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SENATOR KENNEDY MEETS MASA



Mexican-American students in Los Angeles had an opportunity to make their new-found voice heard. Senator Bobby Kennedy, on his way to a vacation in Palm Springs, had an informal breakfast meeting with about a dozen members of United Mexican-American Students and Mexican American Student Association (UMAS-MASA) from Cal State and UCLA. The meeting was arranged through Professor Ralph Guzman and the press was barred from the meeting itself with the exception of La Raza.

Bobby mostly listened to the students. Even though the students gave the senator an overall view of the problems of Mexican-Americans in the Southwest, the two main topics were education and police brutality. The new sense of identity as chicanos dom-

inated the conversation; one of the students summarized the feelings of the group when he said, "We are Americans, but we are chicanos also, we are not going to become anglo and the anglos have to realize that."

Senator Kennedy, who had been listening attentively, said that he was aware of many of the problems they had mentioned, but that the Mexican-American had failed to make use of the tremendous power potentially available to them in order to force real reform. He said also that he could do some things for the Mexican-American if his office was given precise information, but he emphasized that real change won't come from Washington, that, he added, "...you will have to do yourselves." (Full report of will follow in future issues.)

COMMUNITY CONVENTION PLANNED

Judge Leopoldo Sanchez and Dr. Julian Nava are issuing a CALL for a Community Convention next February. At a meeting held at Cleland House, Saturday, November 11, both Judge Sanchez and Dr. Nava explained the tremendous influence that an endorsing Convention had on bringing about the election of Dr. Nava to the Board of Education.

The Convention would concern itself with the need for Mexican-American representation at the State level. Richard Calderon used statistics from UCLA's Mexican-American Study Project to show that there are several assembly districts in which the proportion of Spanish surname voters gives hopes that a Mexican-American could be elected. Senator Mervyn Dymally was present and he promised that black politicians will support any Mexican-American candidates selected by a consensus of the Mexican-American community as shown by the Convention.

Among those present were Frank Paz, Juan Acevedo, Gonzalo Molina, Henry Lozano, René Nuñez, Pete Diaz, Sid Molina, Manuel Lopez, Joe Spruce, several members of UMAS, and many others. Most of those present signed up to work on three committees: Rules and Regulations, Preparations, and Registration. The oncoming political season promises to be very interesting, and may be productive for the Mexican-American.



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Chief "Placa" Reddin and his "boys" have spent a great amount of time telling the community how concerned they are about improving police-community relations. Conferences, seminars, workshops, T.V. shows, banquets, luncheons, and what have you, have become daily occurrences. Meanwhile Reddin's "hired hands" run amuck in the streets. The Eastside is becoming a no man's land in which the people have NO PROTECTION whatsoever against the SERVICE rendered by the Police Department.

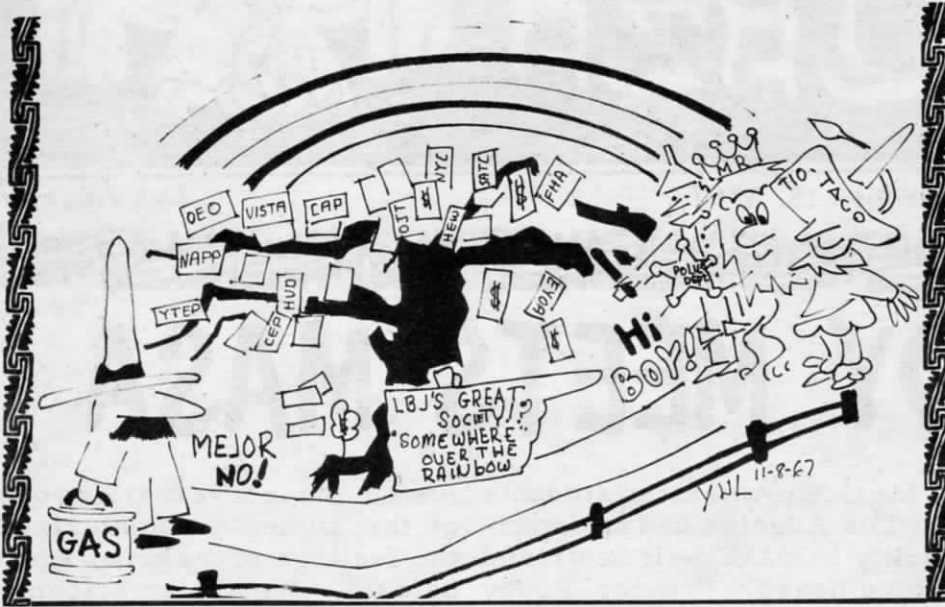
Mrs. Blanche Cannick and her three sons, Kenneth, Larry, and Thomas, residents of Aliso Village in Boyle Heights, are accused of rioting, taking a wanted criminal from the lawful custody of "peace officers", using force, and violence upon the persons of "peace officers", and of delaying and obstructing said "peace officers" in the lawful discharge of their duties.

The Public Relations office of Chief "Placa" Reddin is going to have a hard time explaining this one. Mrs. Cannick is a softspoken, religious lady who doesn't drink, smoke or curse; the wanted criminal was her 10 year old (he was never "apprehended") who got into a fight; of the three sons arrested, two of them are minors; and the "peace officers" were the burly, overweight, highly trained, heavily armed members of the LAPD. ALL the first hand WITNESSES saw the ACTION by the LAPD. One of them said, "I've heard all about what they call police brutality but this is the first time I was an eyewitness."

