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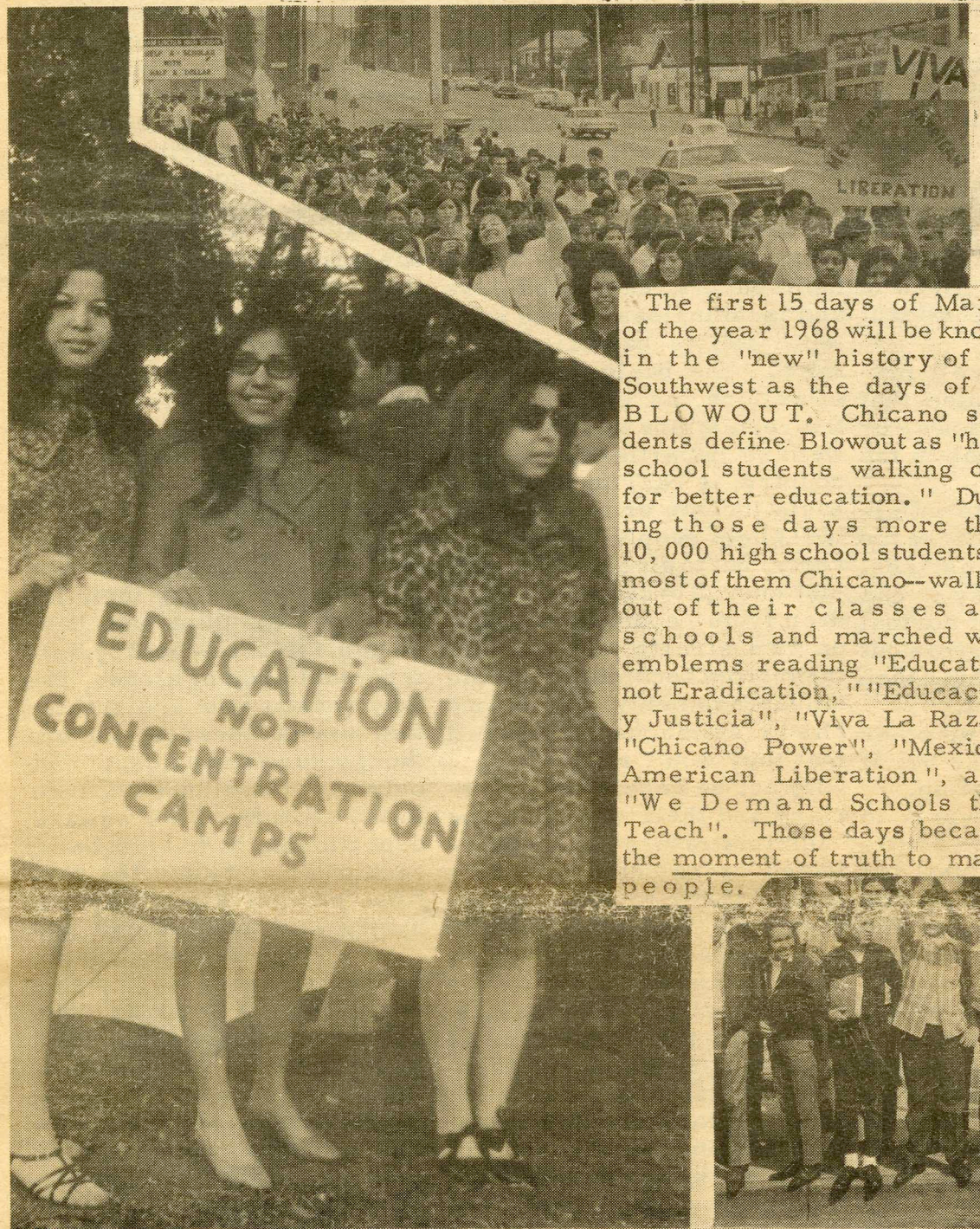
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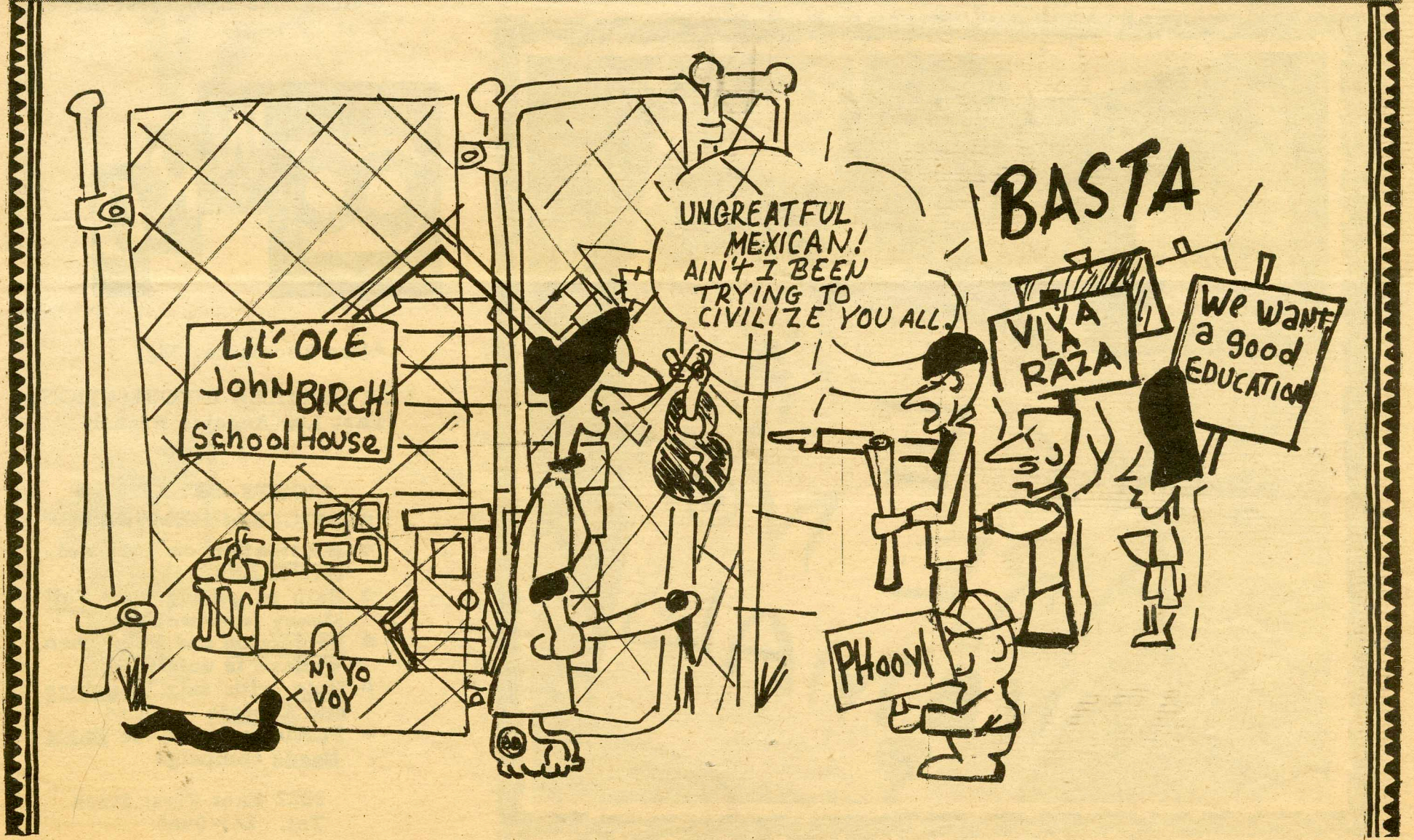
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The first 15 days of March of the year 1968 will be known in the "new" history of the Southwest as the days of the BLOWOUT. Chicano students define Blowout as "high school students walking out for better education." During those days more than 10,000 high school students--most of them Chicano--walked out of their classes and schools and marched with emblems reading "Education not Eradication," "Educación y Justicia", "Viva La Raza", "Chicano Power", "Mexican American Liberation", and "We Demand Schools that Teach". Those days became the moment of truth to many people.



welfare doesn't help people

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As some of you know, the old 'B. P. A.' is no more. It was replaced last year by the "Department of Public Social Services". Notice that title carefully. You might think that a change from public ASSISTANCE to public SERVICE would mean something, but I don't know a single welfare client or social worker who has seen any drastic changes (except maybe in the amount of bullshit.) Still the same inhumanly low budgets, the same waiting in line, the same 'agency policy', the same offices miles from where you live.

