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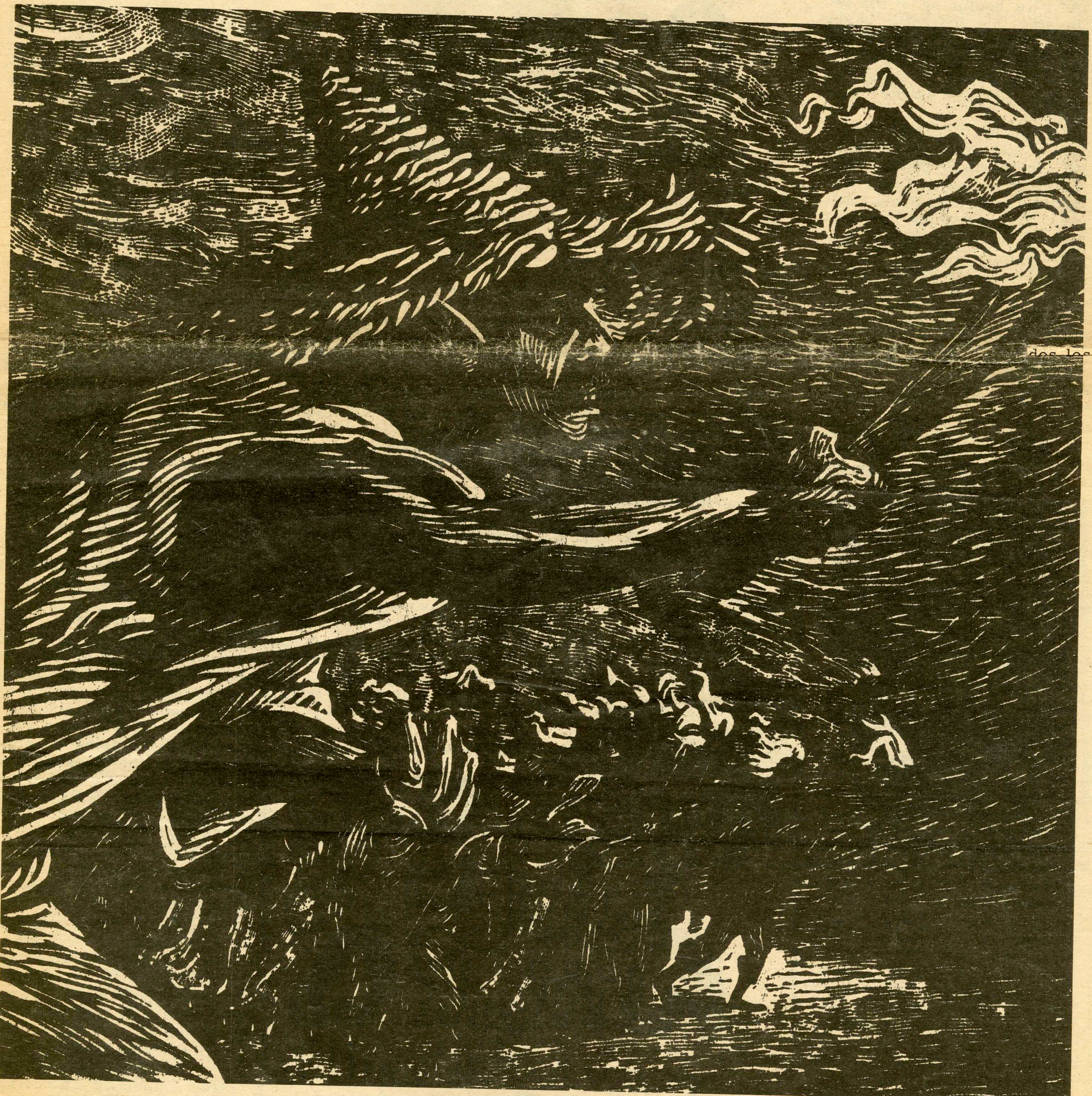
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EDUCATION ⁱⁿ the EASTSIDE

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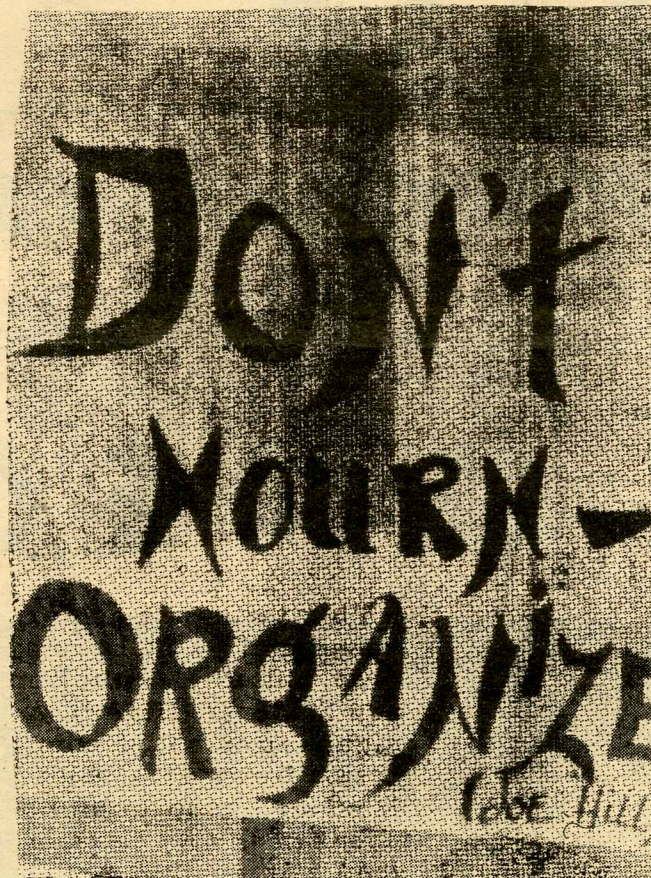
students "Baked-over"

In an elementary school within our beloved Eastside, there sits a Baker, to be sure not of Pan Dulce, whose presence on an elite school faculty has created chaos in the educational experience of soon graduating A-6 Chicanos. The rapport that the Baker has developed can best be compared to that of a marine drill sergeant and recruits. At the beginning of the semester, he blatantly barks out, "You treat me good and I'll treat you good." It seems that the Board of Education hired a straight shooter from Texas.

Of course, what was expected of him was a relationship of educator and pupil. What actually happened and is happening is an educational failure, another in the long history of education in the Mexican community.

Following are candid and direct comments made by some of these unfortunate students: "When he gets mad at us, ~~the~~ ^{his} network is given, a lot, as punishment." At times he says, "I am not going to let you go to the restroom until you go in your pants." "A couple of times for punishment, he has kept us in during the lunch period, almost all of it, while teasing us by eating his lunch." "Sometimes he has grabbed the boys by the neck and the girls by the ear when he loses his temper. Many times he just screams loud at the kids when refusing a request to visit the restroom." And finally, just last week, "I am not going to say anything to you about your background (ethnic). Go to your and ask him."

This Baker has really baked some discouraged hearts at Ford Blvd. School by informing them that when they get to Griffith, the older boys are going to slap them around and make them understand. No wonder many of the students raised their hands when the principal asked them if they preferred to remain at Ford Blvd. instead of graduating. These young students are literally afraid of a terrible unknown. This brief insight into the educational experience of some young chicanos leads one to wonder how many of our young ones are being handled by unqualified monsters. We know the school system is failing our youngsters, not only academically but psychologically which turns out to be more detrimental. How can we be rid of this disgraceful attempt at education?



Dear Editor:

Enjoyed your story about the Principal of Roosevelt High School where you stated that he had his head buried in the sand. This bird does not know what is going on in his school.

I graduated from Roosevelt in Summer '62 and I still have a sister that goes there now. She tells us that the teachers just laugh about the principal as he does not know what is going on. He thinks that everything is always ok. The assemblies are noisy and he gets up and tells the students how well behaved they are and the kids just laugh. What a joke.

When we graduated from Roosevelt, this guy arrived late for our graduation and his head was in a stew. So

help us the kids all said he must be drunk. You should check up on this and see if this was true. I remember Mr. Thomas tried to get him to sit down but he just kept talking for about an hour then he finally gave us our diplomas. The parents sure were talking about this for a long time, yet nothing ever happened. Mike Garret, the famous football player was in our class and was he embarrassed. How come this guy is still the principal of Roosevelt?

As you see my sister still goes to Roosevelt so I had better not sign this, but you should check around and see what people say about this.

