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MINUTES - SAN DIEGO ADL COUNCIL JULY 26, 1972

1. Meeting called to order 8:45 p.m. by chairman, Dr. Harry Nadler. Those in attendance were Jay Becker, LaVerne Fefferman, Gerri Kalb, John Kluchin, Ellie Nadler, George Ritner, Oscar Schlussel, Dorothy Thorne, and Harold Eagle of our ADL Staff.

2. Discussion took place on the length of previous minutes. Minutes were approved as mailed.

3. NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE's PARTY: have apparently left San Diego area--police department cannot locate any trace--Dial-a-Hate message cancelled; May have transferred acitivity temporarily to Miami, and may return.. Harold Eagle explained that little can be done about such "messages" because people call-in of their own volition, however if the message is obviously illegal or obscene, the phone company can remove it. Or a court injunction can be obtained to stop it---but every such injunction, thus far, has been over-ruled by the State Supreme Court, on the basis of the First Ammendment. It can only be stopped if it can be proven that the message is incitement to violence.

4. SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION: a series of arrests has currently taken place in San Diego. Much interview space has been accorded this group , as well as the NSWPP, by the Valley Grove News, which has now recieved awards from the Journalism Society for their interviews and articles on the NSWPP.

5. MEMO-DATE BOOKS: South Bay BBW Chapter has distributed 100 books in the Sweetwater-Union School District, Bay City Chapter has distributed books on their own in the College Area, and Birdie Stodel chapter has distributed a number of books. Harold Eagle reported a large distribution in the L.A. area with excellent feed-back from the schools. Dorothy Thorne will contact the CRC to determine the areas of distribution of their calendar so as to avoid overlapping. She will also contact the S.D. City and County School librarians to determine the best areas for our distribution. The Council voted to add $15.00 of Council funds to the money already appropriated by Heartland Lodge and Shalom Chapter for this purpose, and order 100 books . Birdie Stodel Chapter has added 5 additional books.

6. UJF COMMUNITY CAMP: Gerri Kalb reported that we have returned a questionnaire indicating that we might be interested approximately once a year. BBYO would benefit substantially from such a camp. The entire community would be involved.

7. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL: We recieved copies of material given out at 2 press-conferences held by CRC for the purpose of introducing the CRC to the Press and setting-up a central facility for press information. We will offer our file facility in the Center Library for joint use by CRC for this press-reference library. Harry Nadler will replace George Ritner as a representative to the CRC, together with Myron Shelley.

8. ADL COUNCIL LIBRARY: Many new materials are now on our "Human Relations Library" shelf in the JCC Library. We will send a mailing the High School and College Libraries about this facility, shortly after the opening of school. The problem of obtaining new material for the reference file was discussed, particularly as this affects George Ritner and our Council Journal.

9. CRAWFORD HIGH School: no one has contacted Geogge Ritner any further - he had offered to meet with any Jewish students encountering difficulties from anti-Semitic remarks of other students. John Kluchin will follow-thru.

10. HORACE MANN JR. HIGH: the public hearing seems to be a closed issue while school is out. Susan Jay will be asked to follow this. Harold Eagle reported that in L.A. this problem of Anti-Semitic remarks by Black students is primarily in the Junior Highs, and is even overlapping into Elementary schools.

11. ADL FELLOWS HONOREES for 1972-73: Harry Nadler announced that this honor will be conferred jointly upon Sid and Maggie Silverman for their long efforts in the area of bettering Human Relations in the San Diego Community. They will be honored at a Society of Fellows dinner, Sunday evening, October 22nd.

12. ADL CHAIRMAN'S MANUAL-KIT: this has been sent to all Chapter and Lodge ADL chairmen, and contains much helpful information to aid a chairman in his efforts on behalf of ADL..

12. CHURCH-STATE ISSUES: a. 6th grade camp prayers -- George Ritner recieved reply from Dr. Stegeman stating that there is no evidence of organized prayers at camp--only a "voluntary" Grace, before meals.

b. Bible distribution -- distribution of religious materials is not allowed on school property of S.D. City Schools. The Superintendent"s office advised the Gideon Society that they could not distribute their bibles, as did previous Superintendent. On June 14th, George was notified that an "official" announcement had been made to the Patrick Henry High School graduating class that bibles would be available following their graduation ceremonies in Aztec Bowl on the S.D. State campus. The Council sent telegrams to all parties concerned requesting the cancellation of this distribution. State College also requested cancellation. Apparently, this was technically allowable because it did not take place on school district property. Thus far, our telegram and messages have been ignored by the Superintendent's office. Harold Eagle recommended enlisting the help of the Christian Community on general Church-State problems. Groups such as the Mason's have been helpful in other areas. Decided: (1) -- a letter should be sent to the Patrick Henry High School Principal, explaining that even though the bibles were distributed Off-campus", it was improper to give official school sanction by having a teacher making the announcement. (2) -- George will send a copy of the telegram to Dr. Goodman.

12.(continued) c.Harold Eagle described a proposed change in the University of California policy which currently prohibits the use of University property for "religious exercises, worship, or religious conversion." The proposed change would allow all religious activities as long as any implication of University sponsorship or endorsement is avoided. This change is being vigorously opposed by ADL in co-operation with CRC and other agencies.

13. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS: Myron Shelley, Chairman, presented the following nominations: Chairman: Harry Nadler

Treasurer: John Kluchin

Recording Secretary: Ellie Nadler

Additional nomination from the floor: Corresponding Secretary: Gerri Kalb

All were elected unanimously.