Let's look at that word SERVICE. What would it mean if that were really the main goal of the welfare department? What specifically would change? I think it would mean a change in attitude, mainly, and that would mean that every effort would be made to SERVE the public. We can use the example of the famous welfare computer. Ideally this is one of the best things anyone has come up with. Getting out welfare checks and medical cards is basically a payroll operation, and computers have been doing this work for major corporations for years. Computers are accurate, reliable, and fast. The only hitch is, they have to have trained, capable people to run them,

and they have to be programmed to work properly. As you all know, something went wrong. In one month alone this year, about 5000 families did not get their checks, because the computer made a mistake. And maybe the machine was to blame, but the people who run it were to blame too. Here is what the welfare department did wrong:

1. They bought a used machine with no guarantee that it would not break down, or be adequate for its job in the future.

2. They did not try to anticipate the "bugs" that cause the machine to make mistakes. Computer experts say it can take a year or so of normal operation to get the errors out of the machine, and even then it wouldn't be perfect.

3. They did not set up other ways to get the checks out if the computer did goof up.

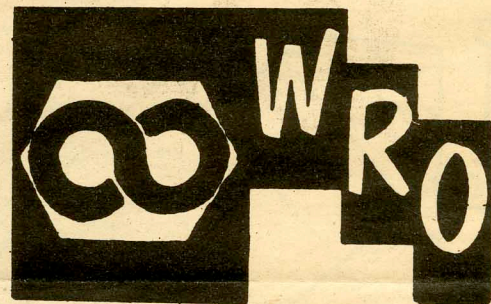
Those things are obvious to anyone who knows even a little about business machines, but the worst thing was--they, and by that I mean the people who run the welfare department, they didn't really give a damn about the people involved. Their first thoughts were to save money, (to show the "Taxpayers" how much they really care about THEM) and to have a source for statistics, (to show Washington how

efficient the county is) and only last, to see that people on welfare got the checks their lives depend on.

This is the kind of situation no one can really do anything about. I mean that. It is not that we need more efficiency, or more social workers, or better computers. Those help, but are really worthless and meaningless, if the system itself is basically inhuman. The basic philosophy of welfare, as expressed in the regulations and laws of all welfare departments in this country, is NOT to provide a basic income or to (God forbid!) help people OUT of poverty, but to give poor people just enough to keep their children from becoming beggars on the streets. To prevent them from becoming a visible embarrassment. To keep their stomachs just so full that they won't riot.

Do not be deceived. Politicians and their servants the "administrators" are not elected or selected for their love of the poor. It is not enough for the newspapers to have screaming headlines about fraud or cutbacks, or for the general public to remain ignorant and hateful about welfare. The welfare department itself, through its maze of regulations, and its bureaucratic attitude of irresponsibility, works against the poor. That is why you hear a lot of

crocodile tears shed about plight, but what do you smell under it all? Poor people all over this country are serving notice on the politicians and the welfare departments that they are not going to be at the end of the line, at the back of the bus any longer. Almost one quarter of the people in this country fit into the 'poverty bracket', in income, poor housing, bad schools, inadequate medical care, and no future, no opportunity and no hope. Many of them are black, chicano, and Indian. For generations they have given their sweat and blood to build this land. They have received pats on the head, and kicks in the ass for their labor. If you think you have been given a raw deal by welfare, you are not alone. The only reason you are treated that way is because you are thought to be powerless. The only way you will see a change in the attitude of the welfare department, is to stop being complacent and the next time you get kicked by the system, to turn around and chew its leg off. (Next article I will give some concrete suggestions about how the welfare department in Los Angeles could be improved. Comments and questions from readers will help the writer of this series in future articles. Call or write the East L. A. Welfare Rights office, 2222 East First Street, or La Raza.



Alice Escalante, Mgr

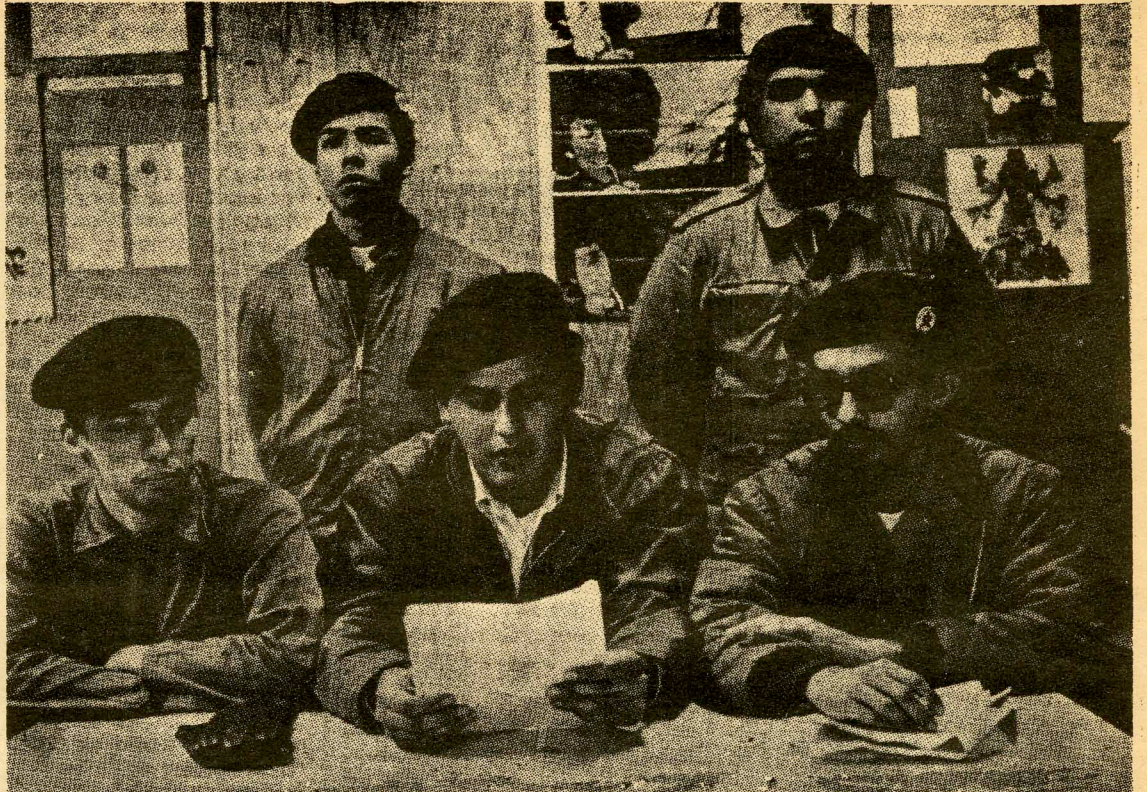
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BROWN BERETS



Today, under the pressure of warrants, two Brown Berets went on trial for disturbing the peace during a demonstration on Whittier Blvd. They faced a jury of twelve persons, seven of whom were Chicano. These seven brothers and sisters had much in common with the two Brown Berets. They were Brown in color, residents of E. L. A., and had parents who came from Mexico. They had much, much in common but they lacked the most essential element--EDUCATION. Education and feeling about being Chicano.

