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POLICE AND HIPPIES BOTH HUMAN

CHIEF SAYS TO COOL IT

by the REV. NEIL VOIGT

Recently there was a huge "love-in" at Covina, and a number of citizens said, "water the park and flood them out."

But the chief of police, Fred Ferguson, had other ideas. He got the hippies, Hell's Angels and responsible city leaders together with the police and worked out a plan whereby the young people took the responsibility for the park. The police stayed away from the premises and were held on stand-by only.

They were not needed. Fred Ferguson walked through the crowd all day, accompanied by a woman psychologist. Whenever they detected possible trouble, the hippies put out the fire.

Chief Ferguson outlined his approach to police work, including such field experimentation as that described above, during a recent meeting here sponsored by the New Adult Community.

An eight-page summary of his presentation can be obtained by calling the New Adult Community, 239-2119. It deserves wide circulation.

What Chief Ferguson has done in Covina is simply amazing. For example, he has his police candidates spend three days and nights in jail as prisoners. They undergo harassment, de-lousing, and all the regular city-jail procedures. Later they engage in dialogues with psychologists concerning their feelings about being in jail.

The police candidate also tries to evaluate his own reaction as he plays the role of the hippie, joins "resist-the-draft" rallies, and participates in love-ins.

After such experiences a battery of psychological tests is given to each candidate.

Chief Ferguson also works his police officers into exchange programs with area schools and universities. A police officer will go for a day to teach a class or chaperone a local coffee house for resisters while the person he replaces spends a day as a "cop."

Having myself worked in St. Louis where the universities have done much to change police policy and attitudes (their motto is: the law force has one purpose -- to foster personal freedom), I am anxious to see like policies in San Diego. When calling to get the summary of Chief Ferguson's remarks, please leave a name and address if interested in improving the "Cops and Courts" scene here. Some groups like the Committee for the Defense of the Bill of Rights, ABLE, and others, are working. Coordination is needed.

Recently President Nixon said that the only way to prevent a police state in America is to have a well-ordered police force. So you see how much we need a police-community dialogue.

Let us hope together to get more in touch with our common humanness. Will a day come when police will only arrest those things that thwart the flowering of human potential and freedom? Such a day is within the people's power. May God help us.

Mothers Set Sub Afloat

Kids Climb Aboard

by SUSAN POLLOCK

The Yellow Submarine, little more than a fuzzy blueprint a year ago, surfaced last week in San Diego. On board was a buoyant mixture of boys and girls from points over and around the city.

A departure from the make-believe vessel in the Beatles' motion picture, San Diego's Yellow Submarine is an inter-racial cooperative nursery school, temporarily moored at the Unitarian Church, 4190 Front, but bound for home port in Southeast San Diego.

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CCAH Hails Lunch Plans As Beginning

by AIMEE LEE CHEEK

The School Board's approval of a plan to provide low-cost lunches to needy children in 20 Southeast San Diego schools has been hailed by officials of the Citizens' Committee Against Hunger as a "beginning."

The program, adopted after much discussion on Sept. 16 by a 3-2 vote, will offer lunch at a cost of twenty-two cents. An estimated 6,000 children will benefit. Financed by a federal "special assistance fund" grant of $259,404, the lunches will cost the city nothing.

School board members voting for the plan were the Rev. George Walker Smith, Richard L. Johnston and Dr. Gene French; against were Mrs. Louise S. Dyer and Arnold O. Steele.

"We congratulate the School Board on its action," said Alfred Palmiere, secretary of the Citizens' Committee Against Hunger, "and also congratulate Mr. Charles Todd and Mr. Buford Minor for doing the research and drawing up the plans, as well as for helping our committee understand the problem."

The committee, with an office at 520 E Street, telephone 239-2071, is a coalition of citizens' groups and social welfare agencies. Dr. Richard Shanor is the president.

Pointing out that there are problems both in the administration of the program and in its scope, Palmiere said the Committee Against Hunger plans to work closely with the city schools. "The plan is to feed 6,000 hungry kids. How do they go about doing it?" he said. "The quality of the lunches now being served should be looked into. For example, is fruit being served often enough?

"We also think our contacts in the areas the schools hope to serve can be valuable to them. We hope that our work can be a cooperative venture."

