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Timely Suggestions For Happy Holiday

In a statement today Chief of Police Wesley S. Sharp said, "The San Diego Police Department will expend extra efforts during the yuletide period to ensure that many citizens will enjoy a holiday season unblemished by personal injury or property loss. However, I sincerely solicit the assistance of the public in attaining this goal."

During the shopping rush 35 police patrolmen have been assigned to special duty to facilitate the safe, smooth flow of automobile and pedestrian traffic. Members of this special traffic detail will be assigned to intersections in the downtown and shopping center areas.

In addition to the duty of directing traffic, these policemen will provide information and other assistance to holiday shoppers.

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IF HISTORY REPEATS itself, many "lost parents" will be reunited with small children who will be discovered by police officers vigilantly searching for their "lost parents."

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THE POLICE DEPARTMENT will be coping with other seasonal problems also.

Thefts of all kinds usually take a sharp increase during the year-end holiday season. Although police officers will be diligent in their preventive patrols and criminal investigations, much can be done by the public to reduce opportunities

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UL Head Leaving

Percy H. Steele, Jr., who has served as executive director of the Urban League is now putting the finishing touches on his work here.

His resignation becomes effective on Dec. 31, 1963.

He leaves shortly thereafter to the Bay Area Urban League in San Francisco where he will fill the position of executive director.

Steele is a popular local figure who has been a liaison officer between various industrial and commercial concerns and members of the Negro community.

In a recent expression, he stated, "I will leave San Diego with much reluctance as it is the kind of community which grows on one and is a challenge to say the least. Most of all, I will miss the many friends and associates, whom I value greatly, and my wife and daughter feel as equally strong as I about our San Diego friends."

BEN ODERA

CORE Sets Gathering

A public explanation will be made by CORE officials this evening at Jackson Memorial Church, at 38th and Ocean View, when it is intended to take another step firmly in the direction of fair employment practices.

Specifically, the matter of the San Diego Gas and Electric Company will come up for clarification following the stalemate now evident in the interpretation of what constitutes proper employer behavior.

CORE charges that the hiring of 33 Negroes in mostly menial positions on a work force in excess of 3,000 individuals is a slap in the face to consumers in the Logan Heights area.

Both factions in the hassle are almost to the point of exposing raw nerves as they apparently cannot reach a point of mutual agreement.

Beginning tomorrow evening, according to present informa-

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PEACEFUL EFFORTS to obtain Gas Company jobs were severely strained Tuesday evening when CORE and the company met head-on in a grim confrontation. CORE members attempted to enter the premises following a day of picketing. Company representatives refused entrance and an uneasy half hour was experienced when the situation could have gotten out of hand. When company representatives relaxed vigil, CORE swept through the doors and sat on the floor in the lobby in keeping with the civil disobedience policy of the late Indian leader Mahatma Ghandi.

—Staff Photo by Sherman S. Skeete

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NEWS in brief

Talk Deferred

A West Coast appearance of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad slated for this Sunday at the Olympic Stadium in Los Angeles has been cancelled as a mark of deference to the late President John F. Kennedy. Local Black Muslims expect a re-scheduling of plans for the head of the Nation of Islam meet with his followers in California in January.

Meeting Planned

Dr. William Rust, chairman of County Citizens Interracial Committee, had decided to call a special conference of San Diego's industrial, business, educational and civic representatives. The conference will be called to consider the training needs to keep up with fast moving technical changes.

Y Board to Meet

The final meeting for the year of the Board of Managers of the Southeast YMCA will be held Tuesday evening and Board Chairman George W. Smith said new officers will be installed in 1964. Activities of this group have been well received by the Logan Heights community.

LOCAL CHI

Visitors and people new to San Diego area often say that "It doesn't seem like Christmas here because there's no snow." Those who say this have not looked into the hearts of local residents for there is much charity, joy and deep religious sentiment there for all to behold. And if the visitor wishes he may attend or see one of the many expressions of local holiday cheer.

Events scheduled by local

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Africa's Image Distorted Here

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PULATION is com- Arabs and the bulk Negro. The area of the country is 225,000 sq. miles and the main cash crops are coffee and sisal. Tourism is a flourishing business as the climate and beauty of the country lure world travellers.

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PARTIAL RECORDED history of Kenya dates to 1895 when the British fearing German infiltration at a time when Europeans were afire for a share of African wealth, proclaimed the area a protectorate. Repressive tactics used against the natives are said to have forced the eruption of Mau Mau violence in 1946 which led to the eventual granting of independence as its happy culmination.

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ODERA STRIKES the writer as a living symbol of unity dedicating himself for forthcoming service in the halls of international justice. As a member of the majority group in Kenya, he is also the unfolding of a promise of equality and human dignity as an active participant in the power structure of his country.

"Regardless of what the daily press says, and I could care less," declares Odera, "Uhuru by any other name is still freedom."

Telephone Company Next--CORE

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tion, all lights in homes, and churches will be turned off for one full hour from 8 o'clock on, candles will be burned during the blackout, some being placed in windows and on porches to indicate strong convictions and concern over human rights.

On Saturday evening a candlelight march will be staged.

While S.D. G & E is principally involved, a wider scope of activities will include the Pacific Telephone Company on Jan. 11 when delegates from all over California converge on San Diego, it was said.

Tires to Fires

More than half of all vehicle fires result from overheated tires caused by underinflation or defective wheel bearings, according to Ohio Turnpike statistics. Since fire-fighting equipment is not readily available, the fires do serious damage

CHARTER MEMBERS of Youth Choir recently organized by the NAACP will stress Negro spirituals in their repertoire and have begun rehearsals at 3153 Ocean View under the direction of David Evans of San Diego State. Officers recently elected to serve the grou include James L. Robinson, Anna Major Yvonne Jordan and Earl Jackson.

—Photo by Stricklanc

Police Tips Stop Losses

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for the seasonal thief to operate successfully.

"Citizen caution and cooperation are the most effective means of crime prevention," Chief Sharp stated.

Chief Sharp offers these suggestions:

- When it is necessary to be absent from a residence or from a closed business, securely lock the premises and leave some light on in the building.
- When strangers are observed loitering near or on the premises of an absent neighbor, a phone call to the Police Department may prevent a burglary.
- Leaving packages of new merchandise in an unlocked automobile is an open invitation to the thief.
- Women who are shopping are often victimized by thieves when they leave unattended purses on store counters or other places.
- Leaving ignition keys in automobiles is another method of inviting theft.

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"MANY PEOPLE attend holiday office parties who do not consume alcoholic beverages to excess ordinarily, but somehow find themselves in no condition to operate an automobile at the end of an office party. In the event that this occurs, other means of transportation should be used to return home. The intoxicated driver is a serious threat to himself and others," the Chief stated.

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IF THE MAJORITY of the people cooperate, much will be accomplished in assisting the Police Department to ensure a safe holiday season for more citizens than ever this year.

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