

CITY-COMMUNITY CONFERENCE  
Hall of Champions  
Balboa Park  
San Diego, Calif.  
July 9, 1966

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

REDUCTION OF TENSIONS

1. How does the majority view Southeast?  
Between Watts in Los Angeles  
Potential threat but not close to the surface.
  - A. Majority sees Southeast as potentially explosive; some as a community of thugs; sees it as a "smaller" potential explosive. Many of the majority do not understand very well the major social and economic changes in the United States, including the racial issue.
  - B. More work should be done outside Southeast rather than in Southeast.
  - C. Maybe need exist to reduce tension by going to the wider community and disseminate more information to them about how the city feels about the Southeast (racial) community.
2. Economic and sociological factors are not clearly understood which affects the racial issue.
3. What is being done to relieve the potential dangerous situation in Southeast.
4. There needs to be a more wide spread diffusion of information for the reduction of tensions in the total community. The public news media need to be pulled in so that information becomes widespread.
5. C.I.C. should be continued and strengthened. Direct letters to City Council and Board of Supervisors. This recognizes the need and efforts to alleviate some of the problems and tension.
6. These people don't know how to do the job and need to be shown the way.
7. There has been resistance from the Chamber of Commerce.
8. The meeting should be called and structured by the Mayor or Board of Supervisors to spearhead the group to give some information and leadership in developing a program for jobs, etc.

9. Too much pressure can be brought to bear on the leaders in C.I.C. if there is disagreement. Hence, the responsibility should be assumed by someone in the power structure.
10. The problem of solving human relations problems is a community responsibility. The Council wants the job of responsibility to be shared financially and otherwise.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Involve the press - news media. How do we get the majority community to become involved?
2. The press and news media should get the feeling and impression of what the problems and needs really are.
3. City Council has agreed to share 3/4 of the total C.I.C. budget. Somebody needs to tell the County of some of the problems of the County. The County Board will listen to the leaders of industry and the power structure.
4. C.I.C. is not a panacea for all the opinions and problems in the city or county. It is a catalytic agent for government and citizens and industry.
5. The news media needs to be sensitive to the needs of people and government.
6. The county should be informed. Who should make the approach to the County Board?  
  
Analysis have been sent to the County Board as to the needs.
7. The Urban League and E.O.C. have a mass of material and information related to specific needs.
8. What is the best means to get it on the County Board agenda?
9. The Board of C.I.C. should present a formal request to the County Board. A regular budget presentation has been made to the County Board. It might not be effective for C.I.C.'s Board to go back to the County Board. Others should appear in a supporting role. This should be a community feeling.
10. The industrialists, City officials, and Board of Supervisors should meet with others to explore the problem.
11. Mr. Don Keller is encouraged to use his influence to make representation to County Board.

#### SCHOOLS ----- RIOTS

1. What can we do to affect the School Board?

2. What can the police do to help alleviate the situation?
  - A. Problems related to this should be a total community concern and applies across the board.
  - B. The community leadership should promote the proper image.
3. The School Board and city government, police and citizens should have some dialogue concerning the expected report from the committee.
  - A. Implementation of communications between various kinds of local government.
  - B. People who represent the same constituency should be able to get together for the common goal.
4. School Boards are antonymous in dealing with school boundaries to offset segregation in housing.
5. Invite the School Board to sit around the table to discuss related problems.

BUSSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OR NOT

SCHOOL BUILDINGS SHOULD BE MOVED TO THE EPICENTER AS AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF DESEGREGATION.

6. Should the School Board adopt the concept of Civil Rights and desegregation. The City government should lend moral support regarding housing, segregation and Civil Rights. Same representation should be made to City Council at this time.
7. Open enrollment does not solve the problem.

POLICE: Community Relations Program

- communication with a lot of people -
  - Why police do what they do -
  - policies and procedures of police -
  - civic reaction to police-
  - good face to face relations -
1. A person can, regarding complaint
    - make a personal call -
    - go to command office or whoever is available -
    - a roving officer will investigate any or all complaints coming from citizens -
  2. Minority groups and persons have some reticence regarding police investigations.

3. Negroes are asked to have faith in the police. Something has to be done to establish rapport and confidence between Negroes and the police.
  - A. The police are willing to listen.
  - B. Minority persons complaining should be told that he will get a fair shake and his word will be accepted as fact as he sees it.
4. There should be a sincere desire to interpret facts as they are in order to help relieve tensions after a thorough unbiased investigation.
5. There is not objection to let citizens see the reports: how investigation took place and what was done - an open record.
6. These persons should represent the community and not paid by the police department or the city or any other groups.
  - A. The citizen needs somebody who is oriented towards his problem, so as to help reduce tensions.
7. An established channel to work with police and citizens.
  - A. A means of expressing goodwill to the Negro community.
8. A grip against a school: How is it handled?
  - P.T.A.
  - Counselors
  - principal, etc.
9. Police:
  - direct to the police chief or some member of the department.
10. Many conflicts are settled at school through preliminary investigation and conference before going to the administration.
11. The power given to police review boards has made them objectionable to police department.
12. People don't have confidence in police and police don't have confidence in the people.
13. Could such a committee work both ways?
  - A. Such a committee should work on honesty as having dealt with the facts and made its decision.

14. How would the committee be composed?
15. Who would select the committee?
  - A. Police to select own representatives.
16. Both sides should be reasonably satisfied if it is done wisely. - A neutral party - a third agency - to bring the two sides together.
17. In order to reduce tensions, this committee could help. The Negro community requests a chance to look at the facts through this committee.
  - A.- Unjust complaints can be nullified by an objective review of the facts.
  - B. Further investigation should go to the police department or the grand jury or to the city manager.
18. Committee not just to investigate only but to prevent and eliminate tensions and causes of police brutality. This is a need and a request from the community.
19. Will the thinking on this committee be implemented?
  - A. Matter will be checked out by City Manager for facts and substance to be reported on July 27th.
20. Have adults been appraised of police concerns?

Yes! With E.O.C. to meet with each action council to listen to complaints. 22 actions to be taken.
21. A statement of policy on jobs, civil rights, desegregation from city council could be done, now, before something happens. It could serve as a preventive measure.
  - A. Equal opportunity in all matters
  - B. Re-evaluate city policy on human relations
  - C. Give minority leadership some success in helping reduce tensions by issuing proclamations and statements of policy.

REGARDING A PROCLAMATION

1. This strategy could have a heartening effect on the morale of the community.
2. City Council could do this on its own. Such voluntary action on part of Council could have a valuable stimulation on the people.

3. A request from interested citizens could also be very effective.

FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 30, 1966  
Hall of Champions - Conference Room  
Balboa Park - San Diego, Calif.  
9:00 A.M.

Joint statement of policy by City and County Board on Proclamation.

Send Proclamation to members of this discussion group for action on July 30th.