

PRESS RELEASE

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It is time that this community be made aware of the truth about the San Diego Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality and it's feelings pertaining to subversive groups.

We want to make it very clear that CORE does not now, and it never has opened its doors to any person who is a member of or associates with an organization which expounds a philosophy which is inimical or in contradiction to the fundamental principles of the American Constitution.

The San Diego Chapter has gone ahead as prohibiting membership to anyone who is a member of, or has loyalty to the Communist Party or the Social Workers' Party. This action underlined National CORE's constitution regarding membership.

Since our chapter's inception in San Diego, there has been an undercurrent of opinion that our organization is a front for subversive groups. We have always considered this a smear tactic and a method of escape for those who are opponents to the civil rights movement.

At the same time we realize that the discontent of the Negro is fertile soil for those who would like to use that discontent to further the goals of their own particular organization. With this realization our chapter has been alert to any attempt of infiltration.

In recent months, I became aware of a divisive force in our chapter. Much study and investigation led to my conclusion that the divisive element was part of a plan to gain control of our chapter. Our chapter then took action which resulted in expulsion of two persons found to be members of the Socialist Workers' Party. It is my feeling that the Negro neither wants or needs the Communist Party or the Socialist Workers' Party to help them pave the road to freedom.

We are aware that the release of this information to the public can be used by some to shake their finger and say, "I told you so." But the true fact is that the San Diego Chapter of CORE has only fought to gain a better life for Negroes and other minorities and has never permitted itself to be used as a tool for leftist groups.

This community can rest assured that we will continue a militant program against all traces of racial injustice and will remain opposed to any group that seeks to use the discontent of the Negro as a tool to achieve their own particular ideology.