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State Attorney General Files Suit

by Helen Burke

The preliminary hearing of an integration suit filed against the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District is scheduled for July 10 in Judge Lazar's court.

The suit, filed by the State Attorney General on June 3, is one of two cases originated to test whether or not the amendments to Sections 2010 and 2011 of the California Administrative Code, designed to eliminate de facto segregation, have the force of law. The Bakersfield School District has been served with the second suit.

The pertinent amendments, adopted on February 13 of this year, state: "If the percentage of pupils of one or more racial or ethnic groups differs by more than 15 percentage points from that in all the schools of the district," racial imbalance exists. The San Diego School District's overall percentages, for preschool through grade 12, are 10.0% for students "with Spanish surnames," 76.1% for "other white," and 11.5% "Negro." Therefore, a school would be racially imbalanced if it had more than 25.1% "Spanish surname;" more than 91.1% or less than 61.1% "other white;" or more than 26.6% "Negro."

The following chart shows figures for only a part of the imbalanced schools:

SCHOOL	Spanish Surname%	Other White%	Negro %
Stockton	8.1	1.7	89.8
Valencia Park	4.4	3.1	91.9
Emerson	26.3	3.0	67.3
Balboa	46.8	12.9	35.0
Lowell	80.8	6.2	8.7
Logan	38.2	0.9	59.6
Sherman	40.3	10.6	48.8
Bird Rock	1.8	96.7	---
Decatur	0.8	98.6	---
Scripps	---	99.6	---
Sunset View	4.2	94.6	---
Loma Portal	3.8	92.9	0.1
Muirlands Jr.	2.8	95.1	1.4
Hale Jr.	4.3	93.2	0.8
Memorial Jr.	37.9	5.4	54.7
Gompers Jr.	15.0	4.9	77.2
O'Farrell Jr.	14.0	49.9	33.4
Patrick Henry Sr.	1.4	97.6	0.5
La Jolla Sr.	2.8	96.2	0.6
San Diego Sr.	32.9	43.3	20.6
Lincoln Sr.	13.4	2.9	79.7

These figures are from the "Pupil-Ethnic Census, 1968-69" for the San Diego Unified School District.

The suit charges that the San Diego District has 24 elementary schools, three junior high schools, and four senior high schools racially imbalanced with too many minority students. There are an additional 54 elementary, three junior high and four senior high schools with too many white students, according to the formula outlined above. (Our own statistics show eight junior high schools in this category.)

Reaction of the Board of Education members to this suit, and to a previous private action by the parents of 10 school children, also charging racial imbalance, can best be gauged by noting the following sequence of events.

On June 10, members of the Board initially refused to permit citizens to speak before them in open hearing on any subject related to the integration suits against the district. This decision was subsequently reversed.

On June 17, the Board voted to hire architects to design one new elementary school and additions to eight other schools, despite the objection of the San Diego Taxpayers Association, which held that the district should await the outcome of the suit.

At the date of this writing, the Board of Education is conducting "business as usual," seemingly assuming that the two suits against it have no implications until they are in fact settled. Arnold Steele, the only lawyer on the Board, said in open meeting on June 17 that the Attorney General's suit could take as long as five years.

DO YOU CARE THAT:

The problem is that in this country there are Americans who do not have adequate food and shelter, who cannot obtain decent employment, who are given an inadequate education, who cannot live where they choose, who do not receive full equality under the law, who do not have equal opportunities for success, and who are deprived of their right to self-determination. All this because the color of their skin is black, brown, red or yellow.

The belief is that Americans will take a long, hard look at what is happening around them and determine what their responsibility is. The belief is that these Americans can look into themselves and realize their stake in the future of mankind, and then make a personal commitment to act.

CURE is a volunteer organization of these people. CURE is a hope that San Diegans can combine time and resources to solve America's human crisis.