The Brown Berets were brought to trial because they know about the injustices which have been heaped on our people; they were brought to trial because they are attempting to better conditions for Chicanos all over California. They have gained the reputation they have gained as the "liberators of E. L. A." The Brown Berets are not seeking glory and publicity. They are seeking Chicano Power for our people so that we can have control over our environment; control over our schools so that our children can receive a better

education; control over the agencies which are supposed to be administering to the needs of our people; control over the police whose salaries we pay but who continually brutalize our people.

Due to the activities of the Brown Berets even Anglos are beginning to wake up to the disturbing fact--which up to now they have refused to admit or face--that they are practicing racism, a racism that considers the Chicano a different kind of animal--an odd, inferior, and unworthy creature of close association with the superior race. Some anglos are now aware that the contacts they have with us form nothing but the most superficial relationships. The Brown Berets are attempting to eliminate this. This and such "poetic" statements as: "White is Right,

Brown can just stick around, But Black must go back." No, our black brothers will not go back and Hell no, we will not just stick around. We will act like a thorn in the establishment's side. That is the kind of sticking we will do. The Brown Berets have done more to shake up the establishment than any group could accomplish in three centuries. The Brown Berets have led the March for

Liberation: liberation for our people, La Raza Unida, through Chicano Power. Despite their accomplishments, the Brown Berets were found guilty of disturbing the peace. The peace of mind of the Anglo establishment who wants to maintain the status quo. The peace of mind of the Anglo who eats three meals a day, lives in a comfortable home, and has a two car garage and can see only one color--white. The peace of mind of the Anglo merchants who overcharge our people for the items they buy and then sends his white kids to Harvard and Yale on our money. They were found guilty despite the fact that there were seven brown faces in that jury. We do not hold any malice or harbor any ill intent toward our people in that jury. All we have to say is, "Come home brothers and sisters. Come home and see where it's at. Come home and stand united and fight for liberation."



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BOYCOTT

Los Angeles, California
March 27, 1968

URICH SERVICE STATION
Administrative Office
12920 East Whittier Blvd.
Whittier, California

Mr. Alberto Sierra
1456 North Miller Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.
March 13, 1968

To the Chairman of Urich Oil Co.

Dear Sir:

Place. Indio California, at a Urich Service Station
No. 102, on the corner of U.S. 99 and Monroe.

Time, between 6 and 7:00 P.M. Sunday March 24th
1968.

Description of man: Tall, about 6 ft. high, weight, about
200 lbs. Blonde hair, round face.

Complaint: The following describes the attendant's atti-
tude towards my wife and I, he was very arrogant, unco-
operative, and very insulting towards us.

It started when I stopped for Gas, I was helping by pump-
ing the gas. He received my money for the amount of gas,
and started to clean my windshield, when I asked him to
check the oil, he said he didn't have any time, ignored
me and walked away, when I got his attention he said I
would have to wait because he was very busy. So my wife
told him he was lying because a few minutes ago he re-
fused to do it, so he bacame enraged and started to in-
sult my wife, that's when I stepped in and he told me he
did not have any time for me at all because my wife had
called him a liar, which was nothing than the bitter truth,
he even stopped another attendant from helping us and di-
rected him to wait on somebody else.

I worked at Service Stations before, and I was taught to
follow through on a customer, and not leave him half way.
Has your Firm ever considered in employing enough help,
or is it that you cannot afford it? To add to the incompe-
tent service, you hire a Racist? like this fellow? These
are the type of guys that bring a very bad name to busi-
ness enterprises and can break you over night by showing
incompetency, ignorance and prejudice to customers.

It is imperative that you take immediate action against
this man or I will take further steps to counteract this
matter. I sincerely hope you will not fail for doing so.
You would be cheating your business.

I wish to remain your most respectfully

I. P. Garcia

Executive Director
Federal Communication Commission
312 North Spring Street

Dear Sir:

I would like to complain to you about the broadcasting of
KTLA's George Putnam News. The feature about the news that
I object to is the section called "One Reporter's Opinion."

The station allows no rebuttal from qualified persons or
groups, as do other local stations who editorialize, such
as KNX and KABC.

I have no objection to Mr. Putnam continuing to editoria-
lize on the public airways as long as he allows qualified
people to respond on the airways as well.

I have called the station and complained about this in re-
lationship to a series of editorials on his T.V. program.
I am sending you a tape recording copy of Mr. Putnam's
March 6th editorial. This editorial in my opinion is highly
onesided and slanderous, but more than that it affords the
public only one side of an issue on a public airway.

I would very much appreciate an answer from you.

Sincerely yours,

Alberto Sierra

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ing the PUTNAM NEWS PROGRAM Channel 5 KTLA. The reason for this Boycott is that
PUTNAM has distorted the truth about the STUDENT BOYCOTT in the East Los Angeles
schools and the general movement of the Mexican-American Community. He has demeaned
and degraded us equating us to animals and savages. WE ASK YOUR COOPERATION IN
THIS MOVEMENT.

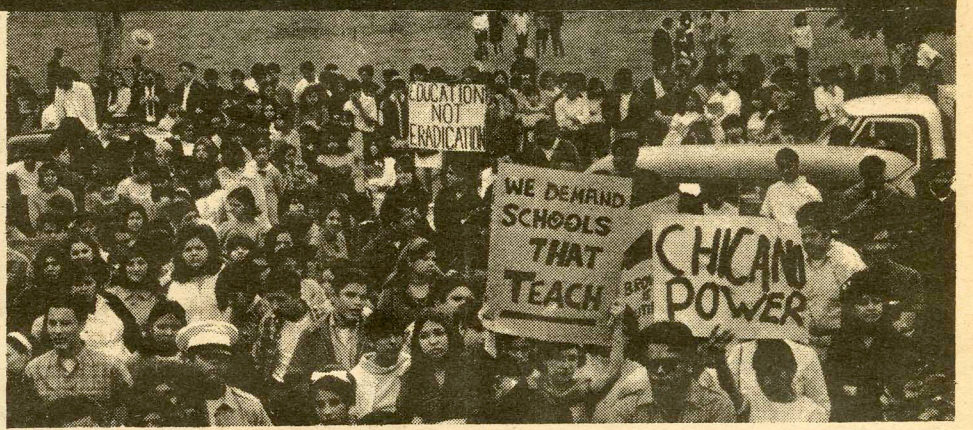
The Committee To Save The Dignity of The CHICANO

¿SI NO ES HOY, CUÁNDO?
¿SI NO NOSOTROS, QUIÉN?

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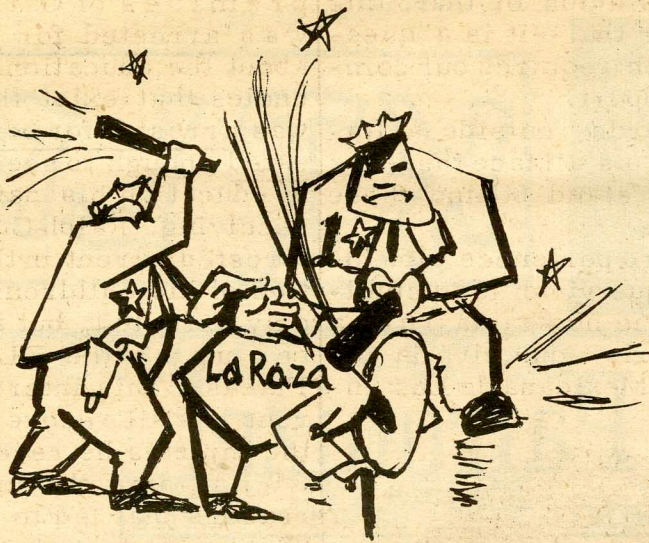
For several years now, community organizations in ELA have complained about poor education. The only answer they received was... ATOLE CON EL DEDO. During 1967 the self-centered pride of the administrators was shattered as even their own establishment press publicized the well-known fact that on a dollar per dollar basis, WE HAVE AN INFERIOR EDUCATION. Their only reaction was to dutifully suck their thumbs and attempt to color the facts with words. Then it happened. Chicano Students (CON SAFOS) decided to walk out and tell the entire nation that either we get good educational programs (and fast) going NOW, or the CHANGOS DE LAS LOMAS (monkeys from the Hill) will have no salaries.



