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documentation of complaints to support a request that San Diego CORE be placed in receivership by the National Action Council.

- I. Voting rights are denied some Active members in good standing by false claims regarding their membership status.
- II. Individual whose membership is up for revocation was denied the right to be present by the Chairman when his "case" was being discussed and voted upon.
- III. Derogatory names and blanket indictments made by the Chairman to those members voting in opposition to the Chairman.
 - A. Indiscriminate use of the label "communist".
 - B. "You are uglier than the ugliest white man I've ever seen." (This remark was made to a young CORE member who also heads SNCC group locally.)
 - C. White females have become known as "pushy white women" due to the constant usage of this term by the Chairman in an apparent attempt to play down the efforts of all white workers regardless of their contribution to the movement.
 - D. Negroes who have voted against the Chair have been called "white".
- IV. Use of threats and intimidation to influence opinions and votes.
 - A. Chairman has called meetings of Negro members only to discuss his feelings of a "white take-over" of the chapter.
 - B. In pointing out to some Negro members how other Negroes voted----"How can you as a Black man voate against me as a Black man?"
 - C. Members who have disagreed with the Chair on procedure or conduct of meetings have been told to "get out" if they didn't like the methods.
 - D. Constitutional, democratic process, and Roberts Rules have been said to be "useless and not pertinent in the revolution" when members have called for procedural points to be recognized.
 - E. At meetings the Chairman has refused to recognize a challenge of his decisions on controversial issues.
 - F. The Chairman has refused to instruct the parliamentarian to rule on constitutionality when such a request was made by members.
 - G. The Chairman has insisted on and indeed has voted (on controversial issues) at meetings in clear violation of the local constitution requiring the chair to vote only in case of a tie.
- V. Red baiting tactics are used.
 - A. The First Vice Chairman has been accused of being part of a left-wing conspiracy to "take over CORE" thus splitting the chapter on racial and political lines in what would seem to be a deliberate attempt to purge the chapter of whites, using the red-baiting method.

- VI. By alienating committee chairmen who oppose the Chairman, appointed members of the executive board now consist in total (with the exception of two people) of hand-picked, pro-Chair individuals.
- VII. The Chairman has stated publicly on local t.v. his possible intention of resigning as Chairman before notifying either his executive committee or the general membership. Subsequently he announced at a membership meeting his intention of resigning his Chairmanship if a motion to revoke the membership of two persons in question was not passed.
- VIII. The Chairman is guilty of verbal threats as well as attempted physical violence to members at board and general membership meetings and the tolerance of same by some members who follow his point of view unquestionably.

The general behavior of our Chairman Hal Brown during the past several months has resulted in an internal division of the officers and members of the chapter to the extent that the chapter is incapable of effectively taking care of the affairs of the chapter.

There are also reports that a number of our regular contributors who apparently have gotten word of our situation are on the verge of discontinuing their monthly pledge.

Again, we feel very strongly that San Diego CORE should be placed in trusteeship or receivership, whichever is the appropriate action.