Sincerely yours,
Class of Summer '62



A meeting called to consider re-instatement of suspended Headstart teacher, Mrs. Carrie Thomas broke up in pandemonium January 23rd at the Pico Gardens social hall in East Los Angeles.

Members of the Board of the Federation of Nursery School Teachers' Headstart Foundation--including several newly-appointed by the original Board members--were upset by the presence of a large crowd of parents demanding Mrs. Thomas's reinstatement. Some expressed perturbation because Mrs. Thomas was ably represented by Attorney Ben Wyatt while the agency had no attorney at hand.

Mr. Wyatt cited the agency's own by-laws and personnel practices code to prove that the popular teacher's three-month payless suspension is illegal. He read into the record an official evaluation of Mrs. Thomas as an excellent teacher whose concern for the children and relations with parents are exceptionally good.

The agency spokesmen introduced affidavits as to Mrs. Thomas's alleged misdeeds, which apparently involved these good parent and community relations, and a lack of utter faith in her agency's self-perpetuating leadership. Mr. Wyatt reminded Board members that affidavits which come from parties having an interest in Mrs. Thomas's removal should not be given full credence. One such statement was made by the teacher who inherited Mrs. Thomas's job, another by the assistant teacher who was upgraded to full teacher status without any consultation with Mrs. Thomas, her head teacher.

Refusal to allow Mrs. Thomas to continue teaching or even volunteering at the Los Niños Headstart site in Aliso Gardens is one of many crises which have shaken this particular delegate agency, frequently jeopardizing its status under the Economic & Youth Opportunity Administration (EYO). Parents have charged that it disregards EYO-OEO guidelines as to consultation with the community, and only permits its stooges to hold positions of leadership.

Tuesday's meeting broke up shortly after a new Board member admitted that she had received her appointment that very night. Parents were not permitted to speak unless spoken to, although the agency rules require "an open hearing".

Many concerned parents were present, while even more were unable to get to the meeting which was suddenly shifted from the Aliso Gardens social hall to one some distance away.

TEACHER & PARENTS

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READING CAMPAIGN

On Tuesday, January 23, at Marianna Elementary School on the Eastside, parents, teachers, principal Mr. Yakota and a few guests watched and listened while a group of youngsters read. Not unusual. But these children ranged in age from 5 yrs. 6 months to 6 yrs. 4 months. They have received a total of 7 hours reading instruction: 20 minutes a day, 3 days a week, for 7 weeks.

For their parents and others, these kindergarten children read enthusiastically from first grade reading books. On the first letter and find the word by sight in their own file box. They have not learned the alphabet but can recognize letters on sight. They also recognized large numbers before learning to count by recognizing page numbers. It was quite obvious during the demonstration that the children were enjoying reading, especially their clear success at it. One 5 year old from a home where only Spanish is spoken read well and with understanding.



The demonstration before parents and teachers resulted from the experimental work of Mrs. Salmon, kindergarten teacher at Marianna for five years. She began her experimental efforts on her own (without federal grants, funds, proposals!) and with the urging of a few parents, held a demonstration. Mrs. Salmon indicated there were a number of things that got her started on the experiment. She has been concerned about the low reading scores in LA schools especially as usually associated with Mexican-American children, and feels that early language "success experiences" will make for a happier highly motivated bi-lingual child. Mrs. Salmon was particularly encouraged by the supportive concern of parents in the community.

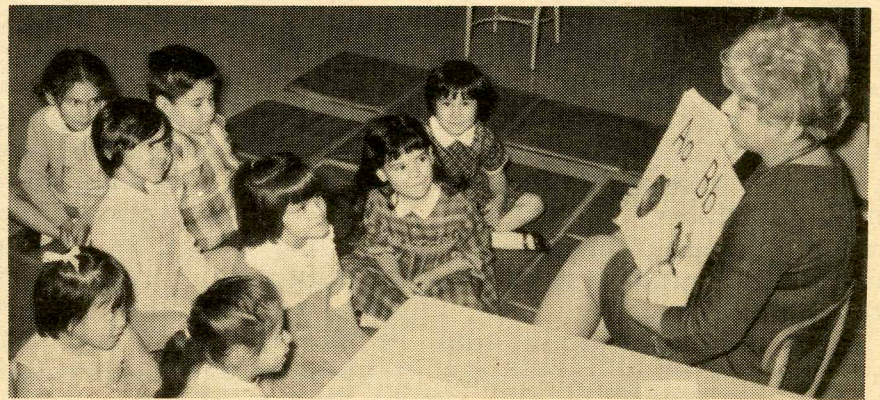
A group of parents at Marianna Elementary have struggled since February 1966 for improved teaching of reading. They are not PTA members and their group is not named. Many of them were Headstart parents who had been very involved and worked in the classroom. Hoping to provide maximum class time for teaching reading they offered classroom aid--anything from cleaning blackboards on up--and took their offer to the principal and finally to Superintendent Kadwell. They have been helping since last year, but feel in many cases greater teacher cooperation is needed. Mrs. Mendoza, a mother of 10 who has been working with Mrs. Salmon, felt the demonstration was a success but was disappointed that some teachers left before it was over. "What can we do when teachers just aren't interested?"

Most people, especially parents, were impressed by the and through questioning found that Mrs. Salmon by-passes many orthodox preparations of "reading readiness" and takes the youngsters almost immediately to reading from the book. She feels that many of the so-called "reading readiness skills" develop more rapidly and naturally through the actual reading process itself rather than prior to it. Mrs. Salmon, however, emphasizes the fact that this is a limited experiment (19 children for 7 weeks) and nothing far reaching can be determined yet. But a reading specialist at the school seems to feel that the results have been spectacular enough to encourage more experiment and development of technique.



Mrs. Salmon will keep on working for she said "I feel it is my responsibility as a teacher to learn as much as possible about the language, culture, contributions and problems of the community I teach in and do something about it."

More teachers better do the same fast. The kind who walked out, may be job hunting soon.



→ against low reading scores

Not long ago the East Los Angeles Tribune revealed the breakdown of reading scores in East LA--information kept very secret to that date. The figures were not a surprise to most. The Eastside averages were lower than the city-wide average. Individual school scores were very low in comparison with the nationwide average. The only school which scored significantly above the others is Robert Hill Lane which is not truly representative of the elementary schools on the Eastside.

	RESULTS 1st	2nd	3rd
Norm.....	50%	50%	50%
Citywide....	07%	11%	21%
Eastside....	03%	05%	07%
Individual Schools Here			
Brooklyn....	02%	07%	05%
Eastman....	01%	04%	07%
Ford.....	04%	02%	08%
Fourth.....	04%	02%	03%
Robert Hill Lane.....	14%	45%	17%
Riggin Ave..	02%	03%	03%

The "norm" group average is 50%--with 50% scoring above and 50% below the midway point on a zero to 100 scale. By comparison Los Angeles first graders, districtwide, scored an average of 7% meaning 50% of them ranked in the bottom 7% of the national average. The same holds true for the individual school scores in each grade. (From East LA Tribune)

The Tribune polled principals and Dr. Nava concerning the scores. A half dozen ELA principals attributed low scores to Mexican-American "language handicap". These "educators" still feel that the ability of potential to speak

two languages is a "handicap". This attitude is quite contrary to the attitude of kindergarten teacher at Marianna Elementary, Mrs. Salmon, who emphasizes the effort to develop and teach the "bi-lingual child". One of her 5 year old students who speaks only Spanish in the home is reading English with enthusiasm and understanding. Whatever experimental techniques she has used to achieve this result even though with only one child, must be seriously considered by LA City Schools if they are really serious in their concern about reading.

Unlike Dr. Nava, community members are not as concerned about the validity of tests manufactured by sterile statisticians from someplace else. Like the writer of the letter to LA RAZA last issue, community members want their children to read. We want them to be able to use all language skills, preferably in both languages, well enough to read, write, and speak so they can handle themselves in any situation as an adult.

If it takes the 40 experienced teachers as trainers and 24 special reading consultants using the funds of \$1.2 million program to improve school instruction--fine. If it takes the commitment and effort and creative experimentation without funds of teachers like Mrs. Salmon--better. What we want is results. We've seen million dollar programs and flocks of consultants come and go--mostly go--with more money in their pockets and no changes made. There better be results.

are welfare recipients human?

Notice to all welfare clients:
 You're not taxpayers, you don't support yourselves. You don't take good care of your kids; they are hungry, dirty, not clothed properly. You have boy friends in your homes, and have illegitimate children. You are no good; you should be sterilized; your kids put in homes; you should be made to go to work; you should be ashamed of yourselves for living.