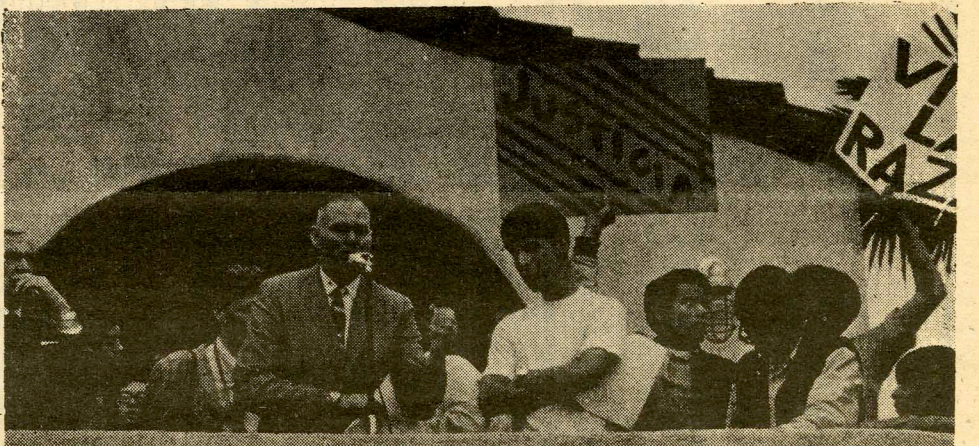
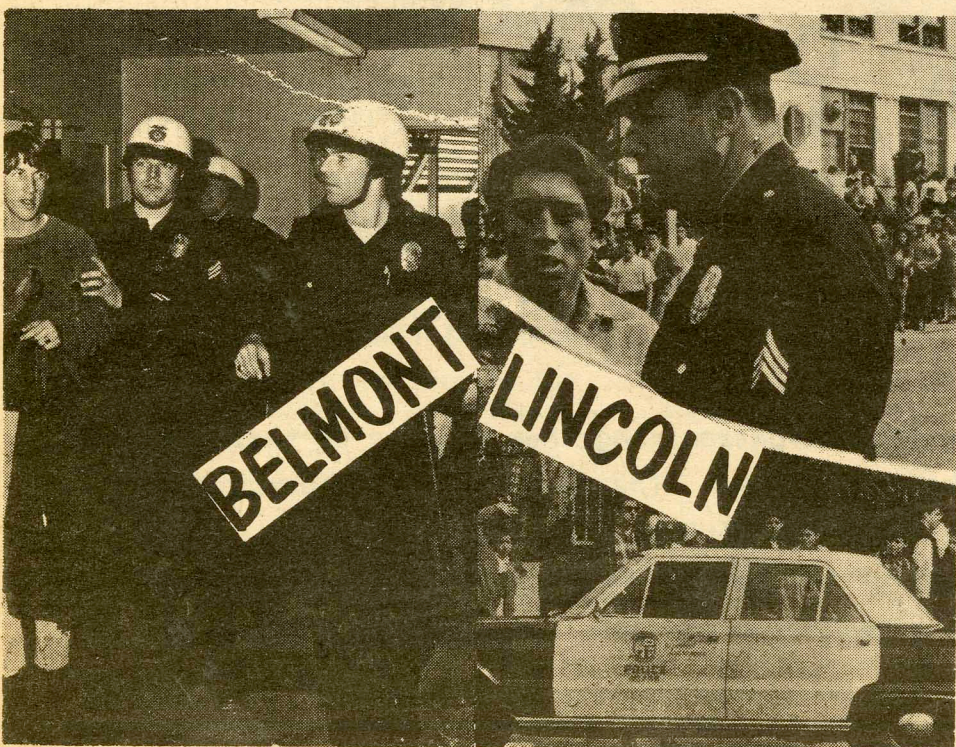
ROOSEVELT



CPA: MANO A MANO



Chief of Police Reddin and Superintendent of Schools Crowthers joined forces to demonstrate (just in case any one else had any different ideas that the only difference between Los Angeles and a Police State is the willingness of the "natives to keep quiet". The myth of Mexican-American "fatalism", "lack of imagination", "passivity" and "apathy" exploded in those first historic days of March. The only response they (the Police State) could muster up was that of brute force.



The L.A. School System is so Bankrupt, educationally and morally, that kids were willing to challenge the locked doors, the armed security guards, intimidation by the administrators and teachers. There is a proverb that says HACER ES EL MEJOR MODO DE ESPRESCION (action is the best means of expression). The young Chicano Students expressed with their bodies what others have been vocalizing through their mouths alone. Principals and administrators reacted to this by calling in uniformed, badge heavy goons and then standing idly by twiddling their thumbs while their students were being carted off to jail like common delinquents and in some cases subjected to beatings. Each and every administrator who called the police to keep unwilling students in "armed camps" referred to as high schools, have waived his right to be called an educator. THEY MUST GO.!!!

THE ESTABLISHMENT

First of all, I wish to indict a system for its failure over the last 50 years to this community--namely the American educational system. This indictment will consist of three counts.

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1. In its vocational training the system has failed to keep abreast of the technological advances of the 20th century except to support its own ends.

It enthusiastically implements its curriculum with the most modern electronic devices--tape recording equipment, closed circuit TV--yet persists in a "shop philosophy" which is essentially medieval. How can we expect the community to better itself when our youth are entering into a job market which calls for training in data processing, electronics and mass media communications, when they are equipped with such talents as making plastic hearts and shoe shine boxes, manicuring fingernails, or welding fenders on 52 Chevys?

2. It has failed to realize the potential of our youth with respect to higher education.

How many times I have heard the story of some young boy or girl who, upon inquiring about the feasibility of college, met with a quick scan of his record and the reply "Manuel (or Maria) that's a wonderful idea, but perhaps you should also consider a more vocational program."

If the system is a success why is it that at UCLA, founded almost 50 years ago, there has never been more than 100 Mexican-American students enrolled at any time prior to this year?

What kind of preparation is being given to our college oriented children when of all the Mexican-Americans living in the Southwest, less than 35 percent of those who have attended college completed a four year program?

3. It has failed to realize in its program for the "culturally disadvantaged"--an ugly phrase--the tremendous difference between people who moved 3000 miles or more across an ocean, and a people who only moved 200 miles up north.

The preparation of our children to command the English language is inadequate. The child is supposed to listen, then speak and finally read, and the intensive listening and speaking programs are needed since the Mexican-American, unlike his fellow Anglo, does not have the advantage of receiving this at home.

The encouragement by the system of our Mexican-American students' potential in Spanish is not forthcoming. This in a country whose ever increasing commitments to the south require a deeper understanding by its citizens

the

PEOPLE



of the Mexican culture and the Spanish language. A bi-lingual--bi-cultural program must be instituted.

If our students cannot adequately read or speak English and are discouraged, and in certain Texas schools even fined, in their efforts to use and improve their Spanish, then the system is merely producing a brown robot, who on command can sing the "Star Spangled Banner" on the 4th of July, shout "Viva Mexico" on the 16th of September, but cannot adequately communicate with its society the remaining 363 days of the year.

This completes my indictment and now I wish to briefly comment on the significance of the events of the last few weeks.

First of all, the school walk-outs represent the first organized effort by the community to attack the guts of the American system, its educational system. The whole Southwest is looking at Los Angeles, and we the community cannot fail in our complete support of the demands of these students.

Secondly, there has been re-

ferences to these students as "leaders." They are not--they are revolutionaries and the real leaders, their children, will be adequately prepared to contribute to the American way of life. Do not forget that 30 years from now more than half of this country's population will be under 25 years of age, and there lies the future of this community.

