NEGRO MARCHERS SET SIGHTS ON CITY HALL

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AN INDEPENDENT EXCLUSIVE

THIS HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED photo is an Independent exclusive taken inside Mosque No. 8, 2575 Imperial Ave., showing Minister Henry X during recent lecture. He points to illustration depicting Negro hanging from tree, symbolic of White man's inhumanity to fellowman. Passages from the Holy Koran, it is alleged, indicate that Islam will outlive United States. — Staff Photo by S. S. Skeete

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HENRY X SPEAKS OUT

Black Muslims' Goals Spelled Out by Leader

Editor's Note: Mounting racial tensions have brought to the fore numerous organizations and factions ostensibly dedicated to helping solve the civil rights controversy. Among the more militant are the Black Muslims, about whose esoteric movement little is known outside the close-knit membership . . . Although seldom available to the press or TV, Minister Henry X, as the local Muslim leader is known to his followers, has for the second time this year granted an exclusive interview to staff writer Sherman S. Skeete to bring Independent readers up to date on latest developments in the fast-paced racial struggle.

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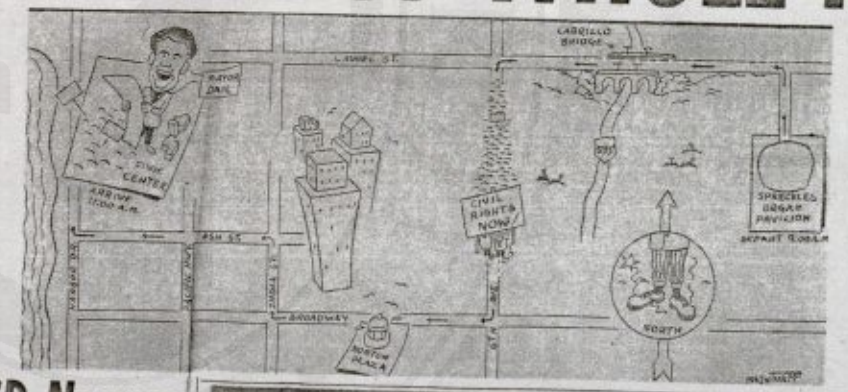

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Endorses National Program

Officers to Carry Signs During March

The 37th Congressional District Council of the California Democratic Council (CDC) this week elected permanent officers for the coming year, and endorsed the proposed Freedom March in San Diego and Washington scheduled for August 28.

Elected were: Carl Strickland, president of the Chula Vista Democratic Club, chairman; Dean Bristline, recent candidate for Lemon Grove school board, vice-chairman; Adolphus Reed, vice-president of the Chollas Democratic Club, second vice-chairman; Conrad von Metzke, deputy director of the San Diego County Young Democrats, secretary; Sylura Barron, president of the John F. Kennedy Democratic Club, treasurer and

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Q. Considering that the vast majority of Caucasians think of themselves with similar pride as the Black Muslims think of Negroes, how do you explain the Caucasian's fear of the Nation of Islam?

A. The Caucasian fears the Nation of Islam because the Negro's and Caucasian's true identities are being revealed through the teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad and also because 400 years of slave labor which have made the United States the richest country on earth will come to an end.

Q. With what appears to be a general softening towards the Negro's goal of first class citizenship, do you foresee a peaceful solution through this effort to be contrite?

A. No. This "softening" is only a display of hypocrisy.

Q. Do you honestly believe the Negro deserves preferential treatment in getting a job?

A. No. We just want equal justice.

Q. What is your opinion of "Freedom Marches" and will the Muslim sect officially participate in them?

A. I think the "Freedom Marches" applied to the so-called Negroes, walking the streets here in America, are misleading because at the beginning of the march they are not free and at the end of the march they will not be free. We will not participate in such stupidity.

Q. Does the preacher still maintain his traditional position as leader in the black community?

A. Yes. The preachers in the black community are being used as pacifiers among the people. They are the only leaders the white man wants us to have—and they are generally being accepted.

