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PARENTS NOW HAVE SAY ABOUT SCHOOL DOLLAR

Inner City Project

Some taxpayers in San Diego have had little, or no, say in how their school systems are run. Alien administration has disrupted communications between school management and parents.

Thus, people who should be deeply involved have grown indifferent.

If Inner City Project has its way, the picture will change this fall. Norn Houser, director, sees the program as a combination of school, community, parents, business, and industry. All will be totally involved.

$750,000 -- a Title III Federal Grant -- funds the program for one year. Success will insure second year renewal.

Inner City Project serves five elementary schools (Burbank, Crockett, Logan, Lowell, Sherman), one junior high (Memorial), and one senior high (San Diego). This makes a complete system -- grades 1 through 12.

Why these schools?

Houser explains. "Inner City started as an amendment to another Title III project--ELS"(English is a Second Language).

Each school elects a Parental Advisory Council -- 5 to 9 members based on enrollment.

Nominations and voting are restricted to parents. But they may select anyone from the community served by their school.

Meetings are bilingual -- English and any other language required.

The Council, with each school principal, may:

- Recommend and activate new ideas.
- Decide, with the Teacher Advisory Group, how to spend money.
- Answer "What's going to be best for the student?"

Houser said that the schools will still get their usual funding. He emphasizes that the Inner City Project lets parents help decide where the dollars go.

Harry Ohlson, Assistant Director, notes that this program is a first for San Diego.

A Project Board reports to Houser. It's made up of representatives of the Parental Advisory Council, community organizations, management and labor.

A Project Board: Reviews student needs and suggests changes. - Evaluates progress reports. - OKs all spending not related to overhead or salaries. - Decides where to spend allocated funds not spent as of the last day of April. - Advises on content of the renewal application.

The program hopes to develop normal functional skills for students in every grade. To this end it will use broad counseling service pointed at career orientation.

Inner City Project works within the regular teaching program. About 30 teacher assistants and 70 teacher aids (all local people) make up staff.

Communication lines are wide open to input from groups such as MAYA and the Black Students Council.

Students will get in-the-field working experience. One participating facility: North Island Naval Air Station.

Exit interviews and feedback from college or job areas will supply raw data for evaluation.

Other project staff assignments include:

Ernie Hartzog--Assistant Principal, San Diego High--works 1/3 time on this program.

Henry Nakasone--writes project history, coordinates reports and handles press releases.

Joe Ford--works liaison between Project and District, coordinates evaluations.

How can CURE Newsletter readers help? Right now, Inner City Project wants, to quote Norm Houser, "volunteers we can count on to show up two or three times a week".

Interested? Call 298-4681, Extension 514. (EM)

S.D. POLICE, BLACK YOUTHS HEADING for a CLASH?

by: Tom Johnson, President, San Diego Chapter, NAACP

Tactics of the San Diego Police Department are backing black youth against a wall and literally forcing a violent situation - forcing a form of violence that will be more sophisticated than "rioting in the streets," and that offers a large target and rationale for massive repression.

This was the theme of a rally held at Southcrest Recreation Center Sunday, August 25, to protest police brutality in the minority community.

The nationwide police "show of force" psychology has become a publicly accepted procedure under which policemen can vent their racist feelings under the immunity of "riot prevention" measures. We have documented evidence of gross police abuse of black youth - both verbal and physical. We know for a fact that black youths do not intend to continue taking abuse from racist police without fighting back. We feel the Police Department wants a massive confrontation.

These are strong words but they are accurate words and need to be said. As long as the white majority blindly supports any word and action of the Police Department there is no hope for racial peace.

One day on a police oral review board would convince anybody that policemen are not specially endowed people, but rather are just a cross section of a racist society with all of the stereotypes and hang-ups on race that exist in the society as a whole.

To turn such an armed force loose on the black community with carte-blanche backing from the majority, without any workable system of control, can only lead to further racial violence.

Until the white majority wakes up to this fact of life and does something about it, it will be directly responsible for the inevitable consequences.

