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COMMUNITY BACKS GRAPE STRIKE

NATIONAL BOYCOTT GROWS

San Diegans are being mobilized to take up a grapeless diet. Why? The AFL-CIO United Farm Workers' Organizing Committee is promoting a nationwide boycott of grapes in an attempt to force growers to acknowledge the rights of the California farm workers. The boycott, led by Ceasar Chavez, is being locally co-ordinated by Carlos LeGerrette at the "La Huelga" office.

The boycott is supported by the Northern and Southern Council of Churches, the California Roman Catholic Bishops, the Friends Committee, Candidates Eugene J. McCarthy, Hubert H. Humphrey, Alan Cranston, and the Kennedy Action Corps. Locally, organizations such as Tuesday the Ninth, IMPACT, MAYA, MAPA, The Chicano Legal Defense Fund, Justo Sierra are supporting the boycott. Jim Mills, James Bear, Wadie Deddeh are also endorsing the boycott along with the Brown and Black Communities.

Rabbi Albert Lewis, Social Action Chairman of the Southern California Board of Rabbis said, "We urge all citizens to involve themselves directly in the struggle for human dignity now being waged by the California farm workers."

"The local press has not reflected the truth regarding the strike workers struggle," said Carlos LeGerrette, local co-ordinator. "The community consensus is one of unawareness and being misinformed. A campaign of San Diego citizens supporting the boycott is attempting through mass demonstrations to publicly inform the people of our city the truth, in order that the migrant worker who produces the very food and drink Americans consume can live and work with dignity."

There have been decades of long, bitter, and unsuccessful attempts to organize farm workers who are among the lowest paid workers in the nation. The boycott has resulted from the fact that growers refuse to accept the legitimacy of the union to strike. Green card holders (aliens imported to pick) have been used to break the strike. The state administration has decertified 18 of 24 struck fields. The farm workers have taken their plight to the consumer.

Grape pickers, according to the growers, are the highest paid farm workers in the United States. However, Rev. James E. Jones, President of the Los Angeles Board of Education and National president of the Presbyterian Interracial Council said, "The average seasonal worker earns only about $3,000 a year and has few fringe benefits, no over-time pay, no sick leave, no vacations or holidays and none of the legal protection afforded other workers."

The Rev. Jones in speaking for the newly organized Interfaith Action Coalition to support the boycott, said, "The coalition of Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths will distribute leaflets in support of the boycott at churches and synagogues, deliver sermons, and set up church-men's picket lines where it is possible."

In San Diego, citizens who wish to picket stores, hand out leaflets or work in the office may contact Carlos LeGerrette at 295-4200. Send food, money, and donations to IMPACT (Involvement of the Mexican Population at Community Tasks), c/o La Huelga, 2422 Congress Street, San Diego. Tax free donations may be made to the same address c/o the National Farm Workers Service Center, Inc.

Consumers can inform their markets that they do not choose to eat grapes and why! "It's time for people to stand up and be counted on behalf of social justice for all even at the expense of one's friends," urged Mr. LeGerrette. N.S.

WORK, SWEAT, GIVE MAKE ST. STEPHEN'S LIVE!

George McKinney and his brother Jesse are ministers. Their church is St. Stephen's, 5825 Imperial Avenue.

Bob Coates is a 31-year old self-employed investment analyst, law student and sometime politician.

These three came up with a concrete (at times literally so) action.

That Saturday after Senator Kennedy's murder, they worked together on the addition to St. Stephen's. The terrible sadness of the moment seemed to underline their labor. Somehow they became deeply aware of each other.

Not thru talk, but thru WORK.

They discovered profound peace, and more, a common bond in their mutual sweat.

They asked friends to join them the next Saturday.

The third Saturday, 22 men and women -- all colors, all backgrounds, worked side by side in relative equality.

Can YOU shovel sand? Hammer nails? Scrub floors? Then get over to St. Stephen's any Saturday morning at 10.

