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AWARD WINNER JEFFE OLARE

A STAR IS BORN

CHIEF REDDIN

COMING SOON - SEPTEMBER 7

LINCOLN HIGH AUDITORIUM

If you have any concern for the need of the "chicanos" to have equal treatment under the law, for the people in your community who have been harrassed or brutalized by police officers, or for your own future and that of your children, you can't afford to miss the evening show at 3501 N. Broadway on September 7 at about 7:30 p.m.

Art Snyder Productions S.A., presents Tom Reddin in his new role as chief with a full cast of supporting stars, Henry Bertch "Highland Park Captain", Roger H. Guindon "Hollenbeck Captain", and Norman Houston "Commi-

sioner", and others, will star in the spectacular "Your Law Enforcement Agent: Man's Best Friend."

CONTROLLED CONFERENCES

The idea of improving police-community relations by holding "high-level" meetings and conferences is not a new one. The "morgue" of the newspapers is filled with reports of "community meetings" and "police-community relations conferences". This year, on April 22, one of these controlled confer-

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FARM WORKERS DEMAND JUSTICE

STIKE! HUELGA!

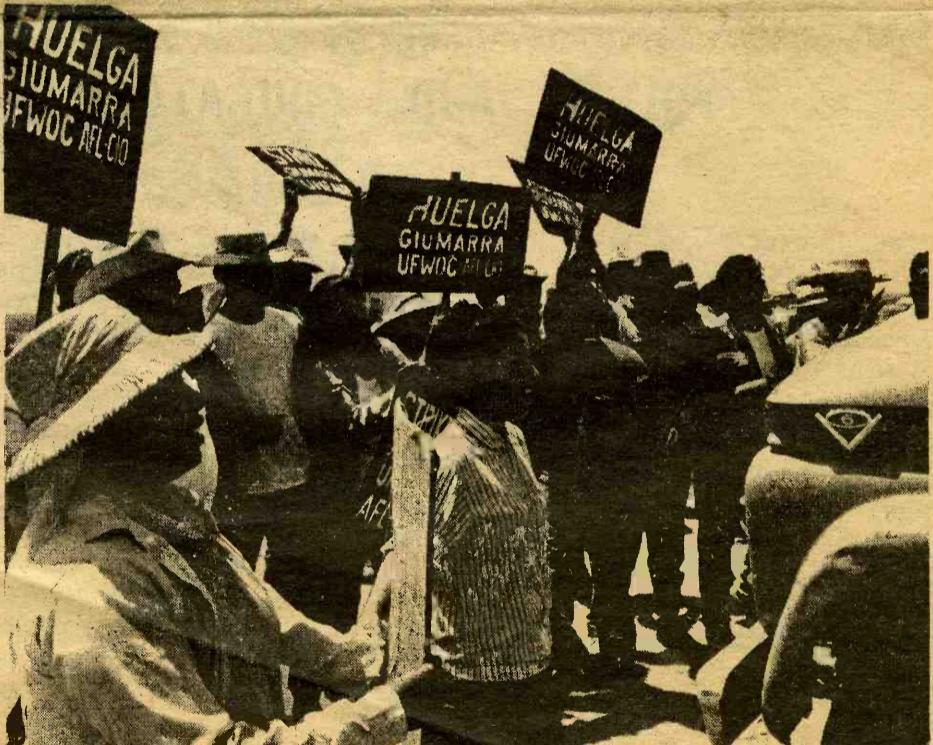
On the morning of August 3rd, farmworkers at the Giumarra Vineyards Corporation walked out of the fields with shouts of Viva Nuestra Union! Viva la Huelga! Viva la Raza! and Viva César Chavez!, marking the beginning of the long-awaited drive to win union benefits for over 2,500 field workers.

Most of the workers at Giumarra had signed authorization cards designating the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) as their bargaining agent with the employer. At a Rally-

Fiesta held on July 23rd for union members at Di Giorgio and Giumarra in Bakersfield, Giumarra workers pledged themselves not to be strike-breakers if the company did not agree to recognize the rights of the workers to a union of their choice.

WORKERS DEMANDS

At meetings held in Delano and Bakersfield on the night of August 2nd, the workers at Giumarra wrote out their demands in keeping with the contracts the union already has at Schenley, Di Giorgio,



because, after all, this Country (especially the Westward Movement) was founded by Force and Violence and sustained by sheer power, both economic and political.

Take the Westward Movement as a prime example of Force and Violence to accomplish one's aims and ends, for in this Movement the American Indian was totally annihilated because his only means of survival-the Buffalo-was systematically destroyed!

So it ain't no big deal when Newark and Detroit were destroyed because the Power Structure and Establishment were badly shaken because Force and Violence hurt--where it hurts them the most in the pocketbook. These o-

ppressed people in Newark and in Detroit were only doing what has been an American Tradition.

Now what about the Mexican? Does he have it made in this Country, especially in the Southwest? Hell no! After 1846 our people were disenfranchised. Our people were victimized out of their lands. Our people were brutalized. Our people who wanted to mine had to pay a miner's tax.