After the case goes through the courts, La Raza will print the details. Meanwhile, Raza Speak Out! If you know of any case of Police Brutality, call the ACLU Police Malpractice Center. Let's rid our Community of Reddin's "hired hands".

SAVE EYOA?

WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION



This year, the War Against Poverty is in trouble because of a hostile Congress and lack of funds due in part to the war in Vietnam. Joe Maldonado, Director of EYOA, is worried that most of the anti-poverty programs within his jurisdiction will have to be curtailed or phased out. EYOA is now seeking support in the communities the programs are supposed to serve. But, before the community supports EYOA, some questions will have to be answered.

- 1) What did EYOA do to avoid the SPLIT of the NAPP program?
- 2) What is EYOA doing to help find jobs for those NAPP aides who will be laid off by Eastland CAP?
- 3) What did EYOA do to prevent irregularities in the elections of Local 1108?
- 4) What did EYOA do to prevent the Headstart Boycott at Los Niños and Nickerson Gardens?
- 5) What did EYOA do to prevent the row over hiring practices at the Headstarts in San Fernando Valley?
- 6) How come community aides stay only 16 months and

- \$16,000 a year administrators stay forever?
- 7) Why is CEP ineffective in improving unemployment patterns?
- 8) Why is the LAPD getting money from EYOA? Kickbacks?
- 9) Why are there so many anglos at the \$15,000 a year level?
- 10) What is EYOA doing to develop community control of the programs?

These and many other questions will have to be answered before the Community will support EYOA. Too many times EYOA refused to respond to appeals by the community.

It seems that some of Ronnie Reagan's tactics have backfired. Every one of his "reforms" have brought about waves of protest and in some cases a new militant and determined will to organize among the poor. Tuesday, November 7, over 75 welfare recipients met at the All Nations Center to hear some speakers and to launch an organization drive.

Mrs. Carmen Ceniza, one of the organizers and a recipient, showed a sample letter sent to the "actor" which read as follows: "Gobernador Reagan: Nosotros los recipientes del welfare, mi esposo, hijos, y yo protestamos el recorte del Medi-Cal; mi esposo está enfermo y sin atención medica no podrá restablecerse." More than 50 letters were written and mailed that night. A doctor, whose name we couldn't record said, "...I hate the word welfare... in this country... the most wealthy in the whole world... medical care should be a right... no one must go unattended... no one must lack medical care."

Alice Escalante, Manager of the Save Medi-Cal office at 2222 E. 1st Street, and Irene Anderson, a recipient, spoke of the need to organize a strong Welfare Rights Organization in the East Side. Those present agreed to join and to pay 25¢ a month to contribute to the expenses of the

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- * 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

organization and to hold classes in how to get the full benefit of present Welfare Programs. George Ganran, President of the local Social Workers Union, said that the union was ready to give any assistance to the group but that "... it is you who are going to restore those cuts on welfare funds." Richard Calderon, field representative for George Brown Jr., said that the office of the Cong. was available for any assistance they might be able to give.

The best applause of the evening went to Dr. Pauline Furth who said, in Spanish, "Yo no pensaba hablar... no estaba preparada... es bueno saber que el pobre se está organizando... porque en la union está la fuerza... es como una union de trabajadores... pero esta es la fuerza del pobre." For Information call Alice Escalante, at 261-566.

SAVE MEDI-CAL CAMPAIGN

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A coalition of welfare recipient and community organizations of all ethnic backgrounds.)

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...will say it like it is. With malice to none, but without compromise, La Raza will print the news of what is happening, and of the people who make it happen.

...asks you to join us to make LA RAZA happen.

GARFIELD HIGH

ANOTHER MANUAL ARTS?

La Raza is becoming more aware of the disgraceful educational and administrative situation that exists at Garfield. Action seems imminent as numerous callers have flooded us with questions concerning Garfield. They call for an investigation into:

1. The roll call, enrollment procedure. Before, five minutes were taken from second period for roll call. Now, there is a seven minute class change after second period in which the students go to enrollment room for roll call a reading of the bulletin. Twenty minutes of instructional time is wasted. Each teacher then takes the attendance cards to a designated room where they are collected by the department chairmen who, in turn, take them to the attendance office. The department chairmen are thus regarded as "Western Union messenger boys without bicycles."
2. The new 600 building has no rest rooms for teachers and students. The students must go to the shop building, and often be late for class, in order to utilize the nearest restroom facilities. The women teachers must grin and bear it or else travel 75 yards to the second floor in the main office. This is the type of stupidity that goes into planning our Chicano schools. Do they expect our teachers and students to carry portable toilets with them?
3. The lunch facilities are "dinky and inadequate for the needs of the student boyd. It is no wonder that students jump the fences during noon and go "AWOL" to eat somewhere else. The library is also small and cramped for
4. The lawn in front of the school is to be dug up to make room for a teacher's parking lot. Originally, money was allocated for underground parking but that has now changed because the Anglos at the Board of Education have seen that the community does not speak up or fight for its rights. Where in the Westside do we see a blade of grass removed, in front of the school for a parking lot? The grass will be removed despite the fact that many teachers have said that they are willing to park several blocks away if only the lawn can remain instead of the parking lot.
5. The School Community consultant must develop methods to encourage greater participation in the school program by parents and the community.
6. We have been asked, "Where are the Mexican-American administrators? Why don't the Mexican-American teachers have any say in what happens?" It has been brought to our attention that "Candy" Welch, the Patron V.P. figure, has been very recently active in attempting to solicit the advice of a few "safe" Mexican-American teachers. Include all twenty and more Mexican-American teachers, "Candy", not just a few. This looks too much like an attempt to gain administrative support rather than an attempt to solve real problems.

