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CITIZENS UNITED FOR RACIAL EQUALITY
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CURE: A CALL TO COMMITMENT

OPEN LETTER TO SAN DIEGANS

In the long and bitter history of racism in the United States the attitude of our citizenry has been to temporize, delay and avoid commitment. Recent events have inspired many of us to take some first steps toward positive action. We believe that others sense the need for co-ordinated action if our individual efforts are to effect a meaningful change. We have started by establishing a communications network to disseminate information among those active or concerned about racism in San Diego.

This newsletter will appear monthly. It will serve many interests: individuals who have participated in interracial dialogues, members of organizations active in human relations, and other concerned San Diegans. Its primary objective initially is to indicate the scope of action already underway in San Diego and to enable those who wish to become involved to find the activity most meaningful to them and to make their individual contributions part of a larger effort.

A telephone network has been established for rapid communication of events requiring immediate action. Task Forces are being developed for action and for dialogue. You are invited to participate in developing these programs, and allow us to aid you with yours if you will make your self known to us.

CURE is intended to complement, not supercede, those groups already at work on various aspects of the problem. However, we hope to achieve enough unity soon to launch a massive frontal attack on racism in this community. Plans are underway to incorporate and develop sources of broader base funding for various programs. Groups which are now co-operating for mutual benefit are: TELS (To Encourage Letters and Support), for the proposed budget increase for the Citizens Interracial Committee; METRO, a department of the Methodist Church Union; Point Loma, Pacific Beach, San Carlos, and other Dialogue groups; Richard McKenna, The New Adult Community; IOCI, Inner Organizational Committee for Integration in Education; and The Unitarian Church.

We ask you to do the following:

1. **Become informed. Study documents such as the Kerner Commission Report (Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, March, 1968) and the Lindsley Report (Citizens Committee on Equal Educational Opportunities, to the San Diego Board of Education, August, 1966).**
2. **Search your conscience and make some commitment. Time talents, resources, and support are urgently needed.**
3. **Complete and return the enclosed subscription blank. Tell us what you think needs to be done and what you or your group is doing. If you require further information, please call Dorothy Lloyd, 273-2496 or Anita Strauss, 273-9409, Mariu Bignell, 465-1842, Melba Margolis, 277-0983.**
4. **Send money. Your contribution will apply toward a subscription to this newsletter and toward a membership in CURE. Annual membership fees: five dollars individual; two dollars, students; eight dollars, family; 25 dollars, contributing; 100 dollars, sustaining; and 1,000 dollars, life. Membership fees include a subscription to this newsletter. If you are unable to contribute, please contact us anyway. You are important for yourself.**

San Diego is moving! With your help it can become a model city of harmonious race relations. Hundreds of your friends are working toward this goal; thousands could make it a reality!

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep."
Robert Frost

Martin Luther King had a dream that "one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal'." He also dreamed that one day his four children "will live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

"I believe in an America where every child is educated not according to means or race, but according to his capacity. Where there are no literary tests for voting that mean anything because there are no illiterate citizens." I believe in an America where every family can live in a decent home in a decent neighborhood — where children can play in parks and playgrounds not the streets of slums — where no home is unsafe or unsanitary — where a good doctor and a good hospital are neither too far away nor too expensive. The hour is late but the agenda is long.

John F. Kennedy

"We're going to go forward. We're going to continue his work to make all persons truly free, to make every person feel that he is a human being."

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The biggest problem is the view that there is no problem. People don't want to be exposed to the fact that there is a problem.

"The middle class and upper class at the gut level just aren't aware of the deep frustrations in the black community."

Reverend Kermit White, Director, San Diego County Council of Churches; Christian Science Monitor, May 1968.

"Racism is the problem, and until the City recognizes it, nothing will be done about it. If you don't recognize the problem in the first place then you don't have to take action. When you recognize it, you must." Joe McGuire, CIC staff consultant, Christian Science Monitor, May 1968.

DO YOU HAVE PROMISES TO KEEP?

Students are organizing! At colleges, high schools, and junior high schools, students are developing movements for on-campus reforms and work in the community. Growing out of the Tuesday the 9th Committee at UCSD and the Committee Against Racism at San Diego State College, efforts at forming student movements at other campuses have been expanding over the last month. Aimed primarily at combatting institutional and personal racism, the growing movement will help meet the needs of the students at each campus.