Finally, in view of all this, let us not have questions about unity because the future of these educational demands insists on it. It is not a question of this political party or that, this union or that, this school or that--it is a question which requires our complete support.

The words "outside agitators"--let us all face these issues and stand behind these students.

El futuro pertenece a los jovenes--que vivan los estudiantes--que no sea la lucha sin victoria--que viva la comunidad Mexicana de Los Angeles.

Administrators in the L.A. City School System have been crying for years about Mexican American parent participation with the schools; cries such as, "What is wrong with Mexican Americans, don't they care about their children's education?" and "Why don't Mexican Americans get involved?" are commonly heard. Ralph Cuaron, community leader and parent of a student at Garfield High, found the answers to these questions last week. He, along with several other interested community persons, was arrested for being on the premises of Garfield. He was arrested for inquiring about the educational deficiencies that exist there. He was arrested for being interested enough to see what kind of education his daughter is receiving. Ralph Cuaron, interested parent in the education of his children, was not only arrested, but also beaten up by the ELA Sheriff Placas. This interested parent is still recovering from the injuries he received.

What are the underlying reasons that led to this incident? There are many but they all stem from one source; Insensitive and Incompetent Administrators: Administrators such as Dyer from Roosevelt, Skinner from Wilson, Ingalls and Murphy from Garfield. Dyer, Ingalls and Childres have had their chance. They have been in the ELA area long enough and have not helped solve any of the problems. They have poor rapport with the community. It is time to retire them and put them out to graze. Murphy, who pretends to be a principal at Garfield High, is still practicing the military tactics which made him a colonel. He is responsible for Danny Castellon's Placas beating up our students. Murphy, this is ELA, not Viet Nam! Murphy and the rest of his flunkies must go. They must go NOW!!!

Run, run you gutless wonders!! It takes a lot more guts to face your failures (57% at Garfield, 49% at Roosevelt, 47% at Lincoln) than it does to sell yourselves to the Anglo Administrators.

So as usual, go ahead and show the kids your ends again!!

A casualty of the 57% rate at Garfield

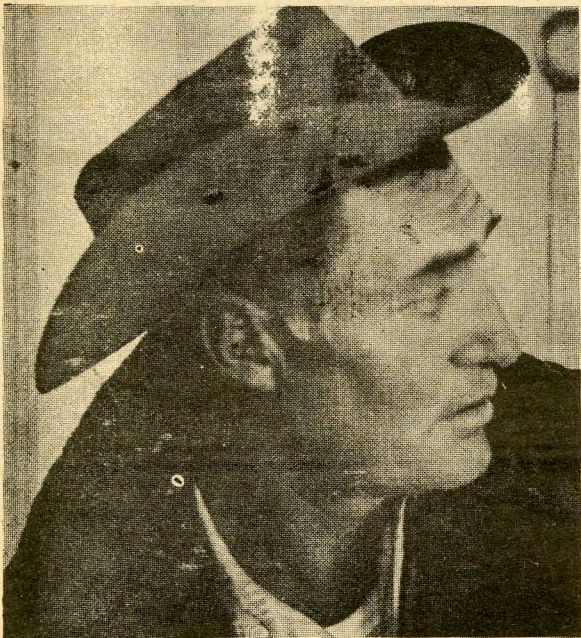
P.S. As much as I would like to, I cannot sign my name as I am participating on a EYOA program and might be suddenly dropped!!



Pope Paul VI suggested that reforms be made at high school level to prevent the spread of the wave of violence sweeping the universities and high schools of Italy and other nations. The Pontiff spoke in brilliant sunshine from his studio window at his weekly blessing at the Vatican. Since the beginning of this year students in Italy's 33 universities have been holding demonstrations to back demands for reforms in teaching methods and better classroom facilities. The demonstrations spread to high schools in February.

SANGRE DE HIJOS

Por Cleofes Vigil



CLEOFES VIGIL

Cleofes Vigil is a rancher in San Cristobal, north of Taos, where he was born 50 years ago. He was brought up there by his grandparents, from whom he learned many songs and folk stories, or ejemplos, which he describes as "fiction, but at the same time they're true." In 1940 he married Frances Arellano, and they have two daughters and a son.

In the tradition of New Mexico folk artists, Mr. Vigil is a poet, as well as a singer. His poetry includes eulogies on the death of friends, verses about events of the day and pointed poems about political personalities and issues. A versatile musician, he plays the mandolin guitar, violin, banjo, flute, and clarinet. He often plays and sings at village fiestas, at gatherings of friends, and now and then at weddings, funerals and velorios.

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Refreshments

The Education Clearinghouse for Central Los Angeles, which has been working with East Los Angeles and South Central Los Angeles youth, lining them up with colleges, is having a fund-raising dance, "College A-Go-Go", on Friday, April 19, 1968 from 7-12 pm. The proceeds of this dance will be put into a fund that will be used to pay admission and test fees for students short of coins. It will also be used for youth activities during the summer.

The dance will be held at the All-Nations Center at Michigan and Soto Streets and will feature the Nite Dreamers the Latin Jazz Prophets, and the Three Sound. Donations are \$1.50.

Pues ya Lyndon B. Johnson
 y toda su exhibicion
 ya echo todo al Infierno
 alli esta su administracion
 Pues ya este gran Texano
 que nos quiere pretender
 que vuelta nos jugara
 Para poderlo creller

Pues ya este gran Texano
 y su grande sociedad
 a todo joven y sano
 lo manda para vietnam

A parar la agrecion
 del comunista malvado
 que quire quitarle a ky
 lo que McNamara le a dad:

Este titere de ky
 de la administracion mentado
 tieno que ser protegido
 cuando se alle atrevulado

Nos dicen que la Russia tiene
 en Siberia una prision
 Johnson le a cambiado
 de Siberia a vietcong

Alli manda a la joventud
 alli tiene a sus guardias
 y que sean castigados
 como Johnson se los manda

Pues ya el Pueblo lo confronta
 con protestas de edialie
 y el como esta orehon
 dice que es comunismo

Ya en la historia lo sabemos
 que Hitler hiso lo mismo
 y fue tanto su poder
 que se fue todo nazismo

Como se mira ahora
 el Eleman devedido
 con muy pocas esperansas
 que algun dia sea unido

Esto nos pasara
 en esta muy gran nacion
 ya votamos por el diablo
 y gana su hijo el Mayor

Ya siguen los nietecitos
 que les llaman senadores
 unos parten la lena
 y otros son atizadores

ciento, veinte por ciento de las vajas en Viet Nam son de nuestro hijos y muchas de sus familias viven en la pobreza. Si somos buenos soldados para defender los intereses de esta Nacion ya es tiempo que despertemos y luchemos por tener representacion en nuestro Estado y nomas nos usen para CARNE DE CANON.

