FLATLANDS Attacked at School Board Meeting

Joan Sparks: "...the boycott...is not to blame..."

The school board meeting of October 29, the first meeting following the boycott, lasted three hours and forty minutes. At 5 p.m. the board moved into a smaller hall to admit the large number present—the hall was filled to capacity.

The board listened to specific announcements dealing with the strike and boycott. Over 80 people made presentations to the board, half of them attacking the boycott and associating it with the riot, the other half, not in simple support but stating the problems that exist in Oakland, and the need to begin work on these problems. The announcement that the three-day cost the schools $40,000, including fire damage, substitute teachers, overtime, window damage and miscellaneous repairs. The board had received letters to support the closed school and education in Oakland. Only one letter had been written stating that a warrant could not support the action of the board.

The presentations had a wide range. Some tied the boycott and the rioting as one thing. Their feelings were that law and order had been broken, and that those who had broken it must be made to pay. Payment would be in the form of a payment. COBO (Citizens on Better Education) stated that the board should commit itself to full prosecution of anyone encouraging the illegal conspiracy of the boycott. "Does the help and encouragement of the FLATLANDS in promoting this boycott constitute conspiracy? Does the help and encouragement of the FLATLANDS in promoting this boycott constitute conspiracy?"

A teacher from Castlemont High School, Mariella Lenahan, presented a petition signed by 50 teachers. "We want uniformed police there so we don't have to run around calling them. Girls are worse than boys. Not once since I've been in Castlemont for three years have I not been called "Fag and called obscene names." She went on to explain that this didn't happen in the classroom but in the hall. "It's administration you can't sit in an ivory tower and think of us as statistics. We are people."

"Unity of the Community" was the theme of the first Training Conference put on by the Corporation of the Poor. How did it go? The theme was answered by the words of those at the conference.

"There is something going on here. This seems to be where the action is. I didn't know so many people were honestly and intelligently interested in the problems that surround us in Oakland. They aren't talking crap, they are here to learn--and teach. The ideas that have hit me here are ideas that look like they're going to work and they make me want to work. "I want my neighborhood organized so that we can give half to School Boards and City Council, and I'm learning how it's done here."

Others wrote:

"Aside from the pleasant company, the cooking and the dancing, the workshops and the parliamentary procedure course was just what was needed. It's a great play that always at these sessions only the same group shows up. I think the Advisory Committee had a new insight on the poor are always present."

In a lighter vein, Mr. Everett wrote: "I enjoyed the retreat. I didn't go to bed till late, but I couldn't sleep anyway because Ike Harris snored so loud. I never stayed in a place where they had so many men sleeping together and the women sleeping together...the get-together and the dance was fun for the poor."

Another person had this to say: "The kind of training and opportunity for expression at this..."

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Chance for Unity by Pauline Goetz

"Our assemblyman must be aware of all issues..."

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G.O.P. Conference is making it possible for Oakland's poor people and minorities to have a real voice in the decisions that affect our lives. We must immediately put new practices to the test we have learned!

This reporter would like to add a few remarks of her own. Sometimes you go to a party and for the first little while you don't know if it's going to "turn out" and then something "clicks" and something happens. Attendance was smaller than expected at Oakland's Target Area Corporation meeting to explain the boycott. Parents (and Minority Parents) held their second meeting to any interested citizen. No Negro parents that tried to attend were turned away - which makes one wonder if there is any justice whatever in this group.

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As usual, the Advisory Committee members stayed away in droves - a big disappointment to us all. But for those of us who drive - a big disappointment. The talk given by Nat Chaffee on neighborhood organization was the best I've ever heard. He met us head on where we stand now. The usual irrelevancies indulged in by G.O.P., members, have been respected and the audience gave us the straight stuff. The other educational highlight of the conference was Paul Cobb's easy and appealing way of talking, straight as a arrow. The people who worked night and day for weeks so that students would have lunch money for the weather, the big reedorf forest, the school board not mind games and other recreation just across ingredients to the weekend success story.

Last, may I make an Orono statement? Some of the money that went into the operating expenses of putting this conference on actually fell into the pockets of the poor. — for baby-sitting and transportation expenses, and for those who helped in the planning stage. Orono: Where were all the teachers after this? This conference was especially for them! Some of us were saying maybe the "stay-aways" don't really want to represent us on the committees. Maybe they, like the establishment, think they know what's good for us and don't want any trouble.

Ray Norton’s program for action:

QUALITY EMPLOYMENT: All the citizens of my district have a right to full and fair choices of jobs. My aim is to personally work toward securing more jobs by working with business, industrial, and professional men who can provide the jobs. G.O.P. was there, but didn't do it. They renounced much pretty much like the Oakland Tribune - the Berkeley Post headlines linked the boycott and the riots in big bold type. None of them have a personal knowledge of the Oakland schools, the neighborhood agitators.

QUALITY HOUSING: Establish through Federal and state government low-income family rental housing

QUALITY EDUCATION: I shall work to provide the best possible education for every child of my district.

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