HOMESTRETCH PLANS are completed by (left to right) Stan Crockett, Hal Brown and Jim Kennedy, for San Diego's Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality's big public party on Saturday evening, May 2nd, at the famed Sunset Cliffs "Surf," the mansion owned by Daniel Dixon which has been the scene of fabulous society parties. Proceeds from the May 2nd event will swell the funds for CORE's continued Civil Rights action during the coming summer months.

CORE READY For Plush Party Night

A night of play is preceded by weeks of hard work! At least that's the story of CORE's preparation for their May 2 party at Surf, the Sunset Cliffs mansion built by Daniel Dixon.

The Saturday evening party, featuring dancing, various combos, and entertainment in the European atmosphere of the house and oceanside grounds of Surf, is arousing interest by here and abroad. According to Stan Crockett, CORE public relations chairman, invitations have been requested from friends and supporters of CORE in California, Mexico and the European continent.

"This is our one night to play," said Crockett, "a night the chapter and its supporters deserve." Crockett, together with Hal Brown, local CORE chairman; and Jim Kennedy, membership chairman of the local human rights organization; recently spent the afternoon at Surf completing plans for the late spring event.

"I'd hate to think that our friends would believe that CORE is becoming a party-time organization," said Brown, "at the same time, the plans we have for San Diego's summer call for a good party before the long months of work ahead."

April 30

Speaking Out

by Harold Brown

(Chairman, SD Congress of Racial Equality)

IN THIS FIGHT, help and encouragement come at the most unexpected times!

Thursday night, after my wife and I caught a session at Jazzville, I made it down to pick up a hot link sandwich to satisfy my grumbling stomach. The ribs smelled so good I settled for a rib sandwich. But along with the sandwich I got what I call a good piece of advice.

AS HE PREPARED my sandwich, the waiter said, "I just finished reading your column, and I want to know when are you going to write a success story?"

I didn't quite know what he meant, so he explained that people want to know how much success CORE has had.

MY STOMACH WAS in no mood to discuss civil rights but I told him he was right, and I had failed to give the people an account of the successes CORE has had, but I would certainly do that from now on!

What this man said is so significant because no one wants to back a loser. I don't care what it's in. So I will briefly, from time to time, tell you about the successes of our chapter (Yes—and the failures too).

I WON'T BOTHER to state for you the abstract successes such as the way we had to battle our way into the community, fighting and determined to be recognized, heard, and dealt with. These you are probably aware of anyhow, because an organization such as CORE, which is changing the status quo, not only just to fight its way through the white resistance, but has to overcome the fears of the Negro community as well.

Not only are you entitled to know our successes, but you should also know what we are planning for the future. I shall try to keep you up to date as best I can.

I WILL ONLY DISCUSS four of the projects we have undertaken because these are easier for you to see and check out.

Let's start with Mayfair market. After months of picketing the Euclid and Federal store, we made an agreement with management that they would take steps to improve their hiring practices so as to include Negroes as employes in all areas of employment.

and Electric project. Take note that I said there IS a Gas and Electric project. I did not say there WAS the Gas and Electric project. We are by no means through with that project.

After picketing and sit-ins at the Electric building downtown, our demand that G&E hire more Negroes and other tive in promoting better racial and community relationships.

THEN THERE is the Gas They admitted that they were guilty of not taking the inia- minorities has resulted in G&E doing just that—taking steps to increase the number of minority group persons as employees in all work categories of their company. One concrete piece of evidence is the fact that a Negro man was hired to work as an employment clerk in their employment office where he interviews applicants. This is what we call a "public contact" position and this is what we asked for.

THIS CAME ABOUT as a result of the work CORE was doing. G&E still has a long way to go and I figure it won't be very long before they reach that 6% figure that we gave to them as an incentive and target to shoot at.

Most recently there was an agreement with Safeway Stores and Montgomery Wards. Both chains agreed to supply us with a breakdown of figures which will help us keep an eye on whether progress is being made or not.

BOTH HAVE AGREED (without the use of demonstrations) to take steps to hire Negroes and other minorities in all job categories. Of course, the job of checking to see that these companies keep their promises is just as important as reaching an agreement.

Please do not interpret this as a means to blow CORE's horns. I don't think CORE needs me to use this column to blow its horn. I am only giving you a factual report of CORE's activities so you will not accuse us of being a "tea drinking" organization.

SEE YOU AT SURF this Saturday, huh? Its going to be a swinging affair— and besides —we need your financial support badly.

