

A Statement by the Los Angeles Chapter of --

THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (C O R E)

On May 29th, Mr. Hercules Bowden, a Negro turret-lathe operator formerly employed by the VICKERS CORPORATION, brought a complaint to CORE. Mr. Bowden and a caucasian employee of Vickers had witnessed a fistfight between still another caucasian employee and a supervisor. In the resulting court case, Mr. Bowden and the two caucasians all testified that the fight was initiated by the supervisor.

For testifying against the supervisor, all three employees were punished. The two caucasians were suspended and subsequently reinstated. Mr. Bowden was fired.

While employed at Vickers, on several occasions Mr. Bowden was called "nigger" by his supervisor.

Mr. Bowden has filed complaints with his Union, the FEPC and other regulatory agencies, as well as with CORE. CORE attempted to negotiate with the Vickers Corporation, but the company refused to meet with our organization.

CORE will continue direct action on Mr. Bowden's behalf until he is reinstated and until Vickers offers improved employment opportunities for members of all minority groups.

WE URGE YOU TO GIVE THIS PROTEST YOUR SUPPORT, TO HELP BRING ABOUT JUSTICE AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY, WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

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