--The good taxpaying people of California

How would you like to get that in the mail? You probably won't, but it represents in a pretty strong way, how some very powerful people feel about welfare, and people on welfare. Oh, they don't object to aid for old people, blind people, disabled people, just for little children and their mothers. (They feel worse for men with families on welfare, but that's another story.)

In the past few years, and for the next few years, the papers and TV are going to have a lot of so-called "news" about welfare, and most of it will be a pack of lies. The fact is, that the politicians, and the "taxpayers", and the "citizens" and all the "responsible" people, are concerned about money alone, and not about the lives of people being corroded and ruined by the evil we politely call "welfare".

I would like to explode a few

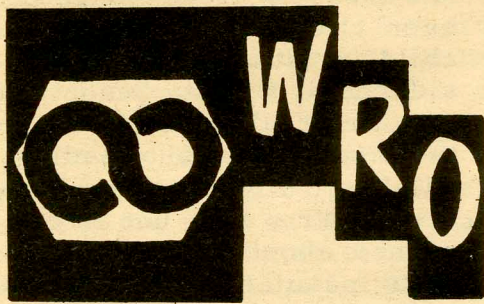
myths here. First, all people on aid are taxpayers; more of their money goes for rent (to pay the landlord's property tax) and for food and other things like clothes (to pay the Governor's increased sales tax). Some of the people who scream the loudest about welfare are the very ones who exploit the poor the most; wealthy landowners, doctors, storeowners, credit managers, and the like. A person receiving state aid probably pays out more taxes per dollar than the average working person, although most of the taxes are hidden in things like rent, utility bills, bus fare. That's one myth that needs exploding. The rest of the letter was written that way to make you upset. To make you think, "Am I really like that?" To make people not on welfare think, "They can't ALL be like that!"

But the truth is, that a lot of people are going to think and

say that kind of thing anyway, and will use the desperately HUMAN issue of welfare, and poverty, and poor housing, and bad schools (in short, all the problems and issues that welfare clients face every day as their normal life!) as a political football. The governor of California, many of his appointees to high positions, a lot of legislators, congressmen, and local politicians, think that you, the "AFDC recipient", are a sub-human kind of animal. It doesn't improve your image that a lot of you are black people, or chicanos, or poor white trash, because to these men, that kind is sub-human anyway.

If you don't mind people saying nasty, evil things about you, that's OK. But if you think you ARE human, you should think hard about all this. If you are the underdog, (and you are) you can do one of two things. You can lie on

your back and let them rip your guts out, OR you can fight back harder than they are. And the way to fight, is to organize. That's what working men, and miners, and clothing workers did a long time ago. They formed unions, to save their own self-respect as well as to get decent pay. And people on welfare, in most major cities in this country, are organizing too. Their union is called the WRO. (Welfare Rights Organization. Don't wait for a politician to pull you out of poverty by the ears. It won't happen. Don't wait for a "social worker" to "counsel" or "interview" you out of the welfare trap. It doesn't work. No one can give you self-respect or dignity. It is inside you all the time, and only you can make it apparent. You can help yourself and your neighbors on welfare at the same time by joining WRO and working for a decent, dignified, and humane system of welfare.



Alice Escalante, Mgr

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
 East Los Angeles Branch

RIGHTS, BENEFITS & SERVICES of MEMBERSHIP

- * Information on your welfare Rights
- * Help in getting your Full Money from welfare
- * Protection and Help when welfare is unfair
- * Help with fair Hearings and Appeals
- * Participation in the Basic Needs campaign

2222 East First Street
 Tel. 261-0566

THE Piranya COFFEE HOUSE
 TEL. 722-8872
 5338 E. Olympic Blvd. Corner of Goodrich

Dear Sir:

I have just read the Mexican paper La Raza and I would like to get more information on the Brown Berets. If you think I am some kind of secret agent or something, let me fill you in on my background.

I am the 17 year old daughter of Rodolfo Gonzales, the chairman of the Crusade for Justice. I am a member too and I believe in the "Revolution."

If possible, I would like to become a member of the Brown Berets. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,
 Charlotte Gonzales

LA RAZA NEEDS YOU

TO SERVE... OBSERVE AND PROTECT
 JOIN THE BROWN BERETS NOW

SEE YOUR LOCAL RECRUITER AT
 5338 E. OLYMPIC BLVD.
 GIRLS TOO...



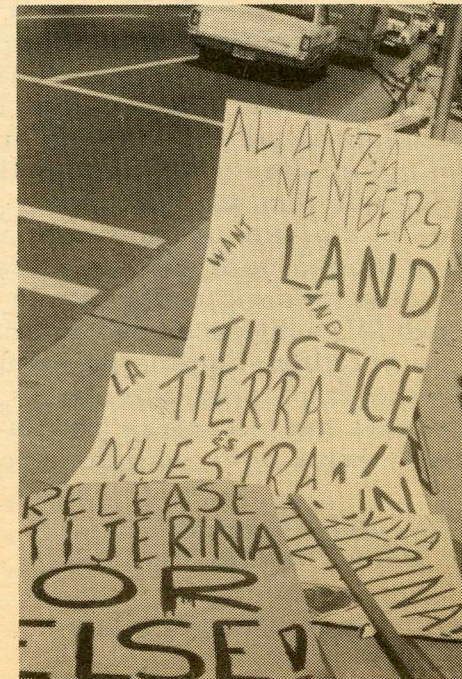
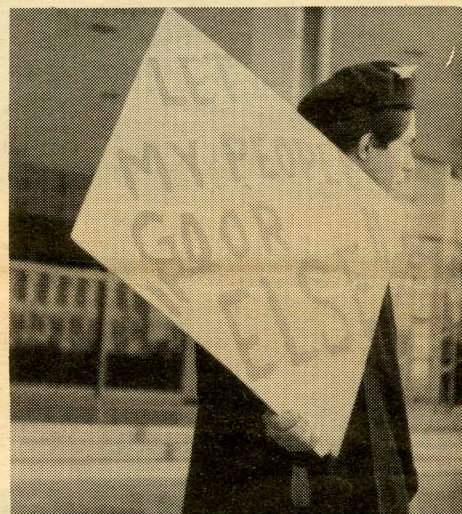
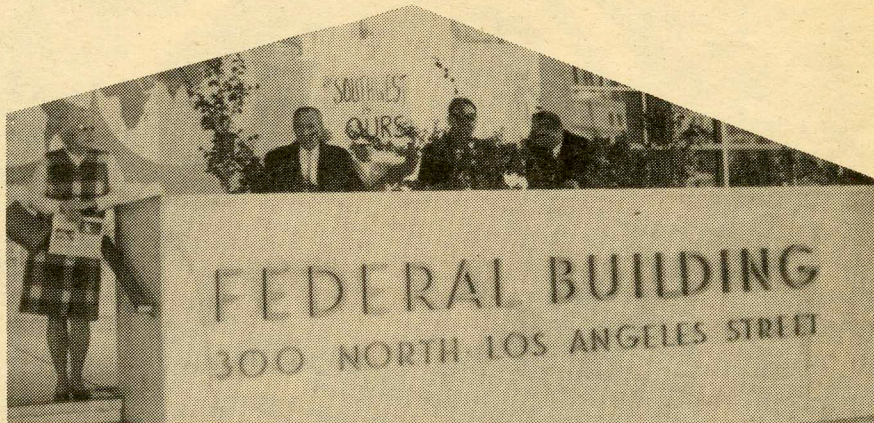
TIJERINA IS FREE AND WILL BE IN LOS ANGELES

After a 7 days long preliminary hearing, District Judge Joe Angel dismissed 24 counts each of kidnapping against 21 members of the Alianza (Confederación de Pueblos Repúblicas Libres) in Santa Fé, Nuevo Mexico. At the same time, charges were dismissed against 9 defendants because the prosecution failed to produce any evidence or witnesses against them.

Only 11 (out of 36 arrested in June of last year) are still under indictment. They face 24 charges of false imprisonment arising out of the Tierra Amarilla raid, three counts of assault with intent to commit a violent felony, one count of assaulting a court house and one count of assaulting a jail. Besides Reies Tijerina, Reies's son, Juan Valdez, Jerry Noll, Baltazar Apodaca, Tobias Leyba, José Madril, Salomon Vazquez, Moises Morales, Baltazar Martinez, and Ezequiel Dominguez, will face trial sometime in the future.