These wrongs were inflicted by the use of Force, Power and Violence, even though the Treat of Guadalupe Hidalgo guaranteed (or was supposed to guarantee) the Rights of our people.

Why even today our people (continued on page 4)

EDITORIAL

by RICHARD VARGAS

Mis Amigos Chicanos, the time has come to stop apologizing for being Mexican. The time has also come when we can no longer "afford the luxury" of continuing to "roll over and play dead", both politically and otherwise.

If we as "Americans" of Mexican descent are to get our rightful "Place in the Sun", we must, I repeat, we must unify and organize and mobilize the entire Mexican Community into political and militant action.

Now the Nava campaign

was an excellent beginning, but we must have even more "Grass Roots" support and more representation at both the state and local level.

Of course those Tio Tacos in the Mexican Community who supported and "sold us out" to Reagan can get their tails behind their...and get lost.

Now the only thing that the Power Structure and Establishment understand and respects is Force and Power

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ences held at the Police Academy was picketed by over 50 people. Even some of the selected guests came out and joined the picket line. Some of those staying inside tried to express their disagreement with the proceedings, but their views were not made public and in some cases they were told to "keep it quiet".

Two days before the Conference, Deputy Chief Inspector James Fisk was told by representatives of several grassroots organizations in the Eastside the objections they had to the conference. After several hours of public relations soft talk by Fisk, it was evident that he had nothing to offer and no power to deal with the real demands of the people. The conference went on as scheduled, the Police "show" went on and, in the streets, frisking, harrassment, name calling, and brutality by the police continued.

No Right to Demand?

According to Chief Deputy Fisk, the only one who has

the power to make changes in the police department is chief Reddin himself. Chief Reddin has been trying to build his image as a community oriented public official. In reality, Tom Reddin has no more concern with the desires of the people than chief Parker had.

At a community meeting held at the Church of the Epiphany on August 1st, chief Reddin, faced a panel of community people. The panel was composed of Ben Gomez, educator and spokesman; David Sanchez from YCCA, Ray Martinez from Happy Valley, David Chico from Mariana Maravilla, and Elizabeth Mesa from Clover. As soon as the panel presented their demands "el jefe" said, "I don't receive demands, I'm not susceptible to demands, I am here to explain our (LAPD) position." Public response was strong; several people said that Chief Reddin was a public official, and that his salary was paid from taxes, therefore, that he was responsible to the people and that the community had the right to demand the kind of services the police ought to perform. As the chief was unable, or unwilling to satisfy the demands of the people, most of those present walked out and left the chief alone with his plainclothes bodyguards.

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Mexican areas to take extensive training in the language, history, culture, and prevailing conditions in those communities. 4) The establishment of an advisory committee, elected by a community convention, and not appointed by police, mayor, or any other agency.

OUTSIDE AGITATORS

Councilman Snyder, of Snyder Productions S. A., and his assistant Cid Molina, blamed the response to chief Reddin's lack of answers on "outside agitators". Snyder was born in Lincoln Heights but moved "outside" to Eagle Rock where Mexicans are not allowed to own property or business and still he pretends to "represent" the residents of Lincoln Heights.

The "outsiders" at the meeting with the chief were members of several well known organizations. Present were representatives of the Community Service Organization (CSO), Mexican American Political Association (MAPA) Parents' Councils of Rose Hill, Happy Valley and El Sereno, East Los Angeles Improvement Council, United Council of Community Organizations (UCCO), Neighborhood Adult Participation Project (NAPP), Teen Posts, Social Action Training Center (SATC), and boys from Clover, Happy Valley and Maravilla.

Those were the "outside agitators" Snyder and Molina were talking about. We have not been able to get any specific information from the office of "our" councilman, except the letter informing us that another "conference" has been scheduled.

Make Your Voice Heard

Nothing has changed in the streets. Complaints keep being filed through the ACLU Malpractice Center, unwarranted arrests are being made, name calling continues, and respect for "law and order" doesn't seem to be the practice of the LAPD. Let's have more justice and less promises.

If you have any complaints against actions by the police, come to Lincoln High Auditorium on September 7, and voice your opinion. Tell it like it is!

POLICE AND EDUCATOR MALPRACTICE

On the afternoon of July 6, officers of the Monterey Park police arrested and booked overnight five Mexican youth on SUSPICION of use and possession of narcotics and theft. The five youngsters were at the time having their lunch hour from the nearby Skill Center at 1260 Monterey Pass Road. Not awaiting for additional information, Supervisor of the Center, Oscar Gallegos, and his Assistant, Dale Gustafson, acted as "judge, jury and executioners" and immediately terminated the five boys only two weeks short of completion of their 17 week training course.

The boys were released the following day for "lack of evidence". Tools found in the automobile, and claimed by the police to have been stolen, belonged to the father of one of the boys. No narcotics were found on their possession, and when the boys demanded a medical examination on the charge of being under the influence of narcotics, the police backed down. It seemed evident at this point as in so many other cases, that the suspicion was based solely on the fact that they were Mexican. The parents of the boys have not taken legal action against the police because of an ingrained habit in our community of a-

voiding the courts, however, taking it to the courts is the ONLY way in which the law will be applied equally to all.

