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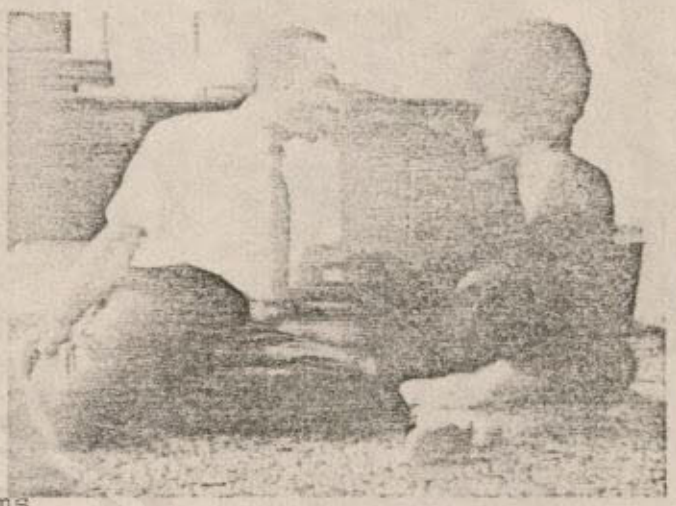

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B I O G R A P H Y

Leon L. Williams, an active participant in civic affairs of San Diego, was appointed to the City Council on January 7, 1969, to fill the unexpired vacancy left when his predecessor was elected to the State Assembly. He retained the seat in the November 1969 General Election, and was reelected again in November 1971. Leon L. Williams is the first, and only Black Member of the San Diego City Council.

Councilman Williams' 4th District includes the Downtown area, Logan Heights, Golden Hill, Imig Park, Emerald Hills, Paradise Hills. This district covers a great portion of the major business, recreational and residential areas of the city and the majority of Browns' and Blacks' are residents of this district.

Mr. Williams received his primary and secondary education in the public schools of Bakersfield,

California. He received his college education at San Diego State College, obtaining a B. A. degree in Psychology in a near record two-and-one-half years, graduate Major Public Administration.

He is presently working toward a PHD in Human Behavior at USIU.

Councilman Williams' professional background includes employment as a Supervising Social Worker for the San Diego County Welfare Department and Principal Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff of San Diego County.

In 1966 he was selected as Project Director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps in San Diego County. From September 1968, until his appointment to the Council, he served as Acting Executive Director of The San Diego Urban League. He is a member of many community groups and organizations.

Councilman Williams plans to continue during his new term to draw on his experience and training in dealing with the needs of the city and his district and to devote much of his efforts in working toward insuring equal opportunity, increased employment opportunities, a broader range of housing, greater citizen participation in municipal planning, and consideration of the human element in the physical planning process.

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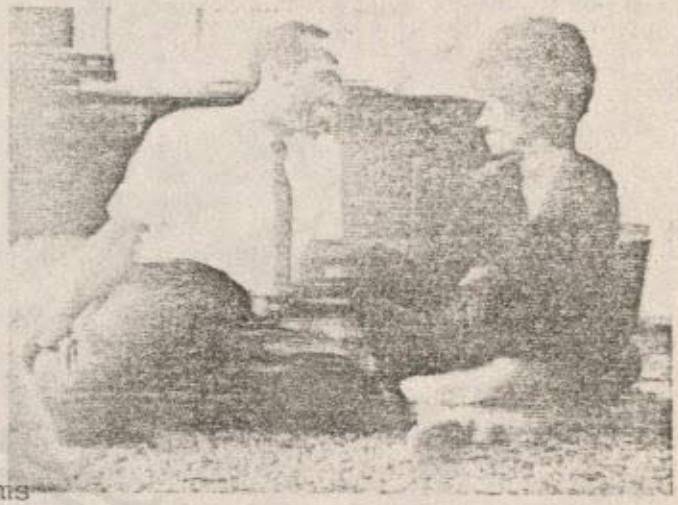

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P H I L O S O P H Y

Mr. Williams efforts are directed toward "people problems." He feels that every man, woman and child should have an equal opportunity to have a prosperous and happy life; that all people are worthwhile and therefore deserve and should have decent housing, and adequate employment opportunities.

Leon L. Williams' believes strongly in the worth of people. He believes that there is no such a thing as a "bad person." Further, he believes, if given a chance, and the opportunity for a prosperous and happy life, decent housing and adequate employment, that there would be little or any crime or unhappiness; that poverty and crime are a direct result of people not being able to feel good about themselves, because of unequal opportunities and inadequate living conditions. He is hopeful, however. He feels that people are beginning to become more aware from the youngest to the oldest, and only through awareness and full participation of all citizens can America become the ideal Country of all people.

"Togetherness leads towards a pathway to the Stars."