

## Block Vote Power

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Berkeley has emerged as the most influential block of voters in Berkeley city elections. . . to win, a Democratic slate must effectively appeal to Negro voters in a way that will turn out the vote."

After the election, the school board got down to business again. It decided to hire only teachers from city areas, with experience, and wherever possible, Negroes or members of other minorities. They required more salary than the green young ladies from the midwest, but we needed people who could really teach poor city children.

The board directed that there be a uniform discipline policy for all students, with more emphasis on counselling and less on suspension. It found new books which teach respect for men of all colors, and is even having some especially written. It began to give children in the poorest areas pre-school experience in the Headstart program, so they won't be so far behind the middle class children when they start kindergarten.

Just this spring the board decided it could cut the sizes of classes in Berkeley flatlands schools where they were especially overcrowded. But it didn't want to build more classrooms there, because that would have means more segregation. Instead it decided to use the money to

buy buses and take over 200 of the flatlands children to hill area schools where there was room for them. By discussing everything carefully with both the Negro and white parents ahead of time, it worked out the busing very smoothly.

But this isn't a real answer. What the board has to do is make the flatland schools so good that middle class white people will want to move into the area. Already the hill residents are complaining that they are losing some of their best teachers to the flatlands.

This change in atmosphere is the most important thing in Berkeley. It is too early yet to point to any results that you could measure in test scores. And so much still has to be done. Classes should be much smaller, so children can get individual attention.

They used to say in Berkeley that the black people wouldn't vote. Now they're outvoting the people in the rest of the city. That is something the people in the hills of Oakland sure don't want to see happen in Oakland.

That's why the politicians try to keep us fighting each other. They will say anything we want to hear just to try to confuse the people and split up their vote. But it is one thing to talk big, and another to do something about it.

The minute the black people of Oakland unite and go after what they want, we'll see the same changes in Oakland that we've seen in the Berkeley schools.

## OEDC's New Power Base

By Gene Drew

At least until the next crisis the McCullum Committee's report and thus the issue of 51% representation elected by the target area advisory committees to the Oakland Economic Development Council seems to have been solved. Council members were concerned with other issues at the May 25 meeting and the McCullum committee proposals were passed, despite the feeble objection

committee proposals. Many of the McCullum committee proposals that West Oakland had helped to push for were the 51% representation and the fifth target area advisory committee for Mexican-Americans. All else in the McCullum committee's report had to do with providing maximum feasible participation gram.

If there should come another crisis in the poverty program it will be around the implementation of these proposals. It is clear



The Argument Runs On

Photo: Howard Harawitz

of target area advisory committee members who had taken the pains to examine these proposals. Representatives on the council from North Oakland and Fruitvale advisory committees stated that they had been instructed to accept only certain parts of the report. West Oakland representatives, however, stated that the entire proposed program was satisfactory to them.

The McCullum committee's report probably comes close to the needs of the people in the target areas. Issues like who should administer the Legal Aid program in Oakland and the Police Review Board proposal apparently did not affect the voting of delegates from the target areas on the report. There were sufficient objections to parts of the McCullum committee's proposals by Fruitvale and North Oakland and the action of West Oakland can only be interpreted to mean that West Oakland plans to keep a sharp eye on the implementation of the McCullum

from the action taken by these advisory committees that they did not intend to be satisfied with concessions on paper. Many representatives were willing to settle for 51% representation on the council. This majority vote would give them the power to put any kind of program into effect that they deem necessary. Perhaps some change is still to come. The effects will mean that at least agencies will have to deal with a new power base.

The police review board proposal is expected to be funded by the Ford Foundation within 30 days. That should mean that there can be a citizens' review board without the approval of the Oakland city council. If the city council objects the task would be to seek 10% of participating funds from another source.

The OEDC did not move in that direction at its May 25 meeting. Instead, a motion was passed to seek a favorable legal opinion as to the power of the Oakland City Council to veto OEDC proposals.

