

Lorain CORE Chapter Outlines 1969 Goals

THE CONGRESS of Racial Equality (CORE) has outlined its 1969 goals for Lorain, Benjamin Fain, Lorain president, said today.

The group also was critical of Black history courses that will begin next week in Lorain's two public high schools.

Fain said CORE's objectives for 1969 were:

—“TO INTENSIFY the development of Black Awareness amongst the so-called Negroid peoples.

—“TO RENDER assistance and guidance to those who wish to promote Black Culture activities.

—“TO SEEK change in the policy of the Lorain Journal which seems to make no distinction between the term Negro and Black.

—“TO POINT out the futility of local political involvement as the established order of things stand.

—“TO EXPLORE areas of opportunity for the initiation and development of economic and business enterprises.

—“TO SECURE a membership quota of 400 active Black Brothers.” In commenting on the Black History courses, Fain said:

“We of Lorain CORE do not favor tokenism nor gradualism as it relates to the introduction of Black History and Culture courses in the public schools of Lorain (especially the planning, organizing, procedure and methods of implement-



BENJAMIN FAIN, left, and Arnold ... of the Congress of Racial Equality.

ing such a program for this semester). There can be no compromising with issues dealing with the true and right education for the Black child.

“Then too, all must be made to understand that there is no such thing as equal education or equal educational opportunities for a Black child in schools geared exclusively to Western-European American philosophy. Furthermore, we feel that the Black child's education, right edu-

cation, must begin with the knowledge of self and kind, then others.

“Thus, so-called American Negro history must go beyond the cotton fields of the South and that of Jamestown in order to restore that which was lost during our period of captivity and sojourn in this country. We must return to the place of our fathers, back to Africa and Asia for our beginning, back to the Lands of Creation and the Mother of Civilization.”