The Newsletter is not a free service. It does not exist without community support. We have attempted to fulfill our responsibilities and beliefs. If we are wasting your time, please don't waste ours. We have

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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a forum for the dissemination of information and the expression of opinion among those concerned with combating racism. CURE believes the opinions herein need to be expressed, although they may not represent official policy of CURE.

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NLRA AND THE UNITED FARM WORKERS

By Bob Howarth

For over 33 years farm workers have been excluded from coverage under the National Labor Relations Act while most American workers have benefited from this law. Advocates of improving the plight of the migrant farm worker have long supported the extension of N.L.R.A. to farm workers - so has the United Farm Workers Union of Cesar Chavez, until recently, that is.

At present the United Farm Workers are not eager for the extension of N.L.R.A. to the agricultural industry. Why not? It appears that at present N.L.R.A. provisions would hinder rather than help the United Farm Workers in their fight for recognition as bargaining agent for the workers. The National Labor Relations Act would make illegal their most effective tactic, the boycott.

The strike as such is not effective today in farm disputes because of the ready supply of Mexican Green Card Workers and the Mexicans here on "visiting" or "shopping" permits. Especially in border areas this abundant source of strikebreakers has been effectively used by the farmer-owners to dissolve conventional strike efforts.

Unfavorable interpretation of immigration laws, decertification of many strikers by the California Department of Employment, poor enforcement of the laws that do apply, and the absence of punitive measures against Americans who employ or harbor illegal aliens all contribute to make farm strikes ineffective.

In light of these facts, the United Farm Workers will accept the National Labor Relations Act if its sections prohibiting boycotts are suspended for farm workers.

VOTER REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers from Southeast San Diego are needed to help with a voter registration campaign in the 4th councilmanic district.

A campaign to register residents of the 4th district to vote in the September and November city elections has been organized by Chuck Adams, Community Organization Specialist for Metro.

Arrangements have been made for deputy registrars to be working at the following locations: Safeway markets at both 25th and Imperial and Federal & Euclid; Buono's Market at 30th and Imperial; Sawaya Brothers Market at 30th and Ocean View; Rancher's Markets at 43rd and National and Logan & Euclid; Rexall Drug store at Churchwood and Euclid; and Big Bear Market, DeFalco's Market, Thrifty Drug store and Fedco at Federal and Euclid.

Fourth district residents are urged to register before the deadline of July 24 so they will be eligible to vote for their candidate in September.

Help is needed from those who live in the area to make this campaign a success. Would you be able to work with a deputy by contacting citizens as they complete their shopping at these locations and encouraging them to register? Your participation in this effort is essential. For further information please call Mrs. Edward Sacco 286-0630.

The Senate Labor sub-committee under the leadership of Senator Harrison A. Williams (D.-N.J.) is holding hearings on the farm labor problem. Harrison and 20 other senators are sponsoring a new farm worker bargaining bill which should improve the situation.

INNER CITY PROJECT: MEANINGFUL LOCAL CONTROL OF FACADE? (PART 2)

By Fenn Ellery

Tracking and premature value judgments in the Inner City Project Schools need attention. Tracking involves the procedure by which a student, generally on the basis of a battery of tests, is cast fairly rigidly in an artificial track or mold of preconceived performance expectations. Once a child is stamped with an 80 I.Q., or fits the recurrent mold of "mentally retarded" which is regularly applied to Mexican-American youth, he stops being taught as if he might become as valuable as the 120 I.Q. student.

Value judgments are involved in the predisposition to look for under-achievers and "protect" them from both potential failures and the challenge of preparing for college. This seems to be related to John Dewey's "life adjustment" teaching philosophy which graduates youth who are conformist, manipulatable, programmable, and "other-directed". Instead, the values of democracy and individualism should dictate an education oriented toward inner-directed values, principles, and personal decision-making, with early training in "stand-on-your-own-two-feet" advocacy of positions important to the young student.