Meanwhile the Gallegos-Gustafson "court martial" methods came into question. Two of the boys, Al Lopez and Al Ramirez, were readmitted when their parents went to see Gallegos, one of them accompanied by an Attorney. The other parents contacted the Educational Issues Committee of the United Council of Community Organizations (UCCO) trying to get their sons reinstated. Gallegos came uninvited to a meeting of the Educational Issues Committee and the parents of the Skill Center trainees. Once there, he tried to justify himself, reading from his black book (administrative guide) and tried to gain the sympathy of the group by explaining the headaches he had keeping the students "in line". According to one of the parents, Gallegos gave the impression that narcotics users hide behind every bush and that he had to check daily, latrines and dark corners.

Only the intervention of Mr. Bill Johnston, Associate Superintendent for Adult Education, forced Gallegos to revise his ruling. Mr. Johnston acted as a result of a

meeting with the parents and delegates of the United Council. The parents wanted their sons to have a certificate of graduation, back pay for the two weeks lost, and a letter of apology. Pete Reyes and Albert Tostado have already received their certificate and one week back pay, while Mr. Johnston has promised that the last one of the youngsters will receive the same as soon as his case is cleared in court September 11.

Many other complaints against the administration of the Skills Center came to light during the meetings with the parents. The Educational Issues Committee is working on the creation of a Community Advisory Council; other Skills Centers in Watts and Pacoima do have Councils, but Gustafson is said to oppose one for the East L.A. Center. Some teachers and students complained of the "prison camp" atmosphere and "correctional" style of discipline as practiced by Gustafson. Others spoke of preferential treatment, lack of materials, too many administrators and not enough

teachers, inadequate training, and high rate of dropouts. It seems as if the administration does need an Advisory Council to help them run the school.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Mutual Aid: Credit Union, Buyer's Club, Death Benefit Society. Service Center: Immigration and Citizenship, Pension for Non-Citizens, Employment, Disability Insurance, Social Security,...

Civic Action: Voter Registration, Civil Rights, Fair Housing Neighborhood Improvement, Youth Program,...

unite & change

Cities are burning! The people blame the police, the police blame the people; Congress blames OEO; OEC blames Congress; the Republicans blame the Democrats; the Democrats blame the Republicans--and the poor live in hell. Who cares where the blame lies? Change is the important thing. Change in the community, change that brings more jobs, more dignity, more education, and more of the good things of life to the pobre desgraciado. This change comes from community action and action comes from organization and unity. The Community Service Organization (CSO), means organization and unity.

This summer, CSO--with the help of an OEO grant--trained and sent out into the community approximately 120 youths from the ages of seventeen to twenty-four with the message, "Unite!"

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The training of the young adults consisted of a series of speakers on a variety of subjects, from Father Luce of the Parish of East Los Angeles on organizing, Jim Solis of the East Los Angeles Peace Information Center, to Chief Reddin of the LAPD, and Julian Nava from the Board of Education. They were exposed to both establishment agencies such as the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Department, Operation Headstart, and to grass roots organizations such as the Town-Hall Meeting, Young Citizens for Community Action and the Social Action Training Center. Also they observed and participated in anti-poverty activities in the community.

After several weeks of lectures, discussions, field trips and rallies, the youngsters went into the field to do door-to-door canvassing and setup house meetings. The purposes were to become better ac-

by LENÉ NÚÑEZ

quainted with the problems in the community, to determine ways of attacking and solving some of those problems, and to familiarize the residents with services available in the area. The many problems facing residents in the target area seemed to be mainly in the areas of economics, politics and welfare.

Lack of job opportunities and training resources, credit, insurance, high prices and poor quality of merchandise, deficient housing, and transportation appeared to be the most pressing economic problems of the area residents. The political disenfranchisement among the poor of the area was evident in the lack of participation in the local government, political or civic action groups, almost complete ignorance of avenues of redress of grievances, and low percentage of voter registration.

FOUR POEMS OF LA DAZA

Los Angeles

A bit of sprawling madness
A bushland Babylon
A den of thieves...once ?
still.
The summer nights
are pleasant there
On Hammel Street
where I was born,
The people dream in Spanish
And live as best they can.



To any prisoner
anywhere...

I weep for he
More than for me
For he is bond
And I am free
Still how free
Can I really be,
Whilst he is bond
And I am free.

Little girls
and the sky-plane...
I see the sky...
I see the flowers.
I see the little girls
all on fire.
Little girls with eyes
so brown.
Little girls
strewn on the ground

The ground! The ground!
The napalm drenched
ground.
As the sky-plane goes
flying back to Saigon.
Who sent the sky-plane
to kill little girls?
Who sent the sky-plane
nobody knows.

We sent the sky-plane,
My neighbor and I.
Though we may shed
many tears
And tell many lies,
We sent the sky-plane
My neighbor and I.

