

COMMONS TO ASSN.  
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Calls For Prompt  
Interracial Action

"Responsible action with our fellow men across racial and cultural lines" was called for Wednesday in an emergency meeting of the board of directors of Chicago Commons Assn.

"We know there is a danger of retreat into repressive action and the hardening of resistance to progress," a board statement said, referring to last week's disturbances.

The association president, Robert H. McCormick, said the board resolved to press for speedy approval of the civil rights bill just enacted by Congress; called for support and expansion of poverty war programs, especially summer Head Start, Neighborhood Youth Corps, and summer employment programs, and urged that the programs be extended year round.

#### Kerner Report Hailed

The board also demanded "early action" on implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Civil Disorders. Board members were given copies of the commission's report, McCormick said.

Recognizing that "substantial means" will be needed to further the programs the association proposed, the board urged "an earnest re-evaluation of national priorities."

#### 'Need For Communication'

One of the largest social agencies in the city, operating six settlement houses in the city and three camps outside the city, Chicago Commons said there was a need for "more effective channels of communication with the Negro community and other minority groups."

The board pledged to help agencies improve their relationships with neighborhoods, and called on board members to "create greater understanding of the problem of the Negro and to reduce ingrained prejudice" in their own "residential communities."

Of one area served by the association's Olivet Community Center, 1411 N. Cleveland, McCormick said there was communication between neighborhood agencies and the people, and therefore, "unlike the West Side, there were no fires or windows broken."

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