Such education might spare Board of Education members the public embarrassment of stating that our sixth-graders "lack the intellectual

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A BILL FOR DELANO

By Irma Howarth

Delano farm workers need help. All who are interested are urged to write postcards or letters in support of Assembly Bill 1204, introduced by Jesse Unruh (D.-L.A.) to provide Unemployment Insurance Benefits coverage for agricultural workers. This bill provides U.I.B. coverage for agricultural workers on the same basis as other workers, except that farm workers would not be able to draw benefits from out of state.

Other bills discriminate against farm workers and other low income workers.

Please write to members of the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance, State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. 95814. Henry Arklin (R. - Mission Hills), Yvonne Brathwaite (D.-Los Angeles), William M. Ketchum (R.-Bakersfield), Jerry Lewis (R.-San Bernardino), Carla Moorhead (R.-Glendale), Bob Moretti (D.-No. Hollywood) and George N. Zenovich (D.-Fresno).

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS MERIT OF $80,000 TRIP FOR EDUCATORS

An $80,000 summer project designed to send fifty participants (teachers, teacher's aides, and administrators) to Mexico City for the purpose of becoming more sensitive to the Chicano has been declared by the Mexican-American community to be lacking in merit, ineffectual, and an extravagant use of federal funds to provide all-expense paid summer tours for dubious purposes.

Members of a Chicano Community Resource Committee were asked by the University of California Extension to discuss the local applications of the Education Professions Development Act. Robert A. Landen, curriculum coordinator in foreign language and English as a Second Language for San Diego County, is administering the $180,000 program in the county.

This panel expressed strong disapproval of Phase II of the program, the summer junkets to Mexico City, which would include, in addition, side trips to centers of pre-Columbian and colonial culture. Living in hotels will preclude the experience of staying in Mexican homes. The study program, June 21 - August 9, offers Mexican archeology, history, art, Spanish, English as a Second Language, and guitar classes.

Purpose of the EPDA project, funded by the department of Health, Education and Welfare, is to prepare teachers to work with local bicultural and bilingual children. San Diego qualifies because of the large number of Chicanos living in barrios who do not understand the English of the classroom teacher, and the commensurate lack of bilingual teachers sensitive to and sympathetic to the chicano culture.

According to Mr. Henri Jacot, education chairman of the Chicano Federation, when Mr. Landen was questioned about the prudence of the special $80,000 junket to Mexico, or if he had consulted the Chicano community, Mr. Landen replied he had not. In an attempt to understand the specific goals and objectives of the project Mr. Jacot requested a copy of the grant.

Mr. Jacot said that after receiving no such compliance from Mr. Landen, the County School Superintendent Mr. Ted Dixon told Mr. Jacot that as a matter of procedure copies of grant applications are not duplicated.

He would not allow the copying of the grant at his office even if the expenses were paid.

The $80,000 Mexico junket has proceeded on schedule while in contrast the Chicano committee learned that an ESL-Bilingual program with local funds has been cut in half. The Chicanos feel this is a long record of neglect, abuse and bungling in the preparation of education personnel.

Teachers, also, asked that the project include alternatives that would provide them with a summer experience to live, work, and learn in the San Diego barrios and to participate in the designing of new programs that they are unable to develop during the year because of lack of time and pay.

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maturity and healthy skepticism" to handle a course on the Bill of Rights. (Surprisingly, Board members Steele and French didn't regard their remarks as a damning indictment of the educational system within their control and responsibility!!)

Parent involvement probably will never be fully adequate, since it requires defeating apathy. ICP leadership can undoubtedly do much more on community organization, house-to-house sampling, and the identification and countering attitudes of pessismism and underinvolvement as they exist within the community.

Issues, and their open discussion, will also be a critical dimension of ICP success. Will the Education Center's administrators be confident, open and constructive?

Will Dr. Houser set up a public discussion involving parents, showing his confident leadership and constructive planning? The issue has already been presented to him in detail.

Ed. Note: This is the second in a series of three installments on the Inner City Project.

DO YOU CARE THAT:

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very limited financial resources (from those who do care) and the newsletter you receive comes from their pocketbooks.