I sing my songs
And I'll sing them again
They don't mean a thing
But I love to sing.

I'm loose in the land
with my little pen
Before I'm through I'm
gonna cause some pain

ECHO-PARK YOUTH ...ON THE MOVE!

The Echo Park-Elysian Teen Post located at 1908 Echo Park Ave. has been headquarters for some exciting goings-on during this past summer. Both adults and youngsters have been working towards the common goal of providing meaningful activities for the youth of the area.

The first goal was to provide summer jobs for young people. A delegation of 50 mostly Mexican-American youngsters spoke with members of EYOA Board of Directors in order to institute this program. Help was also obtained from Sylvia Madrid of the Echo Park Action Committee. Father Moreno of Holy Rosary and Father Andrew Orozco of San Francisco de Assisi. As a result 10 youngsters are working at the Echo Park recreation Center, 6 at the Naval Academy, 3 at the Teen Post itself, and an indeterminate number at various other agencies.

Several Social Activities were planned and carried through. These included a trip to Hermosa Beach by some 22 teen post youngsters, participation in the Outward Bound program for camping in the Sierras, and a group trip to Disneyland.

A series of educational activities are being planned

Classes in sewing, with the help of the Singer Sewing Co; office machine training, with the help of the IBM Co; classes in self-defense and Karate, with the aid of volunteer Art Espinose; scientific body building and boxing. Many other forms of training are being planned.

Some adults in the community have also become involved in helping youngster handle problems of "police brutality". Some lawyers and civic leaders have been contacted and seem to be ready to help.

Because the present Teen Post is housed in a condemned building, the staff is looking for a better site. Also, a Rummage sale is being org-



ganized to finance some of these new activities. If you want to help in any way, contact Director Bob Ramirez, Ass. Director Merle Dubkin or Adult Aid Fran Gomez at 1908 Echo Park Ave. or telephone 666-9963.

Christian Brothers and Almaden.

The demands were immediate recognition of UFWOC as their bargaining agent, a contract between UFWOC and Giumarra, \$1.90 minimum wage, job security in the form of seniority, health insurance for their families, a grievance committee, paid vacations and holidays, and rest periods on the job. Workers in the cities have had these benefits and more for years, but they have been denied farmworkers by the greed and unlimited power of the growers.

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workers

who is giumarra ?

Giumarra is not a man, Giumarra is an agribusiness corporate monster. Under the names Giumarra Brother's Fruit Co., Giumarra Farms Inc., and Giumarra Vineyards Corp., the Giumarra family has a business worth well over \$25,000,000. Giumarra sells over 1000 railroad box cars and 400 truck loads a year, mainly grapes, cotton, prunes, and potatoes. GVC also has a winery with a storage capacity of 4,000,000 gallons. They also receive 1/6 of the earnings from several oil wells.

the land

Giumarra owns at least 12,170 acres; 6340 acres of grapes, 1600 of cotton, 1450 of potatoes, 480 of oranges, 80 of barley, 320 of various other crops, and 800 fallow acres. Their land holdings spread throughout the southern San Joaquin Valley, but includes lands in the Imperial and Riverside counties. Giumarra also rents or leases over 3700 acres from 18 different ranchers.

Giumarra's response to the strike was swift and typically ruthless. On August the 3rd 70% of the workers were not in the fields, they were on the picket line. By the second and third days some of the operations at Giumarra had to be closed down. Then the fight began. Armed guards were imported to provoke the strikers to break their pledge of non-violence. Giumarra obtained an injunction from friendly courts to limit the number of picketers in the lines and the places they could picket.

At the same time, workers from other ranchers were "loaned" to Giumarra, trying to divide the local workers. Green card nationals from the Coachella Valley and Mexico were bussed in, bringing Mexican worker to fight Mexican worker. Unemployed Negroes from Bakersfield were brought in, introducing an element of division between Negro workers and Mexican workers. The company even brought school children to the fields.

The Giumarras were informed by the union of the fact that most of their workers had signed for the union and were ready to negotiate. Before any answer was given, the union was informed that at a secret meeting of Giumarra and other Bakersfield area growers an agreement was made to help Giumarra for as long as he didn't "sell out" like Schenley and Di Giorgio had done.

César Chávez and some Giumarra workers met with the representative of Giumarra, Mr. Fike of Western Employers Association. He was not interested in negotiating but in gaining time for the employer to prepare to fight the Union. Within a week, it became clear that the Company was not going to negotiate and the Union took the following Pledge: "The next time the Union sits down with Giumarra it will be to sign a contract."



September 9, Saturday

Los Angeles' Miss Mexico Beauty Pageant
Mexican Welfare Society
Biltmore Hotel 8:00 P.M.

