

Los Angeles CORE MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

19th February 1964

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF 13th FEBRUARY 1964. It was announced that CORE's first regular meeting with the Safeway management to review their progress in implementing the terms of the recently concluded agreement will be held on the fifth of March, and that the complaints brought to CORE by employees of the Safeway baking plant will be amongst the items discussed.

Father Samuel, L.A. CORE's delegate to lobby for the civil rights bill in Washington, spoke briefly of his experiences there, urging all members to write letters of congratulation to their congressmen for their votes, except in the cases of Congressmen Clawson, Lipscomb and Smith, who voted against the bill and should be written to accordingly.

L.A. CORE Chairman Art Silvers reported on his recent trip, together with other civil rights leaders, to confer with Governor Brown in Sacramento. Our Chairman made six proposals to the Governor: (1) That the Governor lend his weight and that of the State to a move to unseat from Congress those men who are seated there illegally because their states deny Negroes the right to vote; (2) that he lend his weight and that of the State to a move to standardize voting procedures throughout the nation or otherwise assure that all states apply equal voting standards equally to all citizens; (3) that he use his influence to secure for the U.S. Department of Justice the power to protect the civil rights of citizens in every state; (4) that he see to it that the public school teachers of California be required to take courses designed to give them an understanding of the various minority groups whose members they are supposed to be teaching; (5) that he use his influence to bring about changes in teaching materials (including audio-visual materials) so that they will properly indicate the multi-cultural, -racial and -religious character of our country; and (6) that he call a special session of the Legislature to investigate the hiring policies and practices of companies under the jurisdiction of the State Public Utilities Commission, since our investigations show approximately 1% of the employees of these companies are from minority groups, a circumstance which (if confirmed by further investigation) would make the State a party to discrimination in employment. The Governor made no response to the first three proposals, but exhibited considerable interest in the last three, and arranged a meeting between the Chairman and the Public Utilities Commissioner.

Arrangements for a Southern California CORE Chapters Conference are now being made, it was announced. Lil Neville, Community Relations Chairman, is in charge of making these arrangements; help is needed, and volunteers are asked to contact the CORE office or Lil Neville directly at NO 1 2624.

The need for coordination between CORE committees and the corresponding committees of the UCRC was again stressed. ALL CORE COMMITTEES MUST SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CORRESPONDING COMMITTEES OF UCRC. Bob Allikas has been appointed general coordinator; CORE committees should report the name(s) of their UCRC committee delegates to him. (Reports can be left for him at the CORE office.)

Appointment of Bob Grimsgaard as Police Practices Committee Chairman was ratified by the General Membership.

Persons interested in serving as Chairman of the Legislative Action Committee are asked to contact Barbara Brittin, L.A. CORE Secretary.

The Membership resolved to support any form of nonviolent direct action decided upon by the parents' organization of the Seventy-fifth Street School, the support to be coordinated by the Education, Action, and Operation Jericho committees.

The Membership Committee reported that the constitutional requirements for active membership are now being implemented. Orientation meetings during March will deal with CORE's philosophical outlook. Active members must be active on one or more standing committee, and will be asked to indicate the committee on which they are active when signing the attendance sheet for voting at the General Membership Meetings.

The Membership Committee brought a recommendation that seventeen L.A. CORE members be returned to "member on approval" status, subject to all conditions and requirements and possessed of all privileges of that status, and to this end the Committee moved that the Secretary cite the seventeen members in question to appear at the next General Membership Meeting and show cause why the Committee's recommendation should not be adopted as appropriate remedy for the charges, of flagrant violation of CORE discipline, amongst others.

A constitutional amendment was adopted by the Membership, whereby the committee formerly known as the Police Practices Committee is now known as the Police Malpractice Committee; and Bob Grimsgaard, Committee Chairman, announced that the Committee is now open, and members are invited to attend its meetings (see Calendar) and join it.

The Membership resolved to participate in the March for Peace, Jobs, and Freedom to be held here on Easter Saturday. Members interested in working on committees to prepare details of the march are asked to contact Barbara Brittin at the CORE office.

It was decided to proceed with plans made by the Entertainment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee for holding a Latin dance at the Statler Hilton, with \$250.00 of the proceeds to defray the cost of the hall. If discriminatory employment practices are discovered, negotiations can proceed. (NB.: The cost of the hall has been reduced by \$500.00 as a gesture of good will by the hotel management.)

The Membership bound itself to the following decision reached at the San Francisco CORE Conference: That two five-member teams, to be chosen by the Regional Field Secretary, one for Bank of America, one for the utilities project, will negotiate with the industry in question and bring back what they believe to be an acceptable agreement or what they name unacceptable to an all-California CORE Conference. A 2/3 vote of official delegates present at the Conference will be necessary to approve an agreement and will bind all chapters.

The Employment Committee announced the conclusion of successful negotiations with Coffee Dan's restaurants.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

Office Committee: This committee had an organization meeting on the fifteenth of this month, as a result of which the office is already functioning with notably increased efficiency. But more volunteers are still needed. If you can come to work in the office on an approximately regular basis for a few hours a week; especially in the evenings, please contact Bruce Boyd at the CORE office. The constitutional requirements that active members must perform necessary work required to support CORE activities and must serve on one or more of the standing committees can now be satisfied by volunteer work in the CORE office.

Printing Committee: Alan Ogden has resigned from the Printing Committee and Bob Atwood has been appointed Chairman. Anyone interested in joining this committee should telephone or come to the office and inform the Committee Chairman or the Office Manager. This is an opportunity to acquire familiarity with offset equipment and learn a skill which might well be an advantage in looking for future jobs.

WANTED, BY LOS ANGELES CORE ACTION COMMITTEE: CORE MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT AFRAID TO STOP TRUCKS WITH THEIR BODIES.

QUALIFICATIONS: WILLINGNESS TO GO TO JAIL FOR FREEDOM.

IF YOU QUALIFY, TELEPHONE OR WRITE TO THE CORE OFFICE AND ASK TO HAVE YOUR NAME ADDED TO THE SPECIAL ACTION VOLUNTEERS LIST TODAY!

SPECIAL NOTICES:

The United Civil Rights Committee, of which Los Angeles CORE is a member organization, has decided to take action against the Ralph's food chain. The action is to begin with a picket line at the Ralph's store at Santa Barbara and Western, on Thursday, February 27th, at 5:00 PM. For further information call the UCRC office, PL 0 3173.

On Tuesday, February 25th, at 8:00 PM, at the UCRC office, 8501 South San Pedro, there will be a training session which everyone desiring to be a monitor or picket captain during the above action is asked to attend. If you would like to be a monitor or picket captain, it is essential that you attend this meeting.