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Ten CORE Members Arrested

ANOTHER CHAPTER was written on the blotters of the San Diego Police Department on Friday late in the afternoon in the tense story of the San Diego Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality's demonstration against the Bank of America, when ten members of the demonstrating organization were arrested for defying a court order forbidding "mass picketing" and "trespassing" at the bank's offices at 42nd and El Cajon and also at the head branch at Sixth and Broadway.

The restraining order, secured when bank attorneys received a temporary injunction against CORE's stall-in activities, was issued by Superior Court Judge Vincent E. Whelan, the same magistrate who heard the CORE vs. San Diego Gas and Electric Company's dispute.

JAMES ARCHER, an attorney for the Bank of America, stated that he believed this to be the first civil action brought against CORE in California by the Bank.

Included in the ten arrests were William Robert Beard, 3215 Bramson Place; Miss Marjorie Poe, 18, 1988 Saranac Street; Miss Sherry Lee Phillips, 20, 5844 Hardy Avenue; Miss Charlyn Renee Bridley, 21, 2627 Magnolia Avenue; Warren Paul Van Blum, 21, 972 Archer Street, Pacific Beach. Ambrose Brodus, 39, 653 San Miguel Avenue; Harold K. Brown, chairman of the chapter, 30, 762 Bollenbacher Street; George Luther Stevens, 32, 3671 Armitage Street; Frederick Cowley, 32, 2444 River Road, National City; and Lee Carroll Anthony, 24, 1367 Felspar Street.

A BANK EMPLOYEE, Mrs. Jean Stewart, placed William Beard under citizens' arrest after he was served with the court order, given a warning, and refused to leave the bank premises at the El Cajon Branch.

Sheriff Joseph O'Connor led ten of his deputies into the head branch and told the CORE members therein that they would be served with summonses for defying the court unless they left.

A TOUCH OF COMEDY was injected into the Friday happenings when CORE leaders, suspecting being overheard, began the afternoon with an apparent picket line and what appeared to be a stand-in at the 42nd and El Cajon Branch of the bank. As soon as the attorneys and police officers arrived there, a standby force of CORE demonstrators rapidly departed the area and raced downtown to the bank's main offices at Sixth and Broadway. By the time that the attorneys and officers, in turn, appeared on the downtown scene, the demonstrators were conducting a full-fledged slow-down of banking activity.

In addition, CORE climaxed the day's activities with a stand-in at the street entrances to the bank.

WHEN QUESTIONED on Friday just prior to his arrest, Hal Brown stated, "The bank expects the Negro and non-white communities to applaud because they have turned over employment figures to the Fair Employment Practices Commission; but this doesn't pay the rent nor buy minorities any food!"