Using the experience of the three month-old Crawford High Black-White Dialogue, college students and interested parents are organizing similar dialogues at other junior and senior high schools as summer projects. The resources of the Tuesday the 9th Committee at UCSD and CAR at State are being made available to these groups and to organizations now developing at every other college campus in the city. These movements are organizing initially around self-educational sessions with speakers, tapes and discussions about racism and the Black movement. Eventually, these will begin to work on the campuses and in the communities to do what they can to end structural racism in San Diego.

The SDS Committee Against Racism has developed three subcommittees: (1) Minorities Curriculum, working with the faculty curriculum committee which has gained approval for a Bachelors Curriculum in Afro-American Studies (first in the nation), and is working on a similar program of Mexican-American Studies; 2) Education Committee, which is meeting with various campus clubs and organizations to discuss racism and what actions might be taken to end it; 3) Ad Hoc Committee, working on whatever needs doing on a short term basis; it has been providing logistical support to the current Board of Education confrontations, and will be working with high school groups over the summer.

The Tuesday the 9th Committee at UCSD is the most advanced and best organized student movement in San Diego. Utilizing research and manpower resources not available at other campuses. Tuesday the 9th has developed a large canvassing project, going door to door in La Jolla talking about racism and setting up neighborhood discussion and study groups. The Police Committee is developing the means to establish a civilian police review board. Research is also being done on various businesses in La Jolla and in Southeast, with a goal of encouraging segregated institutions to become more human.

There is much more. Suffice to say, with all their energy, manpower, brainpower, and commitment, STUDENTS ARE ORGANIZING!

TELS

TO ENCOURAGE LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Participants in the CIC sponsored dialogues have, if they've been at all attentive, learned one thing. And that is: It's our system and we've got to change it. While TELS may not completely change the system, it certainly hopes to shake things up a bit.

Organized in March, 1968, this local action group has been encouraging concerned citizens, by means of letters and personal contacts, to write their city officials in support of an increase in the budget of the Citizens' Interracial Committee. This budget, amounting to $198,732 would enable CIC to expand its present staff from six to fifteen positions and would provide for additional Human Relations programs and dialogue sessions. (Note to Carrol Waymon: Will we ever have enough dialogue leaders?)

While most of us agree on the need for such an increase, we rarely agree on how to implement this goal. TELS can help! You and approximately 10,000 others have received a letter containing information, addresses and additional aids that will enable you to effectively accomplish this purpose. Read the letter and then *act*. TELS has made an effort—will you?

For information and financial contributions, call Geoffery Mogilner, 297-2161; Pat Robison, 278-3657 or Marlu Bignell, 465-1842. Note: Due to letters sent to the County Board of Supervisors, the County Administration Officer has been instructed to approach CIC to obtain data as to the amount of funds needed to expand the CIC program throughout the County. Sounds like progress???

DESIGN FOR UNDER-STANDING

"Design For Understanding," a five session examination of human relations, dealing with races, causes of conflicts, solutions, actions, is available for presentation by any organization or group which would like to sponsor it. The leadership and program will be provided by the Citizens Interracial Committee.

The Heartland Human Relations Association is sponsoring a Design for Understanding series May 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 7 to 10 p.m., at the First Methodist Church, Palm and Lemon Street in La Mesa. On May 12 the topic was "Discrimination, Fact, and Myth" by Tom McJunkins and "Reasons for Prejudice by Carrol W. Waymon. On May 16 a panel of John Johnson, Judge Byron Lindsley, Tom Johnson, John C. Waugh, and Waldo Palomares, will talk on housing, education, employment, law enforcement and communication. On Sunday, May 19, "Mood of the Day" will be the topic with a panel consisting of those who live it 24 hours a day. Thursday, May 23, small group encounter dialogues will provide the audience an opportunity to dialogue individually with previous panelists. "Decision, What You Can Do. What Can You Do?", will be the last in the series on Sunday, May 26. The conference is limited to 200. The cost is 15 dollars family, 10 dollars adults, 5 dollars students. Information about "Design for Understanding" is available from Lois Hellberg, 465-0250.

The next "Design for Understanding" will be held June 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, in Chula Vista. For further information call Rosemary Layng, CIC, 239-0871.

New Project to Learn About Law Enforcement

A new project called Action for Better Law Enforcement, or ABLE, has been initiated in the San Diego area to collect information on police action. ABLE is providing forms to be filled out by persons who wish either to praise or to complain about the action of a law enforcement official. The forms will be available at more than 16 churches, businesses, and agencies throughout the city which have volunteered their services for this purpose. The forms, which have been provided by Perry Langford, Chairman of the Police Practices Committee of the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, will be kept on file with the Citizens' Interracial Committee. ABLE is being administered through METRO, 520 "E" St., a department of the San Diego Methodist Church Union. ABLE will take no legal action on the forms collected, although it will attempt to see that legal counsel is available to those who wish to formally file a claim with a public agency.