Es una verguenza que California con mas de dos millones y medio de habitantes de origen Mexico - Americanos de los 120 REPRESENTANTES en el Senado y Legislatura de Sacramento no hay ni uno de nuestro origen en comparacion de New York, Colorado, New México, Texas y Arizona, Donde cuentan con mas de CUARENTA REPRESENTANTES de habla hispana que conocen nuestra cultura y aspiraciones:

YA BASTA que los politicos y redentores por medio del engaño y algunos individuos sin escrupulos cada vez que hay elecciones prestan su



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Raul Chavez

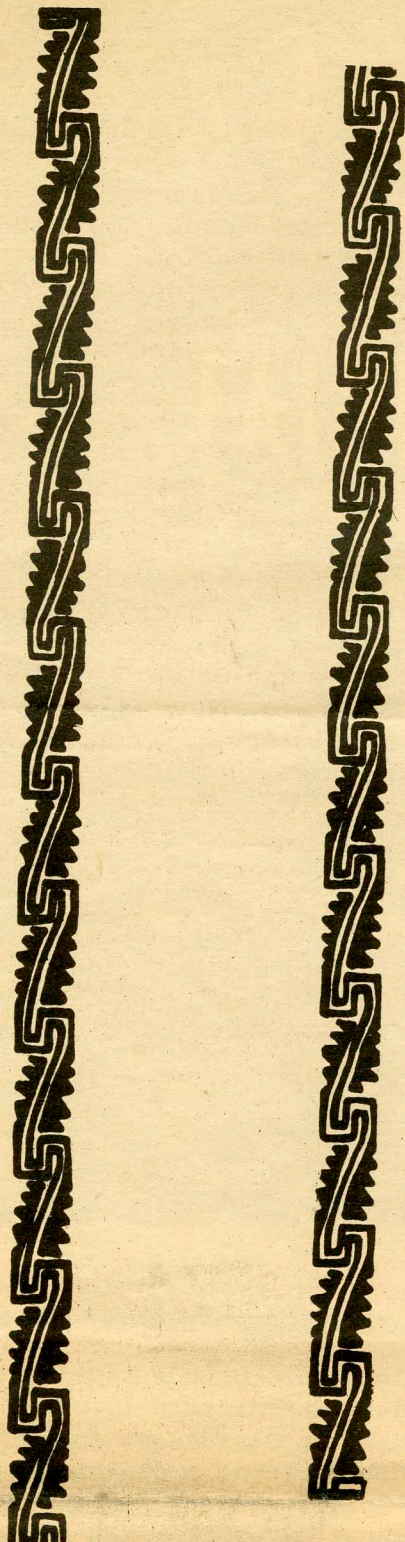
Por primera vez en la Historia del Estado de California fue electo para el Departamento de Educación un Mexico-Americano, gracias los esfuerzos e inteligencia de la Colonia Hispano-Americana como el mismo Dr. Nava lo ha reconocido.

El Martes 4 de Junio, Tendremos la gran oportunidad de repetir el triunfo elegiendo para el SE NADO ESTATAL DEL DESTRITO 27, A RICHARD CALDERON MAS DE OCHENTA ORGANIZACIONES QUE REPRESENTAN LAS FUERZAS VIVAS DE LA COMUNIDAD se han unido formando un solido frente apoyando la candidatura del joven educador Richard Calderon, profesor de Ciencias Politicas, que es nada menos el lider que dirigió la campaña y llevó al triunfo la candidatura del Dr. Julian Nava.

Es una injusticia que el 45 por ciento de los Mexico-Americanos son llamados a las filas del ejercito en comparacion del Anglo-Saxon que contribuyen unicamente el 19 por

nombre hispano y se registran como candidatos con el unico objeto de dividirnos para que ninguno de los nuestro gane en las primarias y por lo cual nos siguen dan do atole con el dedo.

Ya es tiempo de que nos unamos y respaldemos con todo nuestro esfuerzo a este joven Mexico - Americano Richard Calderon veterano de la Marina Naval donde se distinguió honorablemente, nativo y producto del Este de Los Angeles donde ha residido toda su vida y ha prestado sus servicios en varios puestos publicos. Ha luchado por nuestro mejoramiento social para vivir con dignidad y asegurar nuestros derechos humanos. Es obligación de todo buen ciudadano honre con su voto a este educador inteligente humanitario que ha compartido nuestros sufrimientos y angustias que existen en nuestra comunidad por falta de REPRESENTACION.



Soy indio con alma hambrienta,
traigo en la sangre coraje,
rojo coraje en la sangre.

I stand in the world naked,
lost in angry solitude,
helpless before the mad
passion of my rage.

Soy indio con alma hambrienta,
traigo en la sangre coraje,
rojo coraje en la sangre.

I stand in the world naked
lonely and dejected

Quatl...
why have you abandoned me?
why have you forsaken me?
wizzard who is wise.

Soy indio con alma hambrienta
traigo en la sangre coraje
rojo coraje en la sangre.

I stand in the world naked.
hungry
homeless
despised...

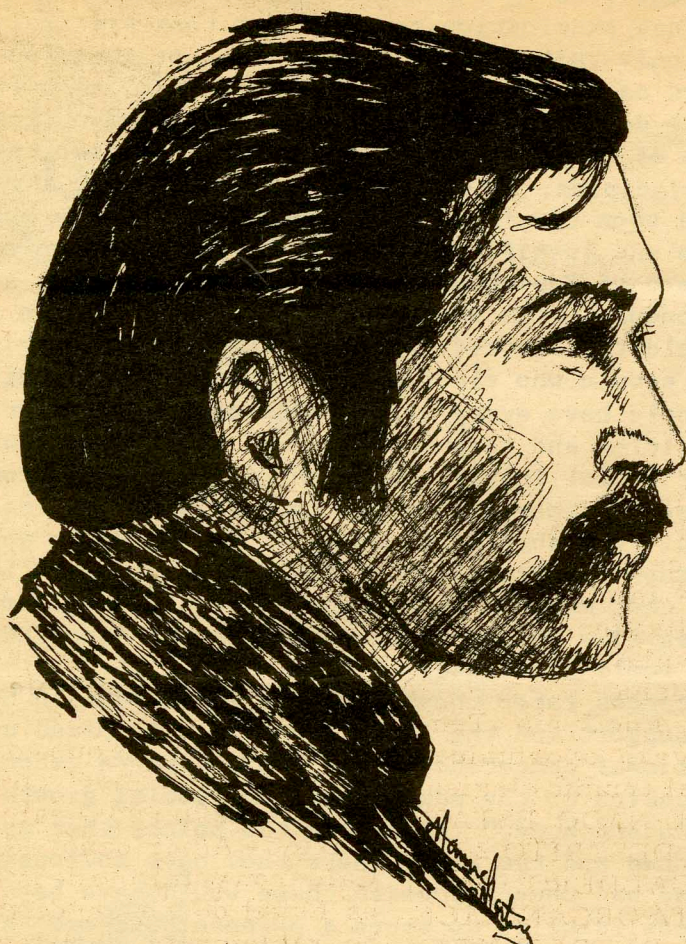
Soy indio con sangre hambrienta
traigo en la sangre coraje
rojo coraje en la sangre.

I stand in the world naked.
Where once I was glory...
now I am ash.

I am bitterness...
I am death

Soy indio con alma hambrienta,
traigo en la sangre coraje,
rojo coraje en la sangre.

YUL.



UN CANTO DE LUIS VALDEZ

Bajo la sombra de Zapata
gritando el grito de Guevara,

La voz sonora de Luis Valdez
baila la sangre
con un canto a la raza del sol,

Despertando la sangre,
la sangre antigua,
la sangre de nuestros padres...
nuestros padres muertos.

Muertos en la tierra
la tierra consagrada con sangre

Muertos por nuestra tierra
la tierra que nos han robado

Muertos por la libertad
la libertad que nos han quitado

Muertos por la justicia
la justicia que nunca nos han dado—

Oigo la voz sonora de Luis Valdez
y oigo la voz de la sombra:

"Yo quiero morir siendo esclavo de
los principios, no de los hombres."

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Dr. Julian Nava
Member
Los Angeles Board of Education
450 N. Grand Ave.
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Dear Dr. Nava:

An Open letter to the community by the Mexican-American teachers of Garfield High School was published last week in various community papers. It seeths with half truths and empty phrases, misrepresentations and mendacities, which portray a stereotyped and condescending attitude toward the student proposals. For example, in what presumably is the preamble, beginning: "We do not condone...", is nothing but oily verbiage used to placate the tide of community resentment against the school. They attempt to walk both sides of the street by condemning the walkout which had the direct result of forcing the Board of Education into taking some kind of action on the students' proposals. It would be like praising Zapata or Washington, for freeing his people but condemning him because he had to fight a revolution to do it.

The Mexican-American teachers go on to state, "...the Mexican-American family does not emphasize education to the degree necessary for success in the total society", which they term apathy. This is open to question. Is it apathy towards education or the economic necessities which force Chicano children out of school at such a high rate? But even granting them the point, it is still only a necessary cause, not a sufficient one. The school's and the teacher's failure cannot be explained away in terms of parent apathy but must stand alone.

