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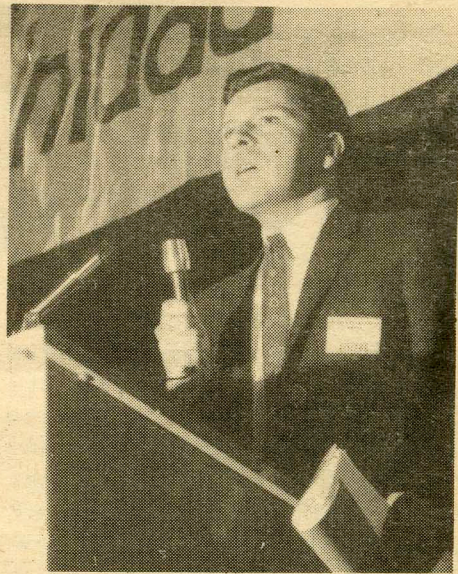
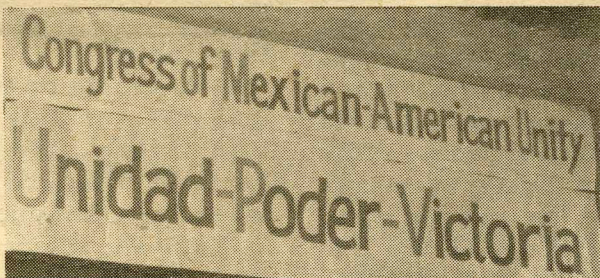
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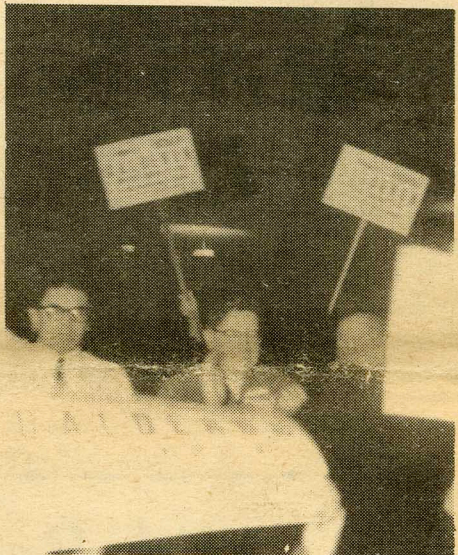


About 550 delegates, representing more than 50 community organizations, participated in the convention of the Congress of Mexican-American Unity held at Roosevelt High School last Sunday, February 25th. This Community Convention saw the emergence of "blocks" of organizations which seem to define the new sources of power in

the community. The main blocks, in order of strength and voting power were labor, the Town Halls, UMAS, and MAPA chapters.

The only "disputed" nomination was the one for the 40th Assembly District between Gonzalo Molina and James Cruz. James Cruz had more committed delegates from the beginning due to the strong alliance of the labor and Town Hall blocks. The decisive votes were cast by the UMAS block, but only after James Cruz agreed to sign an endorsement of the Complete Platform of the Southern District of the United Mexican American Students (UMAS). Gonzalo Molina withdrew from the race "in the interests of unity and to insure victory," receiving a standing ovation by all the delegates. Alex Garcia, one time field deputy to Congressman Ed Roybal, refused to submit to the Convention Rules and disqualified himself for community endorsement.

Let us now pull together and make victory for the community our only goal.



Photos: Ernie Gutierrez

COMMUNITY CANDIDATES

Richard Calderon

27th State Senatorial District

James Cruz

40th Assembly District

Phil Ortiz

51st Assembly District

Charles Pineda

45th Assembly District

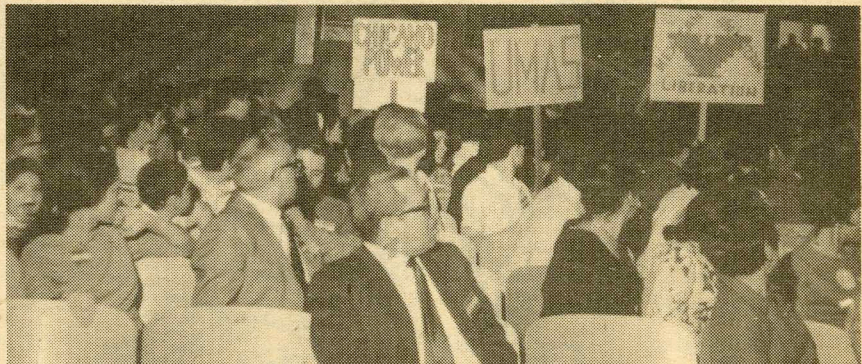
Ralph Guzman "drafted"

29th Congressional District

Ed Roybal

30th Congressional District

VIVA LA CAUSA,



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It is no accident that more poor people are sick, malnourished, or drop out of school, get in trouble with the law, or even die young. It is no accident that whenever taxes are raised, or the 'tax base' is changed, that poor people bear the increase most. It is no accident that poor people pay the highest interest rates, go to jail oftener because they can't raise bail, and can't get loans from banks. It is no accident that the amount of political power you have depends on how much money you have. So it is no accident that the streets of East L.A. and Watts are lousy, that the housing is worse, that rats, bugs and other vermin are not as well controlled, that the police are vicious to chicanos and black people, but not to Whites.

If all these things are not accidents, what are they? They are the results, DIRECT results, of a way of

thinking, that says--money and economic power is more important than human rights. Now, you have been born and raised in a country that calls itself a democracy. That means, they taught you in school, that the people rule, that government is of, by, and for the people, ALL the people. That ALL people have a voice in the laws they live under, the taxes they pay, and who the administrators of those laws are.

Well, you know it's different. Did you declare in Viet Nam? Did you decide that your beer and cigarets should be taxed some more, or that your landlord's taxes should be raised, causing your rent to go up? Of course not, yet those decisions, which affect the lives of all people, are supposed to be made by the majority of the people, or their representatives. Do you think that you, as a poor person, as a wel-

fare client, are really represented in Sacramento, in Washington?

Most people on the East Side are poor, or they wouldn't be living there. Most people on the East Side are of Mexican descent, some speak little or no English, many are on welfare. Many are unhappy with the way things are to say the least. A lot of parents are fed up with the schools their kids attend, a lot of kids are fed up with teachers and administrators who pay more attention to how long their hair is, or how short their skirts are, than to how much they are learning. A lot of welfare clients are fed up with a welfare system that begrudges giving a few bus tokens, and which makes sure that once a person gets on welfare it is damn difficult to get off. But who is going to listen to you? Do you think anyone really cares?

The only way is to make

them listen, whether they care or not. And the way to do that is to join others who have the same problems as you, and so think and feel as you. That is why there are political parties, labor unions, 'taxpayers' associations, and a lot of other groups. That is why there is a Welfare Rights Organization, so you can help find the solutions to your problems, by making enough noise that the politicians will respect you. Only if all work together will they have enough power to make those clowns sit up and take notice. If you just quietly seethe, and say "I wish I could do something" nothing will happen. It's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease. If you are on welfare or have been on welfare, or might get on welfare, you know how rotten the system is. Join WRO and help change it. It's your life.

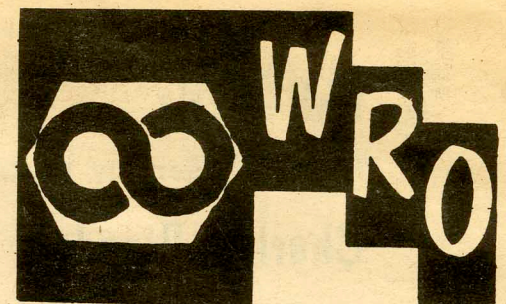
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EAST LOS ANGELES WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION PROTESTS

- ▶ the many goofed up checks and other things the Welfare Department imposed on people because they refuse to hire qualified people to operate the computers they use for processing cases.
- ▶ Cut off of special needs allowances.