# DE GIORGIO BOYCOTT, POR FAVOR!

Last fall the farm workers in Delano—the National Farm Workers Association, led by Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta—went on strike against 30 ranchers in Kern and Tulare counties, de-

we picket the stores—we stand in the driveways—and ask customers not to buy these products.

The law is for the farm workers and for us their friends, as well as for the ranchers such as

Viva La Huelgal

Yours in brotherhood  
Mike Caro—  
painter, Hayward  
Dave Adrian—  
metal worker, Berkeley



A Delano Striker

Photo by George Ballis

manding a living wage, decent working conditions, and union representation. Some of the growers have signed agreements with the NFWA. Di Giorgio—one of the largest—refuses.

One hundred and forty five years ago—after a ten year struggle for liberty—Mexico won its independence. Mexicans here in the United States, as well as all other farm workers and their friends are engaged in another struggle for freedom and dignity, which poverty denies them.

Friends of the Delano strikers are helping them by asking stores in Alameda County not to sell Di Giorgio label products. If they refuse to stop selling S&W, Treesweet (and Keystone), then

Di Giorgio.

We have freedoms and rights which the Constitution guarantees us: the freedom and right to assemble; the freedom and right to protest; the freedom and right to picket.

On Saturday June 11, we will make a major effort to picket stores in Berkeley, Oakland, and southern Alameda County. There will be a Committee of Citizens in each area.

The Delano strikers have sent us signs and red and black HUELGA! flags for us to carry. Also leaflets to pass out to tell the story to customers.

If you can come please phone 549-0798 or 471-6204 or 893-2283 and leave your name and number.

La enorme corporacion Di Giorgio reporto ventas en 1965 de \$231,825,000 dolares.

Los campesinos ganan a lo mas \$3,000 dolares al ano.

El dia ocho de Septiembre de 1965, los campesinos en las areas de Delano salieron en Huelga contra treinta rancheros en los condados de Kern y Tulare.

- La Huelga sigue!
- Di Giorgio produce los productos S&W y Treesweet.
- Di Giorgio no quiere reconocer La Asociacion Nacional de Campesinos.
- Los campesinos piden los derechos de reconocimiento y de negociaciones colectivas.

## Job Hunt

Mr. James C. Dixon has recently joined the staff of the East Oakland branch of the Oakland Adult Minority Employment Project. Mr. Dixon has lived in Oakland the past 15 years and has been very active in community affairs and the civil rights movement. Mr. Dixon is active in JOBART and has served as chairman of the Labor Industry committee of the NAACP. He was also one of several people who helped develop the written proposal for a Police Review Board in Oakland.

As an employment community worker, Mr. Dixon spends a good part of his time in the community informing job seekers and groups of the services provided by the Adult Minority Employment Project and how his office relates to the East Bay Skills Center.

One of the new activities Mr. Dixon will begin in the near future will be to take groups of men on jobs seeking trips. Before leaving from his office at 8924 Holly St., the men will discuss the route they will take, what kinds of work to ask for and where and when they will be picked up. If the job seekers are unable to locate work, Mr. Dixon will drive them back to his office for a group discussion on what happened to each person and how they might improve their chances next time.

Mr. Dixon states that readers of the Flatlands having difficulty finding employment or training opportunities should not hesitate to visit him in his office or call him at 638-3001.

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The sense of the discussion that surrounded this motion was that OEDC representatives should negotiate with city hall. The facts are that a proposal has been approved for funding by the OEDC and the Ford Foundation will probably fund such a program. The question is what is there to negotiate about.

The mayor of Oakland stated in his presentation to the OEDC that the city council had never interfered with any of the proposals passed by the OEDC. If

51% does give control of the poverty program to the poor and the city continues to provide the 10% of participating funds there apparently will be many efforts to interfere with OEDC proposals in the future. The entire representation from the target area advisory committees supported the police review board proposal. With increased representation, it will be these delegates who become the new power base to be dealt with in the future.

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