Perhaps, there is someone we could serve, who would like to join us, that we cannot afford to reach. We have no way of knowing if you care that we continue to reach you, except by your financial support. Do you care about the work we are trying to do?

Do you care enough to send at least $2 or $5 a year. If you don't -- at least care enough not to waste the time and money of those who do. Call CURE, 279-8809, or write to let us know that you would like to be off the mailing list. N.S.

where the ACTION is

If when you ask, "what can I do?" you are asking what can I do that is easy, comfortable, and takes very little time, the answer is: Not enough to make a difference.

Active Citizens for Racial Equality (ACRE) invites everyone to visit its booth (#7 in the grandstand area) at the Southern California Exposition in Del Mar during June 25-July 6. This group of San Dieguito residents is introducing itself to the members of the greater San Diego Community at the "Fair" in this informal manner. Goals of ACRE include encourgaging enlightened human relations in housing, employment, and education, especially within the San Dieguito area.

An orthopedic clinic still needs help translating for doctors, preparing children for examinations and taking patients from one area to another. One day per week -- 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For further information phone the Volunteer Bureau, 239-2071.

"Good Neighbors Come in All Colors" bumper stickers can be ordered for 5¢ each from: Housing Opportunity Center, Metropolitan Fair Housing Division, 4034 Buckingham Rd. #203, Los Angeles, Calif. 90008.

To obtain "Give a Damn" buttons and bumper stickers send $1.00 with self addressed stamped envelope to: San Diego Urban Coalition, Communications Task Force, P.O. Box 1511, San Diego, Calif. 92112.

Job Corps: Young Women's Christian Association needs drivers to provide transportation for Job Corps girls for job interviews, community and social projects. Call Mrs. Braun at 239-0355.

Recorders needed at the Salvation Army to give 1-1/2 days per week on a regular basis. The job consists of recording items distributed through the food distribution program on a Food Distribution Sheet. Volunteers interested are asked to call as soon as possible. Contact: Mrs. Lucy Howard at 239-8027.

Summer Headstart Program needs volunteers to work with children in various activities for preparation of pre-schoolers for kindergarten. Weekdays. Contact:

Gingerbread Nursery & Day Care, 3078 "L" St., San Diego, Mrs. Edwards or Mrs. Walker, 232-2355.

Gingerbread Nursery & Day Care, 4890 Logan St., Mrs. Pettis or Mrs. Walker, 264-6725.

Otay Headstart Center, 1245 4th Ave., Chula Vista, Miss Gloria Ravettino, 427-5390.

St. Rita's Headstart Center, 5124 Churchward St., Mrs. East, 264-3137.

Imperial Beach Child Development Center, 455 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, Miss Shenza Ricchiutti, 424-5828.

Viewpoint is a new black community newspaper. To order your subscription contact Earl Davis Jr. Editor at P.O. Box 12161 San Diego 92112 or phone 263-3171.

"Population Explosion" is the subject to be discussed by Dr. Michael Soule at 8:00 p.m. July 23rd at St. James Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect, La Jolla. The program which will be sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Martin de Porres is open to everyone without charge.

Write, write, write, set aside an hour a week to write letters. Write to the Board of Education encouraging them to comply with the State Attorney General's office in desegregating San Diego schools. The stand for human equality needs your penmanship!

La Huelga is transporting canned goods to the strikers in Delano. Collect some canned goods, buy an extra can for the hungry, drop supplies off at the Cardijn Center, 2422 Congress, Old Town.

The Negro in American Civilization will be taught by Dr. William F. Cheek from Sept. 23 through Jan. 27 in La Mesa on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:40. Course offered by The Extended Services Office of S.D. State.

BREAKFASTS FOR CHILDREN

The Black Panthers are holding a fund raising rally to support their "Breakfast for Children" program on July 10, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. at Montezuma Hall, San Diego State College. Speakers: Don Freed, Friends of Black Panthers, L.A., and Masai, Panther Spokesman from L.A.. For further information call 447-0652 or 234-1535.

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