They state in the following paragraph that the root of the problem is--the lack of adequate reading skills which can be traced to the elementary school and, naturally, the parents, who due to poverty are unable to provide their children with the advantages of their more affluent neighbors. Therefore, the children should be given additional help so that they can overcome their handicap and not become educational cripples. This is obvious to any one with a modicum of understanding of the educational process in American schools, and it begs the question on two points. First, it seems obvious that where the majority of the students in a school can be considered educational cripples, (their words not mine), that classes should be offered as part of the regular course of instruction which would help them learn to read. Secondly, it tells us nothing about what should be done about those who have been already maimed by the elementary school process which was the whole point of the walkout!

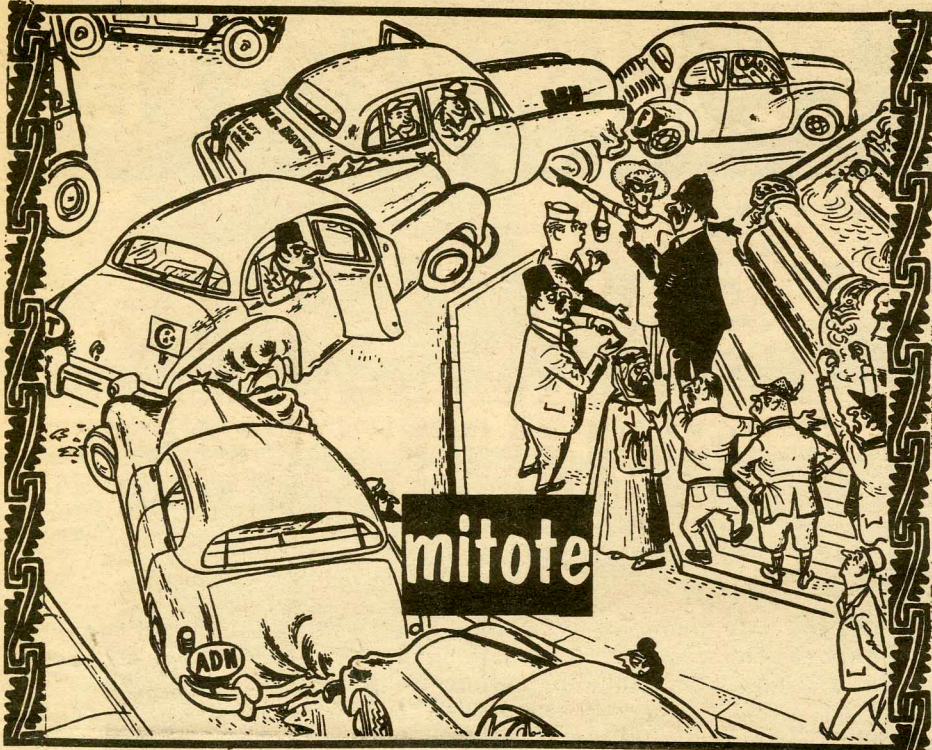
However, the most invidious part of the letter is the faculty endorsement. The endorsement itself is open to question since no meeting was held to discuss it and at least one teacher was prevented from writing a dissenting opinion. But, giving them the benefit of the doubt, it stands as one of the great examples of mental defecation and logical atrocity ever conceived by a body of supposedly intelligent people. A close examination reveals that they are truly bilingual, not only talking out of both sides of their mouths but their ears as well. Example: "...we teach, as well as believe in the democratic process, although we have witnessed decisions of the Board of Education which appear to betray these principles, we cannot or will not accept any decisions based upon the 'might is right' theory or on the belief that the end justifies the means!" By their own admission, the Board of Education, a duly elected board, is suspect of misconduct. The whole basis of the democratic process is to hold the elected official accountable for his actions to the people who elected him. Therefore, in this case, the people have every right to demonstrate, to write newspaper articles and pamphlets against those people who are guilty of social injustice, to threaten removal from office because the American people felt he wasn't doing the job correctly. Why should the Board of Education be any more sacred than the President of the United States? It is a good thing that moronic conceptualizations of the democratic process like this one aren't popular or democracy in this country would have died.

A few sentences later they stick the other foot in by saying "Our support (of the administrators), is based upon their professional competency, plus their sincere concern for and dedication to the educational and social growth of our entire student body." These are the points that are being questioned and the areas where they have obviously failed because had they succeeded there would have been no walkout. These idiocies do serve a purpose however. We parents must support our children completely lest they fall victim to the kind of stupid lunacy that produced the Garfield High School Faculty Statement. Science is performing heart transplants and what a pity that a method for transplanting guts has not been explored. A group of Chicano teachers are badly in need.

Yours truly,

Armando Chavez

cc: Dr. Jack Crowther, Superintendent
Mr. Stuart Stengel, Area Superintendent
Mr. Reginald Murphy, Principal, Garfield



Information has just reached us about the oral examinations for chicano principals in the ELA area. Most chicanos who would have qualified were not informed about the exams, and those who found out through the grapevine were in for a surprise. There was no written exam. The oral exam went something like this... 1) would you support Sal Castro? 2) Do you support walkouts? 3) How many chicano teachers feel like Castro?

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The "good teachers" are getting together to fight against the "outside agitators". They are holding press conferences with Channel 5 (George Puto-nam) on school premises on school time. They are also distributing literature printed in school and during classes. They are going to the Board of Education and protesting. They are also asking to be TRANSFERRED. BUEN VIAJE HONKIES Y LAMBES.

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It is interesting to note that with everything that is going wrong with students in the ELA schools the one agency that could have come forward and given some vital statistics, the ELA Youth Training & Employment project who supposedly handles "school dropouts" and should know some of the problems, kept their mouths shut throughout. But I guess this is what can be expected from that agency with its inept Director "Tricky Dick Tafoya" the "White Man's Tortilla". The Hell challenging the establishment; lets just collect our salaries, and down the tubes with the problems exist. When are we going to learn that people like the white tortilla are the ones who really keep us down? Cuando mano.