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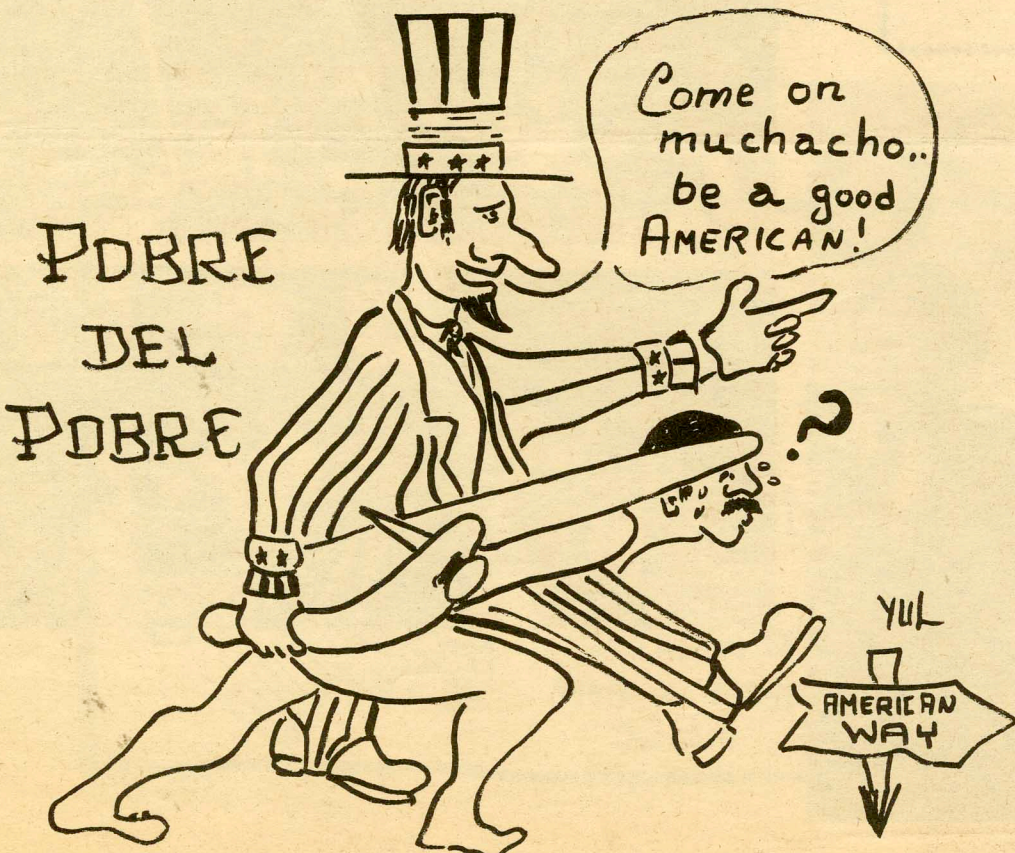
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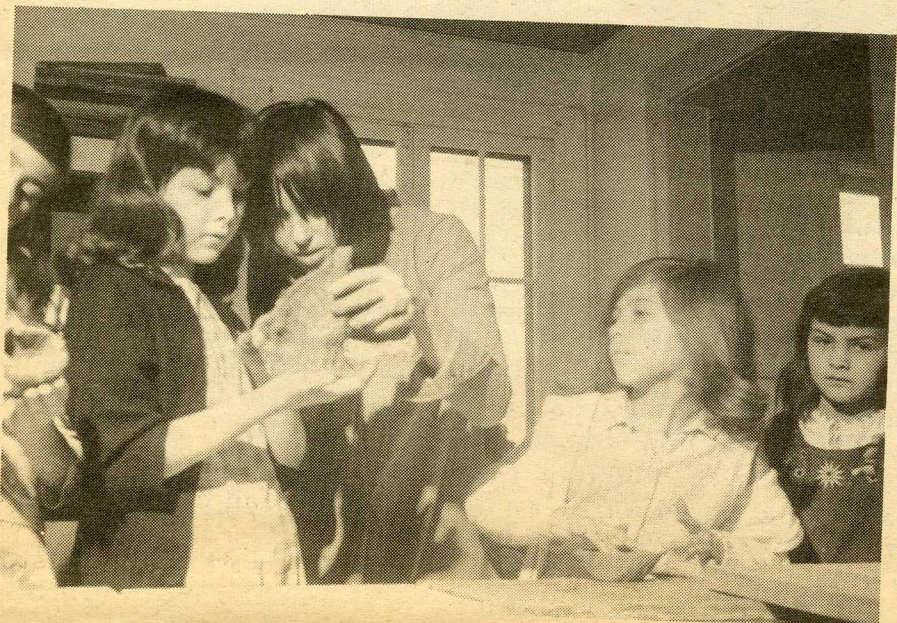


FLASH!

students are walking

After weeks of announcements and promises, the school administration refused to allow a drama production because --according to the puritan gabas--it had some "obscene words." The kids decided it was time to teach the dictators a lesson and began walking out. The administration panicked and called the Placas, who had a nice practice of their new "riot control" techniques. Several kids were beaten and arrested.

We planned to include this story in detail, but as of closing time, we hadn't been able to bail our reporter out. Next time!!



Photos: Ernie Gutierrez

BUSCA answers!

Tremendous excitement has been generated throughout the E. L. A. area over a non-profit organization called BUSCA (Barrio Union for Scholastic Community Action). BUSCA is located at 2809 Altura in Lincoln Heights. The original concept behind the founding of BUSCA is that children of Mexican-American descent are not learning their rightful cultural background in our schools. As a result many of our children do not really know what being a Mexican-American in the U. S. means and the significant role that the history of our people plays in developing pride.

BUSCA is currently trying to overcome this problem by conducting classes in Mexican dance and culture headed by Sol Herrera. A class which teaches reading through ceramics is held every Saturday morning. There are regular tutorial sessions and classes in sewing are being planned.

A need currently exists for adults and teenagers to help in all classes. For further information call: 223-5598, or better yet, come and see BUSCA yourself.



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C/S CHICANO
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EDUCATIONAL FAILURE

Richard Duran

There is no doubt that the most serious educational problem in the entire Southwest, including California, is the failure of the system to achieve any measure of success in the education of Mexican-American children. The recently published "national reading test" results point out the absolute failure of the system and the lack of concern of the "BOFOS" that administer it. While children at Eastman Elementary School, at Brooklyn Avenue School, and others are being intellectually mutilated and culturally castrated by middle-class values forced upon them, the BOFOS cop out by playing the OSTRICH GAME---head in the sand, behind in the air, and hope that all problems will thus disappear. They must be blind not to see that THEY, the educators, are the failures, but it is the children, OUR CHILDREN, who pay the price.

Recently, a conference was called at the CTA building for administrators "interested" in educational problems of the Mexican American Community and the promotion of a bi-lingual curriculum. As an interested student, I went to be enlightened, but---I should have known better. There wasn't a single eastside administrator in attendance and the speakers were totally ignorant of the problem and evasive. Mr. John Plakos, an Anglo doing research in testing procedures, presented a testing program designed to raise the I. Q. level of Mexican-American children. Mr. Plakos would do well to ponder on this thought: TO DESIGN A TEST WHICH WILL INDICATE ALL OUR CHILDREN TO BE GENIUSES DOES NOT RAISE OUR LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT ONE IOTA!

The second speaker, Dr. Julian Nava, was equally disappointing. Instead of digging at the roots of the problem, the first three years of school, Dr. Nava completely evaded the issue and instead sang the praises of "the Callexico Experiment," where a few select students deficient in English were put into a bi-lingual curriculum at the Junior High Level in L. A. schools. It's a farce, when after six or seven years of alienation and denial, the system decides to dole out a miniproportion of a bi-lingual curriculum. Dr. Nava introduced a report on programs dealing with the Mexican American students and labeled it "impressive." True, it was impressive, an impressive bulk of paper, but how effective? Such programs should not be judged in quantity, but in effectiveness. Dr. Nava's closing statement called for "BOLD NEW STEPS." Those were the only constructive words uttered all evening, BOLD NEW STEPS.

BOLD STEP NO. 1---The initiating of a bi-lingual system in education in compliance with the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo. Instead of respecting our Indian and Spanish heritage, they have raped it to the point of outlawing the use of our mother tongue. Two students at Belmont High, running for class offices, gave speeches in Spanish whereupon they were set on by the administration, harrassed, and warned not to use a "foreign language." Our children are subjected to a system bent on destroying the child and molding them into an "agringado vegetable." In the elementary grades they deny our children their cultural heritage, making Spanish "verboten," and then at the secondary level they encourage all our children to learn Spanish as a second language! QUE BRUTOS---Clearly, it is written SOMETHING HAS GOT TO GIVE. The question is QUIEN SERA ?? ELLOS O NOSOTROS ??

MEXICAN-AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM **UCLA**



Photos: William J. Warren

Mexican-Americans representing groups from all over Southern California, met at UCLA to hear Chicano leaders from California, New Mexico, and Colorado speak on the problems, the untapped collective power, and future of "The Mexican-American in the Southwest." Sponsored by UMAS (United Mexican-American Students) at UCLA, this symposium, a historic first, featured as it's main speakers the "new blood" that sounds the call for Chicanos to stand tall, be proud, and be counted.

An overwhelming Mexican-American audience applauded, cheered, and yelled, "VIVA LA RAZA," and "VIVA LA REVOLUCION," as speakers spoke of the U.S. Southwest as "occupied Mexico," and accused the federal government of being part and condoning mass discrimination of people of Mexican-American heritage as well as of other minority groups.