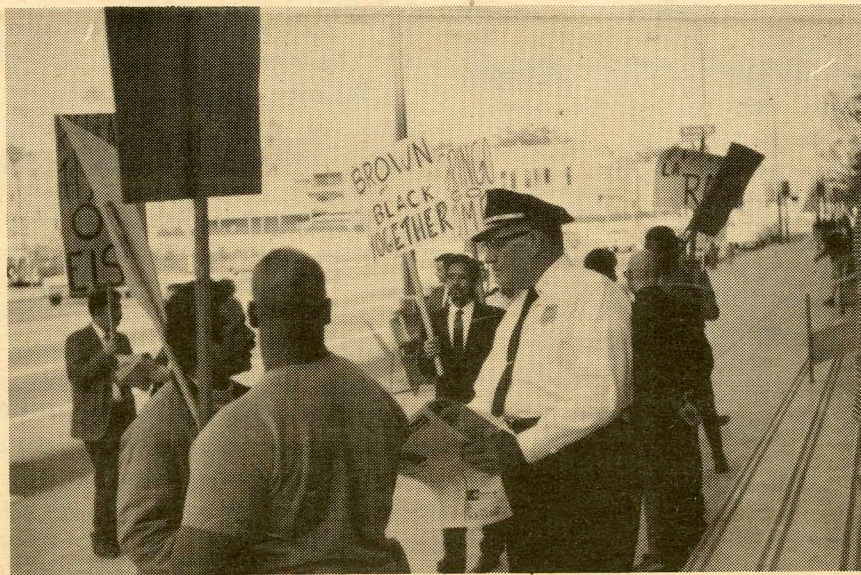
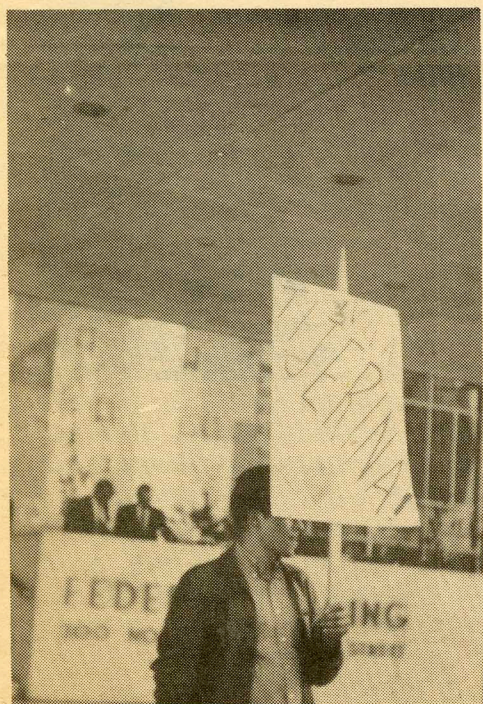
Observers on the scene attribute the partial victory to three factors: the excellent cross-examination of prosecution witnesses by defense attorneys, the increased publicity given to the case by Mexican-American organizations outside of the State of New Mexico, and the more than 1,000 letters and telegrams of support for the Alianza received by Gov. David Cargo and the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico.

Alianza leaders and members and their defense attorneys are confident that all of the charges will be dismissed if the case goes to trial, but what is needed is plenty of money for the lawyers to prepare their cases and a wide spread movement of support across the whole nation. You can help by attending any or all of the events scheduled in support of Tijerina during the week of the 17-24 of February, by keeping informed, and by speaking to friends and groups about the case and about sending letters of support and financial help.



SCHEDULE

Saturday 17	8:00 p.m.	Monterey Park Party 501 Ladera Street Donation \$2.00
Sunday 18	3:00 p.m.	Sports Arena Stokely Carmichael & Reies Tijerina Donation \$1.00
Monday 19	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 8:00 p.m.	Press Club Press Conference L.A. City College Panamerican Club Reception. Black and Brown only. Stokely Carmichael & Reies Tijerina Donation ? Second Baptist Church. 24th & Griffith
Tuesday 20	12:00 noon	L.A. State UMAS
Wednesday 21	11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	San Fernando Valley UMAS Pacoima Rally--to be announced
Thursday 22	11:00-2:00	UCLA Symposium on Mexican American Movement: Cesar Chavez, Ralph Guzman, Bert Corona, Reies Tijerina.
Friday 23	12:00 noon 6:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	ELA College. MASA-SLASH Compton Dinner. Cruz Montemayor 635-8788 Reception. Frank & Jean Pestana 7279 Mulholland Dr. 467-0144
Saturday 24	6:00 p.m.	MAPA 48th Dinner--Fiesta 2808 Altura, Corner of Sichel \$2.00
Sunday 25	1:00 p.m.	Congress of Mexican-American Unity Roosevelt High





G R I E F

Llevas en tus anchos hombros, Mexicano,
 El peso de una lucha que parece en vano.
 El látigo del patrón benévolo cruzó tu espalda,
 Rasgó de la humilde india el español la falda.
 Robó tu tierra y la labró con tu labor esclava,
 Con la ignorancia ató la única libertad que te quedaba.
 Por mucho que quepa en la tinaja un día se llena
 Y se volvió en grito tu sufrir por mucho tiempo gema.
 Se volvió fusil el azadón que tu enpuñabas,
 Trincheras sangradas los surcos que con fé sembrabas.
 No es nacional sino mundial lo que tu has hecho,
 Contagia igual el deseo que hinchó tu negro pecho.
 No fue en diez y seis de septiembre el día
 Para que tocará la trompeta su libre melodía.
 Fue el día que un Dios creó al hombre
 Y le otorgó de libre conquistador no conquistado su nombre.
 La revolución cambia hoy en día de forma
 Pero la cuestión social aún carece de reforma.
 La carrillera aquella de baqueta corriente
 Es hoy la palabra que nace y brota de una triste frente.
 Se trata aun de unirse codo a codo
 Y hoy como ayer se gana... o se pierde todo.

Abelardo Rodriguez
 El Paso, Texas

CPA: El Malcriado

MUSICA de MACHETE

The wild mountains of Mexico

are wild in me.

Música de machete

toca tu son de acero.

Lover of the wild mountains

women

life

music

wild

am i.

AAAY! AAAY! AAAY!

Música de machete

toca tu son de acero.

Voices filled with sex and secret dangers

ring throughout the wild mountains

of my Mexican soul.

Música de machete toca tu son de acero.

A man like raging rivers

toca tu son de acero.

A man like raging rivers

a woman like mountain streams

of the huayacán tree which grow in the ravines

sired me with their passion.

Música de machete

toca tu son de acero.

By ancient and despised gods of my fathers

blessed (cursed) with love for death and poetry.

Música de machete

toca tu son de acero.

Savage poets of the mountains sing to me

songs like stabs of steel.

Poems of spring and bullets

run through my veins.

Música de machete

toca tu son de acero.

When i rage

i rage unbounding.

When i love

i love uncaring

When i sing

i sing for sadness.