Because the reduced price lunches will be available only in the twenty

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LACK OF FUNDS KEEP KIDS FROM CAMP

by MELBA MARGOLIS

Every sixth grade child in San Diego is eligible to attend a school camp in the mountains for five days during the school year.

This is not a recreational summer camp but part of the regular instructional program. Specially trained educators teach conservation and natural sciences.

Suitable housing including cabins with beds and mattresses is provided free. Each child must provide his own bedding, clothing suitable for mountain weather, and $20.80 to cover the cost of bus transportation, insurance, and food.

Beyond the obvious learning advantages, the camp produces a beautiful by-product---children from various parts of San Diego to learn to know each other through living together for one week.

Bunowfor the sad part of the story! In some of the poverty areas of San Diego more than fifty per cent of the sixth graders continue with school as usual here in town while their luckier contemporaries go off to camp in the mountains. In about two-thirds of our schools 99 per cent of the children attend camp. In one-third an average of only 80 per cent attend.

It does not take an expert to recognize that with the higher rate of unemployment of minority people, a significantly smaller proportion of minority youngsters attend school camp. The educational gap between the "haves" and the "have-nots" is increased.

But even more important (at least in the eyes of the writer) is the lost opportunity for children of various cultural, racial and economic backgrounds to come together naturally during a particularly happy time of their lives when the experience might change lifetime attitudes.

Obviously the problem has a solution--MONEY. It would seem that public money should be found, but if it cannot be found quickly enough to help this year, then private money is the answer.

A "General Campership Fund" has been in existence for years but has never been sufficient to meet the total need. This year the administrator of that fund is Mr. Dick Pabst, principal of Baker Elementary School, 4041 T Street, San Diego, 92112. Urge your local PTA unit to increase its donation to that fund, get your service club to do the same. Can You Help?

FILMS AVAILABLE FOR SHOWINGS

Operation Stimulation now has several filmstrip programs available for use by community groups. There are four different series:

1. "Minorities Have Made America Great. Six color-sound films dealing with the cultural heritage of Blacks, Jews, Italians, Germans and Irish, minority groups that have made major contributions to America.

2. "They Have Overcome." Five prominent Black people tell their own stories of achievement in the face of insurmountable odds. They are Gordon Parks, Claude Brown, Dr. James Comer, Dr. Dorothy Brown, and Charles Lloyd.

3. "Growing Up Black." This series represents material which no amount of research could possibly approximate. What does it feel like to be born Black? In five different interviews this presentation explores the realities of Black childhood in our society.

4. "African Art and Culture." This series is an introduction to seven centuries of art and culture of the African nations. It documents the progress of Africa's early societies and illustrates ancient civilizations at Benin, Timbuktu, Zimbabwe, Egypt, the Sudan, and Ethiopia.

If you would like further information regarding the use of these program, please call the office, 234-6493.

Operation Stimulation does not have its own sound and projection equipment and would welcome contributions for this purpose. Checks may be sent to Operation Stimulation-ECS, 555 19th St., San Diego, Calif. 92102; specify "audio-visual fund."

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MOTHERS SET SUB AFLOAT

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The preschool sprang from the coalition of two groups of young women, neither of which knew of the other's existence. Both groups--one of mothers and teachers from the Unitarian Church Preschool and the other simply three mothers from La Mesa and Lakeside concerned about their toddlers' futures--were seeking a richly varied setting outside their neighborhoods where their children could launch their schooling careers. And equally important, they sought for themselves a natural, easy atmosphere where they could meet and work with women of diverse backgrounds.

It was inevitable that the two groups get together, and they did--about a year ago. The know-how and maturity of the women who had started and grown with the Unitarian Church school was combined with the determination of the other three mothers, and things began to happen.

Mrs. Jane Corney, who had taught for two years at the church's preschool, agreed to take a sharp salary cut and become the teacher. Mrs. Catherine Hawes, who had taught at San Diego State's lab school, volunteered her services as director.

Women from all over the city began calling and offering help. Some had preschoolers to enroll, others had older children or infants, but all had something to offer the Yellow Submarine.

Planning meetings began, and soon a program emerged that promises to offer each child a relaxed, creative atmosphere in which to learn and develop at his own pace.