Reies Tijerina, leader of the Alliance of the Free City States from Northern New Mexico, told how a people have been murdered and denied their rights as human beings for the past 120 years. Tijerina spoke of the current struggle of the Alliance as one to regain communal lands which were unjustly stolen from the people. Pointing an accusing finger at the United States, Tijerina firmly informed it that "Crime does not pay," and "that justice will inevitably catch up with the criminal."

Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez, of Denver, representing the Crusade for Justice, an 1,800-member Mexican-American group in Colorado called for increased efforts to teach "our own people to be proud of their culture, their names and their values." It was made clear that Mexican-Americans should resist attempts to make them, "agringados," but should seek power as a united front, in the same manner as Black Power organizations. The name of the game was spelled out as P-O-W-E-R.

Defining the word LA RAZA in it's true sense to the multitude of Mexican-Americans was Luis Valdez, founder of the Teatro Campesino. Luis spoke of LA RAZA being a rich cultural identity, of LA RAZA being said with vitality and pride from the heart. In speaking of those who have robbed us of our identity, he called them GABACHOS, spitting the word out with the contempt that all of us feel for them.

Advocating campaigning for political power for the "barrios" was Bert Corona, state chairman for MAPA (Mexican American Political Association), who stressed that the power of the ballot is great and that a solid unified Mexican American block has a strong voice in the political arena.

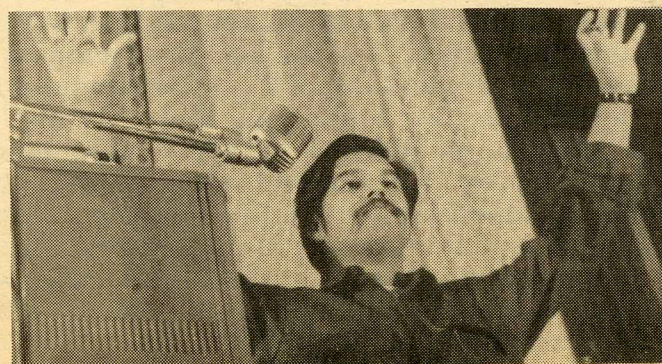
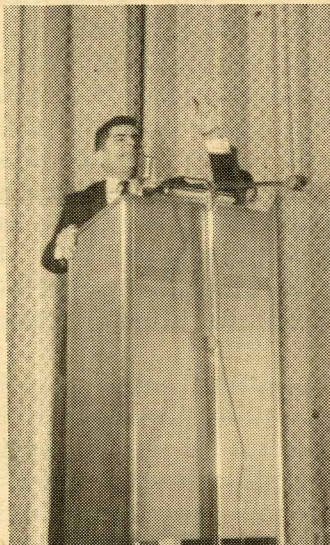
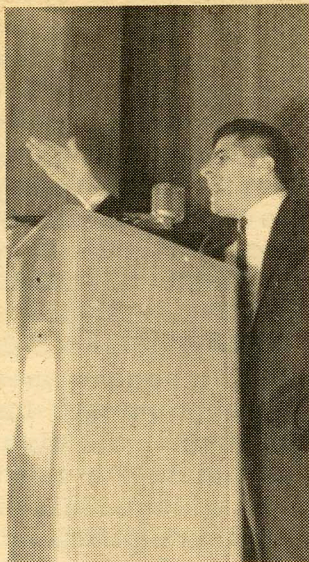
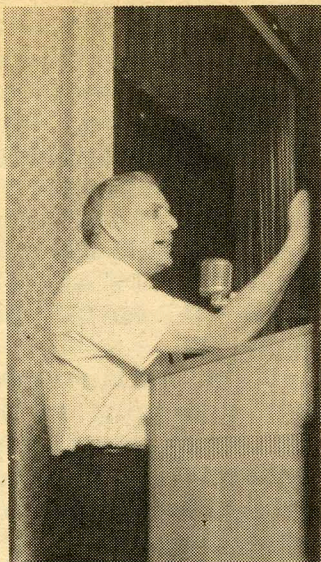
Dr. Ralph Guzman called the "educational system, a millstone around the necks of Mexican-American children" and stated that "freedom has a hollow ring where it allows us no choice for our destiny."

Tijerina, militant leader of the Alliance, related the crimes of the Anglo-Saxon in the following tale. "The Anglo told me, 'You're a free man but don't speak Spanish! It's like the story of the man who took a bird from its cage to set it free, but first took a pair of scissors and clipped off its wings---and then said, 'Go, go!' And then a blue eyed cat came and ate the poor helpless bird."

As speaker after speaker rose and spoke, one could sense that here at UCLA the Mexican-American in Southern California as well as in the entire Southwest is on the move. One could sense an invisible clasping of hands between the Chicanos and once could hear the walls echoing a silent pledge from the hearts of each to struggle for MEXICAN-AMERICAN LIBERATION.

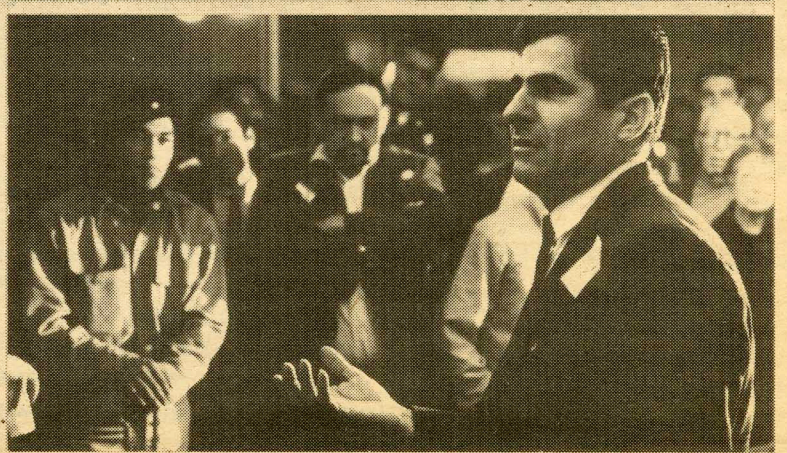
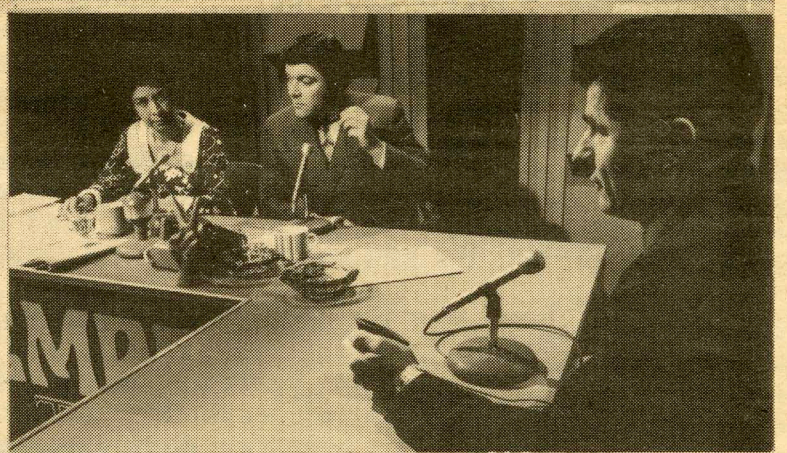
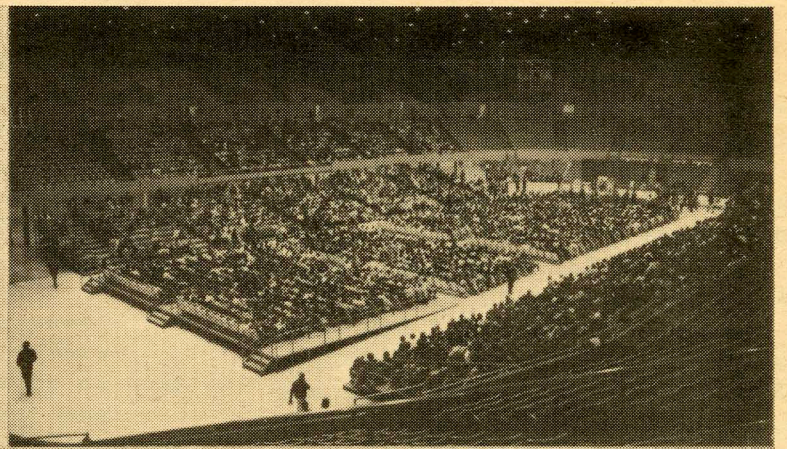


