ANGELES CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

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<u>URGENT</u> ANNOUNCEMENT. CORE is asking you to give up a night's sleep to protest school segregation in this community. Repeated demands, discussions and negotiations have failed to move the Los Angeles Board of Education even to begin desegregating our schools.

THERE WILL BE A THIRD ALL-NIGHT SIT-IN
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7 AT THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION BUILDING, 450 NORTH GRAND AVE

Your help is urgently needed to make Thursday night's sit-in a dramatic demonstration of public concern that the Board cannot ignore. Meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Education patio. Be prompt; another attempt may be made to lock out latecomers. Participants will be expected to remain in the corridor with the sit-in until the demonstration is over at 6 a.m.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> Do not come if you are not willing to undergo both physical mistreatment and unjust arrest. During the last sit-in on October 31st, participants received cuts and bruises during rough treatment by Board of Education security officers. Although demonstrators remain <u>entirely nonviolent</u>, three demonstrators were dragged from the sit-in and arrested by a security officer on an entirely false charge of battery. Every single participant in the sit-in refrained from the least act of violence toward the officers. Do not come Thursday if you cannot maintain such discipline.

URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT. CORE's National Action Council, senior governing body of National CORE, meets in Los Angeles November 8th, 9th and 10th to determine action projects for next year, including projects against discrimination on the West Coast. A public rally will be held on November 8th at South Park, 51st and Avalon, at 8:00 p.m. James Farmer, CORE National Director, will be the main speaker. Guests include Floyd McKissick, CORE National Chairman, Mervyn Dymally, ministers, Negro councilmen and names in the entertainment field. Roscoe, KGFJ disc jockey, will MC the program. All LA CORE members should be present at this rally. (For more on the rally, see the Report of the Special Project Coordinating Committee elsewhere in this issue.)

NAC CONFERENCE EVENTS

Friday November 8	th, ll a.m.	East Los Angeles College	Floyd McKissick
tr	noon	Los Angeles State College	James Farmer
ti	3 p.m.	California Institute of Technology	James Farmer
11	8 p.m.	PUBLIC RALLY SOUTH PARK	James Farmer, oth
		51st and Avalon, Los Angeles	
Saturday November	9th, a.m.	NAC Meeting (closed)	Dunbar Hotel, and Ce
W.	1-3 p.m.	NAC Meeting (open to CORE delegates)	II .
11	p.m.	NAC Meeting (closed)	II.

*NAC CONFERENCE EVENTS (continued)

Saturday November 9th, 8 p.m.	Valley CORE fund-raising party Oakhill Lodge - 16000 Baily Road, Sunland - adults \$2.00, students \$1	James Farmer, all NAC members are guests
Sunday November 10th, a.m.	NAC Meeting (closed)	Dunbar Hotel
3 p.m.	LA CORE members, reception to meet James Farmer & other NAC members	1240 So. Arlington
7 p.m.	Long Beach CORE Church Rally	Floyd McKissick
7:30 p.m.	Pasadena CORE fund raiser Friendship Baptist Church 80 West Dayton, Pasadena	James Farmer, all NAC members are guests
Monday, November 11th, noon .	University of California, Los Angeles James Farmer	
" 3 p.m.	Valley State College	James Farmer
7 p.m.	Oxnard CORE Church Rally	Floyd McKissick
** 8 p.m.	San Bernardino CORE fund-raising cocktail party - Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, 8th and L, San	James Farmer, NAC members are guests
	Bernardino - \$1.00	

DIGEST OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF 24th OCTOBER 1963

Principal business of this meeting was ratification of the proposed constitution. Articles I and II were adopted as proposed.

Article III was passed with the following amendments:

1) In Section 2, the words "as described in Article II" were added to the end of Paragraph E.

2) In Section 3, Paragraph A, the last clause, "or (c) attempts to subvert the

CORE group through allegiance to other groups or organizations," was deleted.

3) In Section 3, Paragraph B, the last two words "these projects" were replaced with "CORE activities."

4) In Section 6, Paragraph C, the following sentence was added: "The active membership must be notified in advance of such a meeting if the member in question so requests."

5) In Section 6 a paragraph "D" was added, as follows: "All charges against a member to be dropped from membership are to be presented in writing to the Executive Committee.

Article IV was passed with the following amendments:

1) In Section 1, the second paragraph is stricken and replaced with the following:
"The Executive Committee is comprised of five officers, plus the chairmen of the standing committees of the organization. The five officers are elected by majority vote of the membership. Chairmen of the standing committees are appointed by the Chairman upon recommendation of the committees. They are ratified by the membership within 30 days."