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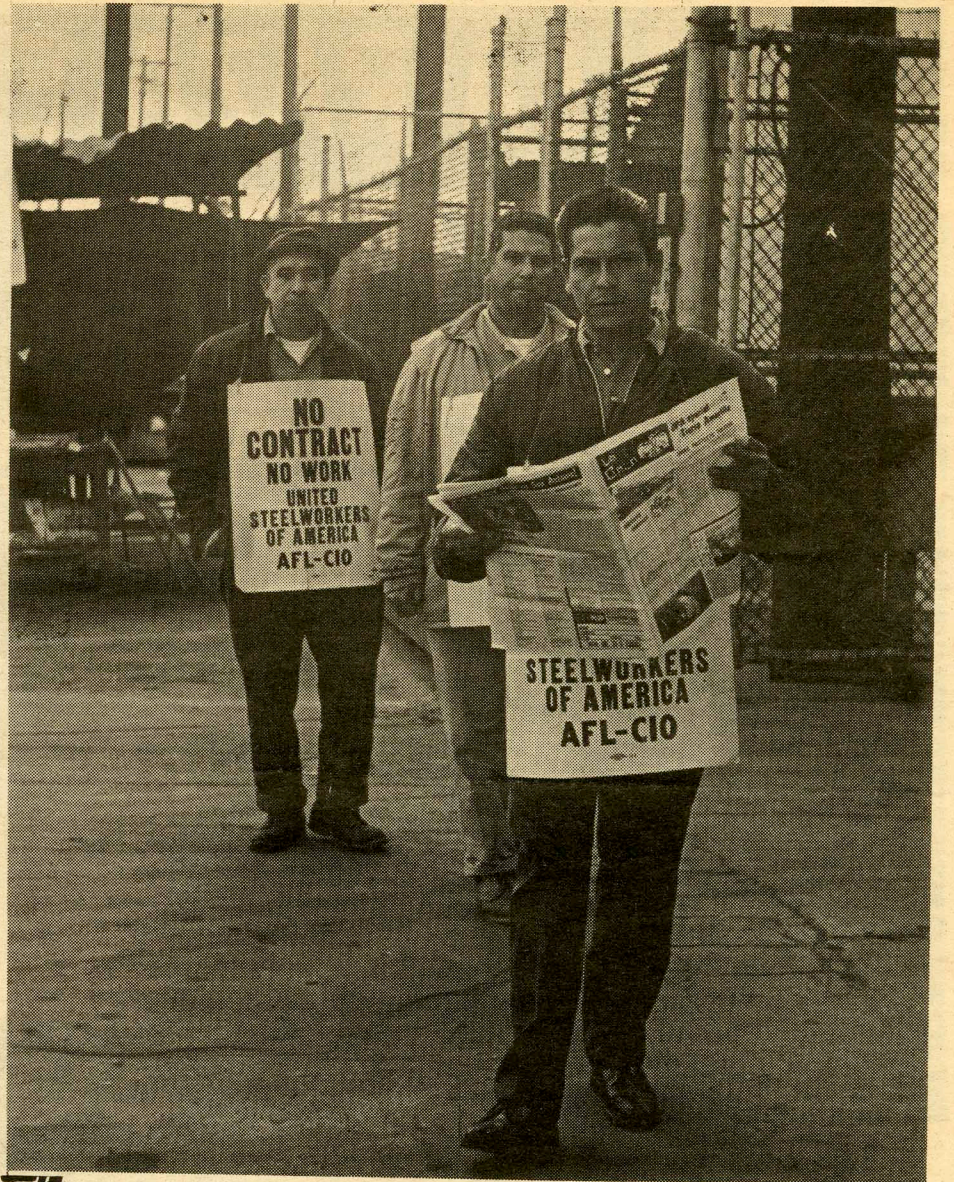
CMAA is going Cinderella one better. Instead of letting itself be courted by princes (politicians), she has invited politicians to balls at the Ambassador - Pumpkin Hotel. Their honored guest list resembled a who is who among those who might be around in November while outside Headstart parents picketed. Prince Chueco Pacheco came out to wish them LUCK--spelled Ch-----. It was ironic because he is the one who left the MESS.

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Dave Caloca, social worker for CMAA was fired because he asked future Director Pete Ramirez to see the Budget. Now, we thought the budget of public agencies was supposed to be public information.

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Who is Fernando Del Rio working for? First, he gave away the NAAP slots. Then he signed off the MAOF slots so that now there is no jurisdiction over Smily Morales, CMAA Head Start is falling apart due to poor administration while Ferdy & Samario look the other way. Instead of strengthening the CAP, he is weakening it and now he has a new operation called Old Employees. The Old Employees are actually being pressured out of ECAC by: 1. harassment, 2. hiding of their mail, 3. phone calls, 4. false charges to board concerning employees, 5. Employees spying on each other, 6. Union contracted negotiations dragging on for months. Where is the planning coming from? Nazi Germany?



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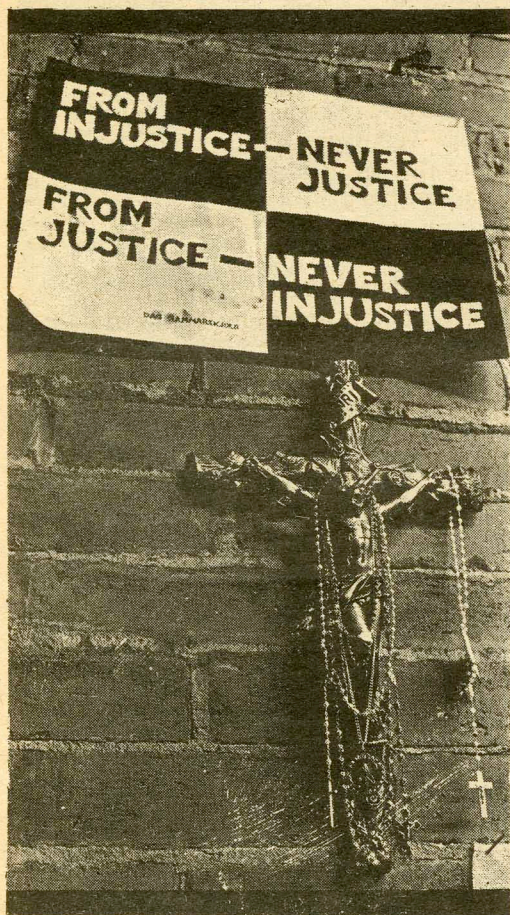
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VIVA LA RAZA EN EL SUR-OESTE



The fast...

It was a personal fast of penance, and hope. It symbolized a recommitment and rededication to the principles of non-violence and brotherhood on which the Union was founded. For 25 days, Cesar Chavez, director of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee fasted and prayed. He lived and slept at the Union's 40 acres of land near Delano, where the national headquarters of the Union are being built. Farm workers from all over California came to be with him, to pledge their loyalty to the Cause, to pray with him at the daily masses.

Midway through the fast, Chavez was ordered to appear in Kern County Courthouse to answer charges by Giumarra Corporation that he and the Union had violated a court injunction restricting the strike. But the judge postponed the trial because Chavez was so weak from fasting. In a show of solidarity, over 1,000 farm workers went with Cesar to the Bakersfield court to stand trial with him. It was their Union, as well as their leader, that was on trial.

Chavez's fast ended on March 10. He had lost 40 pounds and become so weak that he could barely walk. But the fast strengthened the Union and united the workers around the basic principle of non-violence in continuing this struggle until justice is achieved.

10,000 mass in gran fiesta

The greatest gathering of farm workers in the history of Delano celebrated the end of the 25-day fast of Cesar Chavez on Sunday, March 10.

Ten thousand farm workers joined in a procession behind the Virgen of Guadalupe, patron saint of Mexico, and the Thunderbird banners of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy was near the front as the procession wound almost a mile through Delano Memorial Park to a temporary altar.

A multi-church mass with an opening prayer in Hebrew, a Protestant sermon and Catholic ritual preceded the breaking of the bread, semita, the bread of the poor of Mexico. The first to break bread were Chavez and Kennedy. The loaves were then shared by the entire assemblage as priests passed among the throng.

UFWOC vice president Julio Hernandez read Chavez' statement in Spanish and Rev. James Drake read it in English because "My heart is so full and my body too weak to say what I feel." Chavez sat too weak to even keep his head erect as his own words were spoken. "I undertook this fast because my heart was filled with grief and pain for the sufferings of farm workers... It was a fast for non-violence and a call to sacrifice.



During an open-air "Mass of Thanksgiving" in Delano, Cesar Chavez sat too weak to move after his 27-day fast for non-violence. Bobby Kennedy praised Chavez and the United Farmworkers' Organizing Committee who have carried on a 2 1/2 year grape strike in Delano. Later in the day, Reies Tijerina spoke

"Our struggle is not easy. Those who oppose our cause are rich and powerful and they have many allies in high places. We are poor. Our allies are few. But we have something that the rich do not own. We have our own bodies and spirits and the justice of our cause as our weapons."

Senator Kennedy opened his remarks in a Spanish broken by his Massachusetts accent and set the audience to wild applause.

"I come to honor Cesar Chavez for his compassion, his honesty, his truth and his dedication," he said.

a ringing declaration by Reies Tijerina, fiery leader of the land grant movement in New Mexico. "The press and propaganda makers of this country are trying to destroy the unity of our people. Of course I endorse the work of Cesar Chavez. Brother Chavez and all the brothers of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee are gallant human beings fighting to establish the dream and reality of America for those who have been the most disadvantaged, the farm workers."



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Sen. Robt. Kennedy, Cesar Chavez and farm-workers at Delano.