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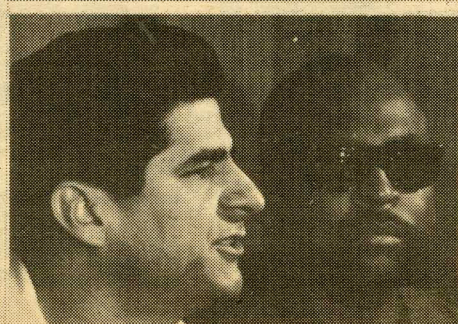
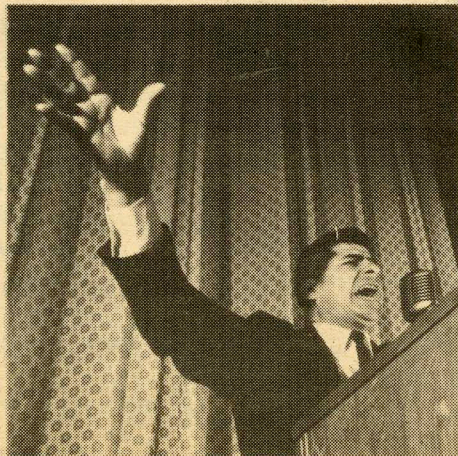
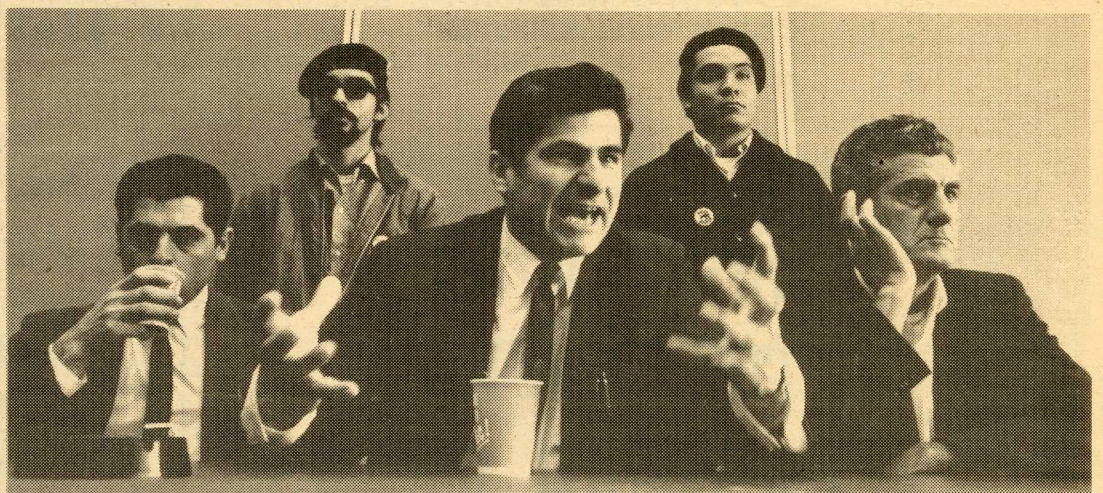
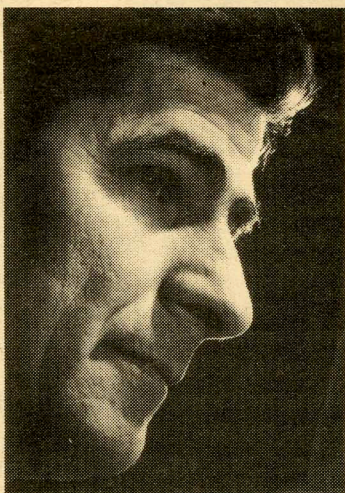
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Photos: William J. Warren

El Grito

to worms and the educator raised
in boyle heights who hides behind
the thin veil of anonymity.

until yesterday you called me a good chicano.....

i was meek, humble, god-damned ignorant.
i was young, passive,
another pawn in a game you play.
i bent my knee, smiled, echoed,
"my country.. right or wrong."
i squatted, listened, as a bastard beagle preached,
"come now, let us reason together."
i drank the blood of christ,
yet vendidos bled me dry.
i was a good american,
i licked the hand that fed me crumbs.

until yesterday you called me a good chicano.....

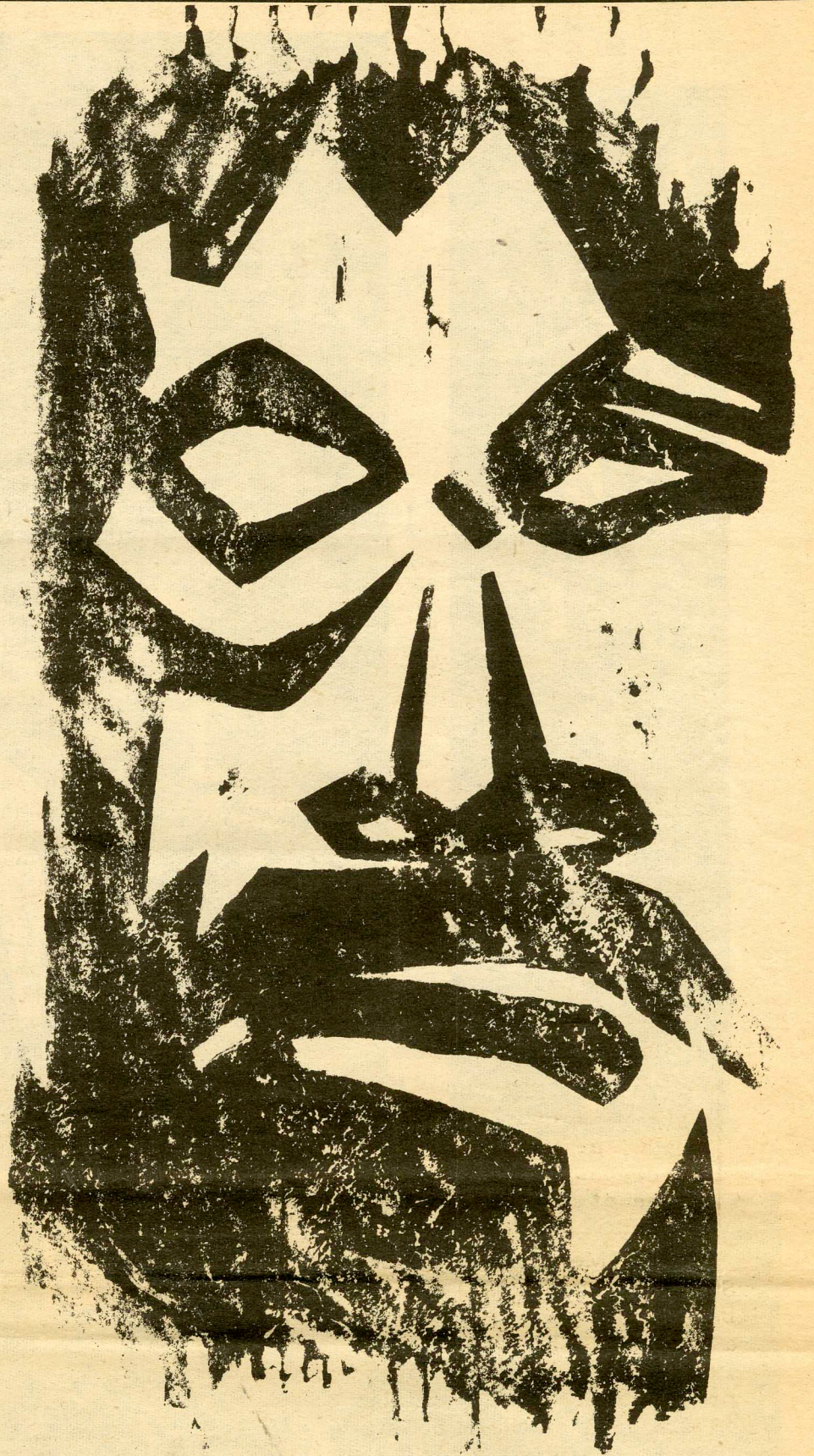
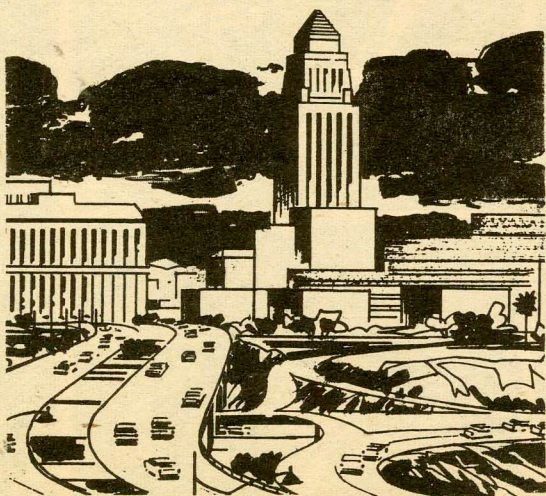
now the years have fled, i'm back,
you crawl----behind a skirt.
i spit my greetings upon you,
denier worm seek a coward's grave.
i stand before you---humbly,
i am Saavedra: a writer, a poet

a man re-born a man,
has learned to stand up, bear the
burden of his people on his back.
i----no longer dead, i----alive.

my heart cries to my people:
numerous,
united we shall be but one voice.
for our great grito....

