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ANNOUNCEMENT

The new Santa Clara County CORE office is open at:

650 South First St.

San Jose, California

Telephone: soon

Serving Northern California in cooperation with
Bay Area CORE groups

Congress of Racial Equality
Santa Clara County Chapter
650 South First St.
San Jose, California



Robert Pickus
1730 Grove St.
Berkeley, Calif.



CORE'S

1961

HOLIDAY

CARDS

AVAILABLE FOR ORDERING

CHECK YOUR LOCAL CORE OFFICE

WASHINGTON REDSKINS PICKETED

San Francisco, Berkeley,

Santa Clara County CORE chapters

coordinated their efforts Sunday,

September 17, and picketed the

'49ers-Redskin game in Kezar

Stadium, San Francisco.

We hope the protests against

the Redskins hiring policy will

continue across the country.

THE NEW CORE OFFICE NEEDS EVERYTHING

Donations are needed for the following equipment and supplies: folding chairs, typewriters, file cabinets, lamps, electric percolator and cups, waste paper baskets, mop, broom, dustpan, radio, typewriter tables, dictionary and thesaurus, pens, pencils, glue, clips, etc.

Should you have any of these items available please bring them to the CORE office or call and we will send someone to pick them up.

We also need labor. The office needs painting, cleaning, and staffing. We hope to get enough help to keep the office open for regular business hours.

I am interested in donating time to staff the office and help with clerical work.

Time available _____

Skills _____

I am willing to paint, decorate, etc., to help get the office started.

Time available _____

_____ I would like to receive the Northwest Area CORE-LATOR.

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____

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_____ To help expenses of CORE-LATOR

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_____ To National CORE

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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City: _____

CORE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 28, THURSDAY, 8:00 PM

Santa Clara County CORE Action Committee meeting
245 E. Rosa St., San Jose
CY4-3360
(Faye Merton's home)

OCTOBER 5, THURSDAY, 8:00 PM

Santa Clara County CORE General Membership meeting
652 So. First St., San Jose

NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 22

James Farmer, National Director and one of the founders of CORE, will be on the West Coast to speak to groups, organizations, churches.

Requests for Mr. Farmer to speak will be coordinated through:

Wester Sweet, Western Regional Representative
654 So. First St.
San Jose, California
CY2-2759

Information may also be obtained from:

Tony Solado, Berkeley CORE Chairman
1709 Milvia St.
TH8-5264

DECEMBER 3, Sunday, 10:00 AM

CORE will present the program for the Los Gatos Unitarian Fellowship.
Lyndon Hotel, Los Gatos

WE HOPE THAT OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS WILL SERVE

THE COMMUNITY

WE HOPE THE CALENDAR WILL SOON INCLUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OTHER SOCIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHER CORE CHAPTERS.

WE WISH TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH OTHER GROUPS WHO ARE WORKING FOR ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ENDS THAT WE ARE WORKING FOR.

WE FEEL THAT FREQUENT COMMUNICATION WOULD PROVIDE ADDED SOURCES OF STRENGTH.

WILL YOU NOTIFY US OF YOUR FUTURE EVENTS?

Two Alabama Editorials

KING'S BOY BOE

Martin Luther King, Negro preacher and leader in many racial agitation moves, has Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy grovelling. The Justice Department has asked to be relieved of the responsibility of acting in the case against CORE after Federal Judge Frank Johnson Jr. recently enjoined CORE leaders, the Ku Klux Klan, city officials and others from participating in any actions that would tend to incite rioting.

The attorney general has long fawned on such organizations as CORE and the NAACP. He actively supported the agitation riders who began streaming into Alabama and Mississippi recently.

Judge Johnson's action in including all parties connected with the "freedom riders" rioting was the most sensible action that has been taken by a federal official in a long time. However, this move by Judge Johnson to restore order and sanity out of chaos evidently embarrassed young Mr. Kennedy who wants to keep the NAACP-CORE votes in his hip pocket and is apparently willing for King to keep him in King's hip pocket to do so.

The Foley Onlooker

Foley, Alabama, Thursday, June 15, 1961

THE SOUTH ASSUMES A SPECIOUS ROLE ON LAW AND ORDER

The attitude of the South in assuming that it has the prerogative to accept what laws of the Nation it desires and reject others which may not be to its liking, must not be encouraged by continued weakened federal policy such as has been found in the past.

If the central government had been firm in demanding enforcement of the U.S. Supreme Court School desegregation decision of May 17, 1954, the stubborn resistance to law and order extant in the South now would never have generated to the point it exists today.

In crying that it is being "persecuted" or is the "whipping boy" of the nation because there is an insistence that it live by the law, the South has developed the psychosis of the paranoid schizophrenic. It expresses delusions of being "picked on", has lost contact with its environment in today's world and suffers with a disintegration of personality which would be compatible with the best interest of the nation.

The oligarchy of our region should be made to realize by the white and black proletariat, that we are not going to allow ourselves to be used as pawns in an unnecessary "fight to the death" to maintain an antiquated social and economic order.