Q. Is it true that "the races that pray together, stay together?"

A. Not unless they submit themselves to the God of Righteousness.

Q. What is your opinion of certain Negro groups refusing to associate with others because of their desire to remain segregated and possibly could be violent if offended?

A. Black men, under white leadership, have always been against unity among black people because the white man fears a united black front. We do not believe in segregation. It is the white man who believes in segregation. We believe in separation. Only a fool would disobey the first law of nature—self-preservation.

Q. What is your definition of

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Black Muslim Creed

★ All Whites are devils
★ Negroes should be autonomous
★ Inter-racial marriage is suicidal
★ "Freedom Marches" are stupid
★ Preachers are pacifiers
★ Christianity creates slaves
★ Bloodshed is inevitable

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We have often been appalled at some of these well-meaning remarks. COMPLIMENTING ANOTHER: "Gee girl, you look nice. I didn't know you," or "That hair style is very flattering. It takes 10 years off your looks." This is the prize one: "I sure like you in that suit. I say that everytime you wear it."

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COMFORTING A DIVORCEE: "I never did think he was good for you, dear. I would say it's good riddance." or, "You two looked like you were meant for each other . . . what happened darling . . . was there another woman?"

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COMFORTING THE WIDOW: "I don't know what to say at a time like this—but honey you must go on . . . You're still young. You will find another mate soon. I'm sure . . . Now as a word of caution, don't spend all the money foolishly he left you. Take your time sweetie pie."

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COMFORTING THE UNMARRIED GIRL: "How does it happen that a nice, intelligent girl like you, can't find a husband?"

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And on it goes . . . these kindly expressions that one makes to comfort, console and to flatter . . . It will make an interesting book, don't you think?

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Art show judges' dilemma solved by public at Art Show. See Page B-1 for solution. Also drawn to your attention are

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To March On City Hall

Those participating in next Wednesday's "Freedom March" on the San Diego City Hall will join spiritually with hundreds of thousands throughout the United States and Europe in a mass protest against second class citizenship for the American Negro.

Locally, an anticipated 2,500 people of different races are expected to participate.

Their singleness of purpose will be challenged by an estimated three-mile hike, probably under a torrid sun, plus the unpleasant knowledge that each worker in the line of march will be sacrificing one full day's pay for his convictions.

Assembly at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park is scheduled for 9 a.m. where a brief rally will be held.

Then the long and supposedly slow trek will proceed west on Laurel then north on 6th Avenue on Broadway.

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IT IS ESTIMATED that with an allowance of 40 minutes per mile, the confrontation on the west side of Civic Center should be effected by 11 o'clock.

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FROM BROADWAY, past Horton's Plaza (see cut) the freedom crusaders will turn down India to Ash, cross over Highway 101 to conclude their pilgrimage on the steps of Civic Center, fronting Pacific Highway and the Bay.

Mayor Charles Dail will take part in a ceremonial and will be presented with resolutions of Negro intentions and aspirations in the immediate future regarding parity with other citizens of the United States.

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SIMULTANEOUSLY with events on the local front, President Kennedy will be addressing a possible 200,000 marchers converging before the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C.

Remember These Zip Code Figures

When writing to legislators in Washington, remember the new codes:

Senators, 20510; Representatives, 20515, and White House, 20501.

ACTING WORSHIPFUL Grand Master W. D. Craddock (holding trowel) heads a number of Masons affiliated with Hiram of Tyree Masonic Lodge during Sunday cornerstone laying of the Church of the Living God (CWFF). This impressive ceremony was held in the presence of Pastor H. R. Jones and his membership at 701 N. 32nd. —Staff Photo by S. S. Skeete

Did You Hear Say?

By Benjamin Rivera

Did you hear say that there is a club of Mexican-American men who have sports as their hobby? Handball, baseball and boxing have been their favorite sports. However, they often sponsor a dance such as they did last Saturday at the VFW Hall in National City, and then they attract so many pretty girls to their dance, that the men are outnumbered almost two-to-one.