If the number of calls is an indication of how the community feels about the administration at Garfield, it appears that Reggie and "Candy" are going to receive an early Christmas, only it won't be a Merry one. The people are coming! No more promises, no more mañanas. The time has arrived and for the first time in ELA Christmas will be celebrated in November.

"white fathers" IN THE steelworkers' union?

Two and a half years ago a guy by the name of Abel scored a major upset, shaking the whole AFL-CIO, when he defeated 12-year incumbent David J. McDonald to become President of the Steelworkers Union.

The 10,000 votes he won by came from Mexican-American and Negro steelworkers in the 11 western states. Abel, being a good politician, saw to it that certain Mexican-American steelworkers from California and Colorado were the only "all-expenses paid" guests at his inauguration in Pittsburgh.

Now that Uncle Sam has taken care of an embarrassing Abel campaign promise to get rid of Charlie Smith, the



From the flight of El Gavilan:

L.A. SCHOOLS STRIKE OUT

Some shocking news hit the press last week. Recent tests have indicated that L. A. Schools students rank 10th in California's 10 largest school districts in reading. The news was shocking only to certain people. It was not shocking to most parents who know their children can't read. It was not shocking to most elementary and high school teachers who know the students can't read. It was not shocking to superintendents who should know the kids can't read. This has been common knowledge for the past 20 years. Before that some educators believed Mexicans were inherently stupid so let's not go beyond that.

The big question is, who was genuinely shocked, dismayed or surprised? Probably nobody. The whole bit is part of THE BIG ACT. It is amazing how common, everyday, ordinary, simple, knowledge can create such commotion at the high levels of the educational bureaucracy when this information appears in black and white in the metropolitan press. Board members, superintendents, assistant superintendents, and others are now running around in a panic trying to solve the "new" problem that has sat under their narrow eyes for such a long time that there are high school graduates running around that cannot read their diplomas. The findings were as follows: L.A. first graders are in the bottom 7% of the national norm. Pupils are one year behind the norm by the time they reach third grade. Sixth graders are in the lower 20% nationally. Tenth graders scored in the lower 35% nationally. There is more, but why go on?

It is going to be interesting to see what steps the ferocious community leaders are going to take. Will the tigers come forth and demand some changes? Will the politicians find the issue profitable enough for their attention? Now is the time to look around and take a roll call.

Where is the UCCO and the Educational Issues Committee? Let's name a few more. The Town Hall Groups. The American G. I. Forum. MA PA. LULAC. The philosophizing, do-nothing educators' groups. The "mission indians" connected with Plaza Center, Cleland House, and All Nations. The coordinating councils which are so conservative they make William Buckley look like Che Guevara. The East Central Area Welfare Planning Council. This is a laugh. The agency people sit around and shadow box with the community problems. The PTAs which have been convinced, brainwashed, and cajoled into blindly accepting poor schools, administrators, and teachers and protecting them on top of it while placing the blame on "ignorant" parents. The schools' parents' clubs, mothers' clubs, fathers' clubs and all the clubs that can't see the manure that lies beneath the whipped cream.

How do you tigers that sat with your tails beneath your legs at the ELA Skills Center with George Romney feel now? Pretty stupid? Romney asked about the schools and there sat Richard Tafoya with his finger... There sat Dan Lopez. There sat all the people who have to retrain people who were not reached by the schools. And there stood Oscar Gallego-shakily stating that the school system was a very fine one and was doing a good job. This boy will go far.

It is amazing how real, critical, nitty-gritty issues can go unnoticed while people concern themselves with petty things such as parking lots at high schools, the size of lunches at cafeterias, etc., while schools produce illiterate after illiterate. Wake up Chicanos and demand change. Ask questions, compare, be aware, and don't settle for crumbs as we've been doing for 100 years.

Steelworkers West Coast Director, who pled guilty to stealing \$3,000 of the Union's money October 9, 1967, it's time to ask some questions.

Smith's guilty plea, under the Landrum-Griffin Act, makes the Office of District Director for the 11 western states vacant. Under the Steelworkers Union Constitution, the Union has to hold a special election to fill the vacancy. Since Abel has appointed a Chicago-area Steelworkers Union official to take Smith's place, nothing has been heard of any election.

What's of even more interest--nothing has been heard around the Eastside from any of the local Chicano leaders of the Steelworkers Union. Have these guys been told by the great white fathers in Pittsburgh Union Headquarters that "Now is not the time?"



Dateline Washington. The so-called Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law has announced that the "job needs of returning colored (and chicano) Vietnam veterans" will be solved by recruiting them as POLICE OFFICERS. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara told a group of businessmen known as "Plans for Progress", that the program will be directed by two lawyers, John Doublas of Washington and Cyrus R. Vance of New York.