Forces were organized to collect toys and equipment. The group got together to repair and paint old toys and to make new toys and materials.

The Girls Club of San Diego, in Southeast at 606 S. 30th, offered to rent space to the new school three mornings a week.

All gears were set for "Go" when the Yellow Submarine struck an ancient barrier: money. In order to get licensed for operation by the state a preschool must show itself solvent with three months' operating expenses in the bank.

Mrs. Pat McGlathery, hard-working president of the Yellow Submarine mothers, explained: "We'll need about $800 for our first three months of operation. Tuition ($15 a month) will just cover the teacher's salary, leaving us without funds for—

MOTHERS SET SUB AFLOAT

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insurance, rent, equipment, supplies and incidentals."

Soon the organization will be incorporated and it will launch a giant fund raising campaign that will include a folk concert benefit with Sam Hinton on Nov. 8, 7 p.m. at the Southeast Recreation Center.

Meanwhile, because the Unitarian Church Preschool offered free use of its rooms on the two mornings a week that it doesn't meet, little children from all over San Diego have entered the portals of the Yellow Submarine.

All hands are on deck working feverishly to keep the vessel afloat. Anyone interested in enrolling his child or helping in any way, please contact Mrs. Susan Pollock, 528-7088, or Mrs. Mary Grishaver, 448-6007.

LETTER TO EDITOR URGES BAKE A BREAKFAST BAR

To the Editors:

I read with interest as well as pangs of discouragement your front page article of August on school lunch programs for hungry children. This was a national concern I became wrapped up in some four years ago. The reasons why such programs don't work are many. The biggest hassel is administration. Even when such programs get underway they are often abandoned later due to administration headaches. Food availability is seldom the issue. It goes back to the old problem of thinking in a conventional manner instead of looking for a new and more creative approach.

Why, for instance, do people get concerned about the children having a decent lunch? A small amount of reflection and one realizes that these children have come to school without breakfast. The Panthers started their breakfasts for this reason. Surely in Southern California a way could be found to give such children at least an orange in the morning.

I propose Operation Heart for people who do not want to waste time with parliamentary procedure, legal stands, "be it resolved" type of approaches or overconcern about what some official board is not doing. Not to issue statements but to be concerned and to show that concern is a personal way. To care enough to give their time, their energy, and even their money. Until this personal type of approach is taken and taken sincerely I can see no end to the hatred the establishment has earned for itself among the poor.

If there are people among your readers who really care, they might make the enclosed recipe for a nutritious cake bar or something equally fortifying and body building. Ingredients can be purchased at any health food store.

I will see to it that the bars are picked up and delivered to schools where hungry children will receive them. If enough people respond and we have help with the distribution we might feed many children.

(Mrs.) Angela Shefcik
7030 Arillo St., S.D. 92111
Phone 279-2192

BREAKFAST BARS

Blend: 1 cup safflower seed oil
1 cup honey
1 cup dark molasses
Juice, pulp and grated rind of 2 oranges
4 beaten eggs

Mix together and add to the above:
1 cup wholewheat flour
1 cup soy flour
2 cups dried milk powder
1 tsp. ginger, 1 tsp. cinnamon, & 1-1/2 tsp. salt

Mix well and fold in:
1 eight oz. pk. dried apricots, chopped
1 cup oatmeal flakes
1 cup toasted wheat germ

Pour into greased and floured 10 x 12-1/2 in. pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 35 minutes. When cool cut into 15 bars. Oblong. Wrap each bar double in plastic wrap and store in freezer.

READINGS IN BLACK AND WHITE

Speaking for Ourselves; Varied Voices of Americana

by SYLVIA MUSIK

Speaking for Ourselves, compiled by Lillian Faderman and Barbara Bradshaw.

This anthology of stories, poems and plays represents six American ethnic groups comprising Negro, Oriental, Hispanic, Jewish, American Indian, European and Near-Eastern writers. In addition to dealing with the common problem of adjustment to American life and the alienation which occurs between the generations within ethnic groups, the selections reflect a universality of experience which makes the book well worth reading.

To mention just a few of the many good stories and poems, I enjoyed Petrakis' "The Wooing of Ariadne," a Greek *Taming of the Shrew* with a Zorba-type hero; Ralph Ellison's hilarious "Did You Ever Dream Lucky," with its tragic-comedy ending; Mari Evans' poems, "Status Symbol," correlating status with the possession of the key to the white rest room, as a contrast to her "Vive Noir," where she states, "I'm gonna make it a crime/ To be anything BUT black."