ADELANTE MIS TIGERES ANGELINOS!
ARRIBA MI RAZA DE BRONZE...QUERIDA!
QUE VIVA MI RAZA.....!
MI RAZA QUERIDA!

EL PUEBLO DE
NTRA. SEÑORA
LA REINA DE
LOS ANGELES



see my people rising,
my peasant blood sings with pride.
see my people refuse to bend,
prostitutes for an anglo dog.
see a multitude of clenched fists,
casting off shackles of death.
see brothers joined hand in hand,
muscular and strong, march before the sun.
tender the flame of justice,
forge the swords of tomorrow.
see, feel silver raindrops,
run down my cheeks of brown.

until yesterday you called me a good chicano.....
today you refer to ours as a bad chicano.....
you label me a disgrace,

because i dare to speak of truth,
because i dare not be silent,
because i dare destroy the image
you have built of me,
because i choose not to live
or end my life in an eternal siesta.

you point at me as militant,
because i will not crawl,
because i have learned to walk,
because i seek to uproot the hell
of being the system's dog,
patten on the head... "NICE BOY, PANCHO,"
while a finger is jammed right up my ass,
because i desire to be a man.

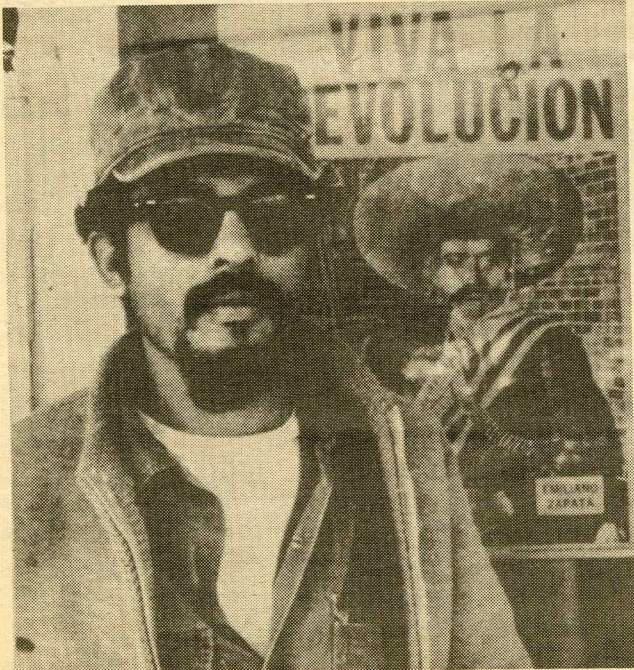
listen.....listen.....
there is a message in the wind,
as a people cry against the rains of injustice
each day new voices join

in a united front,
to take the lead in a common cause.
ADELANTE TIGERES ANGELINOS

'REHABILITATE SOCIETY,' SAYS MANO JEFE

by TOM CAHILL

CPA: Inferno



BETO MARTINEZ knows the barrios like few others. Spokesman for MANO, he will have much to tell professors, priests and politicians at La Raza Unida Conference.

A truly grass roots organization, founded by Alberto (Beto) Martinez and a group of fellow ex-convicts, promises to make an impression on the forthcoming La Raza Unida conference and the local power structure.

Called "MANO" (Mexican-American Nationalist Organization), it is comprised of mostly ex-convicts of Mexican descent and their primary reason for organizing is to curb police brutality on San Antonio's Westside.

Rehabilitation is another purpose of MANO, but as Martinez puts it, more important than rehabilitating criminals is rehabilitating the society that produces these criminals.

A bearded activist, educated in barrios and jails, Martinez speaks with authority and clarity about the problems and hopelessness of many of the poorest Mexican-Americans. He has worked with Ceasar Chavez in California and Eugene Nelson in South Texas. For the past six months he has been roaming San Antonio's East as well as West sides trying in his way to organize or at least bring some hope to those in need.

Martinez communicates easily with ex-con and Muslim, pimp, and priest, junky and politician. He is known in Westside activist organizations as the most radical of radicals. He distrusts all "gringos" especially those wear-

ing the uniform of the police or clergy.

"We have about 300 members in MANO," says Martinez. "Most of them don't speak English. They go to court with a court appointed lawyer and usually plead guilty to anything. Man, the deck is always stacked against them."

Martinez has little formal education yet he is obviously well read and informed in social action. "You cannot preach freedom unless you have been deprived of freedom," he says in defense of "his people". Criticizing the members of other Mexican-American organizations and the leaders of the La Raza Unida Conference, Martinez says, "All these cats, talk, talk, talk about uniting the Mejicano, but how many of them will walk the neighborhoods and knock doors? That's what it's going to take."

"Here in San Antonio and throughout the Southwest the white man has the upperhand, but not for much longer," says Martinez who on the Anniversary March to Austin last summer told this writer he was going to make all "gringos" swim back to the lands of their ancestors. All those except Fr. Sherrill Smith, Pat Robards and myself. We will be placed on a reservation.

Martinez jokes little although he drinks much. If he is not high during the La Raza Unida Conference Jan. 6, he will undoubtedly pose some embarrassing questions to the spokesmen of the discriminated and downtrodden.

MASA (Mexican-American Student Association) members marched en masse into a student council meeting at Los Angeles City College to protest discriminatory delay of approval of their constitution. Supporting MASA were BSU (Black Student Union) and the Peace and Freedom Movement.

Debate centered around the use of the word "Mexican-American" in the constitution of the student organization, and the phrase "non-Latin-American". MASA amended the phrase "non-Latin-American" to "students interested in joining," but refused to be denied their cultural identity. As one young chicana student put it, "We will no longer compromise or deny our heritage."

says gabacho

Rene Aguilar, MASA president, announced that a mass rally will be held at Los Angeles City College, Wednesday, March 6, at 12 noon.

As one MASA member so aptly put it to the student council, "We didn't invite you to California, you just came. So cool it Baby!"

It isn't strange that a racist system completely based on a "gabacho" program of "divide, conquer, and exterminate" would want to perpetuate the suppression of chicanos. These pale worms label as "racism" the longcoming organizing of Mexican Americans at LACC on the grounds that the use of the phrase, "Members should be

of Mexican-American descent and those students (non-Mexican-American students) interested in joining," is discriminatory... UJULE! Pero no nacimos ayer... MIRA, CARNAL, what the "gabachos" and "Los agachados" want is for MASA to seek recognition on their terms. Chicanos at LACC have seen through this and have decided to put their foot down and say, "AQUI ESTUBO." YA ERA TIEMPO!

masa is racist

MEXICAN AMERICAN ISSUES CONFERENCE

MARCH 8, 9, 10

SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Sponsors: Catholic Council for the Spanish Speaking Community Service Organization (CSO)
United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (AFL-CIO)
Bishop's Committee for the Spanish Speaking Mexican American Political Association (MAPA)

Please Help: Endorse and support this Conference
Send official or fraternal delegates
Send contributions to help grass roots people attend and defray other costs

AGENDA

FRIDAY: March 8
Registration at Sacramento City College
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: March 9

Keynote Address: Dr. Ernesto Galarza,
10:00 a.m. Southwest Council of La Raza
Honored Guest Reies Lopez Tijerina,
& Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres
Speaker 8:00 p.m.

Workshops and Committees during day

Arrangements: Registration Fee is \$3.00 and includes Saturday Lunch and mailing back to each delegate of complete Convention Proceedings. A Pre-Conference "MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR DAY" is scheduled for March 7 and/or March 8th. For all arrangements please contact Mr. Louis Flores 2246 West Park Avenue, Napa, California. Telephone 707-224-8742.

LETTERS

chicano birth control

Dear Editor:

There are many ways of keeping a population explosion in the Southwest. The danger is that we might become the majority and control our land and communities again. One of the ways used to keep members down has been poverty; that makes for infant mortality and a high incidence of fatal diseases, like T.B. Another way has been mass deportation, like during the 30's and 50's, even of many who were native born. Another way is during wars; chicanos die in numbers twice as large as their proportion to the population, fighting for "freedom and democracy" denied to us at home. Even another one is at the hands of the cops. More chicanos get killed by cops in the streets in the Southwest than any other group in the population, especially the white majority.

But the most brutal method of population control is the one we practice ourselves. Almost as many chicanos get killed in gang fighting as the "peace officers" manage to bump off. Those of our carnals who go around killing

each other don't seem to have heard that there is a movement in the entire Southwest to liberate ourselves from discrimination, and for our dignity.