Frank Portillo and Myrna Portillo Macias were the winners of a twist contest. A prize was awarded by Joe Arciga, president of the club. Music was furnished by Luis Arciga and his Mambonaires.

Our kids want to be heard. Ray Dawley, of 6484 Potomac St., age 14, and student at O'Farrel Junior High, stepped up to councilmanic candidates and, with notebook in hand, asked each one, after they had spoken at the Paradise Hills Civil Council meeting, how they could help, if elected, to bring down school bus fares. It appeared that the community of Paradise Hills, now referred to by some as "Forgotten Hills," is so up in arms about the raise in bus fares that they may picket in large numbers.

Benny Yee, president of the San Diego Chinese Chamber of Commerce, was presented to me at a recent banquet held at George Joe's, as was Professor Tom, English-speaking representative for the chamber.

Basilio Diaz, chairman of the Queen Contestants' Committee for the Council of Latin American Clubs, presented a very [illegible] tas Patrias" (queen of the patriotic festivities) be not presented just briefly with her full regal attire, including a $200 velvet cape, along with her six princesses on the stage at Balboa Park Bowl on the night of Sept. 15, and then promptly relegated to sit with the audience throughout the rest of a three-hour program.

Hundreds of Mexican-American San Diego citizens, from seven organizations, go to a lot of work and expense to promote the election of the queen and the princesses, and they seem to feel that "Comité Civico Mexicano" is giving the Reina minimum importance.

James A. Garfield, social service director appointed by the city of San Diego, informed your scribe recently that he was naming three Mexican-Americans to the steering committee of the Citizens Inter-racial Committee of San Diego County. They are Charles Samarron, chairman of the American G.I. Forum; Armando Rodriguez, Gompers Junior High vice-principal; and Attorney Ray Castro.

Now that makes three "amigos" on the steering committee instead of "mingus" in spite of the fact that there are more Mexican-Americans in San Diego and in California than any other ethnic group.

You figure this out. A socially prominent lady from La Jolla attended a meeting in Logan Heights, where she was hoping to meet Mrs. Alvarez-Gill of the Ford Foundation to discuss racial problems. The lady remarked that she had three boys attending school in [illegible] ego and Washington scheduled for August 28.

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Outgoing chairman Armando Rodriguez was given an ovation of thanks for his work in the past. Rodriguez was the Democratic nominee for the Assembly in the 77th District in 1962.

The council unanimously endorsed and gave its active support to the Civil Rights Freedom March on Washington, scheduled for Aug. 28, and the coincident Freedom March on San Diego City Hall.

Many council members and countywide Young Democrats are scheduled to carry signs and support the local march.

CIRCULATION
of this issue is over
200,000

Council Parley

Rotary members will attend a County Council meeting Monday at Catamaran Hotel in Pacific Beach. A business program is planned.

MAYOR DAIL TABS FREEDOM DAY

Mayor Charles Dail has issued a proclamation designating Wednesday, Aug. 28 as "Freedom Day" throughout San Diego and has authorized city officials and members of the area-wide Citizens Inter-Racial Committee to participate.

Dr. and Mrs. James Scott Kennedy, civil rights crusaders, now on vacation in the city, will be keynote speakers during the ceremonies at Civic Center following the march.

BELOW OLYMPUS By Interlandi

NIGERIA ENVOY FINDS U. S. 'CONFUSING'

"We regard you Africans as belonging to us," was the way His Excellency, Ambassador Julius M. Udochi of Nigeria, greeted Hartswell Ragsdale, president of the NAACP, at a luncheon held in the former's honor this week at the Catamaran Hotel.

"It is so confusing when one contemplates the American. There is no people anywhere who are more free in giving aid and who value what other people think of them. Then, because of the prejudiced treatment they accord to a portion of [illegible] to a recent All-African Summit Meeting in Addis Ababa in which it was resolved "without the mincing of words" that with the acquisition of African independence, all black men everywhere will have to be treated particularly happy with the NAACP for their stand on the racial problem.

"America put Europe back on its feet after World War II," he observed critically when he compared church attendance there and in America.