When i die

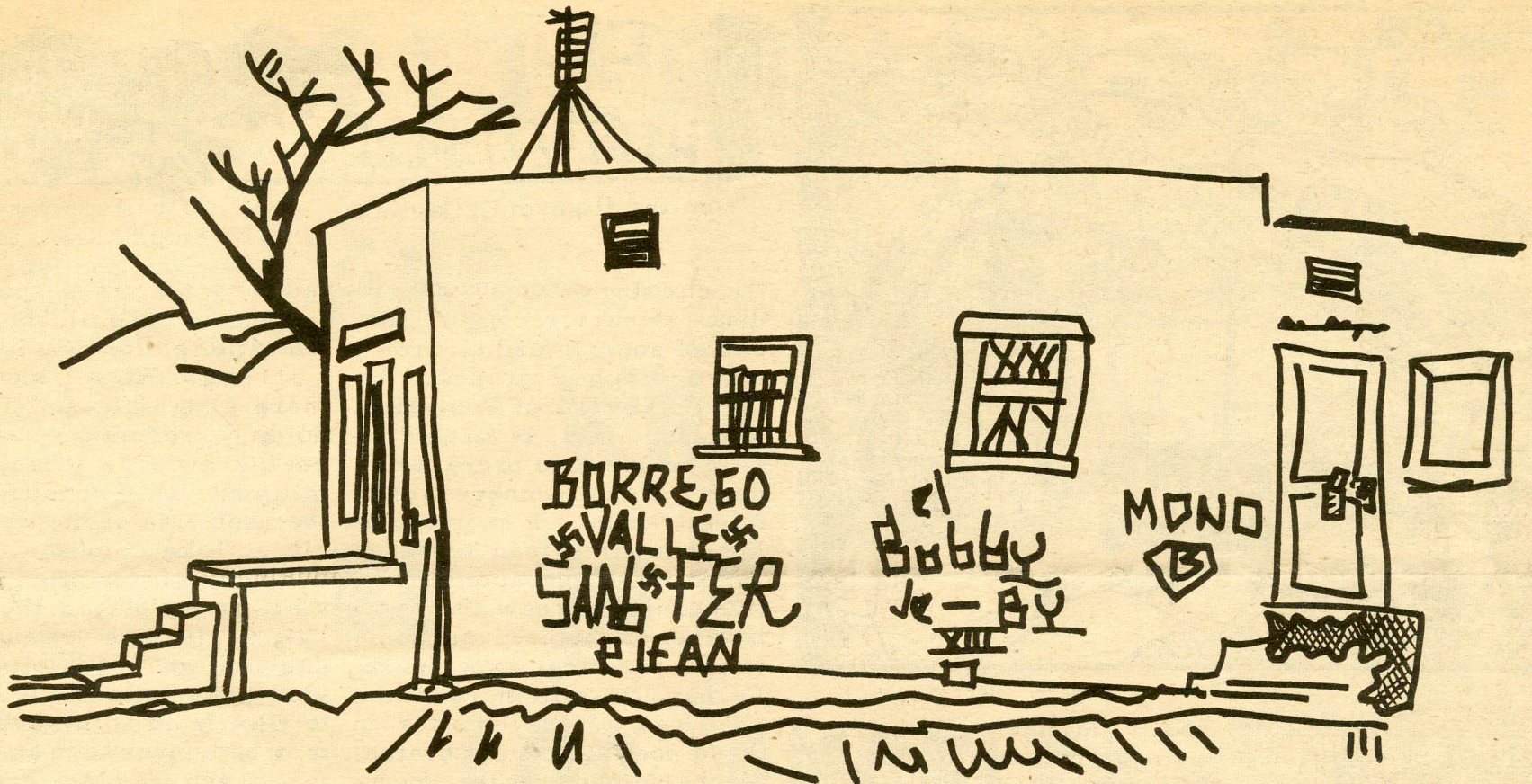
i'll die for love

Música de machete

toca tu son de acero.



Benjamin



excerpts from the life story of a Vato:

This is the story of life in a Mexican barrio, the barrios called "San Fer". The kids, so called Pachuco's, run this barrio; life in this barrio is rough, harsh. The boys learned early to carry can openers and knives. As soon as they got a little older they graduated to switchblades, lengths of chain and guns, if they could get hold of them.

The boys joined together, to form street gangs and some of them sported the Pachuco's brand between the thumbs and forefingers of their left hands. They formed a closely knit

group that regarded the Anglos as their natural enemies. You find these Pachuco's mostly in the barrio--Kali-sheer street--in streets, corners, alleys, and inside dark streets; it is the largest barrio in San Fernando Valley, compared to other barrios.

This gang is the stuff of life as the Pachuco knows it. For it he will undertake the most fantastic stunts to prove a great deal, he will risk life and freedom to maintain his growing reputation as a tough fighter, a rugged guy, at the young age they enter the "front of life". They find conflicts so perplexing and so full of both cultures--that of their

parents and that of America--and create their own world of Pachuquismo; the Vatos have created their own language, Pachucano; their own style of dress; their own folklore, and behavior patterns.

The Vatos have developed a barrio group spirit that has resulted in the establishment of a few-score areas and territories. One of these territories is "Borrego Valley". The Vatos in this territory are from O'Melveny St. to Laurel Canyon Blvd. These Vatos hang out in the center of Acala Ave., a dark street, and in the alleys around that area. These Vatos in this area are better organized and

a little tighter due to the fact that it is a smaller group, and therefore, all the vatos participate in the activities planned by them. Everybody shows and brings anything that will be enjoyed by the group; for instance, one boy will bring beer or wine while others will bring "rifa", still others bring money for the use of activities or gas for a member's car.

This is a thing that goes on every night with usually something different every night that can be called a "dead kick". This is a neighborhood that never looks for any trouble but is always full of excitement.

THE BROTHERHOOD

A new club of young men from Montebello Gardens, "El Jardin" and Pico Rivera, "Old Pico", has been formed under sponsorship of Al Moncayo and Richard Vigil, former Teen Post Directors at Rio Hondo and Pio Pico respectively. The group is called the Pico Rivera Young Men's Association.

Mr. Johnny Marquez, Association President, (better known as Shorty) informed March of Dimes Captain Mrs. Matilde Lujan, that the Young Men would help in the March of Dimes. Stated Shorty, "The group decided it needed to go out and be of service to the community, because nobody wants us." Mr. Marquez made an impassioned plea to the Eastland Community Action Councils at the December meeting, in which he stated,

"The police don't want us on the streets, the park people don't want us in the parks, the schools don't want us in the schools and the Teen Posts don't want us either." The boys state, "We back Mrs. Lujan in the March of Dimes as our first activity to prove to the community our sincerity in our purpose; to better our image and to serve community needs."

Shorty has already initiated contact with other gangs, like the Canta Ranas, "Singing Frogs", to become organized. He explained, "We will wear green berets with special tabs for each "barrio's" name and we'll back each other in community action as well as when the boys get in trouble. We want to stay independent, but we need backing and support and right now our most immediate needs are paint, windows, lights, and a deposit for a pay phone."

MARIA AGUILAR BURKE

INVITES HER FRIENDS
TO VISIT

MAD MARIAS

FOLK ART
LATIN IMPORTS

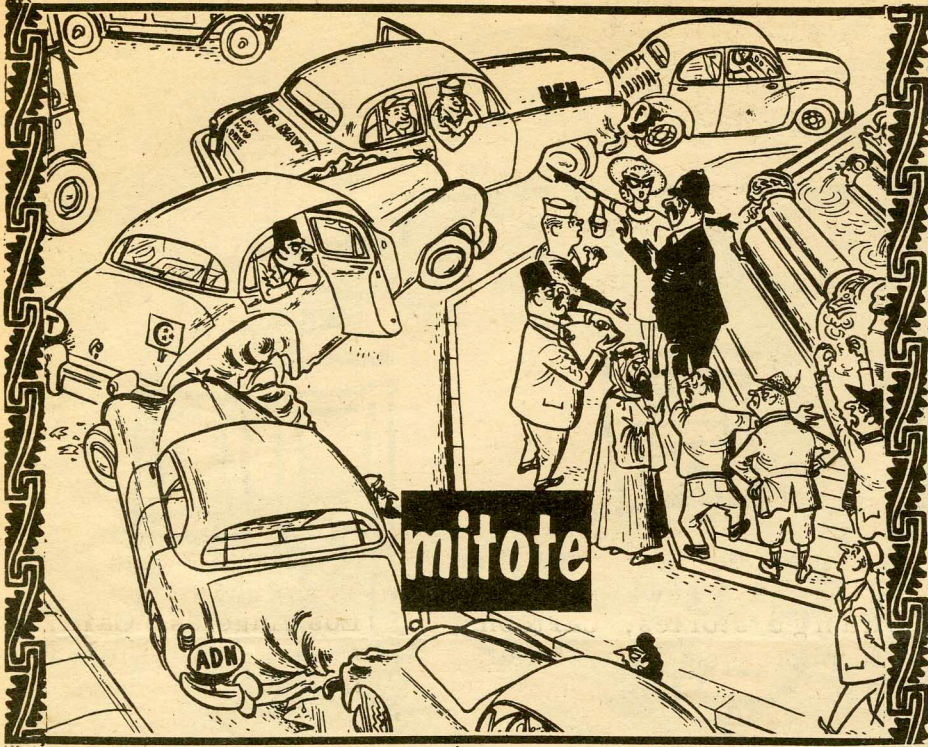
73-A NO. FAIR OAKS AVE.
(LOWER LEVEL SHOPS)
"OLD TOWN", PASADENA, CA



The Association members have rented the premises at 8241 Whittier Boulevard, which they voted to call "The Brotherhood", and have solicited contributions paint, chairs, wire spindles from the Edison Company for table tops and cash from local businessmen. The latter were only too happy to accommodate the boys, because it would keep them off the streets and off their business frontage.

To begin their community activities, an Enchilada dinner is planned for Friday, February 23, at the Episcopal Church, under the direction of Father Franklin, at Passions Blvd. near Muezeland School, Pico Rivera. Donations and volunteer help are badly needed.

Association meetings will be held every Monday at 7:30 pm. For additional information--call 699-1686.



HATCH ACT. The Grapevine has it that Jack Glick, teacher at YTEP, is doing some campaign work for his boss Richard Tafoya who is opposing Assemblyman, Elliott of the 40th District. We wonder if Glick was hired as a teacher or as field representative to be. Also "blinky eye" John is supposed to be running opposed to Peter Diaz "Yorty's Mexican". Caller said that Uncle Sam is the biggest campaign donor to both of these candidates.