Carnal, si vas a darle en la madre a un vato, asegúrese que no sea chicano.
signed

Los Carnales

Letter to the Editor:

I wish to compliment brother Perfecto Vallego of Chino, California and his friends for doing away with brother Caterino B. Heredia. Keep the good work up baby, you and the cops in Stanton and Van Nuys are beginning to get together on the Chicano Annual Shoot. If you dudes had any goddamned sense you would know who your real enemy is and aim in that direction. Your game is as bad as the racist cop who goes after chicanos that fail to halt. You dudes don't have to kill your brothers; Uncle Sam is doing this for you in Vietnam. Wise up! You are shooting the wrong guy. No sean tan pendejos. If you have enough huevos to shoot a brother you should be able to take on a racist cop.
signed

La Raza Chicana

Dear Congressman Brown:

I received two traffic tickets in El Monte, Calif. in the month of November. Both tickets were issued by the same officer at approximately the same time of day at the same intersection, Asher and Meeker, for the same supposed violation--no Boulevard stop. I feel quite strongly that both tickets were issued without justifiable cause and in both cases I requested a jury trial.

The first trial came up on January 29, 1968 and I defended myself in court. I lost the case and refused the fine requesting a jail sentence, which seemed to anger the judge. I was taken to the County Jail at about 7:00 p.m. on January 29. Booking took until 4:00 a.m. January 30, a total of 9 hours.

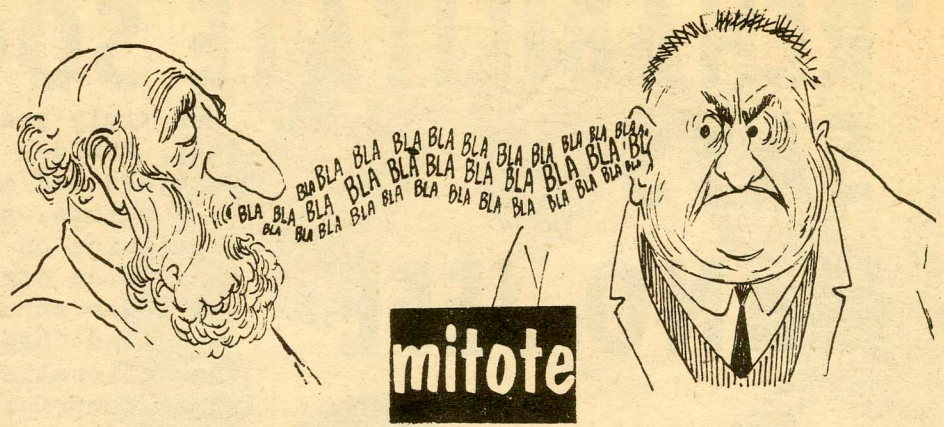
It was during this time that I observed police brutality against 4 persons, 2 anglos and 2 mexicanos. In none of the cases was there provocation on the part of the victims. It seemed that the officers worked themselves into a state of violence and provoked the victims. In each of the cases the victim was dragged from the booking area and taken into another room. They were returned later with signs and marks of beating. The purpose of the beatings seemed to be intimidation, however, the victims seemed not to be intimidated at all. One young officer in training stated that they were "learning to beat the shit out of the guys at County Jail." This code of conduct apparently comes from their training and their superior officers.

I won the second trial for the almost identical ticket, but where is justice when for "paying for your crimes against society" you are subject to the violent whims of "law enforcement officers"? Opinion has it that victims are chosen on the basis of knowledge that they won't "report". I refuse silence and I refuse to live in fear. I am one of your constituents and I voted for you. I feel that it is your duty to see that such injustices against my people and all people stop immediately. If you and others in positions such as yours do not move immediately, my people will.

Sincerely yours,

John Roble

cc: Frank G. Hathaway, President of Board of Police Commission
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"GEORGIE," CAN YOU HEAR?

At his Community Meeting of Saturday 17, Congressman George Brown Jr. was surprised to find a room full of citizens from his district willing to get up early on a Saturday morning to bring their concerns to their ELECTED representative. After hearing pleas, anxious concerns and even heated rappings against the MAOF, the Teen Post program under ECAC, the demise of NAPP under ECAC, and the Job Skills Center, all that the Congressman could give the people was another slap. According to "George" the problems were not new but the people were beginning to become more aware and were finding a new voice. The question, Congressman, is, what answer are YOU going to give that NEW VOICE, if you want to get re-elected?

CMAA, A DISEASE?

We had sensed it, we had heard it, and now we have seen it. CMAA is the tail that wags the Eastland Cap Dog. No sooner were the guests seated and the doors bolted than some board members, namely Moyle Knudsen, Myers and Fernando del Rio began to bark on CMAA cue for the benefit of some Head Start parents asking questions as well as Chet Hollifield's field representative. It was parents night. They wanted answers to questions regarding food, teacher and equipment shortages. As a reward Fernando del Rio and Myers gave them the same garbage Pacheco, Pat Rogers and Gil Barron have always given them. Furthermore, it will be mailed. Board President Myers defended CMAA saying that they (CMAA) had a funding problem. Who is kidding who, Myers? You know it is more like a disease.

CMAA DOUBLETALK?

CMAA agreed to negotiate with the Union to avoid an impending picket line on their 2nd Anniversary Banquet (guest of honor was VIP Chueco, dig?). At the negotiation meeting Charlie Samario told the teachers. "...porqué traen a un negrito para hablar por Uds.," referring to Odell Mack, Union Representative. One of the teachers answered, "...that's none of your business, we chose him...and we never chose that gaba Pat Rogers to 'run' CMAA." Now, even before signing a contract, CMAA is trying to bust the Union. Lambes, when will you ever learn?

Dear Editor:

I wish to strongly protest the article in the column "Mitote" which refers to me in such a derogatory manner. How supposedly a responsible paper can allow words such as this to be written is beyond me.

No one has any control of misfortunes that have happened to them. I am not happy to be deficient in my eyesight. I wish that I would not have had this accident. However, it happened and I try to make the best of it.

But what of the mental cripple writing the column. What is his excuse? And what is yours for allowing such drivel?

If you expect to be treated with respect in regards to your journalistic endeavor, start to take added pains to edit your paper in a more professional manner so that your reporting reflects more on community activities instead of personalities or physical handicaps.

I strongly request that a retraction and an apology be published regarding the malignment to me and the un-factual and biased reporting.
Sincerely yours,
John Serrato

Dear Mr. Serrato:

We are sincerely sorry you took the section of Mitote, in our last issue, in a serious vein. There is no need to explain what Mitote means to other chicanos, and you should have been aware that any reference to any physical handicap was not made with any malicious intent. We are positive that the anonymous contributo who wrote that section was only using a "nick name" which is in current use even among your friends. Nevertheless, we apologize if we offended you that way, for nobody should be put down because of physical deformities.

As to the "mental cripple" or "cripples" who write those columns, we would say only that they reflect what is being felt and talked about below the surface in the community. Whether those references or Mitotes are factual or not, biased or not, time only can tell. And remember, if you told a FRIEND that you were planning to run, maybe that friend of yours might have written the articles.

Yours,
The Editors

PACIOMA SKILL CENTER

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disgusted

The story on the Pacoima Job Skill Center is being written by people on the staff of LA RAZA who are working in the Pacoima-San Fer area, and they decided to postpone the complete story until some developments take place. As a "Progress Report" we can say that Gaba Johnston of the Adult miseducation department of the Board received a visit of over 20 people from the Community demanding the reinstatement of the people transferred out of the Center and into "desk" jobs where they can be more "useful".

The Community was well represented. Beto Ruiz was the spokesman for the Youth Leadership Seminar; Mrs. Juanita Morales, candidate for District 1 to the EYOA Board represented United Families; Tomas Trimble and Hank Lopez spoke on behalf of Valley State UMAS; and Suad Cano and Ernie Dillard for Joint Venture; the Black Berets, the Community Improvement Center (CIC) and the Group 103, were representing San Fernando and Pacoima. East Los Angeles was represented by members of UMAS, the Brown Berets and the staff of LA RAZA.

Spokesmen for the Community expressed their DISGUST AND ANGER for the way in which the Administration of the Schools has disregarded the will and the desires of the community and

of the students. Mr. Johnston began by repeating all platitudes about "our concern and responsibility," and about "guidelines" "committee reports", "priorities" and the like, but later on as the debate grew more animated he said, "under no circumstances will I return those men to the Skill Center... or act under pressure."

Community people got very angry at the refusal of the administration to deal with the issues raised. One lady walked out saying "The Fire next Time, baby." And a young chicano with a black beret said, "Maybe you (Mr. Johnston) should get out and give your job to a Mexican or a black man, because you are not doing your job." Further action is planned.

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By Felix T. Ramirez

CPA: COMPASS

No se escribe este artículo para mencionar especificaciones del "Tratado de Guadalupe-Hidalgo" de que haremos en mencionar. Se cita nada mas en forma de información a base de este artículo.

