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Historical Note:
Formed in 1963 because of increasing racial tension, the Citizens Interracial Committee (CIC) sought to create community dialogues and educate people about racial issues and concerns within city limits. In 1964, the CIC became an official non-profit organization and received city funding. Initially, the CIC consisted of a director (Carroll Waymon), a secretary, a consultant and a clerk. Over the next several years the city increased CIC funding, allowing the agency to expand to include other employees and services.

Under the directorship of Carroll Waymon, the organization responded to complaints, generated reports on racial issues and incidents (such as the Mountain View Park disturbance), created community dialogue through meetings, events, and a news column in The Voice, and sent out speakers and educational materials to educate the public about racial tension in San Diego. Because of city funding, the CIC's activities primarily targeted the metropolitan area.

The County saw a need for a similar agency, and in 1969, the County decided to partner with the City in order to create a county-wide Human Relations Commission, which would phase out the CIC. Many believed the City's decision to end CIC funding had more to do with CIC criticism of the City than the creation of a larger commission, and a community backlash against the City's decision ensued. Despite these efforts, the CIC eventually disbanded on December 31, 1969.

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Scope and Contents
One of CIC's primary activities was to hold massive biweekly meetings called "community dialogues" to discuss broad issues such as racism, police sensitivity, education, and employment discrimination within the city of San Diego. The number of attendees at any given meeting was usually quite high—perhaps as many as 30 or more persons—representing an extremely wide variety of backgrounds, including city officials, educators, administrators, religious leaders, law enforcement, journalists, and minority community spokespersons. The meetings were moderated by CIC Executive Director Carroll Waymon, and his voice is often the first one heard in the audio recordings of the meetings.

The collection's sound recordings represent nearly 2 years' worth of CIC community dialogue meetings, from August 1967 to June 1969. They were digitized from the original reel-to-reel tapes, and total approximately 100 hours of footage. These recordings provide insight into the workings of a major metropolitan city engaging in discussions of race relations on an unprecedented scale. Of particular note is the meeting recorded the day after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Reel #12-1). Several of the recordings include brief meeting minutes with the agenda, list of attendees, and some information regarding the content of the meeting.

Currently, there is only minimal information available for each tape. If you can provide more information on the content or context of these tapes, or wish to provide partial or complete tape transcripts, please email us at scref@rohan.sdsu.edu.

To listen to the recordings click here: http://library.sdsu.edu/scua/citizens-interracial-committee, or simply click the link below each item in the box list.

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August 18, 1967 (reel #22-1)

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http://library.sdsu.edu/scua/citizens-interracial-committee#reel22-1 This tape is a recording of one of the numerous CIC dialogue sessions with community groups and city officials. This particular session included representatives the city attorney's office, the Urban League, San Diego City Schools, the Union-Tribune, various churches, the police department, city officials, and the mayor. This recording includes introductions from participants, an overview of the agenda, and a discussion and review of the previous session's meeting minutes, as well as an agreement that certain public officials (the mayor, chief of police, and Councilman Hahn from the Southeast San Diego district) must be present at future meetings. After reviewing these minutes, the group discussed the definition of racism. One participant differentiated between racism and racial discrimination, claiming that San Diego is not racist because racism isn't embedded in its legal structure the way it was in Nazi Germany or South Africa. Other participants concluded that racial discrimination is accepted as normal in San Diego and this issue must be addressed in order to effect change. Mayor Curran also spoke up and stated that semantics makes communication about racial issues complex and difficult. The tape ends in the middle of Mayor Curran's discussion.
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