesses, the task force confronted eleven firms with their findings, which indicated that few Blacks and Browns are chosen to fill public contact positions, such as clerks, waitresses and hostesses.

The businesses singled out by the task force are Kona Kai, Bahia Hotel, Anthony's Grotto, El Cortez, U.S. Grant Hotel, Bali Hai, Hilton Inn, Valley Ho, Mister A's, San Diego Hotel and La Valencia Hotel. Members of the task force urged managers of these businesses to find solutions to the problem of hiring members of minority groups in public contact positions. Thus far, according to a spokesman for the task force, only one minority - group citizen has been hired.

The task force next took this information to a public meeting in southeast San Diego, where a steering committee was organized to decide on tactics, such as picketing or boycotting specified businesses. Another public meeting will be held to make final plans.

The task force is called the Black and Brown Coalition and is chaired by Rev. James Oxley.

DON'T MISS THE CURE

MAY 7

GENERAL MEETING

Committee Resurrects Controversial Documentary

A movie made during the McCarthy period will have its premier showing in San Diego on April 30. More than 15 years ago "SALT OF THE EARTH" was blacklisted in San Diego by various right wing groups.

The theme of this controversial movie was union organizing of the Mexican-Americans in New Mexico copper mines. The cry of 'communist' was loud and clear. Today's farm workers' activities in the grape fields is reminiscent of those years.

'SALT OF THE EARTH" was no Hollywood production. The actors were the workers; the location was the shacks in which they lived. The director was Herbert Biberman, one of Hollywood's finest, whose career had been cut short by the McCarthy witchhunt. The leading lady was one of Mexico's great stars, Rosaura Revueltas, who was constantly hounded during the entire filming. The union organizer who played himself, was Clint Jencks, now an instructor at San Diego State College.

The film is being brought to San Diego by an ad hoc group of citizens and proceeds will be used in the fight against censorship. It will be shown at the Bay Theatre in National City on April 30th and at the Ken on Adams Avenue on May 1st. Both theaters will have showings at 7 and 9 p.m.

Clint Jencks will be at the intermission at the Ken to tell of some of his experiences at the time of the filming. For ticket information call, 442-4377, 297-4981, 420-5038, 281-7665.

LA VERDAD Revived by Chicano Community

La Verdad, a monthly newspaper for the Chicano (Mexican-American) community of San Diego, resumed publication in February.

Richard Saiz, editor, says the newspaper's basic function is "to make the Chicano aware of events which pertain to him and, even more importantly, to stimulate him to action."

"The staff of the newspaper is really the community," he said, explaining that he hopes to have most of the news materials contributed by readers and others concerned with Chicano affairs.

The editorial staff is headed by Saiz, a San Diego State College English major, and includes: Miss Esmerelda Vallejo, consultant at the English as a Second Language Center; Dr. Juan Gomez Quinones, assistant professor of history at San Diego State; Carlos LeGerette, director of United Farm Workers; and Olivia Reynolds, a San Diego State student.

With an initial subscription list of one hundred and fifty, La Verdad is distributed at community centers, including the State Service Center on National Avenue, on the street, and by mail. The cost of a subscription is three dollars a year.

Information regarding subscriptions or contributions may be addressed to La Verdad, P.O. Box 13156, San Diego, 92113.

La Verdad first made its appearance in March of last year, but ceased publication at the end of the summer because of the lack of financial support.

"The need of a newspaper for the Chicano community was obvious," Saiz says. "In a county with a population of well over one and a half million persons, more than 70 thousand have Spanish surnames. The only major metropolitan newspaper reaching this segment of the population is one which reflects the predominantly conservative thinking of a military - dominated publication, and consequently the Chicano has not been receiving adequate news coverage."

He said La Verdad will address itself to "injustices which Chicanos in San Diego and throughout the entire Southwest have endured since the United States took over this region."

CRISIS CENTER:

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY AID

BY Jeannette Cohen

"What would I do in time of crisis?" All of us have wondered this at one time or another. Since the Crisis Center has been established at 3004 Imperial Avenue, the people in southeast San Diego know where they can go to receive such services as: emergency food, clothing and transportation, counseling, legal and medical assistance, home visits, "just someone to talk to," or information -- immediately, without red tape. The Crisis Center tells it like it is: "Assistance without cost," and "Service, not referral."

The Crisis Center was set up to handle needs that other agencies, because of bureaucratic structure and nine to five hours, cannot handle. Volunteers staff the entire services, which are available at time when the other agencies are closed. Diane Leavitt and Jeri Jones, graduate students from San Diego State school of Social Work began the idea.

Response from the community has been terrific, involving lawyers, doctors, psychologists, ministers and many others. Many organizations are also helping.

What is a day or night at the Crisis Center like? A young child who was badly cut received transportation to a hospital (without paying a $20 ambulance fee); a young man from Georgia received food and a place to stay; a family with chicken pox received a doctor's visit; a lost child was found for a frantic mother; legal assistance saved a young man from jail.

If you know of someone in need of help, or if you would be willing to volunteer your time to the Center, phone 239-0325. Those who operate the Center -- Diane Leavitt, Bill King, Ed Moncrief, Jerry Jones and Mel Murphy -- feel proud that it is willingness to provide whatever service seems most necessary at the time of need that characterizes the Crisis Center.

INNER CITY PROJECT:

MEANINGFUL LOCAL CONTROL OR FACADE?