BROWN ACT. Executive Director of Eastland CAP, Fernando del Rio, seems to be on the run. Board of Directors meetings are supposed to be announced and open. Recent meetings are not publicly announced and held at different locations. Also people are concerned about regular absences of some members of the Board. Field staff of LA RAZA is planning to conduct some "research".

TAFOYA. "Dick" Tafoya doesn't like LA RAZA; he has been throwing away copies that were being sold by students at YTEP. We would like to have the 10¢ and we would rather have the students read the paper. We have also learned that Tafoya is an amateur psychologist. According to him the Vatos who do Cholo writing on the walls need psychological help. Maybe he should submit a proposal to Joe Maldonado for a team of "head shrinkers" to do some "counseling" in the Barrios. He might get an honorary mention as a Mexican do-gooder.

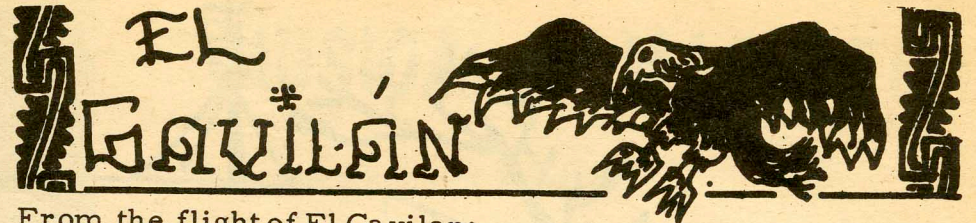
SLAVE LABOR. Building trades people should look into some of the building contracts at YTEP. Students are building some new structures and we know that they are not being paid Union Wages. Somebody should look at the budget allocated to "labor" in the construction of those new shops. At the same time, the Fire Department should look into the flammable supplies stored in a wooden shack on the side of the main building.

TEEN POSTS. The Eastside has a higher rate of dropouts than any other area; it also has the lowest number of recreational facilities for young people. In the recent cut-back of Teen Posts, however, the Eastside was way ahead. Area six had a reduction of 50% while other areas have been cut only 20%. Still, Lizarraga remains as area coordinator, more pay for less work and no record of attempting to save any of the Teen Posts.

next issue:

Special on PACOIMA JOB SKILLS CENTER
Robert Ross, Principal; Milton Meisner, Vice Principal; Rudy Holguin, Counselor; and Ernesto Gutierrez, Instructor, were all transferred out of the Pacoima Skills Center. In their place, the "get tough team", under the direction of Gustavson, the notorious "Gestapo" of the East Los Angeles Job Skills Center has been sent in to pacify the natives.

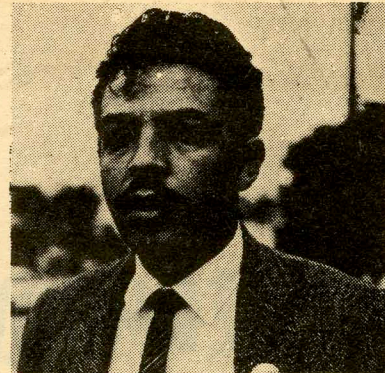
DON'T MISS IT.



From the flight of El Gavilan:

In chatting with an "independent" teacher recently I received some information on a new brainchild proposed by the LA Board of Education. The plan, now, is an internship program to prepare minority group teachers for administration. It seems that Mexican-American teachers cannot pass the administrative exams so now they will be taken out of the classrooms to get practical experience. Perhaps this will increase the amount of gray matter in these poor Chicanos' brains. Maybe someone in the educational power structure has discovered that Mexicans have smaller brains than the Anglo, therefore making it necessary to spend tax-payers money for a "Headstart Program". The Board is really admitting that Chicano teachers cannot make it through the normal avenues. This is a self-indictment of an obvious prejudicial practice that has existed for years. According to my source, the Mexican teacher is turned back at the oral examination by a board of administrators who lower the boom on anyone who does not fit their archaic, rigid, sterile, brown-nosing, narrow, anglo-orient-

ted bag that is responsible for the unrealistic brand of education children in ELA are getting. We all know that there are Chicano teachers holding credentials, experience, knowledge, ideas, commitment, and sensitivity to the problems of the community. Take a look and you will find, all too often, DUDS who have played the right "game" (saying yes and no on cue) and who sit in offices as vice-principals and drive into ELA from so far away that they had never seen smog before much less Mexican kids. The very few Mexican-Americans who have made it in the past fit the bag mentioned above and are used as "success stories" to make the rebels in the system settle down and behave. According to this "independent teacher" there are some young Chicano teachers who are straining at the bit and want to change a few things, but who are looked upon as rebels. Good heavens! If you change something the kids might learn something and we cannot have that! Anyway, it will be interesting to see who gets selected and what is done with the Chicanos when exam time comes around.



FELIX SPEAKS

New Mexico revolutionary Felix Martinez visited Open City last week to describe the progress of the Chicano revolt there.

He told about the founding of a new nation, the jailing of its leader, Reies Tijerina, an angry confrontation which has brought a quarter of a million Spanish speaking people to the brink of armed revolt.

"The Alliance represents an

underground government which has existed in New Mexico for more than 100 years, ever since the Anglo invasion," Martinez explained. "In each pueblo we elect a nine-member city government including an Alcalde [mayor] and sheriff. We have our own elections, our

own laws. -We consider ourselves residents of the nation of the Spanish West Indies, the province of Nueva Granada in which our ancestors received land grants from the Spanish crown in the 17th Century.

"We have preserved the Spanish customs and culture despite the Anglo attempt to wipe them out and commit genocide against our people. I think that only one thing prevented that genocide," he continued with cool anger. "That was the fear that 200 million Spanish speaking people south of the border would rise up against them."

"If we don't get justice, who knows how bad it will get?"

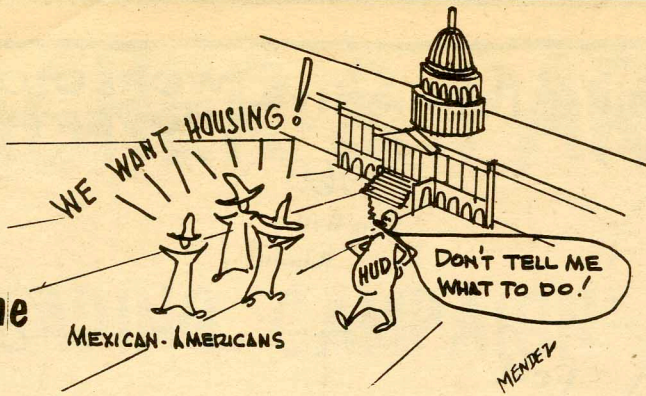
"We will fight if we have to," he said.

Martinez said his people-- about 40 per cent of the New Mexico population--are getting armed and are almost ready to fight if need be to gain their rights and some kind of compensation for what has been stolen from them for more than a century. The amount due is not too jokingly estimated by him at about "ten years of the entire American gross national product".

Mortar &

Bricks...are

not a home



On December 9, 1967, Mexican-Americans from all over California met in Fresno to talk about the housing problems of poor chicanos. The outcome was the founding of the Mexican-American Council for Better Housing; the decision to place the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the top of their priority list to demand programs for better housing; and to send a delegation to Washington.

The Council's Delegation that went to Washington in the second week of January, included Ralph Cuaron, Chairman, Louis Segura, Secretary, Joseph Saroza, Treasurer, Manuel Mendez, Executive Member and two housing interns, Steven Valencia and Kenneth Ortiz of East Los Angeles. They went to find out WHY HOUSING PROGRAMS... WERE NOT BEING PLANNED for the Mexican communities in the urban centers of California.

It did not take the delegation long to find one of the obstacles, or at least what appeared to be a dead end. Following the processing of the proposal submitted by the East Los Angeles Improvement Council they discovered that the man in charge of the technology section of HUD did not agree with the plan because of the high land cost, and too great a (square) footage allowed per unit. It was, he pointed out, way out of proportion to what they can permit. The agency people in Washington thought that if people in New York are satisfied with 500 square feet per family Mexican families on the West Coast should also accept it.

The Delegation said that Bricks and Mortar... do not create a home... This, it became clear to the delegation, was not understood by

the housing officials; therefore, the stalemate in carrying out the housing program design on the basis of the presumed philosophy of HUD.

The brick and mortar approach leads to a disregard for the people who will occupy the house or the unit which is built. The proposals submitted by the Mexican-American Council for Better Housing call for units with adequate landscaping, play area for children, homes which can develop according to the old cliché, "home is where the hearth (heart) is," and not just a structure which smothers the individuals who are forced to live there. The type of housing projected also implies a better community, new schools, recreation areas, new business and shopping centers.