"The Police, Man's Best Friend" 7:30 P.M.
Lincoln High Auditorium
3501 N. Broadway

September 15 & 16
Friday and Saturday

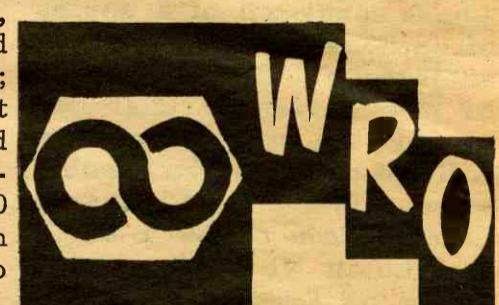
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EDITORIAL

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are fighting for their lands in New Mexico, and in Texas are subject to much oppression and discrimination.

So don't let anybody kid you fellow Chicanos, because you don't, I repeat, you don't have it made, so arise! Arise out of your filthy rat-hole Barrios and Slums and reach out and grab for your rightful "Place in the Sun."



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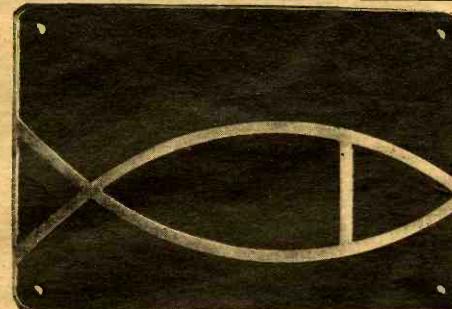
CONSPIRACY

"our kids need hot food too, and, by God, we are going to get it." says the mother of one of the students at the Glenn Alta School in Rose Hills. Nell Sparks is angry because of what she sees as "skullduggery" on the part of some public officials. But she is not alone in that feeling; many other mothers in the area also feel betrayed by the Board of Education.

Last spring a group of parents met with the principal to talk about how to improve conditions in the school, and after some very bureaucratic "reading of the book of rules" were referred to the Superintendent of Schools. Those same parents, (Mrs. Lopez, Miranda, Valenzuela, De Bille, and Sparks), with help from the Social Action Training Center (E.L.A. SATC) and from NAPPaids, demonstrated, petitioned, and made formal presentations on TV and before the Board of Education.

EDUCATION
in
LOS ANGELES

1. 40% of the pupils in Los Angeles Schools are Black or Mexican-American.
2. The average enrollment in predominantly White schools is 750 pupils.
3. The average enrollment in predominantly Black and Mexican-American schools is 1058.
4. Only 15% of teachers are Black or Mexican-American.
5. Only 9% of the administrators are Black or Mexican-American.
6. Federal and State funds are available for free lunches if the school system request them.
7. "If you can't pay you don't eat"; hence, 1/2 the schools in poverty areas have no cafeterias.
8. 90% of pupils on short or double sessions are either Black or Mexican-American.
9. In Compensatory Education, a Federal Program primarily for Black and Mexican children; the twenty-five or more people in policy making positions are all white.
10. Twenty of the twenty-four schools most vulnerable to earthquakes are in minority areas.



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September 14, 15, 16, 17
Belvedere Park

On April 24, they came out of a meeting of the Board of Education under the impression that their kids would get a 'hot lunch', and maybe even a cafeteria. At the end of the year the kids were still getting a "peanut-butter - sandwich-stick-of-carrot-in-a-paper-bag" type lunch for 35¢. A member of the Board referred to the bag lunch as an "experiment", while another member of the Board said, "protest or you won't get any thing but peanut butter. "Maybe that's what we will do," said one of the mothers, "as a matter of fact we are meeting already and we will move as soon as school opens again."

1. El 40% de los estudiantes en las escuelas de Los Angeles son mejicanos o negros.
2. El numero average de estudiantes en escuelas en que predominan los gringos es 750.

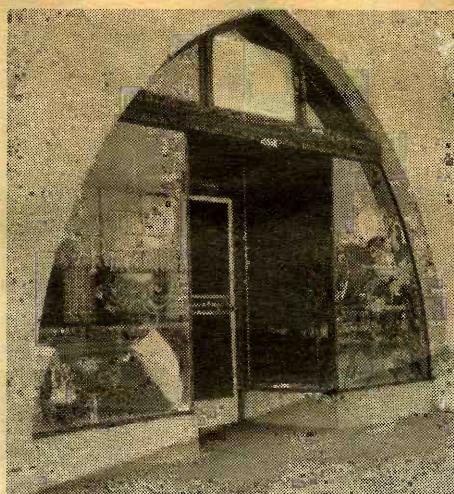
3. El numero average de estudiantes en escuelas en que predominan los mejicanos o los negros es 1058.
4. Solamente el 15% de los maestros son mejicanos o negros.
5. Solamente el 9% de los administradores son mejicanos o negros.
6. El Gobierno Federal tiene fondos disponibles para "luches" gratis si la administración de las escuelas lo pidieren.

7. "Si no puede pagar, no come"; entonces, la mitad de las escuelas en areas pobres no tienen cafeterias.
8. El 90% de los estudiantes en programas recortados o son mejicanos o negros. Entre 1950-1966, el numero de programas dobles en comunidades mejicanas o negras aumentó en un 347% y disminuyó en un 21% en otras comunidades.