Hace ya 133 años que los "Gringos" arrebataron a Texas (en 1835), y como 122 años que arrebataron el resto del Sur-este (en 1846). Este documento fue firmado en México y Estados Unidos para asegurar en bienestar de los territorios arrebatados que vivían en los territorios arrebatados que eramos los Mexico-Americanos. Este Documento se llama, Tratado de "Guadalupe-Hidalgo".

Desde que "el Gringo" se apodero de estos terrenos, desde entonces se han aprovechado de nuestra gente, los nativos de dichos territorios. Siempre nuestra gente desde entonces ha tratado por medio de "NEGOCIONES" reclamar nuestros derechos -- hemos logrado muy poco -- hablando en verdad. Nos dan "Teteras cada vez que oyen nuestro llorido.

Mas de cien años de NEGOCIONES -- y -- sin embargo todavía somos considerados "menos" que ellos -- como huérfanos o ciudadanos de "Segunda Clase".

Nuestros soldados Mexico-Americanos han regado su sangre, por barrios terrenos en este mundo defendiendo la Constitución de este país -- que es tan de nosotros y todavía MAS que ni de los "Gringos". Nuestra gente por muchos años ha contribuido con sus labores para el progreso de nuestro país, los Estados Unidos de America.

En los libros de texto de Texas y los Estados Unidos -- NO se nos menciona. Falta que nos "BRINDEN" el crédito que se nos debe. Nuestros hijos van a las escuelas y nunca leen de la cooperación que ha dado el Mexico-Americano a este país, en cambio los hijos de los Gringos también leen, viendo que el Mexico-Americano no se menciona, cree que nunca hacemos nada de mencionar.

A un señor de nombre "Henry Gonzalez" representante de San Antonio, Texas, se le nego servicio en un restaurante nada mas por el hecho de que era un "Meskin" como dicen los Gringos.

Otro señor de Corpus Christi, de nombre Dr. Hector Garcia, lo hicieron "Embajador" y con ese título se le bolaron las tapas, que al visitarnos en una junta del G.I. Forum en el pueblo de Rosenberg, Texas (Siendo este señor el fundador del G.I. Forum) paso el tiempo queriendonos enseñar a todos, fotos de el y otros oficiales gobernantes, dandose la mano (en señal de saludo). ESTOS SON LIDERES de nuestra gente? Que impresion tan buena nos muestran. A cuantos mas les habrán dado su ATOLE de olvido para enciegarlos, que rinden sus principios por una personalidad de fama papelera.

Para esta Clase de Lideres -- la mejor medicina ES conocerlos y purgarlos (botarlos) de NUESTRAS organizaciones -- porque una de dos, su lumbre de AMOR A SU RAZA ya se les apago o la poca "chispa" que les queda la utilizan para usarnos a nosotros -- en subir su escalera Egoista de fama.

Necesitamos, Lideres de Corazon -- NO de lengua. Nuestros Lideres Modernos tienen, que ser de aquellos que la gente sigue -- los de la Clase que quieren ELLOS estirarnos, enseñense a decirles -- que cojan aire. Aquí en Houston también tenemos Lideres de papel, que nomás los siguen fielmente aquellos, a quien ellos le dan las "migajas" de los pasteles que ELLOS se comen.

Es doro decirlo, pero actualmente NO HAY ningun LIDER Mexico-Americano que pueda atraer a 1,000 personas en una junta. En Nuevo Mexico esta un señor de nombre REIES TIJERINA, aunque aquí muchos lo critican, CRITIQUEN el facto de que este hombre SI puede atraer 1,000 personas en una junta, y todavía MAS -- esto ha hecho mas de una vez. Que Lider de Houston puede hacer esto y porque no puede hacerlo? Ah estos Lideres de Houston les digo YO "que se pasan mas el tiempo -- en chandose o pasandose la culpa de uno ah otro en sus fracasos -- o golpeandose el pecho de orgullo, cuando por ocasion logran "morder" algo. Claro que hay unos pocos LIDERES, honestos, sinceros, etc. Solo que -- casi todos estos, son gente de buen corazon, humilde, gente de paz, no escandalosos, gente que trata de NEGOCIAR de "buen cora-

zon". (Bueno -- para gente que razona) Pero es que el "gringo" razona nada mas para el mismo.

YA NO DEBEMOS NEGOCIAR -- porque? Porque ya los "Gringos" han tenido bastante tiempo, muchos años -- para vernos aceptados iguales a ellos. Que no lo han hecho, entonces esto mismo nos indica QUE NO QUIEREN HACERLO. Quiere decir que nosotros para corregir esto tenemos que demandar ACCION. Para esto no debemos andar con el sombrero en la mano ni en el pecho. No vamos a pedir algo que ya ES nuestro, que se nos ha negado y robado por tanto años. Por eso ES necesario tener MODIFICACION - SOCIAL. NO debemos SER de esos Mexico-Americanos que se arreste por el suelo. RECLAMACION! Hay que demandar que se nos de lo NUESTRO.

YA NO QUEREMOS ATOLE! No escondas tu dignidad o orgullo con una botella en la cantina -- ni esperes, que tus hijos se casen con "Gringos" para subir de Clase -- y menos -- pero menos -- esperes que este HURACAN de discriminacion y sujecion de seres Humanos, pase.

DESPIERTA! Solo No -- se resolvera este problema.

Si, no quieres tomar TU posicion para estirar TU parte, entonces por favor NO hables de "Nuestros Problemas" -- Porque el Primer, problema eres TU, que no haras TU parte, para que TUS hijos sean protegidos con un mejor porvenir, MANANA.

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EDITORIAL

Nos acusan

por César E. Chávez
Director,
Unión de Trabajadores Campesinos

Ya que Giumarra y sus abogados costosos nos han acusado de violencia y crímenes, nos muestran que después de seis meses de huelga, todavía no comprenden nuestros fines.

Nos da un sentimiento del llanto mas profundo al saber que estamos tan mal comprendidos. El mundo ya sufre de suficiente miseria y sangre, sin que nosotros echemos más leña a la lumbre. La única finalidad nuestra es de acabar con el sufrimiento y el dolor de la humanidad humilde.

Comprendemos en el fondo de nuestros seres la futilidad de la violencia. Aún cuando nos han atacado brutalmente a nosotros, no hemos contestado en igual forma. Como recordamos siempre, en las palabras del gran espíritu de la libertad Mexicano Benito Juárez, el respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz.

Tenemos plena fe en el sistema jurídica para lograr la justicia. Nomás exigimos el derecho de hablar con libertad, de enseñar nuestro punto de vista a los trabajadores campesinos, para que decidan ellos.

Recurrir a la violencia para resolver nuestras dificultades sería admitir que no tenemos confianza en la justicia de nuestra Causa.

FRAUDE CONTRA CAMPELINOS

Norton L. Barker, Juez del Distrito número 2 de las Cortes Superiores, suspendió hasta el próximo 22 de Abril el juicio de Cesar Chavez y muchos otros miembros de la Unión por sospechas de haber cometido actos de violencia y por violaciones de ordenes de la corte en contra de la línea de guardia en la Huelga contra Guimarra Bros.

Cesar Chavez, lider de la unión ha estado en ayuno de penitencia desde el día 14 del corriente. Cada noche, Cesar y cientos de campesinos que residen en tiendas de campaña en Delano, celebran Misa para recibir guía y ayuda para la lucha por los derechos del trabajador campesino.

El lunes día 26, los jueces de las cortes en Bakersfield se declararon INCAPACITADOS para juzgar a Cesar y la Unión. Al día siguiente, Martes 27, el Juez Baker fué asignado desde Los Angeles para presidir, decidiendo que el juicio se pospondría hasta de Cesar estuviera en condiciones físicas para aparecer en la corte. Más de 1500 campesinos llenaron los salones y pasillos de la Corte de Justicia de Bakersfield. Jerry Cohen, el abogado de la Unión dijo que la única violencia es la violencia de los Rancheros, y que el ayuno de César es para impresionar en los miembros de la Unión de que la violencia no es la forma de luchar contra los rancheros.



Ahora nos acusan de quemar sus propiedades, de insultarlos, y de amenazarlos. Siempre hemos dicho, y volvemos a decir:

Si hay miembros de la Unión que sean responsables por actos de violencia en contra de la Compañía Guimarra, que se entreguen. La Unión les ayudará con toda la asistencia legal que disfrutamos, y con todo el apoyo moral que tenemos.

Si hay gente fuera de la Unión que crean que nos están ayudando de esta manera, esta equivocada. Odiamos a la violencia, no la queremos en ninguna forma.

Pero si los incendios recientes y otros actos de que estamos acusados nosotros son movidas chuecas de la compañía, quisiéramos avisarles que nosotros no tenemos miedo. Si Guimarra cree que el puede destruir nuestro espíritu y quebrar la Unión con unos pleitos legales, esta muy equivocado él.

Lucharemos en la corte, en la línea de guardia, en la prensa, y en el boicoteo, hasta que se acabe la explotación del trabajador campesino en los Estados Unidos.

