"Unhappily, one of the Los Angeles Realty Board branches (Southwest Realty Board), having approximately 670 members and serving an area of Los Angeles with the heaviest Negro population, does not have one Negro member. The branch follows the secret black-ball system of admitting members. This, as I have said, is a violation of the federal and state Constitutions. And, the State of California whose statutes confer on that board's members the exclusive right, call themselves "realtors", is an unwilling party to that violation." (From the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations publications 4-17-64)

CHARLES SHATTUCK, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATION (CREA) WHOSE branches include the SOUTHWEST REALTY BOARD, testifying before the Assembly Interim Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy, September 28-29, 1961

"No, we're not exclusive. All we say is this. We will accept the applications on merit, not race. All we say is this. We will not take members in our board who make a practice or are likely to introduce into a neighborhood either people or uses that will tend to destroy those neighborhoods...Whether the fact that these gentlemen who have made application from time to time were turned down because of race or not, I don't know. I was not on the admissions committee that looked into it. I suppose that the natural conclusion to draw that if over the years applications have been made and there are none in there who are of the Negro race, than there must have been discrimination practice. I suppose that's the only conclusion.—79

YOU SHOULD KNOW THESE FACTS:

1. The Southwest Realty Board operates as almost a total monopoly in the minority communities. They receive high profits from business done in these areas, but they refuse to share multiple listings with Negro brokers.

2. The Southwest Realty Board denies membership to Negro real estate brokers.

3. The profits of the Southwest Realty Board go to support the segregation amendment, Proposition #14, which seeks to destroy all fair housing legislation.

CORE ASKS THE SOUTHWEST REALTY BOARD:

1. to obey the federal and state laws that Attorney General Mosk speaks about, and judge applicants on merit, not race.

2. to accept the applications of the Negro brokers that have applied to their board.

3. once again to meet with CORE in negotiations for these ends.