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CORE BICKERING TOLD

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Ousters to Clear Decks, Says Brown

Bickering among Congress of Racial Equality members over ideological matters is said to have wracked the organization with charges and counter charges.

Apparently, there was no meeting of the minds involved and Hal Brown, chairman, announced the ouster of two unnamed chapter members, charging them with socialistic leanings. Wide publicity was given to his decision.

Said Brown: "We (the Negro) want equal citizenship within the American society and want no part of any ideology which preaches directly or indirectly that the American society must be destroyed and built along different lines."

When questioned if this expulsion would reduce CORE's militant fight against segregation and discrimination, the prompt reply was:

"We have simply cleared the decks for better action. Negroes and their white friends in CORE will never quit or slacken the pace in the fight to make the American dream of racial equality and brotherhood into the American reality."

On the other side of the coin, it has been said that the very members who have been ousted were rewarded for the good work with CORE during the hassle with the Bank of America. Voting procedures inside CORE were labelled undemocratic.

A statement credited to Ambrose Brodus, Jr., who is not one of those ousted, declared:

"It is crystal clear to us that our chairman, Hal Brown, is no longer functioning effectively and democratically."