9. El programa de Educación Compensatoria del Gobierno Federal, para las comunidades pobres principalmente negros o mejicanos, está administrado por gringos solamente.
10. Veinte de las veinticuatro escuelas más susceptibles a los terremotos están en comunidades mejicanas o negras.

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The Piranya is the first and only "legitimate" coffee house in the Eastside. The only one of its kind, it will be like nothing else in the area.



Because a great deal of musical and artistic "hidden talent" exist in East Los Angeles, the Piranya will give the local artists a place and an audience. There will be art exhibits and live music from the area. It will be a place to relax anytime. The Piranya will be a center for young people--their own center.

The Piranya wasn't brought to East Los Angeles by some businessman from L.A. or some anxious parents group,

or Society for the Improvement of Young People. A group of teenagers from the Eastside got the idea and worked on it with David Sanchez, vice president of the Young Citizens for Community Action, YCCA, leading the group. There is no big agency or big money telling the group (mostly members of YCCA) what to do. They get their money from fund raising activities. They found their own building and decorated it. Since the Piranya is a non-profit organization, any profits made will go into plans for improvement of the Coffee House itself. The young people will make all the plans for what happens there.



The Piranya Coffee House comes from the efforts of young people and that is who it is for. The Piranya will be the place where it's happening in East Los Angeles.

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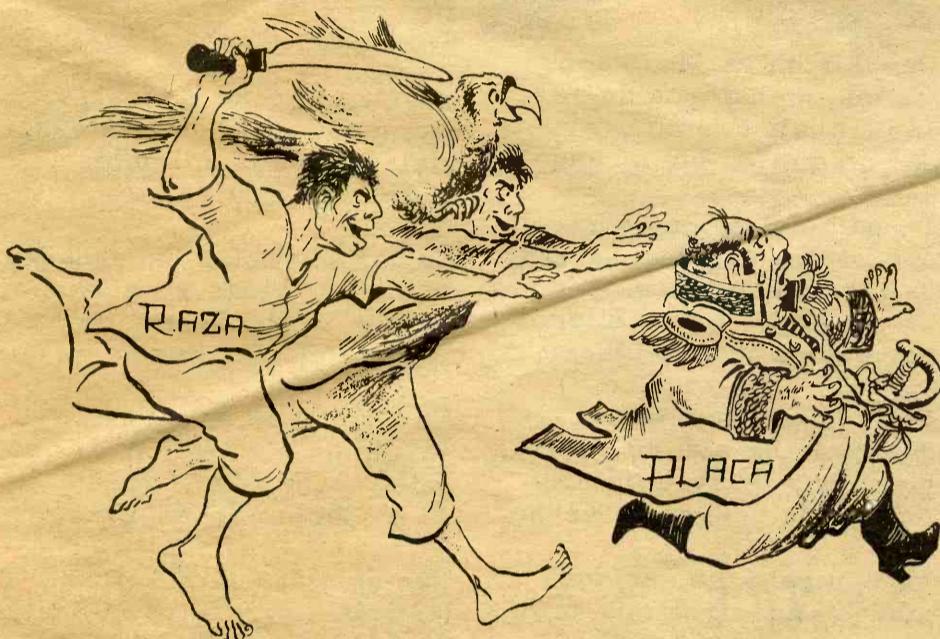


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"EL RESPETO AL DERECHO AJENO ES LA PAZ" JUÁREZ



afronta al pueblo

Ha leido Ud. los periódicos locales durante la semana última? La comunidad de Lincoln Heights ha recibido una afronta de parte del Diputado Municipal Art Snyder, que puede tener importantes repercusiones políticas. El Diputado Snyder ha anunciado que el dia 7 de Septiembre se celebrará una junta en el Auditorio de la Lincoln High School con el propósito de examinar y tratar de encontrar soluciones a los problemas que existen entre la policía y la comunidad.

Bajo cubierta de ese "noble"

propósito se oculta la afronta de un diputado que no comprende o no quiere comprender cuáles son los problemas básicos de la comunidad. El organizador (Snyder), o los organizadores de la junta, decidieron en un programa en el cuál dos grupos de personas disutirán los problemas policíacos.

diputado de quién?

Uno de los grupos representará a la policía. Ese grupo consiste del Jefe Tom (a la pagina tres)

El PUEBLO DE NTRA. SEÑORA LA REINA DE LOS ANGELES



En éste año de 1967, el 4 de Septiembre es una fecha de doble importancia. No sólo es el dia del trabajo sino que también es la fecha en que tradicionalmente se celebra la fundación del Pueblo de Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles en el año 1781. Sería bueno refrescar nuestra memoria y considerar quienes fueron los fundadores reales de la ciudad de Los Angeles. Eran doce hombres y sus familias que hicieron ese viaje histórico originado desde Sonora y Sinaloa hasta llegar al sur de California. Ellos eran:

