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SAN DIEGO COUNTY ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

May 23, 1973
7:30 P.M., E.C. Office

NEXT MEETING - ~~June 27, 1973, 7:30 P.M.~~ In the fall

Present: Prior, Mitchell, Snyder, Davis, Lepper, Harter, Mrs. Harter, Meyers, Davis and Mrs. Ardella Portis (guest)

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

A petition was circulated to save the maximum area of Agua Tibia Forest as wilderness land.

Don Sherman, assistant director of the Comprehensive Health PLanning Organization told of its development during the past five years, under the direction of a broadly representative board of directors. Function of passing on all health services and facilities utilizing Federal funds has been extended to any of them requiring state license. Purpose of the state legislation in 1969 was voided by "grandfather" clause which caused over-building of hospital facilities before the ceiling, January 1, 1970. To correc this, the Bielenson Bill, SB 413, would transfer all decisions to a state body. He has given favorable reception to amendments which would continue the function of local boards. Chief question still to be settled is how they are to be selected.

Ardella Portis told of opening an adult residence for ex-offenders from Youth Authority on probation, most of them blacks. Location is 1115 Beverly St., in Emerald Hills. She has received food, clothing and some funds from concerned churches. Funds are needed to make improvements required for licensing.

Karen Lepper reported that interfaith committee is continually recruiting people to go to Coachella to support picketing strikers and take supplies.

Keith Mitchell announced that there will be an inter-faith celebration at the City Concourse on June 20 at noon with Fr. Douglas Regin in charge of plans. Betty Meyers is planning a youth caravan to Coachella on June 22.

Fr. Leo Davis reported on efforts to secure a conference between the manager of May Co. with himself, Rabbi Jerry Levi and Mel Harter, concerning sale of Farah products. Management refuses to recognize the legal union. California Catholic Bishops are giving strong support to this effort for social justice, and urged a boycott of Farah products.

Moved, seconded and carried that Mel Harter send a telegram to Bob Moretti, speaker of the California Assembly, urging that he appoint to the Criminal Justice Committee a person to replace Assemblyman Robert Crown, who would have a similar position to his, opposing the death penalty. (This was done).

Discussion brought concensus indicating that the Watergate affair pointed to the urgency of enactment of positions concerning control of campaign funds, such as those supported by the Ecumenical Conference.

Further discussion of the Comprehensive Health Planning Organization brought a concensus that there was need for both a state board and continuance of the important functioning of the local board. State and local legislators should participate in appointments to these bodies under federal regulations requiring that they represent a cross-section of ethnic groups, consumer and professionals.

Persons having matters to be placed on the June 27 agenda should contact Mitchell Prior or Keith Mitchell at least ten days in advance, if this is to go out with the notice of the meeting.