Pero no entemos nosotros la necesidad de recurrir a la violencia. Los acontecimientos de las últimas semanas nos comprueban que las malas intenciones no son nuestras.

Pase lo que pase, que Viva Nuestra Causa.

No tenemos miedo ni a la cárcel, ni a la brutalidad que han demostrado los esquirols. No vamos a darnos por vencidos, no vamos a rendirnos.

César Chávez está llevando a cabo un ayuno religioso prolongado lo cual es principalmente y antes de todo un acto profundamente personal de penitencia y de esperanza. Pero la naturaleza personal del ayuno no se lo limita; sino, como todo acto del amor, el ayuno de César es para todo la humanidad. El dolor que aguanta César nos hace recordar a todos el sufrimiento de los trabajadores campesinos y de todo hombre, de toda raza, quines son las víctimas de la pobreza y de la injusticia. El dolor que ahora acepta él de toda voluntad nos señala sobre todo el sufrimiento de los huelguistas de Delano, como luchan estos para lograr una vida mejor para sus hermanos trabajadores campesinos.

El ayuno es un acto de penitencia, recordandoles a los trabajadores campesinos los raíces no-violentos de su movimiento. Aquellos trabajadores campesinos que están unidos en la huelga de Delano simpatizan con el bienestar de todos sus seres hermanos, incluso estos que se han puestos en la posición de adversarios. Crean que estos hermanos solo se les puede convencer por medio de actos determinadamente creativos y no-violentos. Si la dedicación a la no-violencia ha sido violado, en pensamiento o en hecho, sea por

él mismo, por los huelguistas, o por los que se han acudido a la Causa, César hace su penitencia.

Los esfuerzos para lograr la justicia por medio del sacrificio no-violento han logrado muchas victorias para los huelguistas de Delano. Se han levantados las esperanzas de los trabajadores campesinos en todas partes del país a razón de este sacrificio. El ayuno de César les recuerda a los socios del movimiento las responsabilidades pesadas de tales esperanzas y aspiraciones. Es una llamada para el liderazgo leal y eficaz, para que estas esperanzas no vuelven frustraciones, las frustraciones desesperación, y la desesperación violencia. Es una demanda personal a cada persona que acepte la responsabilidad, y que de lo mejor de sí mismo para un movimiento dedicado a la liberación de otros.

El ayuno nos señala, mas allá de los sufrimientos de los trabajadores campesinos, las necesidades del mundo. Es un acto del espíritu que alcanza la necesidad de todo hombre de escapar la muerte viva y de comenzar a dar de sí mismo para el bien del ajeno. Es un acto personal que nos llama a cada uno de nosotros de participar en la no-violenta lucha mundial en contra de la inhumanidad del hombre hacia su hermano.

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Felix Martinez

Delano, Calif. Martes, Febrero 27, 1968--No es una simple coincidencia el hecho que este mismo momento dos de los grandes líderes del pueblo mexicano en E. E. UU AA, Cesar Chavez y Reies Tijerina están siendo procesados y juzgados en las cortes, acusados del mismo delito...desdén y violaciones ordenes de las mismas cortes dadas contra ellos y sus organizaciones. Nosotros en la Alianza sabemos bien como estas manobras de las cortes han servido tradicionalmente para destrozarse los esfuerzos del pueblo mexicano en defender sus derechos, proteger sus tierras y demás garantías otorgadas por el Tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo desde 1848. La Alianza de Pueblos Libres condena este ataque en contra de nuestro hermano Cesar Chavez y demás hermanos de la asociación de campesinos.

Estos valientes seres humanos están luchando para establecer en este país el sueño y la realidad que debe ser su patrimonio como lo es para todos los demás residentes y debe ser aún para los más pobres, despojados y necesitados...los campesinos.

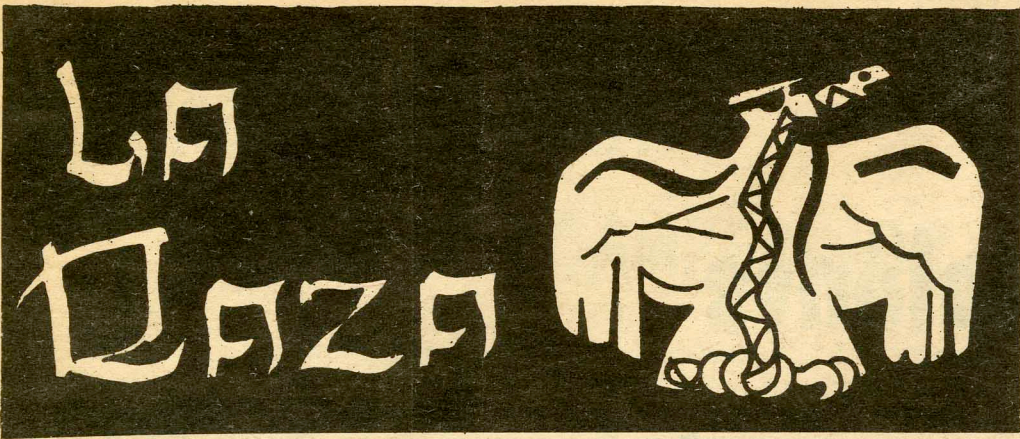
Por sus esfuerzos ellos deben de ser honrados y vitoreados...no acosados ni humillados por las cortes con amagos de encarcelamientos y multas.

La Alianza le pide formalmente a las cortes de condado de Kern que desechen estos cargos tan discriminatorios contra el hermano Cesar Chavez, Epifanio Camacho y contra la asociación de campesinos. Si en este mismo día nuestros dos grandes líderes, Reies Tijerina y Cesar Chavez se les culpa y encarcela por estas cortes de los Anglos, nosotros los Mexicanos, no podremos creer mas que es por la militancia de su lucha en favor del pobre, del explotado y deseredado que clama por la justicia. En nombre de la Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres y de su presidente, Reies Tijerina que hoy también se encuentra...bajo Cargos de corte en Santa Fe, Nuevo México a la par que nuestro hermano, Cesar Chavez, yo, Felix Martinez, Director de Prensa, publicidad y seguridad, comprometo nuestro apoyo pleno para nuestros hermanos, Chavez, Camacho y toda la asociación de campesinos, AFL-CIO. Unidos sabemos que "venceremos." Que Viva La Raza.

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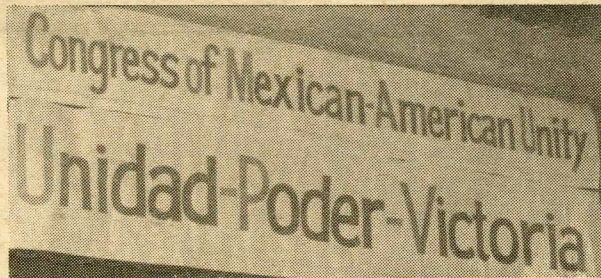
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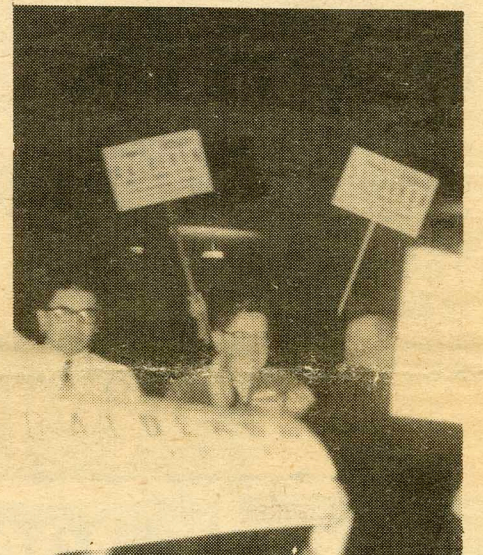


About 550 delegates, representing more than 50 community organizations, participated in the convention of the Congress of Mexican-American Unity held at Roosevelt High School last Sunday, February 25th. This Community Convention saw the emergence of "blocks" of organizations which seem to define the new sources of power in

the community. The main blocks, in order of strength and voting power were labor, the Town Halls, UMAS, and MAPA chapters.

The only "disputed" nomination was the one for the 40th Assembly District between Gonzalo Molina and James Cruz. James Cruz had more committed delegates from the beginning due to the strong alliance of the labor and Town Hall blocks. The decisive votes were cast by the UMAS block, but only after James Cruz agreed to sign an endorsement of the Complete Platform of the Southern District of the United Mexican American Students (UMAS). Gonzalo Molina withdrew from the race "in the interests of unity and to insure victory," receiving a standing ovation by all the delegates. Alex Garcia, one time field deputy to Congressman Ed Roybal, refused to submit to the Convention Rules and disqualified himself for community endorsement.

Let us now pull together and make victory for the community our only goal.



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