- 1) José de Lara--un español con 50 años de edad; mujer india y 3 hijos.
- 2) José Antonio Navarro--un mestizo con 42 años de edad; mujer mulata y 3 hijos.
- 3) Basilio Rosas--un indio de 62 años de edad; mujer mulata y 6 hijos.
- 4) Antonio Mesa--un negro con 38 años de edad; mujer mulata y 2 hijos.
- 5) Antonio (Felix) Villavicencio--con 30 años de edad; mujer india y un hijo.
- 6) José Vangas--un indio con 28 años de edad; mujer india y un niño.
- 7) Alejandro Rosas--un indio de 19 años de edad; mujer india.
- 8) Pablo Rodriguez--un indio con 25 años de edad; mujer india y un hijo.
- 9) Manuel Camero--un mulato con 30 años de edad; mujer mulata y 5 hijos.
- 10) Luis Quintero--un negro con 55 años de edad; mujer mulata y 5 hijos.
- 11) José Moreno--un mulato con 26 años de edad; mujer mulata.
- 12) Antonio Morinda--"chino", español con mezcla de negro, con 50 años de edad; un hijo.

Nunca llegó a Los Angeles. Los historiadores dicen que de los once pobladores, ninguna sabía ni leer ni escribir, que solamente dos podían reclamar antepasados españoles pero que no eran españoles puros, y que de los 22 niños, solamente dos inditos eran de ascendencia pura. Quizás era esa realidad étnica lo que inspiró a el intelectual Mexicano José Vasconcelos a escribir su libro "La Raza Cósrica".

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EDITORIAL

por RICARDO VALDÉS

Mis hermanos Chicanos, el tiempo de dejar de disculparnos por ser Mexicanos ha llegado.

También ha llegado el tiempo cuando nosotros ya no podemos "permitirnos el lujo" de continuar con el hábito de "hacernos los muertos" políticamente y en otros modos.

Si nosotros como "Americanos" de descendencia Mexicana hemos de obtener nuestro "lugar bajo del sol", que nos pertenece, debemos, a toda costa unificarnos y or-

ganizarnos; para mobilizar por entero la comunidad Mexicano en acción política y militante.

Ahora, la compañía de Nava fué un excelente principio, pero debemos tener mas participación del pueblo y mas representación localmente y en el estado.

Por su puesto que esos Tío Tacos (Chaqueños) en la comunidad Mexicana quienes ayudaron y "nos vendieron", a Reagan pueden po-

ner sus colas en sus... y la único medio de supervivencia--el Búfalo--fue sistemáticamente destruido.

Ahora la única cosa que la Estructura del Poder Establecido entiende y respeta, es el poder y la fuerza, porque, después de todo, este causa de que la estructura país (especialmente el "Movimiento al Oeste") fué fundado por la fuerza y la violencia y sostenido por el uso del poder; lo mismo en lo económico que en lo político.

Tomemos el "Movimiento al Oeste" como un ejemplo primordial del uso de la fuerza y la violencia por grupos étnicos para realizar sus metas y propósitos, porque en éste movimiento, El Indiano Americano fue completamente aniquilado porque su

único medio de supervivencia--el Búfalo--fue sistemáticamente destruido.

Pues no es un gran acontecimiento cuando Newark y Detroit fueron destruidos porque la fuerza y la violencia los lastimaron y donde más les duele--económicamente --en el bolsillo. Esta gente oprimida en Newark y en Detroit solamente

estaba haciendo lo que ha sido una tradición en la sociedad Americana.

Y qué del Mexicano? Le va bien en este país? Pues no! Despues del año 1846 nace en este movimiento. El Indiano Americano fue esquilmando.

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Reddin; el Commandante de la División Highland Park, Henry Bertch; el Comandante de la División Hollenbeck; Roger H. Guindon; y la presidenta de la Comisión de Relaciones Humanas, Sra. Carole Waters. La policía estará representada en forma justa y adecuada. La policía representa a la policía. Funcionarios pagados representan la posición de la administración gubernamental que los emplea.

Pero, quién representa a la comunidad? El diputado Snyder, o sus empleados, escogen quien ha de representar a la comunidad. Parece ser la práctica común de los políticos que una vez elegidos, se olviden de que deben su posición al voto del pueblo y se apropien la capacidad de decidir "quién es quien" en la comunidad. En una sociedad que se dice ser democrática solamente el pueblo decide de quien ha de representarlo. Ninguna persona que se respete a sí misma y que respete a la comunidad estara de acuerdo en dejarse usar por el diputado y jugar el papel de "representante" de la comunidad.

quién representa a quien?

Art Snyder ha declarado en la prensa que él "le prometió" al Jefe Placa esta junta para mitigar la ofensa que se le havía hecho cuando apareció en otra junta el dia 1 de Agosto en la Iglesia de la Epifanía. La tan mentada "ofensa" fué una serie de demandas presentados al Jefe por un grupo de representantes de la comunidad ante un público de más de 250 personas. Ben Gómez, maestro; David Sanchez, estudiante; y Ray Martinez, Elizabeth Meza y David Chico, de Happy Valley, Clover y Marianna respectivamente. Ninguno de ellos es lo que el diputado Snyder ha llamado "outside agitators."