CHICANOS FIGHT CONSPIRACY CHARGE

The Chicano Legal Defense Fund Committee is a union of organizations, concerned with the problem of legal justice for the Mexican-American.

"We intend to provide financial, legal and moral support to Chicanos attempting to protest the social injustices placed upon us by the educational, economic, and political systems," said Irma Castro, Administrative Secretary of Neighborhood House.

Israel Chavez is chairman of San Diego's Committee. The Committee has a threefold purpose--fund raising, communications, and legal aid. Committees have formed in many cities, including, Los Angeles, San Jose, Sacramento and Fresno.

MAYA (Mexican American Youth Assoc.), MAPA (Mexican American Political Assoc.), IMPACT (Involvement of the Mexican Population at Community Tasks), La Junta and La Huelga are member organizations. Support has been given by The American GI Forum, AFL, and the Harbor Community Action Council.

The Committee hopes to amass a fund of money "To support 13 Chicanos who were arrested on conspiracy charges as a result of the March boycott of East Los Angeles School. Students, parents, teachers and professors put together educational reform proposals and staged the boycotts or "blowouts", as they were called, of Wilson, Garfield, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Belmont Schools to emphasize their point.

The requests included: bilingual bicultural schools; community school board; local control; no security police on campus; hot lunches; open restrooms at lunch; and student community evaluation of school personnel.

On March 31, as a result of the "blowouts", 13 Chicano community leaders were arrested on a felony charge of conspiracy to disturb the peace. Disturbing the peace is a misdemeanor but conspiracy charges make it a felony.

The Chicano Legal Defense Fund Committee feels that these charges bear serious implications for all who attempt to organize a demonstration of social protest.

The legal defense of a conspiracy charge is very costly. The question of the constitutionality of the conspiracy law has yet to be tested. If the conspiracy law is held constitutional, social protest could in effect be outlawed. The Committee sees the need for supporting the legal case of the 13 Chicanos as essential to the poor, the underprivileged and the peace activists.

They cannot hire expert constitutional lawyers or professional lobbyists to present their grievances. They have only their numbers, the right to organize and the right to protest, guaranteed them by The Bill of Rights. (NS)

CORE AIMS

The local chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) is dedicated to the fight against racial injustice against Black, Brown, Yellow, and Red people in the City of San Diego.

CORE believes that in order to eliminate much of the racial discrimination in the City, City Government must display an example of equal opportunity for others in like businesses to follow.

To this end CORE is making the following suggestions. We realize that no matter how many laws or commissions the City establishes, racism will not be eliminated until the hearts of men are open to understanding. However let us begin to massage the hearts of men by implementing the following:

1. Official pronouncements from the City Council on the validity of white racism as the fundamental problem in San Diego City and County in respect to solving racial problems.
2. Fund CIC as presently constituted to its requested level.
3. End discrimination in employment at the Community Concourse.
4. Local governmental declaration that traditional employment testing criteria are invalid with minority race applicants due to established educational disadvantages to them inherent in the educational system of racism.
5. Establish a Police Review Board.
6. Remove Julian Wise as Director of Community Relations for the City of San Diego.

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ENDING RACISM KEY TO AVERTING RIOTS

UC PSYCHIATRIST SAYS

Exerpts from Harry Nelson, Medical Editor, Los Angeles Times, July 30, 1968:

The best way to avert race riots is for whites to engage in anti-racism with as much conviction as some Americans engage in anti-Communist crusades, a UC psychiatrist said Monday.

"White people must look very closely at their own attitudes and behavior about race," said Dr. Price Cobbs in an interview. "Whites must ask themselves questions like: Are there any blacks in my neighborhood, my church, my place of business, my union? They must make racism-reducing activities as important as anti-Red activities."

Such a positive display offers one acceptable avenue for peacefully coping with the anger and rage which, Dr. Cobbs says, is engulfing the black people of America.

"The situation has reached the point where every day we become more aware of the desperation and the danger to the survival of America as we know it," he declared.

"There have been many major changes in the past 12 years, but the guy at the bottom, the black, is still at the bottom and that's the way you must look at it."