We can look forward to saturation bombing, strategic hamlets, and pacification teams, as the next stage of escalation in the War on Poverty. The natives have to be persuaded that City Hall is really on their side. What do you think?

We have seen many people reading the Eastside Sun in the area of Lincoln Heights. It seems that Joseph Eli Kovner is beginning a "throw away" invasion of the empire of the Northeast Newspapers. Maybe the Green Sheets will try now to print community views instead of what Eagle Rock and Downtown interests dictate.

Jackson High. Some twenty "dudes" got upset at a Gym teacher a few days ago for arbitrary and offensive conduct. The teacher refused to give the students the customary 2 towels at the shower room, and they complained because 1 towel was too small to dry yourself with. At lunch time the same Gym teacher began harrassing the youngsters, so they walked out and went home. One of them said, "I sure wanted to kick his ass," but instead they went home. Does anybody have the whole story?

YTEP. Some neighborhood kids are having difficulties with the philosophy of "affectionate personal relationships" of some counselors at YTEP. It seems that there was a rumble and the police were brought in. We found out some students were kicked out, but the counselors are still there. Anybody want to investigate and let us know?

Golden Boy. Councilman Art Snyder seems to have a very peculiar view of what his "constituents" want. We were told--no confirmation--that Snyder had plans for building "nice" middle income homes in the El Sereno area, and bring in people to live in them that will, by their mere presence uplift the community. We wonder if Art also wants to begin a move to change the ethnic composition of the area by trading a few Tacos with Eagle Rock and bring in some hunkies. Is that true, Golden Boy?

Board of Education. 1) There is a rumor that school administrators are concerned with the increased awareness in the community of their inability to handle the educational problems in the BARRIOS. Their answer is a Task Force of administrators and aids that will move in and put down any local insurrection against some of the most obvious cases of administrative or educational blunder. We would like to know if there is a definite plan, and when we could begin to apply for those new jobs as "administrative aids".

2) The Board heard the case against Tally Tallman of Euclid School and said they would investigate. Maybe we could have a report from the Board before Principal Tallman retires.

3) Is the Board of Education going to make public the full report on the reading deficiencies of students in the area? We would like to know if Mexican-American and Black schools have a LOWER rating in the national scores.

El Paso SPARKS



the new student

in EL PASO

There was something new to lighten up the spirits of the most hardhearted cynic in El Paso. There were tears because of the affrontery of the hearings, dissatisfaction because of the lack of coordination of those opposing LBJ's window dressing operation and hope because of the promise of chicano power if La Raza Unida ever gets going.

But, pride was reserved for the feeling of solidarity among young chicanos from all the states represented and their full support for militant groups and leaders, like Reies Lopez Tijerina and Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez. Youths from Laredo, El Paso San Antonio, Albuquerque, Denver, Chicago, Berkeley, San Jose, and Los Angeles were very much in evidence throughout the weekend. At the Unity Rally, Manuel Garcia, of Denver, presented a series of resolutions adopted at previous meetings of students.

The students demanded autonomy and recognition of student organizations by local councils of La Raza Unida and assistance in developing their own programs to reciprocate whatever help they have been giving other organizations. They also stated their rejection of the racist system of education "aimed towards middle class anglos".

Students pledged their support for "the grass roots leadership within the Mexican-American community who have publicly condemned the war in Vietnam... and protested "the drafting of Mexican-American and other colored people to kill in Vietnam in a war declared by and benefiting only the Anglo."

California was represented primarily by Mexican-American students belonging to organizations associated with the Mexican-American Student Confederation (Quinto Sol from UC at Berkeley and Student Initiative from San Jose State) and United Mexican American Students (MA SA and UMAS from several campuses in the L. A. area).

STUDENTS ORGANIZE



PLAN DE LA RAZA UNIDA

On this historic day, October 28, 1967, La Raza Unida organized in El Paso, Texas, proclaims the time of subjugation, exploitation and abuse of human rights of La Raza in the United States is hereby ended forever.

La Raza Unida affirms the magnificence of La Raza, the greatness of our heritage, our language, our traditions, our contributions to humanity and our culture. We have demonstrated and proven and again affirm our loyalty to the Constitutional Democracy of the United States of America and to the religious and cultural traditions we all share.

We accept the framework of constitutional democracy and freedom within which to establish our own independent organizations among our own people in pursuit of justice and equality and redress of grievances. La Raza Unida pledges to join with all our courageous people organizing in the fields and in the barrios. We commit ourselves to La Raza, at whatever cost.

chicano power

With this commitment we pledge our support in:

1. The right to organize community and labor groups in our own style.
2. The guarantee of training and placement in employment in all levels.
3. The guarantee of special emphasis on education at all levels geared to our people with strong financial grants to individuals.
4. The guarantee of decent, safe and sanitary housing without relocation from one's community.
5. We demand equal representation at all levels of appointive boards and agencies and the end to exploitative gerrymandering.
6. We demand the strong enforcement of all sections of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo particularly the sections dealing with land grants and bi-lingual guarantees.
7. We are outraged by and demand an end to police harassment, discrimination and brutality inflicted on La Raza and an end to the kangaroo court system known as juvenile hall. We demand constitutional protection and guarantees in all courts of the United States.
8. We reaffirm a dedication to our heritage, a bilingual culture and assert our right to be members of La Raza Unida anywhere, anytime and in any job.



