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#### CIC DIRECTOR TERMS SOCIETY AN ENCAMPMENT OF STRANGERS

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--The problem in our cities today is that it is an "encampment of strangers," Carrol Waymon, executive director of the Citizens' Interracial Committee of San Diego, said Wednesday.

The first of six "Cities in Crisis" lectures by Waymon was held at the University of San Diego Wednesday night (Feb.19). The Urban Crisis: Definitions was the topic, designed to provide an insight into the problems of an urban culture, Waymon said.

The problem of our cities is in human relations--person to person--and the lack of perception and understanding between groups. In Waymon's opinion society needs to find ways for each group to find a meaning from life and a way to enjoy freedom within the democratic process as we know it. Failure to accomplish this, he feels, will result in the complete deterioration of our democratic system.

Attributing the term to John Gardner, head of the Urban Coalition, Waymon said "encampments," or groups, are inevitable but that members within each group need not remain strangers.

Groups such as the affluent power structure, senior citizens, youth, the minorities, businessmen, educators, the poor, social agencies, etc., feel their goals, values, and ideas are the right ones and that the values and ideas of other groups--as they differ--are wrong, Waymon said.

To those present he stressed that "it is not important that we agree on anything except that we don't agree. Don't be too interested in finding solutions, we have to define the problems first."

The five remaining lectures will be on Wednesday evenings through Mar. 26 at the USD College for Women.

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