2) Section 2, Paragraph E is changed to read as follows: "The secretary is responsible for the minutes of the General Membership and Executive Committee meetings. The office manager is under the supervision of the Chairman.

Article V was passed in part, with amendments, as follows:

1) Section 1, Paragraph A: The first sentence is changed to read as follows: "The Action Committee organizes and carries through, in cooperation with the originating committee and the negotiating team, direct action projects which have been authorized by two thirds of the membership at a membership meeting, such as (sic) picketing, demonstrating, rallies, sit-ins, etc."

2) Section 1, Paragraph B, was passed.

3) Section 1, Paragraph I, was passed with the following amendments: "Public Rela-

tions Committee" is replaced by "Community Relations Committee" throughout; and the last sentence of the Paragraph is replaced by the following: "The Community Relations Committee shall be responsible for the content of all statements to all press media (radio, television, newspapers and magazines) whether oral or written; and shall further be responsible for all oral or written material directed to the general public or to organizations other than CORE. It maintains organizational contact with other civil rights organizations."

4) In Section 1, a Paragraph "J" was added as follows: "The Mexican-American Committee investigates conditions of discrimination in the Mexican-American community, maintains organizational contact with outside Mexican groups concerned with the elimination of discrimination and engages in the recruitment of Mexican-American members. The Mexican-American Committee meets at least twice a month. Three members are a quorum. This Committee is to recommend action to the Membership Committee."

5) Wherever the words "Speakers Bureau" appear on page four in relation to other committees, the words "a subcommittee of the Community Relations Committee" shall be added to them.

6) In Section 1, Paragraph C, the next to the last sentence is replaced by the following sentence: "All ordinary operating expenses are decided by the committee and other expenditures are decided by vote of the membership.

Article VII, Sections 1 and 2, were approved.

It was decided to send \$150.00 to aid a group of Berkeley CORE members who were beaten by the police and are in hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. (A collection was made to raise part of this money.) Members were urged to donate blood as well. (Funds should be sent to Mike Myerson, 2224 Roosevelt St., Berkeley 3, Calif; blood should be credited to Mike Miller, University Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi.)

Meeting was adjourned to the 14th November, when ratification will continue.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE. The Nominations Committee, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution, has prepared the following slate of candidates for the election of officers to be held on the 21st November 1963:

1) Chairman: *Danny Gray 2) First Vice-Chairman: *Mari Goldman Art Silvers 2) First Vice-Chairman: *Mari Goldman **

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3) Second Vice-Chairman: Paul Jackson 4) Treasurer: Pat Elmore
Earnestine Johnson Roberta Nicholson

5) Secretary: X Barbara Brittin
Louise Meriwether
Richard Thomson

Nominations for additional candidates can be made from the floor at the meeting of 21st November called for the election of officers. To be elected a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast. Offices will be filled in the order listed above. There will be separate ballotting for each office.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE. This Committee, at its initial meeting on 29th October, attended by all LA CORE Committee Chairmen and chaired by Temporary Special Project Coordinator Art Silvers, decided to begin, in the area comprising the Jordan, Fremont and Jefferson school districts, an intensive campaign to bring CORE to the neighborhood and the neighborhood to CORE, by means of door-to-door visits, gatherings in homes, neighborhood meetings, and working with various organizations and churches. This program is to begin with the public rally for the NAC confer-

ence on Friday evening, November 8th. All committees are asked to determine which issues they think can most effectively be combined with this project, and to bring their recommendations back to the Special Project Coordinating Committee.

(The Education Committee has proposed circulation of a petition against de facto

school segregation.)

The next Special Project Coordinating Committee meeting coincides with the regular Speakers Bureau meeting of November 4th. At this meeting plans will be formulated for training sessions for the project. Future meetings will be announced in this Bulletin.

The Executive Committee at a special meeting on November 1st approved this Committee's proposal; public announcement of the beginning of the project will be made at the November 8th rally. Every LA CORE member is urgently requested to attend.

STANDING COMMITTEE NOTES

Action Committee. Picketing continues during the weekends at Don Wilson's Centerview Estates. For further information call the CORE office.

Speakers Bureau. All CORE speakers are asked to submit a brief autobiography to Barbara Brittin, Speakers Bureau Secretary.

Employment Committee. Safeway has 59 job openings at the present time, and they are looking for qualified minority people. Apply at 1925 East Vernon Avenue. If you encounter difficulty contact anyone on the CORE Employment Committee.

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