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También prometemos nuestro apoyo a lo siguiente:

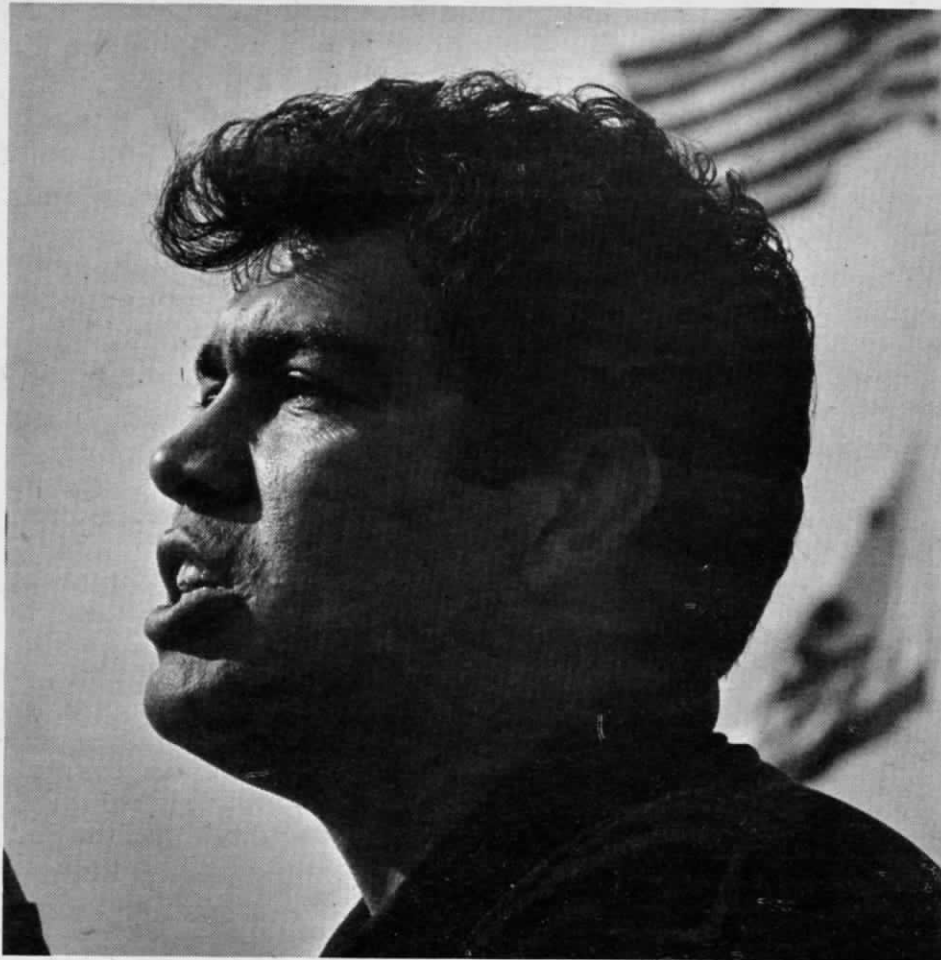
1. El derecho a organizarnos en uniones y comunidades es nuestro propio estilo.
2. La garantía de entrenamiento y empleo en todos los niveles.
3. La garantía de programas educacionales especiales para nuestra gente y de becas individuales.
4. La garantía de casas decentes y sanitarias sin tener que moverse de nuestras propias comunidades.
5. Demandamos representación adecuada en mesas de la practica explotadora del gerrymandering.
6. Demandamos el enforzamiento completo del Tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo, especialmente en cuanto a las mercedes de tierras y al bi-lingualismo.
7. Demandamos la terminación a los abusos, discriminación y brutalidad de la policía en contra de La Raza y al sistema de "Kangaroo Court" en el trato a nuestros jovenes. Demandamos protecciones y garantías constitucionales en todas las cortes de la nación.
8. Reafirmamos nuestra dedicación a nuestra herencia, nuestra cultura bi-lingue y afirmamos nuestro derecho a ser miembros de La Raza Unida en cualquier lugar y ocasión y en cualquier empleo.

En este dia histórico, 28 de Octubre de 1967, La Raza Unida organizada en El Paso, Texas, proclama que el tiempo de la sujeción, amansamiento, explotación y abuso de los derechos humanos de La Raza es los Estados Unidos ha de terminar para siempre.

La Raza Unida, afirma la magnificencia de La Raza, la grandeza de nuestra herencia, nuestra historia, nuestro idioma, nuestras tradiciones a la humanidad y nuestra cultura. Nosotros hemos demostrado y comprobado, y de nuevo afirmamos nuestra lealtad a los principios de la Democracia Constitucional de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica y a las tradiciones comunes en lo religioso y cultural.

Nosotros aceptamos el marco de la Democracia Constitucional y la libertad, dentro de los cuales vamos a establecer nuestras propias organizaciones independientes en la búsqueda de la igualdad y la justicia social. La Raza Unida se compromete a juntarse con toda nuestra gente que con valentia organizar en los campos y en los barrios. Nos comprometemos, por la presente, a La Raza, a lo que cueste.





CORKY in L. A.