According to Rev. James Holland, Associate Pastor of La Jolla Methodist Church, "Our police officers perform a difficult and valuable job, and we firmly support and appreciate their work. We are interested in singling out for praise those police officers who are especially enlightened and helpful in their action in the community. However, we do hear some complaints about police malpractice. By providing a channel through which a citizen can express a complaint or commendation, we are attempting to find out the nature and extent of this problem, with the hope that even better relations will result between our law enforcement officers and the general community."

Some of the locations where reports can be made are:

Good Neighbor Center, 906 N. 47th St.

Welfare Rights Organization, Calvary Presbyterian Church, 3880 Franklin

Christ the King Catholic Church, 32nd and Imperial

St. Paul Methodist Church, 3094 "L" St.

Leadership Training Center, 2965 Imperial Ave.

The Plebian, 1129 Garnet Ave.

San Diego State College ACLU Chapter, 284-6116

Linda Vista Neighborhood Service Center, 6860 Linda Vista Rd.

National City Neighborhood Service Center, 825 "A" Ave., National City

Council Pledges City To Eliminate Racial Barriers

On Tuesday, April 16, five days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the City Council of San Diego passed a resolution presented by Councilman Floyd Morrow.

"WHEREAS, the recent death of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., the symbol of nonviolent protest against injustice to black Americans, has made many Americans understand that what was considered a 'Negro Problem' is at this hour a white problem; and

"WHEREAS, this City Council now wishes to rededicate the City of San Diego to the principles of the dream that America is a land of opportunity for all her people, because this is the course which is right and just; and

"WHEREAS, this American dream cannot be realized unless the depth of our commitment is equal to the magnitude of the challenges before us; NOW, THEREFORE,

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego as follows:

"That the City Council of the City of San Diego hereby pledges that it will bring to bear the ingenuity and resources of the City of San Diego to eliminate the barriers which deprive some of our citizens of full participation in political, economic and social freedom to the end that all Americans continue to affirm and to demonstrate in their daily lives the principle that we are one people and one nation, undivided.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council calls on all segments of our community, including business, industry, labor, education and church and civic organizations, and all of our citizens, to recognize that the ultimate source of racial injustice abides in the hearts and minds of us all, and to marshal the resources of the people of San Diego to achieve the American dream."

Councilman Morrow who introduced the resolution is of the opinion that it "was accepted mainly by its timeliness" following the death of Martin Luther King. Initially the resolution grew out of discussions with a group of students from UCSD, who came to the City Council with a resolution to endorse the findings and recommendations of the President's National Advisory Committee on Civil Disorders. Morrow lined up five votes for the resolution. Included in the package was Mayor Frank Curran's announcement of the formation of the Urban Coalition. Asked about the effectiveness of the Urban Coalition, Morrow said, "It must prove itself."

"The key to minority inequalities is economics," said Councilman Morrow. "We don't see Sammy Davis, Jr., or Willie Mays through colored glasses, they have established themselves economically.

"Negroes have never been able to compete for ownership of natural resources or means of mass production. The discrimination is ultimately and originally economic exploitation." As for programs to end this discrimination, Morrow commented, "The black race must acquire or be given its own means of production or ownership, because he is only a limited consumer in the society, paying out, but not participating in the profits."

URBAN COALITION TASK FORCES ORGANIZED

A Student Assistance Benefit will be staged by the Inter-Community Involvement Group. Live entertainment, champagne punch, and a art show will be held at 871 Moana Dr., Point Loma, on June 9, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are $5 for two and all money will go towards providing $500 to process educational opportunity programs for students from financially burdened homes.

On Wednesday March 1st members of the Urban Coalition met with Mayor Curran and other city officials to present a progress report. Chairman Clinton McKinnon opened the meeting with a reading of the goals of the Urban Coalition. These were discussed by the group present as were the functions of the Coalition.

Eight Task Forces have been organized to work in the following areas:

Chairman: Clinton McKinnon
Education: Chester Dohrman
Health & Welfare: Harold Logan
Communications: George Scott
Youth: Fred Davies
Employment: Herbert Haimsohn
Housing: John Cotton
Law & Justice: William Scholl
Business Enterprise: Angelo Adams

Attorney Herb Solomon raised the question of whether and how the good will of people that want to help can be used and channeled. This was discussed at length and there seemed to be agreement that this is an important concern but that the Committee of the group should not become too large, thereby diluting their potential effectiveness.

