

# Area Service Center Directors Express Concern Over Allegations

Directors of the Santa Cruz Area Service Center have expressed concern over allegations made about the center's operation and its employees by state and county officials.

In a letter to Community Action Board Chairman Cassius Ellis, service center directors demanded the current investigation be carried on in a manner of "rational due process" and not "emotional bias." The CAB is the parent board of the ser-

vices center board, and has charge of county anti-poverty operations.

The letter states, in part:

"This board has worked many long hours in an effort to create and maintain a meaningful program which will aid in eradicating the poverty which exists in this county, and any action that tends to undermine this program will not be tolerated.

"Therefore, this board wishes to inform you that we are most eager to cooperate fully with your (investigative) committee in thoroughly investigating the allegations made recently, and in taking all appropriate actions which the findings of such an investigation may warrant."

The writer of the letter, Jack Stevens, is area service center board chairman. He noted he has appointed the Rev. Samuel Quijas and Joseph Wampler to sit on the seven-man investigative committee with members of the CAB.

Stevens said, for his board, that its first concern "is to insure that the investigation be carried on in an atmosphere which does not sacrifice rational due process to emotional bias."

He outlined three safeguards desired by the service center board:

1. The right of any accused

persons to confront their accusers "in an atmosphere of impartiality, to present evidence in their own behalf, and that sources of information be identified."

2. That the accused be considered innocent until proven guilty of any charges. He notes his board "is deeply concerned about the validity of the allegations made and the public image created by the allegations themselves.

"We are as anxious as you to find out if the allegations represent actual events that have occurred at the area service center, but we also wish to insure that the public be kept aware that these allegations . . . have not been proven."

3. Findings from the investigation "should not be judged by our personal likes or dislikes, which could be quite arbitrary, but rather they must be judged in the light of OEO (federal and state) guidelines and regulations which form the basis of our program."

Only violations of these guidelines are legitimate causes of actions against employees, Stevens declared.

The service center board's second major concern is that officials didn't come first to its members before making the charges public.

"This board is the body which is legally and morally responsible for the operation of the area center," Stevens notes.

He concludes that the service center board is starting its own investigation.

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## MASS TIME CHANGE

St. Michael's Catholic Church of Boulder Creek has announced a change of time for the Saturday Mass from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Masses are at 8:30 p.m. and 11 a.m. according to the Rev. Edward MacMahon.