This order was designed to permit the few to control the destiny of our Southland by not extending the principles of human dignity to the masses—white and black alike—differing as to ethnic group only by degree.

The people should like to know by what token of authority does the South feel that it has the right to defy the law of the land on the school desegregation question and other such issues?

The Dixie ruling class today is no different from the firebrands whose recklessness of more than one hundred years ago plunged the nation into a great Civil War.

We sincerely hope that a sober leadership will force to the front and afford to our region the intelligent guidance needed to bring us respect from the rest of the nation and the world.

THE MOBILE BEACON

Mobile, Alabama, Saturday, September 2, 1961

How does it happen that the outstanding leaders and thinkers of the South (such as Mr. Frank P. Thomas, who is the editor and publisher of the Mobile Beacon) are arising from the oppressed group and not the ruling group? It's a truism that the oppressor is more damaged by his role than the oppressed. CORE believes that racial discrimination in the United States affects all Americans adversely.

What is happening to the southern white segregationist? He is exhausting his energy and his sanity trying to defend an indefensible position. In the face of certain defeat he is desperately trying to save face.

The facts of segregation are so irrational, so inconsistent that it is not surprising that people tend to lose their reason defending it. People living in segregated areas have to learn the ground rules each time they change locale.

In New Orleans housing is fairly well integrated. Buses and street cars are integrated; the ferry across the Mississippi is segregated. Trailways and Greyhound station lunch counters are integrated. At Trailways Negroes have to show an interstate ticket; at Greyhound they don't. All other white eating facilities are segregated. Some Negro restaurants serve interracial groups. Some don't.

In Meridian, Miss., Negroes are not allowed to try on clothes or shoes in the shops although they are allowed to buy them.

In Mobile, Ala., Negroes are allowed to try on clothing. The "WHITE" and "COLORED" signs have been removed in the railroad and bus stations but the waiting rooms and lunch counters remain segregated. In the same city there are Negro policemen, bus drivers, and firemen.

In Foley, Alabama, Negroes are not allowed to live within the city limits. There are three Negro settlements several miles out. Negro businesses are required to buy licenses from the town of Foley in order to operate. There are no integrated public accommodations but there are two Negro clerks waiting on white customers in a local hardware store.

The state of Alabama has about thirty miles of public beaches on the Gulf of Mexico--for whites only.

In Gulf Shores, Alabama, Negroes are not allowed to live or stay overnight. One frequently hears white people complaining about the inconvenience of having to drive so far to pick up their household help.

In Alabama this fall the budget was so low that they could not guarantee that teachers would be paid in some counties. Yet Alabama tries to pay for two school systems instead of one, four restrooms in public buildings instead of two, two drinking fountains instead of one.

Where else but in the American South can one read a drily factual news story relating that a voter registration worker was arrested for breach of the peace after a registrar of voters hit him over the head?

There are theories that the southern segregationist really wants someone else to force him to end segregation so that he can save face and say, "It was none of my doing." Let us all help him out all we can.

We would like to thank the people of San Jose for the help and support we have received this past year.

We are proud of our Human Relations Commission which has done so much toward bettering race relations in this area.

Below is a resolution of the Human Relations Commission adopted in early summer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City of San Jose desires to be of assistance to the cities of Anniston, Birmingham, and Montgomery in any way possible toward improving race relations, with the understanding that the acute tension on both sides must be resolved through sympathetic comprehension and analysis of the fears, problems, and traditions involved in the present situation, and through an approach which recognizes the needs of all concerned;

That we realize that problems of race relations exist not only in the South but in all parts of the country, and wish to make available our own experiences in this field as a possible means of assistance to concerned individuals and municipal governments of the Alabama cities above mentioned; and that we offer every means at our disposal as a sister city toward the solving of problems faced by the citizens of the cities of Alabama;

2. That the City Council on behalf of the citizens of San Jose respectfully urges our sister cities of Montgomery, Anniston, and Birmingham to grant equal protection under the law to all persons traveling or residing therein; and to abide by and encourage their citizens to abide by the United States Constitution, its amendments, and the above-mentioned Supreme Court decision.

3. That copies of this resolution be addressed to the governing bodies of the aforesaid cities, to the Governor of Alabama, to Attorney General Robert Kennedy, to the Governor of California, and to President John F. Kennedy.

WELCOME HOME FROM THE MISSISSIPPI JAILS
LEONIS THORNTON AND MIKE POWELL WERE FETED BY SANTA CLARA COUNTY
CORE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. TWO YOUNG MEN TO BE PROUD OF.

We have barely scratched the surface in our first CORE-LATOR

We plan to have another issue out soon--very soon with coverage of the National Convention and the CORE Virginia Action Institute. We felt that we wanted to give more attention to them than our present schedule allowed.

We plead for contributors. We want editorials, news of CORE projects, book reviews, news of civil rights matters from all over. We want to cover news in employment, housing, public accommodations.

We definitely don't want to monopolize the newsletter field. We hope there will soon be newsletters in most of the CORE chapters. We would love to trade newsletters with any group that is publishing now.