Ralph Cuaron, chairman of the Mexican-American Council for Better Housing has opened an office to keep the PRESSURE. The office will be of service to the community by creating a pool of research information on housing and related urban matters which will be available to Mexican-American organization. (You could write or send contributions to 514 C St. NE, Washington, D.C.)

One visible result was the meeting of Mr. Rogers, head of Research for HUD, with members of the East Los Angeles Community Improvement Council (ELAIC) and a few community people in Los Angeles. Mr. Rogers, after listening to some arguments for different guidelines for grants, agreed to reconsider the proposal for Urban Rehabilitation from ELA, and, tentatively, that in all grants involving Mexican-American communities in California, HUD will consult with the MEXICAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR BETTER HOUSING.

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Los Políticos

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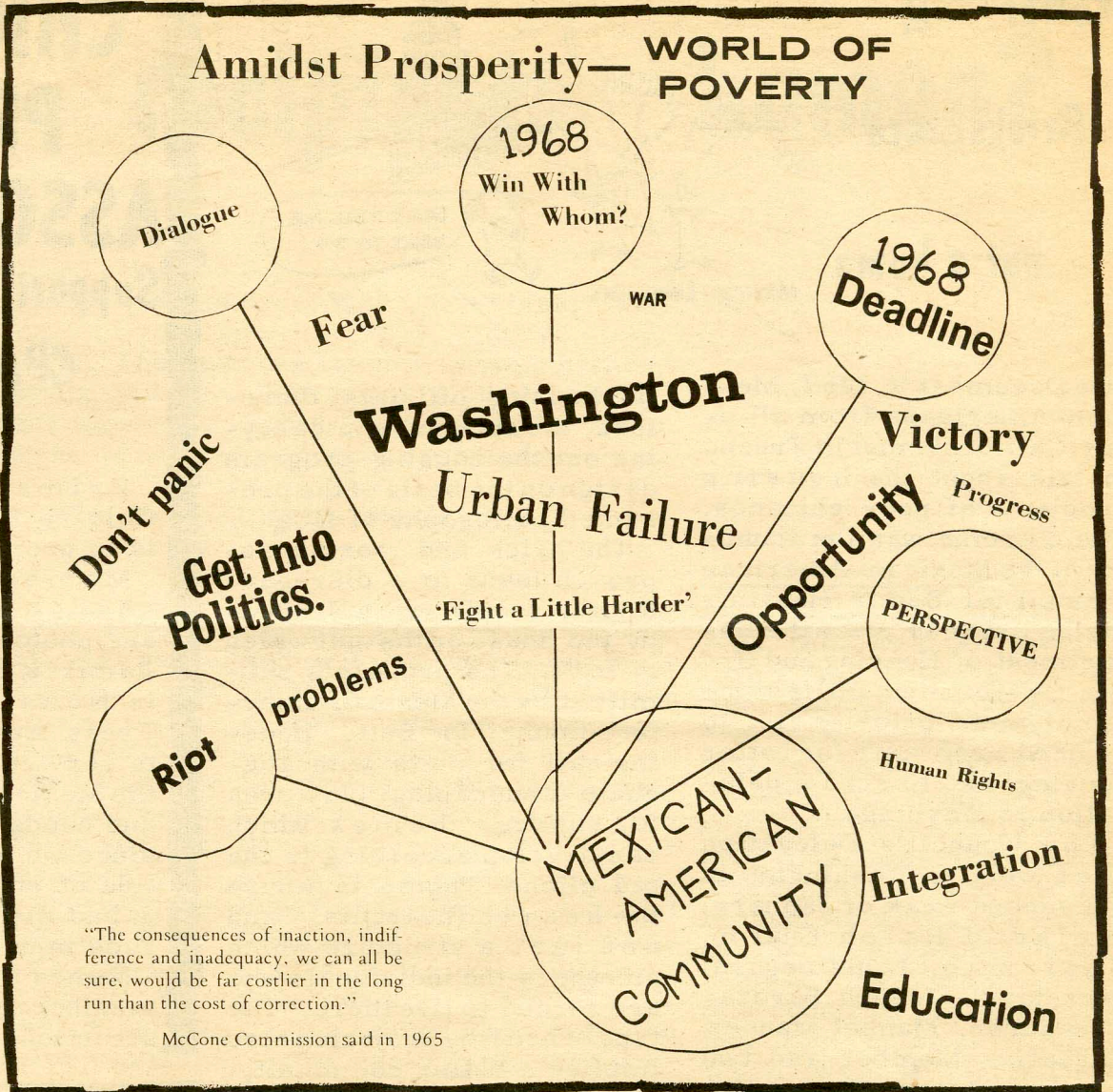
Editor El Gallo Querido Sr.

Centenares de nuestra raza en el estado de Nuevo Mexico an visto las remarcas que hace el Senador Jose Montoya encontra de Tijerina yo como ciudadano de este estado deseo expresar poco de mi opinon tocante a estas acusaciones me almiro mucho de que el Senador Montoya no comprenda los problemas del espano Americano Tal vez por que nunca escucha al pobre . Si no que a los mismos de el que an nacido con la cuchara de plata en la boca. Natural mente que estos hombres no saben lo que es comer coles tres veces al dia por un invierno consicutivo no poder seguir los estudios en las escuelas por falta de sapates. Trabagar 12 a 15 horas por 75¢ el dia y luego no pagarle ser deacreminado en los empleos por que habla el ingles quebrado. Ser acusado de peresoso y enorante por que no le compite al Mr Johnson oh al Mr Smith Si es verdad lo que dice el Senador de que un gran porciento de espanos tenemos permisos para nuestros ganadoo en las Florestas nacionales.

Pero no dice de que estos permisos estan bago officiales Federales que actan como gestapos con limitaciones y ordenes yamenasos de toda clase y lo pruebo con todos los permiseros. Tambien dice el Senador de que Reis Trjerina nos engana y nos explota pues un Senador brillante devia de saber que nuestra raza a sido enganada y explotada desdo 1846 espesial mente por politicos sagases y cuando duele mas es que sus nombres sean Montoyas oh Sanchez. Muy pronto se le a olvidado al Senador cuando nos sacrificamos para lebantarlo cuando le combatia el millonario Bolak y Lusk. En ese tiempo pensamos de que el comprendia nuestras problemas pero sale que nos pone en los niveles de Bolak.

Ya es muy tarde para que trateride taparle a las gentes humilladas el sol con la mano y politicos grandes de la nacion. No podran para a las gentes de que tengan fe en los quias que aclaran la verdad mucho menos con celos de ponsona. Jesucristo fue un quia que aclaraba a las gentes la verdad y fue envidiado ponsonosa mente persiguido por los ricos gordos avarientos Jefes politicos de los pueblos hasta que lo clavaron en la cruz. Pues las gentes siguiran la batalla y trunfaran por que cristo se halla en medio de los que piden Justicia razon dignidad respecto igualdad derechos de vivir con tranquilidad en este mundo que Dios se lo a dado a todo serviviente y le devemos a Dios tenerlo limpio y vivir en harmonia como hermanos de un mismo creador y todos tenemos el derecho de la benicion del fruto en los muy cortos y pocos anos que tenemos en el. Y mis ruegos a dios son para Ries Tijerina y otros quias como el sean negros blancos oh lo que fueren y que dios les aumente su valor y entendimiento y los guarde de la mano de la injustisia.

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Reverend Antonio Hernandez, chairman of the Congress of Mexican-American Unity continues to urge all chicanos to get their organizations to participate in the Endorsing Convention that will take place at ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL on February 25th. The purpose of the Convention is to select community consensus candidates to run for the offices of several assembly and senatorial districts in the greater Eastside. Endorsements will be made regardless of political affiliation.

Rules for certification will be as follows: 1) Organizations with 50% or more Mexican-American membership should have one delegate per 5 members, not to exceed 20 delegates; 2) Organizations with less than 50% Mexican-American membership shall have one voting member. No more than 70% of the voting delegates will be from these organizations.

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una victoria mas: UN EJEMPLO a seguir

Tengo un caso sucedido, que nunca podré olvidar, tocante a la policía. Al salir rumbo a Tijuana, me junté con mis amigos y al comenzar mi automóvil para salirle al camino se me acercó un individuo presentándose suplica, que era de agente secreto, entonces le contesté "yo no tengo nada de eso." Entonces me pidió que me bajara del carro que tenía que investigar, entonces el me pide la licencia, y pasaporte y otros documentos más. Y luego me esposaron como a un gran criminal.