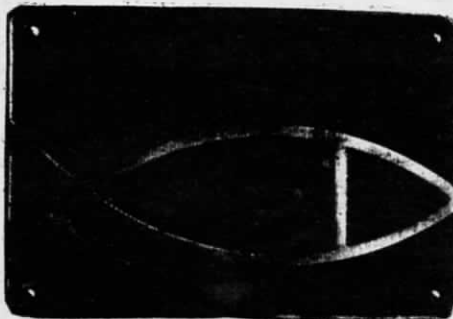
THE COFFEE HOUSE
Piranya
 5338 E. Olympic Blvd. Corner of Goodrich

Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez, the Revolutionist, came to Los Angeles again. Corky didn't miss the opportunity to do what he likes best, to speak to young chicanos in the barrios. One of his conversations with young chicanos took place at the Piranya Coffee House.

He spoke to them in their own language. The conversation centered on Corky's experiences growing up in the barrios of Denver, his experiences with the "strong arm" of law as applied to the chicano, his life as a prize-fighter, bail-bondsman, director of the OEO, district captain for the democratic party, reformer, and revolutionist.

In every one of those experiences he saw the ways in which the system and the power structure seduces, buys off, and dehumanizes. Corky explained his views on how the system of education, employment, and control, robs the chicanos and the blacks of their manhood. "Not character, not manhood, but money is the language the system speaks. It doesn't matter if you are a thief, murderer, or yellow bellied coward, if you have money, you are a success," said Corky about the system.

Corky Gonzalez urged young chicanos to organize to fight for a Social Revolution to restore justice and manhood to all chicanos.



The Piranya is now open for "business". Many nights you will hear live music by the Alex Rodriguez Jazz Quintet or the Nature Society, featuring Robert Lopez. Mostly you will find young chicanos like yourself.

"Honored guests and capitalists" were the taunting words used by Mexican-American militant Corky Gonzalez as he opened his address Sunday (Nov. 5) to a mostly Marxist audience gathered for a "People's World" fundraising banquet.

Gonzalez was a bit-----by this time. Billed as the main speaker at the banquet, he had been made to wait almost three hours while other speakers and entertainers glorified the Soviet Union's 50th Anniversary and begged endlessly for money to support the old left newspaper.

When Gonzalez finally got his chance to speak he noted that, although the Mexican-American needs the help of the left "he must make his own decisions-regardless of the dollar support from radicals and liberals.

"The Anglo always wants to be the leader," he continued, but he cannot lead today's Mexican and black movements. The liberals and radicals of this country must now leave the minorities alone. We need your financial support--but in the end it is the Mexican or Negro who will determine whether your help has been good or bad...

"There is a new movement coming--I have added up our past efforts and they have added up to no gains... political games are not the answer because the Mexican always ends up as a pawn in the political game. The Republicans have given us window dressing while the Democrats have given the Mexican a philosophy which sounds good but never happens.

"The Mexican people need new radical youth... youth who must learn who their real enemy is...

"In the black community if H. Rap Brown burps once in Maryland it's news because they have their own media. The Mexican community needs its own media too. They need their own arts and theatre. They need young people who can realistically evaluate the situation.

"The battle is here and not in Vietnam. The war is here and not in Vietnam. It is a new revolution which is coming from the grass roots Mexican who knows what poverty, police brutality and court corruption really is. This new revolution will need a new set of communications. The Mexican wants results--a real revolution--bodies of people who are committed all the way...

The Mexicans have the bodies and blood to give for their revolution but the Anglos have only dollars. To the Anglo success is measured by the dollar. As long as he has the dollar he is a success whether he is a liar, a hypocrite or what have you...

"The hypocrisy of the US educational system is without par. This education leads the Mexican to reject his own people, his home and his environment. We are NOT Anglos. I have a \$5,000 Florida tan and I didn't have to spend a dime for it."

Gonzalez looked out over the banquet crowd and said with a certain amount of obvious distaste:

"I'm looking at a sea of old Anglo faces. I can't analyze these faces. How many have been influenced by the US way? How many have been bombarded by middle class mores? Are the old radicals out there producing sons who will grow into middle-class citizens? Are the old radicals of today once-a-year radicals? Are they living off past glories? These are questions that need answers."

When the Chicano militant finished his speech, there was thunderous applause. Whether it was from relief or from appreciation, one could not tell.

-Bob Garcia

(from Open City upon agreement)



THE INDOMITABLE

letters

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on the first few additions of La Raza. It makes me very proud and hopeful for a changing future to know that other young people are interested to the point of real action for our community.

Perhaps our parents didn't do such a good job, but it's time to stop putting the blame on the "jefitos" and "jefitas" and time for us to unite together and bring about progress.

Sincerely,
 Norma Ochoa

Editor:

Enclosed you will find a check for my subscription to La Raza. It is highly gratifying to know that there are other chicanos doing all they can for La Raza. I have nothing but great admiration for you and your staff for having the courage to declare your intentions of fighting for la causa, irregardless of the cost--be it what it may.

By words of encouragement I say that we of the Mexican American Youth Organization (MAYO) of Texas are with you all the way. We demand, not ask, that all that has been stolen from us by the gringo or gabacho, be returned us immediately and with no strings attached. We chicanos of MAYO and Texas, will not be vendidos or Tio Tacos. Viva la RAZA!!