George McKinney tells how St. Stephens began.

"10 years ago, Emerald Hills was 100% White. Now it's 95% Negro. This drastic change demanded another church in the area--one basically community, nondenominational.

St. Stephen's, founded 5-1/2 years ago offers Christian Fellowship in a changing community.

We are loosely affiliated with the Church of God in Christ."

St. Stephen's opened a day nursery within eight months.

An immediate success, it now cares for 20 children--capacity for the modest quarters available. Mrs. B. C. Storey supervises the licensed facility.

George McKinney is not only an ordained minister, but also an experienced probation officer.

He worked in Toledo with the late Hon. Paul W. Alex-

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Have you ever thought . . . . . .

How much you would like to do something to promote racial equality?

How many new friends are to be made--Black, Brown and White?

How many interesting organizations and opportunities are open to you and need you?

How much do you care? How about attending the CURE-UCSD workshop? Share your thoughts with with us. We might find some answers.

GROUP STUDY KERNER REPORT

As an outgrowth of a policy set up by the Southern California District of the United Methodist Church 386 churches and over 5400 persons participated in a study of the Report of the Commission on Civil Disorders.

At the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church and La Jolla United Methodist Church groups of 100 and 75 persons respectively met weekly for ten weeks. Activities included discussion groups; a motion picture of black people compiled by black people; and a talk by a member of CURE who told some of the results of the dialogues which have been conducted throughout the city.

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Volunteer to write an article a month. Interesting work. No pay, easy hours. Contact: CURE Newsletter 466-7592. Help us insure adequate coverage.

CITIZEN ELLERY URGES URBAN COALITION TO ADOPT A NINTH TASK FORCE

By Fenn Ellery

San Diego sent reps to the Urban Coalition national meeting in D.C. last summer--and then waited until Dr. King was assassinated, and the Mayor was forced, before activating a local Coalition.

It violently ignored existing interracial agencies such as the Urban League, NAACP, CIC--rather than financially energize and build non-white power and leadership within their existing and proven structures.

For leadership, the Coalition cannily selected task force leaders primarily who were white, excessively busy, and generally lacking in any depth of knowledge of the task force area. Prior to defining operationally either the task force objectives, or valid selection criteria, the members were selected.

Non-whites were carefully kept in a minority. The majority were power structure people--notable for their failure to solve the basic problems over a period of years, and for their vested interest in maintenance of the status quo.

No visible attempt was made to select a majority of members who had worked to: (1) eliminate white racism personally, through dialog activity if nothing else, (2) expose and eliminate the suppression, oppression, and underachievement effects of white racism within the systems they headed, and (3) develop a prior "track record" of involvement and committment in attacking interracial problems. Perhaps a majority were not prepared to interact authentically with members of other races, without hangups and stereotypes.

Does this provide any basis for "waiting to be shown" concerning the Urban Coalition's gut-level desire to go beyond tokenism and gradualism, to be suspicious both of their committment and ability to provide the "muscle" they claim? If they are sincere, the answer seems logical: the Ninth Task Force! (Editor's note: See Vol. 1 No. 1, Page 3.)

The Ninth would seem to need certain characteristics. The majjority of its members ought to be non-whites who are militant, responsible, and articulate, primarily from the minorities in each task force.

The white minority should also be militant, responsible, and articulate, primarily from outside the Coalition. After attending to its organizational business, it ought to select its own leader, a non-white (i.e., a person skilled as a recipient of skin-color white racism).

Clearly, the Ninth would be required as a watch-dog. Based on the colorless history of the S.D. Management Council for Merit Employment, Inc., there is no guarantee that a professional group set up, run, funded, and controlled by whites will avoid racism, underachievement, tokenism, and gradualist tendencies.

The main objectives of the Ninth would seem to involve primarily business management and leadership--and the #1 problem: exposing and eliminating white racism.

