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CLR MEET SEES NEW POLITICS, STATEWIDE

"New politics" is a term on many lips these days. A July 9-10 meeting of the Southern and Northern California Boards of the Californians for Liberal Representation (CLR) decided to convene a statewide liberal-radical conference in Los Angeles set for the last week in September.

At the CLR Board meeting (attended by almost all of California's peace-candidates in the June 7 primary, liberal leaders from the ILWU, CDC and CORE, and radicals from other groups), Bob Scheer introduced the idea of statewide new politics. He said: "The political climate in California demands a statewide conference now. The Left showed significant power in the primary--candidates running on the crucial issues of war and poverty up and down the state all got over 40%. We must now attempt to consolidate this power by getting radicals and liberals from all over the state together. We must consolidate or we will still be fighting separate battles."

This conference will be open; it will try to bring together anyone considering himself left, radical, disenfranchised or insurgent. Don Rothenberg, Chairman of Northern California CLR, stated: "We must make absolutely sure that anyone who considers himself in the left opposition knows about this conference and feels that he can participate in the dialogue. A good deal of our time between now and the end of September must be spent in making sure that all left groups are invited to this conference, that they know about it and feel as enthusiastic about its possibilities as we do."

One member of the Northern California Board remarked: "This conference will be a kind of re-grouping. It will re-align the forces on the left. After CDC, a lot of liberals were left with no place to go. Now, they have participated in campaigns like Scheer's and feel greater compatibility with the New Left than they did with liberals like Brown. But the CDC was certainly important in an historical

TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED SCHEER FOR CONGRESS:

Our campaign was founded on assumptions which are at odds with mainstream American politics. We were concerned with issues and not personalities.

We were committed to development of community dialogue and involvement and not merely to electoral victory. The fact that we obtained an unexpectedly large vote does not change this commitment but rather reinforces it. *The Community for New Politics* was formed to carry out this commitment. We are, in fact, in a very favorable position to implement a "new politics". The campaign produced strong community ties and the beginnings of a serious program. If we succeed in new politics it will serve as a much needed model for American political life. If we fail to seriously attempt it we betray not only the larger community but our most significant hopes as well.

This will be a more difficult period than that which preceded the election -- it requires all of our support.

--ROBERT SCHEER



Scheer speaks to over 2500 July 17 demonstrators at S. F. City Hall.

sense; and this conference in September will occupy a position of comparable significance to the 1952 founding of the CDC at Asilomar when the history of radical politics in this state is written."

LEFT-OUT FABLE #1

High in the Oakland Hills there nestles a lone electoral precinct. On the Alameda County map of Bob Treuhaft's election returns this little precinct has the distinction of being the only one colored-in amidst a vast expanse of white space. In truth, it is largely colored people who live there, and it is largely white people who live in the surrounding hills. Long ago Attorney Treuhaft helped the first Negro family to move into this exclusive area and thereupon the white family across the street was the first to move out. The Negro family has never forgotten Bob Treuhaft, and neither has Frank Coakley, who used to live across the street.