Dr. Cobbs, who is assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at UC San Francisco Medical Center, and Dr. William H. Grier, also a UC psychiatrist, have written a book entitled "Black Rage" in which they analyze the psychological effects of being black in a white man's culture. The publisher is Basic Books.

Both Dr. Cobbs and Dr. Grier are black. Their warnings of the dire consequences of failing to correct long-standing white racist feelings is seconded in a foreword to the book by Sen. Fred R. Harris (D-Okla.).

After pointing out that ghetto neighborhoods, joblessness, stultifying classrooms and poor health all are part of the picture, Sen. Harris, who was a member of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, declares:

"But there should be no mistake about this, for the future of America is too important: the root cause of the black wrath that now threatens to destroy this nation is the unwillingness of white Americans to accept Negroes as fellow human beings. This is precisely what we mean by racism."

"One reason we wrote this book is because things are so darned desperate. We can see the rage coming to the surface, reflected in the faces of people who want only to live and be treated like human beings," says Dr. Cobbs.

CURE UCSD Workshop

TUNE IN TURN ON

The CURE- U C Extension workshop aimed at reducing racism in San Diego will be something like a giant supermarket of civil rights action programs. You will be shopping for one or more that suits your interest, your abilities and you time. Registration begins 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Saturday, September 21, in the Dramatic Arts Theatre at San Diego State College. A comprehensive list of all the organizations in San Diego involved in civil rights problems has been compiled for presentation.

Representatives from many of these organizations will be present to explain what their organizations do, the areas they work in, and exactly how you can help them. During Workshop I (11:00 to 12:20) and Workshop II (2:10 to 4:00) you will have time to shop around, meet these representatives, and look into several workshop areas. All workshops will be open simultaneously.

The reports from the workshop leaders and the panel reactions (12:30 to 2:00), between Workshop I and II, will give you an opportunity to better define your interests and ask questions. During Workshop II you may select your specific program of interest, consult with the leader of the organization you have chosen to work with, and join the action. Some may choose more than one.

Thoughts to prepare you for the workshop-- first, know your own areas of interest (education, law and justice, or government); second, have some idea of your abilities (typing, telephoning, researching, even manual labor or baby sitting); third, have some idea of how much time you want to give and when.

This workshop is unique. There will be presentations that will both inform and motivate. However, the primary thrust is to provide every participant with the opportunity to move then and there into an action program of his choosing.

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DIALOGS IN MOTION

If you are interested in joining a group seeking better understanding of race conditions in San Diego, then consider attending one of the on-going dialogues listed below.

Monday:	Sponsored by Pacific Beach Congregational Church; 8 p.m.; leaders, Oscar Jones, and Bill Carroll; for location call Mrs. Thompson 488-2477.
Tuesday:	Unitarian Church, 4190 Front St.; 7:45 p.m.; leaders, Ann Merrill, Kenny Denmon, Joe McGuire.
	1467 Reed; leader Jim Jones; call Phil Sloan, 273-1087.
Wednesday:	Pacific Beach Methodist Church; Thomas and Ingraham St.; leader, Oscar Jones.
	712 Archer; leader, Jim Jones; call Sarah Birnbaum 488-9159.
Thursday:	UCSD Alumni; call Esther Walker 262-1586.
	5464 Beaumont; leader, Jim Jones; call George Milne 459-7902.

If you find the groups filled call CURE for possible new groups. If your group was not included in the list or you would like to lead or start a dialogue call CURE. 273-2496.

CORE AIMS (Continued)

7. Redraw councilmanic districts and elect councilmen and school board members by district, rather than city wide, to insure to minority race people the power to choose their elected representatives.
8. Enact a city open-housing ordinance with its language rooted in identification of racism as creating the primary need.
9. Place Black, Brown, and Yellow people on the charter review committee and that the city use its offices to prevail on business to allow minority race job holders participatory time to participate fully.
10. The immediate appointment or promotion by the San Diego Police Department or minority officers in this manner: (a) two Black officers to rank of sergeant; (b) two Black officers to rank of lieutenant; (c) two Brown (Mexican-American) officers to the rank of lieutenant; (d) one Black and one Brown officer to rank of Inspector. --CORE Release

Una Lunida Mexicana (dinner and entertainment) to raise funds for the Chicano Legal Defense Fund. Fri. Sept. 20; at 9454 Podell St. $3 for one, $5 per couple. Call 278-3962. Sponsored by IMPACT-CLDF.