Mayor Curran said that the Urban Coalition should speak as the conscience of the community.

He also emphasized that the group should continue to represent the top leadership of the community in various fields including business, industry, education, religion, etc. Since the Urban Coalition is composed of the top leadership, its voice will carry weight with the public and will become the voice of the community in areas dealing with racial equality.

Carroll Wayman brought up the need for a well-defined function or sense of direction for carrying out the goals of the group. Mr. McKinnon stated that by the next meeting all the committees will have met and the questions of "what are we going to do?" can be discussed more specifically.

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☐ I want to help, please call me.

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☐ I cannot send money now but will contribute, time, services, facilities.

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STUDENT	$2
INDIVIDUAL	$5
FAMILY	$8
CONTRIBUTING	$8
SUSTAINING	$100
LIFE	$1,000

where the action is

How often have we heard, whether it be at conferences, workshops, dialogues, etc., the phrase, "what can I do?" And, having uttered the phrase, how often have we simply forgotten our best intentions and continued on our merry way? Liberals are peculiar creatures; professing sympathies, desiring action, yet failing to accomplish.

No one realizes this painful truth more fully than the editors of this Newsletter. However we also realize that we can no longer utter meaningless phrases—we must commit ourselves to action. So, whether you have two minutes (and we know the feeling) or two hours a day/week/month to devote to community action, this column is for you. By listing specific projects and programs we hope to inform and possibly interest you in community involvement.

Urban League Tutorial Program—places volunteers (70 this year) in public schools during school time to help children on a one-to-one basis. You may give two, four, or more hours a week, helping with any subject, and any grade level. There will probably be a summer program. Call Mrs. Helen Evans, 232-6679, for application forms and more information.

YWCA—Job Corps Committee—developed to provide hospitality, expanded horizons, and liaison with the community for the twelve Job Corps girls who live at the Y. These girls have completed their Job Corps financial support while they obtain on-the-job work experience. Individuals or families interested in helping should phone the chairman, Barbara James, 273-5486.

YWCA—Mothers Project—Volunteers help those who care for children (ages 6 weeks to 6 years) while mothers meet with social workers, hear experts speak, plan excursions, etc. Volunteers also help transport mothers, and, if qualified, may serve as advisors to groups. Call Jean Mierlot, 232-9108, for information.

Harbor Center—serves Spanish-speaking adults and children through programs such as pre-school language help, tutoring—especially for teenagers, orientation classes, English classes, a Teen Post. Summer excursions and swim programs are now being organized. Swimming pools are needed—they already have transportation and qualified instructors. Since the center is in the process of getting a new director, temporary coordination will be through the main Neighborhood House, where you may phone Mrs. Felicia Garner or Mr. John Billings, 263-2295.

Board of Education—Get your pen and paper—the Board of Education needs pen pals! Not to mention mass support from those in favor of eradicating racism in the San Diego City School System. IOCI (Inner Organizational Committee for Integration), would like letters supporting Richard L. Johnston of the San Diego Board of Education for his stand and recommendations on behalf of the "School Integration Now" request presented at the May 7th Board meeting. It is desirable to send them to his home, 2536 7th Street, SD 92103.

Also, letters of support for Dr. Ralph Dailard's positive response to Mark Elson's request on behalf of the Crawford High School interracial dialogue that such dialogues be provided to City High School students. Write to Dr. Ralph Dailard, Superintendent of San Diego Unified School District, Education Center, 4100 Normal.

Community Welfare Council—"The Establishment Unsettled" is the theme of the Community Welfare Council's conference on "Reactions and Directions for Change." The conference will be held at the Hilton Inn, Wednesday, May 22, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The price is $3.50 including lunch. A panel composed of Tom Johnson, NAACP; Jack Katz, EOC; Ralph Shaw, United Community Services; Earnest Witt, SDSC School of Social Work and Thomas Gillette, Western Behavorial Sciences Institute will discuss variations of this theme.

The University of California—San Diego Campus may offer a class in Black Literature from June 24 to July 25th. The class will qualify for teachers salary increment and is a three credit course. It will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays from 7-10 pm. Registration fee is $40. Joyce Nower may teach the same course at the Jewish Community Center. Please phone Joyce Nower at 463-4725 for further information.

Note: Organizations and groups are encouraged to send in material concerning their programs and/or activities. We will help anyway we can, but, to aid our efforts and to ensure accurate reporting, we request that material be researched and written by a member of the contributing organization. Thank you!

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