14.IMAGE OF THE JEWS FILMS: Reverend Ryan, Director of the CCD(Branch of Diocese administration in S.D. dealing with Catholic education of adults and Children not attending parochial schools) wants three of the films. (actual films and panel discussions amount to 5-6 reels) A San Diego donor is needed for this long-sought after distribution. Myron Shelley and George Ritner will assist in this search. The study guides to be used with the films will be avilable to the Council without cost. IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGHT PROJECTS SUCH AS THIS, ADL, IN THE FUTURE, WILL NOT HAVE TO EXPEND ITS EFFORTS ALWAYS REACTING TO MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM, BUT WILL ELIMINATE ANTI-SEMITISM AT ITS SOURCE.

15. FACT-FINDING REPORT; by Harold Eagle

A. "The Greatest is Love"--a"modern"revision of the New Testament --containing more emphasis on Jewish involvement in the crucifixion than the King James version--is now being distributed in many San Diego Hotels .

B. Common Sense--after 26 years of continuous publication, this anti-Zionist, anti-Black publication has folded --last issue 5/15/72.

C. New York Times -- carried an article from Beirut stating that Kaiser and General Tire were no longer doing business in Israel due to the influence of the Arab Boycott. Investigation has shown that these companies have reached the normal end of business contracts, and are not being influenced by the Arabs.

D. Increased Proselytizing --by Hebrew-Christian groups, etc. The full-page ad of the "smiling Jews" (converted to Christianity, of course) was particularly noted.

E. Black Man's Development Center -- re-moved from Washington, D.C. to Ohio, received a grant from the Ohio State government, the Governor stating that as long as they had nothing further to do with Hassan(former director) and nothing to do with anti-Semitism, the grant would be continued, as they are fighting drug abuse,. Subsequently, the new director lost his license because he didn't report his own previous narcotics conviction, and he was later arrested on a kidnapping charge.

16. ACTION PROJECTS REPORT: by Harold Eagle

A. Spritual Heritage Series -- reccomended procedure for distribution is to find out how many Catholic Schools and Churches are in S.D. area, portion out to chapters and lodges, which obtain one person to go and introduce self to pastor or principal and establish individual rapport. The member should explain that these pamphlets are one of the things produced by ADL with the co-operation of Pope John. We are distributing free to all, and only need to know how many to deliver. The Council adopted this procedure, and each Chapter and Lodge chairman is asked to take note. 2500 sets of pamphlets will be sent to Dr. Nadler.

B. Soviet Jewry Stamps -- are now ½-price @ 50¢/100. This can serve as a fund-raising project or not, but it is important to distribute and USE the stamps.

C. ISrael Year Book on Human Rights -- has been presented to all major college and university libraties and all law school libraries under a special grant from BBW, District 4. We want to distribute this important work to Junior Colleges and public libraries. John Kluchin will list these additional libraries, and the Council will send this list to the Chapters and Lodges with a request for assistance. A volume will be purchased by the Council for our ADL Human Relations Library.

17. FUTURE PROBLEMS: by Harold Eagle

A. Black-Jewish Relations -- a document has been prepared by Alexander Miller relating the reasons for the many frustrations and frictions. We must stop exacerbating the problem and determine future courses of action. Gerri Kalb was asked to contact Melba Margolis of CURE, Citizens United for Racial Equality.

B. Inter-Religious Break-thru -- Good progress has been made with Catholic-Jewish relations. Protestant relations were more of a problem until recently. The Methodists were the first to'open the door'--now the Southern Babtist Convention with 11.8 million members has announced a "Declaration Against Anti-Semitism, and also the Lutheran-Missouri Synod. They are ready to "talk" and our Regional Board will direct us in establishing dialogue.

C..Jewish Poor -- ADL nationally and locally becoming concerned-many Jews living below poverty level, especially elderly. They are often discriminated against in OEA projects, etc. with special tretment only for Blacks and Browns in low-cost housing. ADL is becoming involved in the legal aspects of this problem. Myron will inquire thru CRC as to the extent of the problem in S.D.

D. Reverse Discrimination in Educationl Institutions --Quotas being instituted in hiring practices and Graduate School admissions favoring "minority" applicants--disregarding merit competition. "Affirmative Action" programs are supposed to be aimed at bringing the minority applicants who are "qualifiable" up to same high standards and have them compete equally. New money and facilities must be found to educate people--not quotas and discrimination against those already qualified. A 9-page document has been sent to every member of the Calif. State Board of Regents by ADL. They have responded and will meet with ADL officials. On a national level, Ben Epstein met with Elliot Richardson of HEW and pointed out the inconsistencies in some government sponsored "affirmative action" programs that have now become "preferential treatment" programs, instead.

18. FACT-FINDING (CONTINUED:) by Harold Eagle

F. "None Dare Call It Conspiracy"--a Birch Society publication written by two Jewish members, dealing with the "Insiders" controlling the world--namely the "International Bankers". This has been printed with the endorsement and introduction by Congressman John Schmidt, Orange County. ADL has asked Schmidt to withdraw his endorsement and stated that the historical inaccuracy of many of the statements published could be proved. The Congressman's reply included a statement that "the Jewish members of the conspiracy have used an organization called the Anti-Defamation League as an Instrument..." Congressman Schmidt wants to enter this book into the Congressional Record. 15-million copies have been distributed.

G. West Magazine & The Nazis --L.A..Times Sunday section --was going to do a spread on Nazis in ElMonte --ADL's "file" convinced the newspaper that all publicity aids their "cause," and the planned article was dropped.

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS: by Harry Nadler

a. Police Dept. has officially installed Rabbi Jerold Levy as a Chaplain.

b. Dr. Nadler will serve as the ADL chairman for the S.D. Council of Lodges of B'nai B'rith.

c. ADL has responded to the Nicholas von Hoffman syndicated column "Looking at Israel."

d. Our next meeting will be Wed. August 23rd.

e. Ellie Nadler was thanked for the refreshments.

f. Meeting was adjourned.