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I am interested in helping in the areas of:

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where the ACTION is

The hour is later and the agenda is longer. Let us begin--

City Dialog--interested in what the City officials, CIC, and community members are saying to each other? Attend a city dialog, every other Friday, 9:45 a.m., in the council committee room, at the Community Concourse. Start with September 20th.

Because of the housing shortage--in San Diego rents have spiraled from 10 to 80% since January. This situation is posing a great hardship on people of low income, on welfare, or who face limited housing due to discrimination. CIC, and The Welfare Rights Organization have on file cases of families evicted under various guises so that the landlord could raise his prices and join in on the competition.

Solutions Anyone--City Council has the authority to establish a rent control ordinance. (There is a precedent: after world war II rent control ordinances were passed in San Francisco and Los Angeles.) A letter or a phone call could inform the City Councilmen and the Mayor of citizen concern.

The grape strike began on September 8, 1965--since then, nine union contracts have been signed as a result of the perseverance of the Farm Labor Union and those who have supported the farmworkers' struggle for dignity and justice. The battle, however, is far from won. Background information about the strike, bumper stickers, and picket dates can be acquired by calling 295-4200.

The Voice--was recently purchased by editors, Clarence Irving and Earl Davis. It is now owned and operated by the black community. It carries a great deal of news and interesting items hard to find in any other San Diego news publication, particularly, of what's happening in Southeast.

A Financial Gamble--at this time The Voice needs advertisers and subscribers. Advertisers overlook The Voice because people patronizing merchants don't let them know they want black news. A subscription to the The Voice is six dollars a year, write 2764 Imperial or phone 239-1359.

"Setting the tone for San Diego Schools--becoming relevant for black students," is the purpose of the Committee of Citizens for Equal Education. A step would be a black principal at Lincoln this fall. If you would like to see such a step taken write or call the Board of Education: Rev. George Smith; Dr. Gene French; Mrs. Louise Dyer; Mr. Richard Johnston; Mr. Arnold Steele; and Dr. Ralph Dailard, Superintendent.

The Southeast ACCESS Center (Area Wide Community Centers Employment Services and Self-improvement) 3740 Oceanview, will welcome volunteer time, services, and donations. Call Clarence Jones 262-7591.

If you can help teach or donate supplies or services to keep a charm class going for girls 14-18, call the center. Older girls want to start a charm class, too. The classes need hairstylists, hair and make-up supplies.

Become a committee of one to welcome students and parents who are transferring into our home schools in order to improve racial balance. Join or form a PTA committee to help make a smooth transition for these new students and to assure a continuing successful experience for all. Each has this unique opportunity to help eliminate racism.

Men with two or three hours--to volunteer are needed by boys. The Oceanview center needs chaperons and coaches (friends) for baseball and basketball teams on Saturdays. Belong to a club looking for a team? These kids are looking for sponsors.

September 21, the Jewish Community Center--is hosting the Oceanview Center kids to a pool party. Men are needed to act as chaperons and life guards. October 4, 40 boys are going to camp again hosted by the Jewish Community Center.

Mothers, bring the kids-- love, kleenexes, crayons, books, or toys and help in the ACCESS Center's preschool program. Donations of food, clothing and school supplies are needed as the ACCESS Center supplements welfare families. Two men's clubs have adopted boys for the school year. The clubs are providing clothing and supplies for the children during the school year. Please, time, money, or donations, call the Oceanview ACCESS Center, Clarence Jones 262-7591.

Don't forget the ten families--involved in the suit against the San Diego schools (CURE, vol I. no 2.). It takes money to get the court machinery moving. Checks or donations can be sent to ACLU Legal Fund, Ernst Herzberg, 5602 Dartford Way, San Diego 20.

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