Mario C. Compean
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COMMON SENSE

SAYS

let us unite

by Arturo Sandoval

It is time that we, the Mexican-Americans, began to awaken and meet the challenges that are constantly being thrown at us. It is time that we unite together in a common cause. Uniting together with a sole purpose in mind of creating and raising the image of our people. Let us get together with our similarities and set our differences outside the door. Let us create an environment and an atmosphere for our children and their children that follow, to continue to strive for the betterment of our people.

Furthermore, where we are a majority within a minority, let us become the majority. Let us use the tools that the government has so capably taught us to use. Let us vote and get men into office that feel and understand the problems of our people. Where there are two Mexican-Americans running for the same office, let us apply the same office, let us apply the pressure from within and make a decision for the best one. "Hell" we can no longer stand to be divided more than we are. Let us unite with such a strong bond so that it can never be separated.

Also, with this bonding we must keep our families intact. Parents must help their children and children must help their parents. If parents want to express their opinions by writing to their congressman and don't know how, children must take the initiative and help their parents. If children of college age want to continue on to higher education, parents must make it their business to obtain information on how they can help their children.

We have been in California and throughout the Southwest for a great length of time now. We have fought for this country and died for it. Yet, in many instances, we seem to be excluded from it. Why should any other American feel superior to us. When they or their parents or grandparents before them were nothing but foreigners. By God, if we aren't wise enough to realize this, we are nothing. But I for one know better and will continue to fight for my belief. We as a people are just as good as any other people that walk the face of this earth. We can attain just as much knowledge as any other people. We can have individuals from our people go on to become lawyers, doctors, etc. And I am not thinking in terms of small amounts, that would coincide with our

man-power. By the way, many of you Mexican-Americans may not be aware of this, but our man-power is being depleted at a rate somewhat higher than others in Viet Nam.

We, the people as a whole have our own beliefs, and at times we are a people with too much pride. I as an individual would have to say "I am rather proud of this fact." We have our own culture and our own language, let us not lose them. Our ancestors have proven to us that we are a creative people. In striving to better ourselves through education, let us learn and extract and use what is good for us and our people. Let us not become hollow and cold, and let us not lose sight of what joy we can derive from living.

In conclusion I must emphasize, that if we are to keep existing as a group of people called Mexican-Americans, while others are referred to as Americans, then by all means let us unite and strive for the goals and for the advancement of Mexican-Americans.

Now I would like to relate and share with all Mexican-Americans, something I felt my father was trying to tell me up to his dying day.

POEMS OF LA DAZA

by Arturo Sandoval

MEXICAN-AMERICAN I AM

Father and Mother, fought them all. The bigots, the hypocrites, and "City Hall".

"You're a Mexican son, and don't you forget it. An American also, be damned proud of it."

Father said, "we have our own culture son." "Just be a good man, but, take a backseat to none."

I thank Father and Mother for braving the land. Fighting the elements, many not seen but surely felt!

Father and Mother fought for what I am. No one can take it away, not even the U.S.

Mexican-American I am and proud to be... Is what I tell, one and all!!!



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The Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) and Rio Hondo Junior College, are sponsoring the 3rd Mexican-American Parents and Youth Conference, at Rio Hondo Junior College, Whittier, on November 18.

Dr. Walter M. Garcia, President of the College and Chairman of the Conference, expresses the purpose of the event as follows: "Whether our young people do become successful depends very much on the help they receive from parents, teachers, and counselors when they are at home and in school and when they are preparing themselves for a job and a career. How we may insure that this help is forthcoming is the question that will be dealt with in the conference workshops."

Workshops will deal with the following topics: Occupational opportunities; bilingual and bicultural education; government, industry and labor as resources for Merit employment; improvement of curricula and counseling; methods and techniques for better employment; guidance and counseling as a remedy for employment discrimination; community - personnel relations; and teaching methods. For more information contact: Anne Burdick, Coordinator, 268-1941.

narcotics prevention



A business like office at 507 Echandia, in Los Angeles, houses a very exciting experiment in rehabilitation of ex-addicts. The Narcotics Prevention Project, OEO funded, and the Narcotic Symposium, a self-help group of former addicts, have joined together to provide counseling, job placement, and information services to those desiring to rehabilitate themselves.

The center operates with the full cooperation of the California Department of Corrections, and the Department has waived the rule prohibiting ex-addicts from associating with each other while participating in the program. Some 30 ex-addicts are acting as counselors under the supervision of a staff of professionals in rehabilitation probation work. Counselors

must have been "clean" for at least six months prior to their work at the center, some have been free from addiction for as long as 11 years.

The main area serviced is that of Boyle Heights because, according to Center Director Robert Lyons, one-half of those committed to the California Rehabilitation Center for narcotics addicts lived in this general area. The center has already, in less than a month, begun working with 75 clients, and expects to reach about 300 within a year. The Center is also developing a prevention program aimed at eighth graders at Stevenson and Hollenbeck Junior High Schools.

"We hope," says Lyons, "to make Boyle Heights an even better place to live." Those seeking information or assistance are encouraged to telephone 223-4017.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION

- Mutual Aid: Credit Union, Buyer's Club, Death Benefit Society.
- Service Center: Immigration and Citizenship, Pension for Non-Citizens, Employment, Disability Insurance, Social Security,...
- Civic Action: Voter Registration, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, Neighborhood Improvement, Youth Program,...