BY Fenn Ellery

The Inner City Project (ICP) prepares seven schools, including one junior high school and one senior high, within "Southeast San Diego" to receive $750,000 in federal funds during the fiscal year which started July 1. If the project is successful, it can be extended for two additional years. The ICP application states that nearly 6,000 students, virtually all of whom are black or Mexican-American, will "receive the concentrated efforts of a district to produce a saturation program intended to have a major positive impact on the life of the students..."

ICP purpose is "an attempt to create an exemplary educational program for "inner city" students... This program attempts, where possible, to involve the community in both direction and implementation."

Is the ICP a success? Obviously, it's too early to tell; it's not too early to begin asking questions. Is there meaningful local control, are prior problem areas being remedied, is rigorous review built in, are adequate tools and funds provided, are tests and standards appropriate, is bilingual facility adequate, is the "power structure" dealing honestly and openly?

Meaningful "local control" is not presently involved, at least in the writer's eyes. The participatory democracy goes well beyond the average PTA, but stops far short of real control. Without ICP, students would receive around $600. ICP should add $125-130 of which 1/6 - or $21-24 per student -- would be within partial discretionary control of the Parent's Advisory Council.

Career Counseling is receiving extra attention, but remains still to be "proved out". Will volunteers be available to provide illustrations of the varied major occupational fields? Will the Education Center's VIEW program provide adequate aid? Will students believe that they are receiving reasonably adequate career counseling from vocational counselors who inevitably seem to have a case-load well in excess of the number of student counselees.

Ed. Note: This is the beginning of a review of the Inner City Project.

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where the ACTION is

MER (Movement for Educational Reconstruction) will meet Thurs. 8:00 p.m., April 10th to help coordinate creative use of the school bond failure, to discuss possible school board candidates and to underline support for quality education. They will meet at the Elementary Institute of Science, 608 51st St.

Mission Bay Democratic Club April 8th, 8:00 p.m., 1201 Tourmaline, Pacific Beach, Martin Bloom home - Guest speaker Councilman Leon Williams - Everyone welcome.

TUTORS-- are greatly needed! Can you help? Contact: La Jolla Educational Service, needs volunteers who love children to help them with reading, writing, and arithmetic. Weekdays, 2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Contact Mrs. Rudnick at 454-2543.

COPE needs full or part time office help - Mrs. Rickman 286-8383, 5164 College Ave. #9.

A group of mothers of little children are planning an integrated cooperative nursery. They have many problems including a central location to house the nursery. The fees will be $15 - $25 a month for children between 2-1/2 - 4. They hope to open in September and plan a parent child involvement program with fun and work for anyone who would like to share their adventure. If you are interested, phone Susan Pollack 460-3568.

People are needed to train to be deputy registrars of voters to participate in a registration campaign in southeast San Diego. Training sessions are being planned. If you are interested, phone George Stevens 239-1281. A two hour training period is required to become a deputy registrar.

"He's amusing, literate, and musically sound" "No folk festival would be legal without him". He is the nationally acclaimed folk singer, Sam Hinton, who will appear in a benefit concert at Hoover High School auditorium, Saturday, April 12th from 8 to 10 p.m. Bring the entire family. Donations: $1.00 for adults, 50¢ for children 12 and under. Proceeds from the concert will be turned over to the Elementary Institute of Science, 608 51st St., to further stimulate the curiosity of young minds in the fields of science. For further information call Jo Desmon at 296-4364 or Dorothy Celto at 295-4279.

Needed: Volunteers to assist in care of children while mothers attend Leadership class jointly sponsored by YWCA, Girls Club and Adult Education - eight weeks starting April 9th, 9-12 at Girls Club. Call Jean Mierlot 477-1163.

St. Stephens' Church, 5825 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, needs volunteers to work with children, ages 7 to 13, in a program of Educational Enrichment, weekdays at 3:30 p.m. Tutoring daily: Field trips of educational nature, two days per week. Contact: Mrs. Jean McKinney, 262-8350 (4:00 pm to 6:00 pm)

Department of Public Welfare, 4588 Market Street needs a tutor in math for an 8th grade Mexican - American female student, once a week. She lives in San Ysidro. If volunteer cannot commute to her area, arrangements will try to be made to bring her to San Diego Weekdays or weekends. Contact: Volunteer Bureau.

Lincoln High School, Imperial at 49th Street still needs tutors for high school students in most academic subjects -- especially languages and social science. Contact Mrs. Barbara Anderson at 264-3171, Ext. 18. Volunteers needed days and evenings.

Girls' Club of San Diego, Inc., 606 South 30th St. needs volunteers to work with girls 6 through high school. Needed are teachers in ballet, piano and baton on Saturdays, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Plus ...

A Special Job for a Special Volunteer! A mature adult who enjoys teenagers and can lead them in group activities, help promote social and educational development, for girls 16-17 years. Mondays, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Contact Mrs. Armendariz at 233-7722.

Market Street Service Center, 2926 Market St. (Phillippino Hall) Mrs. Labao, Secretary, 234-5389. Days and Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00 to 3:00 pm.

South Crest Recreation Center, 40th and Alpha (SE San Diego) Mrs. Grace Deeks at 286-2512. Days and Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings.

N.S.

Have you been a part of the action? Do you have even one hour a week to give? Perhaps, if you are really concerned you could find the time. If you can't or don't, who will?

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