The overall impression of the book is of pride in the heritage of our melting pot which can produce such varied riches.

LUNCH PLANS BEGINNING

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schools designated as the "target area," some 1,600 hungry or malnourished children attending other schools still will be without help. During the board meeting, board President Smith challenged persons in the audience, particularly Dr. Shanor as head of the citizen's committee, to solicit funds from the community to provide lunches for these children.

In addition to the fact that only children in the 20 target schools will receive the benefits of the program, several other problems were pinpointed by Palmiere. The school policy statement itself noted that "it may not always be possible to meet all requests . . . . from pupils of low income familes," so that there may be children who need the cheaper lunches who still will not receive them.

Moreover, the question of providing breakfasts for the malnourished is not touched upon. The longevity of the program is a further concern, since, as it now stands, the board will evaluate the program at the end of the school year and could then decide to end it completely.

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Sometimes we receive requests for use of our open mailing list from groups dealing with solutions to racial problems. Please indicate on which list your name should be included ____ open mailing list ____ restricted list.

where the ACTION is

If you are one of many who frequently think of doing something to help those less fortunate than yourself and turning that thought into action -- join JACS (Joint Action In Community Service) -- individual volunteers who work with individual Job Corpsmen. Be a friend to a young man (16 to 21 years) by assisting where needed with counseling in the areas of transportation, job interview, housing, budgeting.

Youth who have returned from job training need someone who cares and can give them encouragement. Are you a college student? Or a business man? Or a husband and wife team? Or retired? Or just want to help? Contact Mrs. Jane Emerson at 233-8221 or 223-8998.

University Hospital needs Spanish speaking volunteers to assist in clinics, man information desks and other duties. Contact Jean White, Coordinator of Volunteers, 291-3330.

School starts soon and there will be many children and youth needing tutorial help. When? Usually afternoons after school, some evenings. If you feel qualified and would like to tutor at the elementary, junior high or high school level, call the Volunteer Bureau, Dept. of Community Welfare Council, 239-2071.

Headstart Centers need your help if you love children and enjoy working with them. They especially need the warmth and cheerfulness and caring a volunteer brings . . . assisting where needed: game time, free play, story hour, lunch, nap time, etc. Transportation necessary.

Neighborhood House Association, 851 So. 35th St. Center, S.D. 92113, knows of several children who would like to take beginning piano lessons but lack a teacher to get started. Can you volunteer a little time per week (after school) or know of someone who can?

Also needed: Male volunteers to work with pre-school children in the Head Start Program. Many children in this area come from homes where there is no father and they need to identify with a male adult. For either program, contact Mrs. Ella Tooks at 233-6691.

The Citizens Interracial Committee's report "Sunday in the Park" is available in paper-back book form for 50¢ at the new CIC office, 1501 Sixth Ave., San Diego 92101.

In addition to the report, a 60 minute film is available for rent. The film, a 16mm is entitled "The People, the Park, and the Police." For groups wishing to really gain new insights in understanding, the report and film provide a very complete study guide package.

Don't forget Sam Hinton's benefit concert November 8 at 7 p.m. at the Southcrest Community Center in Southeast San Diego on behalf of the Yellow Submarine, interracial cooperative nursery school. For futher information phone Mrs. Susan Pollock, 528-7088 or Mrs. Mary Grishaver, 448-6007.

A Benefit Breakfast Brunch will be held October 26 at the home of Nancy and Peter Weiler, 1431 Inspiration, La Jolla.

Tickets are $2.50 and Breakfast begins at 10 through 1. All money will go directly to the Black Panthers Breakfast program which is currently feeding 20 black children breakfast in Southeast San Diego.

Buy a ticket or volunteer to see some - phone 459-7632 for tickets.

Operation Stimulation, which is establishing the southeast San Diego Day School, would be happy to accept books or magazine subscriptions to be donated to the school library. For information phone 234-6493.

Why not give an early Christmas present, a book to the Day School or a toy to the Yellow Submarine! Better yet give a little of yourself - What Can You Do? Need you ask!

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