Concerning management, the eight task forces should be checked for the following: publication of working /operational objectives; sub-organization into hard-nosed, problem-oriented working groups; setting explicit targets, with specific individual assignments, tight target dates, and visibility for members who can't handle their assignments or who attempt to slip or slide the dates set; and action by individual white members to eliminate racist holdovers and hangups.

The Ninth should also be concerned about securing access to rapid communication of its reasoned press releases, and creation of a broadly-based program to develop one or more hundreds of non-white youth as responsible leaders with executive potential.

If the Urban Coalition is sincere about reinstating democratic values, and ending racism or violence, it will find the wisdom, maturity, and courage to fully support immediate creation of this Ninth Task Force.

This would be an honest and open "good start", and a step toward proving that "white to can be beautiful".

where the ACTION is

"What can I do? I have little spare time, little extra money, and little political or social influence; but I'm committed to racial harmony and I want to be involved." Does that sound familiar? Perhaps similar to your own thoughts? Here are some activities that may relieve your frustration.

Drop a Card -- some housewives have been voicing their concern about racial harmony in a place where they have economic influence--the supermarket, the Bank, the Department Store, the Gas Station. A word to the store manager from a regular customer that she wishes the store had black and brown employees is disturbing. Similar comments from several customers can lead to the hiring of minorities such as has happened in De Falco's in Pacific Beach and Mayfair in La Jolla.

Many store managers find written comments necessary to transmit the message to superiors who must initiate policy changes. Attractively designed cards for this purpose are available from Gail Durson 465-1577 or Jean Seley 274-5014. Let all the businesses you patronize know how you feel about their hiring practices.

Local Libraries -- now carry Ebony in all branches, as a result of letters to the City Public Library requesting it. Does your local library carry periodicals dealing with and for minority cultures? What magazines would broaden the color spectrum of your library?

Are Ebony, Jet, or The Voice -- available at your neighborhood newsstand? If you would like to buy them there, tell the store manager and Hopkins News Agency, which supplies most stores.

The Board of Education -- Are you concerned about the racial problems in the school system? The Movement for Educational Reconstruction (MER) meets every Monday night, 8 p.m., at the Chollas View Methodist Church.

The San Diego Black Congress -- has requested a black principal for Lincoln High School. Lincoln with a student body that is 90% black has one black teacher. If you support the belief that a black principal is advisable, put your support in writing. In retorting to the conditioned response there is no one qualified at the moment, you could begin a list of qualified persons with Ernie Hartzog, vice principal, at San Diego High. Mr. Hartzog was endorsed at a recent press conference by CORE, NAACP, US, The Soul Brothers, and The Black Panthers.

Don't Put The Pens Back -- drop a note to the Department of Public Health, and ask why they do not have bilingual nurses to visit homes where Spanish is spoken. When trying to use the health services available to them as San Diegans, Spanish speaking mothers in Linda Vista are faced with the double difficulty of getting to the nearest Health Center, which is in Pacific Beach, or talking to visiting nurses who speak only English.

The Department of Motor Vehicles -- offers the written drivers test in Spanish, but the booklet one must read to pass the test is available only in English. What do you think about that?

Noche Mexicana -- a social evening featuring a Mariachi band, is being planned for September 15, by the Linda Vista Mothers Club. Watch the paper for details or call 277-1862.

The Pacific Beach Dialogue -- action group wrote letters to business establishments inquiring about their minority hiring practices. They, also, wrote local realtors asking about housing policies. Have you let your friendly, local realtor know that you welcome minority neighbors?

Housing and Police Community Relations -- both local and National, are on this year's agenda for study by the League of Women Voters. The league researches diligently, and will provide a wealth of facts as well as guidelines, for anyone wishing to study these complex community problems. Women interested in attending the first meeting in September may call the League Office 232-8583 for information regarding the location of a unit in your area.

"BLACK, BLUES, BLACK" -- Thursday through August and September, "African Culture in America," on channel 15, 8:30 , repeats Fridays 6:30.