Queremos preguntarle al diputado Snyder, quiéres eran esos 'butside agitators'? Si el diputado no puede describirlos, o mostrarlos, que pare ya de hacer acusaciones falsas y de pedir "disculpas" al jefe en nombre de una comunidad que no le ha dado la autoridad para hacerlo.

porqué no demandas?

Las demandas presentadas al jefe Reddin en la noche del 1 de Agosto fueron las siguientes: 1) Un decreto ejecutivo del Jefe a los comandantes Bertch y Guindon de que termine inmediatamente to-

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QUIEN ES GIUMARRA?

Giumarra no es un hombre. Giumarra es una asociación comercial con los nombres de Giumarra Brother's Fruit Co., Giumarra Farms Inc., y Giumarra Vineyards Corp. El valor de estas tres compañías sobre pasa \$25,000,000 de dólares. Giumarra vende mas de 1000 carros de ferrocarril y mas de 400 camiones cada año cargados principalmente con uvas, algodón, ciruelas y papas. Tienen también una vinería con una capacidad de 4,000,000 de galones de vino y reciben 1/6 de las ganancias de varios pozos de petróleo.

LA TIERRA

Los ranchos de Giumarra ocupan mas de 12,170 acres,

da forma de violencia física y provocaciones hacia los mexicanos de parte de los agentes del LAPD 2) Un decreto ejecutivo del Jefe estableciendo claramente el principio de protección igual bajo la ley en areas predominantemente Mexicanas; respuesta pronta a llamadas de ayuda y procesos de investigación, información total de sus derechos a personas deterudas, etc... 3) Un decreto ejecutivo del Jefe que requiera entrenamiento en el lenguaje, historia, cultura, y condiciones sociales de la area, para todos los agentes del LAPD en areas predominantemente Mexicanas. 4) Elestablecimiento un Comité Consultivo, para la policía, elegido en una convención de la comunidad, y no designados por la policía u otra agencia gubernamental.

Queremos preguntarle al diputado Snyder que haga una declaración pública diciendo cuál es su opinión acerca de esas demandas. Recurde, Sr. Snyder, que Ud. es responsable a la comunidad y no al Jefe de Policía. A Uds. se les paga con el dinero del pueblo y su trabajo consiste en servirle al pueblo y no en tratar de decirle al pueblo lo que debe querer o como comportarse.

de los cuales 6340 son de uva, 1600 de algodón, 1450 de papas, 480 de naranjas, 80 de centeno, 320 de otras cosechas y 800 acres baldíos. Por lo menos tiene alquilados 3700 acres alquilados de 18 personas diferentes. Sus ranchos están localizados principalmente en la parte sur del Valle de San Joaquín pero también tienen ranchos en los condados de Riverside e Imperial.

BENEFICENCIA PUBLICA

El Congressional Record del 19 de Junio de 1967 dice que Giumarra recibió \$246, 882 el año pasado por no sembrar algodón o para "la conservación de la tierra". La compañía también ahorra millones de dólares porque irrigan sus miles de acres con agua por la que pagan el mismo precio que la ley establece para rancheros que tienen solamente 160 acres.

LOS TRABAJADORES

Las corporaciones de Giunmarra emplean casi mil trabajadores permanentemente y mas de 2500 durante la cosecha. La mayoría de esos trabajadores del campo ganan solamente \$1.40 la hora y el presupuesto para salarios es de \$2,500,000. Si Giunmarra le pagara a sus trabajadores lo mismo que la compañía de Schenley, esto es \$1.75 la hora, la diferencia sería de \$625,000. Giunmarra se ahorra y los trabajadores PIERDEN \$625,000 al año.

735 familias en Delano y en Bakersfield están en Huelga, luchando por una vida mejor para sus hijos y para todo el trabajador del campo. Ellos necesitan de continuar viviendo, entonces ellos van a necesitar dinero y comida. Aquellos que tienen ya una vida mejor deben ayudar al que lucha para alcanzarla.

PLAN DE LAS UNIONES PARA LA ACCION CIVICA EN EL BARRIO

Muchos mexicanos pertenecen a uniones laborales o sindicatos pero, hasta ahora, no se les ha dado la oportunidad de trabajar en forma organizada para el mejoramiento de la comunidad.

El Labor Community Action Advisory Board (LCAAB), que cuenta con la cooperación de once uniones internacionales, está haciendo planes para organizar un proyecto similar al que han tenido en Watts durante los últimos tres o cuatro años. El programa incluye recreación, artes y artesanía, historia y cultura, construcción de parques vecinales, y entremamiento como líderes para niños y jóvenes desde los 7 hasta los 24 años.

Joe Ybarra, agente de negocios de la Local #26 de la Unión de Estibadores y Almacenistas (ILWU), es miembro de un sub-comité que incluye a Bud Simmonson de la Unión de Empacadores (UPWA) y a Paul Schrade de la Unión de Automovitistas (UAW). Ybarra nos ha informado que la planificación y está bien avanzada y que quizás se ponga en ejecución en menos de un año.

