Feb 25, 1964 Evening

INTIMIDATION CHARGED

Oust Policeman At CORE Parley

Detective Ray Fobert of the San Diego Police undercover detail was asked to leave CORE's headquarters at 2956 Imperial Ave., when a press conference was called to protest alleged police intimidation and plans for dealing with what were termed discrimnatory hiring practices of the Zoo.

Harold K. Brown, western egional chairman, delayed making any statement until Fobert cleared the premises.

Afterwards, he declared that that particular detective was ne of many who took pictures f CORE'S demonstrations gainst the Bank of America nd subsequently testified gainst CORE in court.

The following were cited as olice intimidation:

- Constant questioning of Negroes if they are affiliated with CORE.
- During a recent demonstration, patrol cars skirted 6th and Broadway in "combat formation."
- Riot squad exercises were alleged to have been conducted at the Logan Heights command post at 25th and Imperial Avenue.
- Example of police penetration (Detective Fobert) of a conference slated only for the working press.

Brown claims that Southernyle police intimidation in San iego is being carefully watchd and it appeared as if appropriate complaints may be forarded to the Justice Departent.

With respect to the Zoo's iring policies, Brown outlined e difficulty of getting toether with the officials of that stitution. He said that Mayor rank Curran and the Citizens' terracial Committee were oth unsuccessful as intermearies.

"Ultimately," Brown said, "at the next meeting I will suggest that if, within 10 days, there is no response from the San Diego Zoo, CORE is to commence on-the-spot direct action."

He pointed out that it was to be made quite clear that CORE has utilized a period of five months trying "just to sit down and to talk with Zoo officials."

CORE's Forces March

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By Stan Crockett

Thef came from street corners, bars, poolrooms. They came from the ghetto and they came from the suburbs. They gathered together last Friday, July 10, at the corner of 30th and Imperial. They were black and they were white. Some wore suits, some wore levis. There were old people and there were young people.

At 3:45 on Friday afternoon, they began to march.

Led by Hal Brown, Western Regional Vice - Chairman of CORE and local chairman of San Diego CORE; organized by CORE and SNCC, the small band of marchers walked from 30th and Imperial, gathering forces on the way downtown to Horton Plaza.

They marched and they sang. On the signs they carried were words protesting the lack of Federal protection for civil rights workers in Mississippi, the presence of racial prejudice and discrimination in America, California and San Diego; and signs against the Bank of America's alleged program of unequal opportunity employment — a program that CORE claims has failed to arouse the trust of San Diego's Negro, Mexican-American and Oriental communities.

Despite the lack of ministers in the march, notably those who so proudly sat on the platform at Cal Western last month and applauded Dr. Martin Luther King, there was a tone of religious conviction on the faces and in the voices of those who marched and sang.

At the downtown Post Office where the first stop was made, Brown expressed the

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rising anger of Americans over the failure of Federal agencies to protect Americans in Mississippi while supplying military "advisers" to Viet Nam. Following Brown's statements, the marchers proceeded to Broadway and stopped at the main branch of the Bank of America.

Brown then spoke to the marchers and to the assembled officials of the bank, pointing out how their campaign of newspaper advertisements failed to cover the failure of their oft-repeated, policy of equal opportunity employment for all Americans.

CORE pickets went to the doors of the bank and again displayed their signs. Brown went inside the bank with two picket signs and sat down on the floor of the bank. County marshals and bank officials watched nervously but made no move to eject Brown or remove the pickets in front of the bank's doors.

Outside on Broadway, over 280 pickets sang "Ain't Nobody Going to Move Me Around." Brown sat, bank officials watched and bystanders stared. Then, at a signal from a CORE official, pickets and demonstrators in the street sat down. For forty-five minutes, CORE demonstrated its lack of faith in the bank's policy.

There were no arrests.

At 5:45, Brown left the bank and rejoined the demonstrators outside in the street. The demonstration moved from 6th and Broadway to Horton Plaza. There Brown summarized the theme of protest, reviewing the symptoms of racial cancer in this country, state and city. He pointed out the inability of Senator Barry Goldwater to display any type of moral posture in the face of an America that has allowed its principles to shrink before its undemocratic actions. At 6:10, the demonstration ended. The picket signs were neatly stacked in waiting trucks. The demonstrators faded away with a sense of profound degnity.

It was a Friday to be remembered. Those who were in the demonstration would not forget. And those who were not, the Negro professionals, the Negro ministers, those men of goodwill and conviction who sit at conferences and remain off the streets had cause to ask themselves where they were when San Diego's conscience was challenged.

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