CURE Library -- Books, magazines, tapes and articles on racism are available at the Bloom's home, 1201 Tourmaline St., San Diego, 92109. Call Marty or Sherry at 488-5530. For a start: Crisis in Black and White, Algiers Motel Incident, Mark of Oppression, Before the Mayflower, are available. Magazines, pamphlets, and Newspaper clippings are on file. Categories include: government, education, housing, employment, churches, politics, demonstrations, communications, organizations. We need two things--a two drawer file cabinet and the first and second issues of "The Black Athlete" in Sports Illustrated.

Don't forget to write us, give us something you think needs to be done, are doing, want, see, hear, or feel. "Black and white together, we shall overcome."

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MAKE ST. STEPHEN'S LIVE! Continued from Page 1

ander, famed Juvenile Court Judge. Here in San Diego he's been associated with Juvenile Court Judges Robert Birch, Byron Lindsley and Richard Vaughan.

George's background certainly helped spawn this idea: a "halfway house" for boys on parole from the California Youth Authority.

As he puts it, "These boys are serious delinquents. Most come from disintegrated homes. They return either to the old situation or a foster home.

Where there's no foster home, often as not they end up in a flophouse."

"95% Fail."

In May of 1964 St. Stephen's Group Home opened. 6 Parolees went to live with a couple who gave them love, interest and direction.

In the four years following, some 50 young men, 16 to 21 have found a home at St. Stephen's.

On July 1, 1967, St. Stephen's suffered a major financial blow. Support by the California Department of Youth Authority ended. State budget cuts axed deeply. Private help to the rescue! Some of those helpers, who continue today:

- -St. Paul's Episcopal Church, San Diego
- -Central Congregational Church of La Mesa
- -St. James by the Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla
- -Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pacific Beach

St. Stephen's sponsors yet another community service, a storehouse for needy families.

Jesse McKinney set it up and runs it. Clothing and food go to referred cases at absolutely no cost. The storehouse depends on local donors.

George McKinney has these thoughts about the church today.

"It's not enough to have personal salvation and holiness when decay, suffering, misery, exist.

"The church has to get its hands dirty!"

George has high hopes that racism will end one day. "Racism didn't develop without the black man--and it has to be worked out in that context," he contends.

"You've got to have interaction--eyeball to eyeball.

"Person to person."

"Shock treatment can be valuable at times, but only if given for an instant."

"The extremist believes in shock treatment without let-up. But this results in hurt feelings and a withdrawal by the hurt party."

"Shock is needed. But there has to be a pause, followed by more shock."

George rejects isolation. He just feels that people have to work together to know, understand and care about each other.

"St. Stephen's," sums up George McKinney, "offers a constructive area, where people can translate dialogue ... talk ... into action."

"There IS a vehicle that can be ridden right away.

"You can come over Saturday and work side by side with people of another race." E.M.

CONGRESSMAN JAMES C. CORMAN KEYNOTES CURE-UCSD WORKSHOP

James C. Corman, United States Representative, 22nd District of California, and a member of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, will be the guest speaker at CURE-UCSD Workshop on Racism, September 21.

Prior to being elected to the Congress Corman was a lawyer in private practice in Van Nuys, California and a member of the Los Angeles City Council. He was elected to Congress in 1960. In 1965 he was floor leader for the 1965 Civil Rights Bill, and in 1966 active on the Voting Rights Bill.

In 1965, on his own, he took a two week tour of the Southern part of the United States to find out himself what the conditions are. He was barred from entering a white church and would have been arrested had they not found that he was a congressman.

Corman is Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Small Business Committee, a member of the Democratic Steering Committee and is also on the Ways and Means Committee. He is the recipient of many awards including: The Holtzer Memorial Award, presented by the Jewish Federation Council; The Human Rights Award, American Jewish Congress; The George Washington Carver Memorial Institute award, for "Outstanding contribution to the betterment of race relations;" and The Human Race Relations Award, presented by the National Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

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