We need to buy some fans to get ready for this "long hot summer!"

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the debacle at the University of Mississippi. Throw in Danville, Norfolk, Portsmouth, San Francisco, Farmville, Columbia, South Carolina, Little Cicero, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, Knoxville and a host of others, and you'll have some idea of the gathering storm.

Up and down, across and around, the length and breadth of this country, not one area is, or has been, free from a stinking persistence of discrimination and segregation.

Some whites have not been willing to accord the simplest measures of human decency to some others merely because the color of our skin is black.

All kinds of acts of indecency, discourtesy, inhumanity and downright meanness have been perpetrated against Negroes simply because of the color of our skin. Yet, we are being told to be patient while the debate roars in congress to let us go into eating places and sleeping places or to let a goon be tried by a jury after he has maimed us, denied us our rights, lied about his acts and spit in our faces.

We are told not to rock the boat. This is so incredible and unbelievable.

What kind of an animal do they think Negroes really are? These are not rights which others have given to us. These are God-Given Rights. Why in the nature of things can others think that we can be denied these rights without protest? The Law of the Land buttresses these rights while the present congressional debate seeks to whittle them down so that we can become a bit more acceptable to those who would hate us any way. In this hypocritical bebacle the American Congress is no better than the Parliament of South Africa. If America and AMERICANS poor revils to be responsible citizens when they aren't given responsibility or treated with civility?

How can you claim innocence by declaring that you don't know about Negroes? You can't dismiss Negroes by saying that we're different. This is the image you'd like to have others believe. This is the image which many of you have strewn all over the world about us.

But, you and I know that this is not rue. We are no different from the rest of the herd and we have the same motivations, desires, reflexes, anxieties, frustrations and what have you that all other normal human beings have.

The unfortunate part about some of this is that many of our so-called leaders can be bought off and euchered into positions of compromise to the detriment of the rank and file of us.

This is a time when every Negro ought to have a feeling of RACE PRIDE and pride that he can struggle against odds to make America a better place in which to live.

Indeed, this is a struggle against the enemy from without as well as the enemy from within.

If there are those who want to show how much they support the civil rights program, let them stand up and be counted . . . NOW! If they want want to show how much they are in the forefront of things, don't take a back seat. Let them join with the rest of us where their fears can be calmed and the answers to their questions don't create hysteria. Let them get off their high horses and get some of the feeling that we who have to suffer have been having all our lives.

It is easy to sit in ivory towers and pontificate from a safe

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Letters To The Editor

Founder For Johnson

Editor:

The news of John Johnson, a "write-in candidate," could only be surpassed by the election of Mr. Johnson to the State Assembly. A better candidate could not be possibly found in San Diego to represent the Negro in the 79th.

vantage point. It is yet another thing have to plod the weary road bearing the burden of discrimination, segregation, hunger, fear and hypocrisy.

These have become the quintet of degredation for the Negro in America.

America and Americans have risen to the occasion for others around the world. It is high time that this spirit of generosity and brotherhood be extended to black Americans here at home.

Mr. Johnson possesses all the attributes needed to develop into a great leader.

There, of course, should not be any excuses heard in San Diego about Party Lines, about not wanting to enter politics into churches, about not working out in the open, but . . . "I'll work behind the scenes." Instead, every preacher or minister (and his church) should be an active supporter of Mr. Johnson's. Every professional, schoolteacher, pool room operator . . . should be an active supporter and worker.

But; watch and listen for them! You'll hear them (behind doors) making excuses why they can't support Mr. Johnson. Any decent Black Man knows there are no excuses for not electing Mr.

OPINIO IN PASS

By Daniel W. Brow

Civil Rights and Congress—

TO EVALUATE, to negotiate, to mediate, to demonstrate represents the step procedure prior to public demonstrations

A public demonstration is late step, a last method of procedure in an effort to effect result to unyielding situations The reasonable U.S. public understands this.

The prejudiced U.S. publ fails to comprehend and to ur derstand this step by step procedure.

IT IS REASONABLE to ha some apprehensions concer ing this problem of the citiz in the streets because the dis tance between an orderly o disorderly public demonstra tion is always precarious.

However, to evaluate and t negotiate a solution at the con ference table or before a city

John Johnson as State Assemblyman. Here's the chanc to elect a man to be the firs authentic "Negro Leader."

The white man wants t know who is the Negro leade in "your section." Give him Mr. John Johnson!

Today, this day, a Black Man would certainly look silly supporting a white man who is running in any election against a good qualified Black

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