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WHOSE

GOALS?

OUR COMMUNITY MUST UNITE AGAINST

(by parents and community members of Aliso Village)

ITS ENEMIES

What's happening to our community? It seems that the Aliso Community is falling apart. It is unable to defend itself against the outside forces that thrive on the "poor" who in this case happen to be 'the minority races'. Those outside forces are the LAPD and the highly paid administrators of the OEO program.

LAPD

The Hollenbeck Police Department officers brutally abused a family of the Aliso Village Housing Project on Sunday November 5, 1967. A Negro mother and her three sons (2 of them minors) were beaten in their home and yard and taken to jail by almost a dozen officers. We know this family to be good community members. Why should any of our people suffer indignity and brutality from police.

EYOA

The director of the Headstart Project and our site at Aliso is Nancy Mattias. She has attempted to divide and destroy our community by humiliating and threatening teachers and parents. She has terminated some of the most qualified and devoted employees of our Headstart Program.

Because of the constant malfeasance and discriminatory practices in the poverty program, an investigation was made of this agency on October 27, 1967 here in Los Angeles. During that hearing Congressman Hawkins warned against discrimination. He also said that there should be no immediate changes or terminations resulting from the hearings. He wished to be notified if any such actions occurred. Since that time two of our most efficient Negro persons have been terminated without just cause, one from Aliso and one from South Central L.A.

The smooth operating project director, on Monday, Oct. 30, attempted to transfer our

finest and most competent teacher, Carrie Thomas. Mrs. Thomas understands and knows what poverty means. Most important, she understands our children and their problems. She has given them not only guidance but love. It has been observed by parents and community people that the children in turn love and respect Mrs. Thomas.

Finally at a closed hearing with the foundation board on Nov. 4, 1967, Mrs. Thomas was told by Nancy Mattias that she was fired because of her communication with parents and for speaking up about problems in the Headstart program at an open meeting. The director tells our teachers that "to communicate too closely with parents is not professional." We thought parents and teachers were to work together in Headstart!

we will fight

We as parents are determined to keep Mrs. Thomas as our teacher and we are willing to fight to keep her with us. Because of her in-born knowledge of poverty and its victims, she has brought new light and hope to many parents inside and outside Headstart; hope to work for a better tomorrow. This cannot truly be said of the replacement teachers. We do not know these new teachers and have no reason to desire the change that has been imposed upon us and our children. Mrs. Carrie Thomas provides the kind of image we need, want and respect. God help us overcome this, another of the acts of slavery that have been imposed upon us all down through the years. It is up to our own community people to join hands to prevent these kinds of things from happening to our people. Help us for once to decide to take just one step on our very own. Our actions will determine the kind of life and future for the coming generation.



La Casa del Mexicano, 527 Euclid Ave, was invaded on the evening of November 7 by the most unlikely gathering of members of the Power Elite of the Eastside and Downtown. Democrats and Republicans, elected and appointed officials, City and County employees, and many more, rubbed elbows while they listened to a ridiculous attempt to revive the Community Renewal Project, better known as Urban Removal. City Council is trying to sell rotten apples that are costing the taxpayer over \$2,000,000. The rottenest apple is the one the Mexican-American is expected to swallow.

where are the mexicans?

Thousands of booklets, posters, and maps have been distributed "explaining" the Goals project. Still, nobody really knows what the whole thing is about, and what everybody suspects is another name for the same game of land grab, and relocation of the poor which built Dodger's Stadium. Judge Leopoldo Sanchez spoke truthfully when he said, "I am still a poor Mexican and I don't trust what I don't understand... It is very difficult to understand many things about this program, like for instance, who selected the members of the Los Angeles Goals Committee." Judge Sanchez didn't, but many people in the audience commented that they could not find any Mexicans among the Committee members or the "resource" people, or even the viewpointers. Viewpointers are trained volunteers who go to community meetings and sell the idea of the Goals Project and help fill the questionnaires for expressing their goals.

are we children?

Vance Graham was the M.C. and nobody in his sane mind would laugh at his bad patronizing jokes. He even tried to teach the Mexicans how to pronounce Sacramento, and other Spanish names. He also introduced a film strip about how children really know how to think, like playing with building blocks. Maybe we children can also learn how to build the city.

Art Chayra, builder of El Mercado and member of the East Los Angeles Improvement Association, summarized the feeling as well as the dislike for the attempted betrayal of public trust felt by many community people present when he said: "The people of East Los Angeles are perfectly capable of running their own business. We already know what our Goals are. The Los Angeles Goals Project is a smokescreen for Urban Renewal... All we need is the funds and we know what kind of a city we want to live in."

know your friends

All the prominent members of the Ruling Elite, and their associates were there. It should have been clear to them how the community felt but some of them didn't get the message.

Bill Orozco was there, he approves; Gilbert Lindsay was there, he approves; so does Debbs, and Yorty, and many others. Art Snyder "passed" in this game, he said it sounded good but that it wouldn't work.

An old resident of Maravilla--where the Pomona and Long Beach Freeways exchange--said, on his way to the street, "If somebody does not stop these b-----, they will do it to us again."

OUR GOAL: no more chavez ravines