Me llevaron a un cuarto reservado y en seguida me sacaron por la calle como una exhibición para la gente, ellos quedando muy bien. Me jaloneaban a los lados como para pararse el cuello; luego me subieron a su carro, como si yo hubiera sido un perro, un aventón y patada, para quedar satisfechos. En seguida salimos con destino a la carcel. Entonces uno de ellos me arejolaba, dándome golpes y dodazos, queriendo que yo hablara, entonces yo les decia 'ho puedo decirte nada, me llevas amarrado, que más quieres desgraciado.'

Entonces se me dirigió a los huevos, queriéndome los quitar; con me cabeza y mis hombros, y mis piernas bien oprimidas era la unica defensa que me protegía. Era un perro el muy indigno, con mucha ferocidad, me metia una mano

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por arriba y la otra por abajo, tratando de mis huevos agarrar. Entonces no eran codazos, ni guantadas, ni patadas, ya era una cosa más seria, lo que el policía trataba.

Al llegar a la estación de policía del condado me remachó las esposas a todo lo que el más podía. Me bajaron del auto para entregarme al arresto; entonces ahí tardé algunos 30 minutos para ponerme en libertad. Mis parientes y amigos pusieron \$315, me dieron cita para corte; cuando yo me presenté a la corte, no me hicieron justicia pero me mandaron a otra corte en otra fecha y allá nos acarearon a mi y al policía. El policía de-

claró que yo transportaba por negocio y que en mi carro llevaba 11 personas abordo cobrándoles \$4.00 a la faontera afomada.

Luego declaró uno de mis amigos, de los que iban conmigo, contra el policía de que todo era mentira. Todos éramos amigos, conocidos ya tiempos solo que ahí nos juntamos para irnos más contentos; pero desgraciadamente no se nos cumplió el intento quedado todos fregados. Yo caminé para la carcel mal diciendo la policía, sin tener ningún delito y ir en plan de criminal.

Esta policía maldito no se encarga del buen orden, solo

para portarse mal con la gente que es humilde, esos son los beneficios que obtenemos de la dicha policía; le pagamos por el buen orden, no porque nos traten mal, pero aún ellos se creen y abusan de las personas que no sabemos defendernos principalmente de los latinos, que mas quieren ver humillados pues así es la realidad. Hay más que puedo hablar tocante a la policía, que nos trata de pisotear.

Este policía perdió el caso por ser falso y aprovechado, y así hay muchos más que perderían; si tuviéramos valor de defendernos, cuando no tenemos ningún delito, pero desgraciadamente todo el tiempo no pensamos que vamos a perder el tiempo por andar en investigaciones, pero debíanos de hacerlo, porque es un mal que nos afecta, sin tenerlo y sin deberlo. Cuidense de ese ganado paisanos y compañeros, ya que no hablamos el inglés y no podemos defendernos. La policía se aprovecha, y es lo que cree más fácil, caminarnos a la cárcel téngamos causa o no.

Es todo lo que yo digo ésta vez al público entero con respecto a la policía, que se cuiden de los huevos, es el orgullo más grande que tenemos en el mundo, todos los mexicanos, quizás los que sean latinos sea también su propio argullo. Yo soy quien soy y no me parezco a nadie.

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Editor:

No se como explicarme, tal vez por no tener la suficiente preparación, asi que perdone mis palabras. Me Quiero referir a lo siguiente: nosotros los Mexicanos que estamos viviendo en este pais deberiamos estar mas unidos para darnos a valer, asi como los judios, arabes, chinos, ... ellos si están unidos, ahora es nuestro turno. Hay que fijarse nada mas, como hasta la gente de color se encuentra ya bien unida, no como nosotros los mexicanos.

Yo he estado en algunas partes donde corren de su trabajo a algun chicano por la causa, y en lugar de darnos pesar, hasta nos da gusto, porque decimos que asi nos dura unir, principalmen-

te en el trabajo, que si el compañero no sabe cumplir bien con su trabajo el que sepa lo enseñe.

Eso nunca lo hacemos, al contrario, no tratamos de enseñarlo para ver si el patrón lo corre. Esto no debe ser asi entre chicanos, nosotros nos estamos haciendo un gran mal, porque asi madre nos va a respetar. Asi es que vamos uniendonos hermanos chicanos y ser de unión sólida. Ya Basta, y ya es tiempo de que despertemos. Lo que tu puedes hacer para nuestros hijos del mañana.

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LA RAZA!

Por Luis Pegueros Jiménez

"RAZA" fué concebida como una alianza de las organizaciones de minorías de origen latino para dar más vigor a sus objetivos específicos.

El segundo paso que debe dar "RAZA" es cualitativo: elevar a la categoría de humanismo universal los motivos de su lucha.

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Habrán un grupo de conjurados intrinsecamente malos para perjudicar a las minorías de origen latino?

No.

Es un sistema viejo que los excluye del disfrute de la civilización contemporánea.

Los usufructuarios de un sistema que padece esclerosis social, son los que intentan cerrar el camino a las minorías marginada.

Es la élite del poder que en la actualidad turbulenta del mundo, teniendo en sus manos las banderas de la libertad y de la democracia, insiste en aplastar la libre expresión del pensamiento, de opinión y de conciencia que los jóvenes de Berkeley enarbolaron en 1965, son los que linchan negros, los que corrompen el sindicalismo obrero y los que quiebran el sindicalismo del campo, son los mismo que bloquean a naciones por el delito de elegir su propio camino conforme a su idiosincracia popular, los que explotan al tercer mundo, los que derriban gobiernos democráticos y forman alianzas con los gorilas en la America Latina, los que ordenen el genocidio de Vietnam, los que mandan al matadero a la juventud más noble de Norteamericana pa enriquecerse con los contratos jugosos inherentes al aprovisionamiento de las guerras; son los que niegan los valores más grandes que engendraron la gran nacion de Lincoln de Roosevelt y de Kennedy. Es la élite que subvierte los valores que predica.

No quiere cambios ni modernización en las esferas vitales de la vida social porque tiene todo un sistema nacional y mundial que gravita a su alrededor y que constituye el basamento de sus privilegios.

En cambio, las minorías marginadas no tienen nada que perder; por eso exigen cambios sustanciales, no paliativos a sus males. Las minorías aisladas o mayorías si se unen, si tienen mucho que ganar: la liberación de la pobreza que los oprime.

Los explotados exigen formas nuevas de convivencia social, tienen la mira puesta en el futuro porque el presente les es inadmisibile.

Los explotados no pueden querer el orden que exigen las minorías privilegiadas porque el orden actual los excluye del disfrute de una civilización que pesa y descansa sobre sus espaldas.

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El que se arrodilla para pedir limosna de sus propios derechos, les sería mas saludable renunciar el derecho de vivir.

chicano power

by MARIO COMPEAN
--MAYO--



La Raza Unida es nuestro lema. La Raza Unida es el fin que buscamos nosotros y el fin que el pueblo Mejico-Americano debe buscar. La Raza Unida en todo y para siempre será nuestra salvación. Con esta meta realizada será el día en que el pueblo Mejico-Americano se librará de la descriminación, las injusticias, y de las barbaridades a que nos ha sometido el gringo, individuo rudo que le gusta llamarse así mismo, por mas de 100 años.

Sobre todas las soluciones propuestas para alcanzar nuestra meta y nuestra salvación, la de La Raza Unida, predomina la de actividad politica. Se ha visto que al transcurrir los años, las otras soluciones anteriormente proporcionadas han fracasado por completo o necesitan un centenario para implementarse. No estamos dispuestos a esperar otros 100 años para que la educación formal nos saque del vivir una vida sin esperanza y sin luz una vida en completa obscuridad. Por esta razón es que de hoy en adelante levantemos la voz en grito abierto y proclamar al pueblo Mejico-Americano que la salvación de nuestro pueblo resta en la actividad y participación politica.

La Raza Unida en la politica será una fuerza muy potente y respetada cuando se realice. Pero para realizar esta meta es necesario primeramente cambiar la actitud que la politica es algo malo y así, a la vez, cambiar el mal entendimiento que tiene la palabra al ser pronunciada.

La politica solamente hace daño al que no tiene el control de las maquinarias gobernantes--va sean estatal local o federales. Los que poseen el control solo piensan en perpetuar su propio mejoramiento y se olvidan de que están para servir al pueblo y no a sus propios intereses.

Así es que para apoderarnos del control será necesario destruir la mal entendimiento de la palabra y luego inducir al pueblo que participe en todo nivel de la politica. Pero no basta con la participación sino siempre buscar la manera de controlar. La Raza Unida en todo y para siempre lograra esta meta si nos dedicamos todos a este fin.

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