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LA RAZA SE ORGANIZA ALMA



On July 31, 1968 Mexicanos de los barrios en el sur de Los Angeles gathered to form and organize the ALLIANCE OF LAYMAN MEXICAN AMERICANS--ALMA. Gathered at ALMA's birth was twenty-eight Mexicanos from La Colonia de Watts, Florence, and Wilmas. The aim of ALMA is to gather our neighborhoods on the Southside under one banner-LA CAUSA.

As quiet as it's kept there are 50,000 Mexican Americans including fifteen barrios on the Southside--the VICTIMS OF SILENCE. This silence was buried at ALMA's initial meeting by the response and commitment of those attending. The membership voiced to push for self-determination and the "SOUND OF BROWN" in all Mexican affairs. To declare here and now an end to the Mexican American "YES MAN", to pursue the practice of our culture and the end to discrimination for that practice. The end to violence against our own people at the hands of "BLUE COATED INSTANT JUSTICE" and a color blind court system. It has been said that the courts do not dispense justice, they dispense mercy--and mercy will get you five.

And last to inscribe our heritage and the contributions of our people on the scroll of American History,

COLOR IT BROWN --

CO-CHAIRMAN: Lawrence Aguilar
Gilbert Gonzales

ALMA

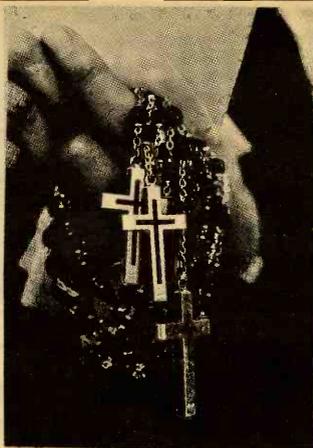


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'NUESTRO UNICO CAMINO LA REVOLUCION SOCIAL'

"El pueblo solo tiene tres caminos para librarse de su triste suerte. Los dos primeros son la taverna y la iglesia; el tercero es la revolucion social."
--Bakunin

by Antonio Orendain
Treasurer, UFWOC
CPA: El Malcriado



Ya no pueden asustarnos mas, pues ya no pueden quitarnos nada porque nada nos han dejado. Tienen nuestras tierras; nos quitaron nuestra cultura de pilon; nos esclavizan con sus miseros salarios.

El gobierno tiene muchas y muy buenas intenciones para el trabajador del campo, pero tambien "el camino el interno esta empedrado con buenas intenciones," y ellos tienen mucho cuidado de no tener mas que buenas intenciones.

Nosotros los campesinos por muchos anos problemas y vivimos en los dos primeros, creyendo que nuestros patrones y el gobierno se encargarian de hacer lo que les correspondia.

Hoy con la ayuda de los primeros y al ver la inactividad de nuestros gobiernos, no lanzamos sobre el tercer camino.

Pues las iglesias estan de nuestra parte. Con eso tenemos paz en nuestras mentes por saber que nuestra causa es justa.



We farm workers have for many years tested and lived with the first two remedies, believing that our employers and the government would begin to do their duty.

Today, with the assistance of these two remedies, and watching the government's inactivity, we begin the journey down the third road.

The churches are on our side, so our minds are at peace, and we know that our cause is just.

They can't scare us any more; they can't take anything away from us anymore, because they haven't left us anything to take. They have our lands; they took our culture; they enslaved us with their miserable salaries.

The government has plenty of good intentions, but good intentions pave the road to hell, and the government is careful not to step beyond the intention stage.

'OUR ONLY ROAD: SOCIAL REVOLUTION'

"The people have only three roads to liberation from their wretched state. The first two are the tavern and the church; the third is social revolution."
--Bakunin

All we have left is social revolution. The phrase is a bad one, because they can interpret it they way they want to. In other words, revolution can be made to mean slaughter, for that is our heritage. The history of Mexico is full of examples: they sold arms to all buyers, regardless of who was going to be killed, only so that the gold would cross the border in a northerly direction—even if the blood was dripping with blood.



Solo nos queda la revolucion social. Los malo de este frase es que la interpretan como les conviene, o sea decir revolucion es decir mataron, como esa fue la clase que nuestros guaidores nos heredaron y la historia de Mexico esta llena de ejemplos cuando sin importar quienes se mataran vendian las armas con solo el proposito de hacendinero y traerse el oro para este lado, aunque estuviere lleno de sangre.

No, Senores Rancheros y patrones o gobernantes, no es esa la clase de revolucion que nosotros deseamos o por la cual luchamos; es revolucion social y de ideas en las que deseamos no que nuestros lideres sean muertos en los campos de batalla para beneficio de ustedes.

Nosotros deseamos que nuestros lideres son quien y nos comprueben que sus ideas son mejores que las que hoy existen.

Ya es tiempo que nos escuchen y nos dejen decidir nuestros destinos antes que sea demasiado tarde. Recuerden que en la mesa de negociaciones se resuelven mas cosas y de mejor manera que por la fuerza bruta.

Los patrones y gobernantes deben recordar que "las revoluciones ya no se pueden llevar a cabo por una minoria. Por energetica e inteligente que una minoria pueda ser, no basta en los tiempos modernos para hacer una revolucion, se necesita la cooperacion de una mayoria y de una mayoria extensa." (—Juan Juarez.)

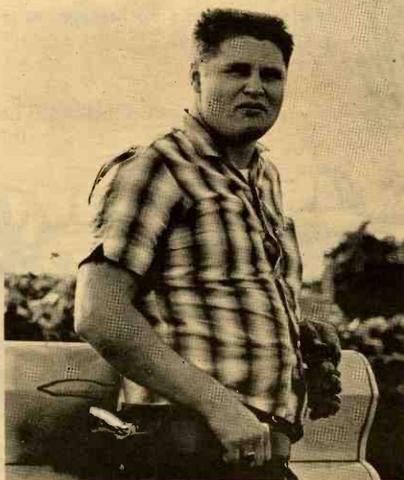
Nosotros somos esa extensa mayoria--un poco desorganizada, si, pero con una tremenda sed de justicia, que las horas nos parecen anos, para poder reclamar lo que los patrones nos han robado.

Estamos en pie de lucha--solo lucha social. Cada dia se unen mas hombres a esta clase de lucha. Ya no nos pueden asustar los malos gobiernos estatales y locales, pues estan corrompidos hasta la raiz aqui en Delano, especialmente lo vemos cada dia como algun juez se presta a las malas maquinaciones de Giumarra y como la justicia debe ser ciega se quita la benda de los ojos al resplandor del oro o los sonidos del dinero de este mal patron.

Es cuando nosotros damos con nuestros huesos en la carcel bajo los cargos mas estupidos.

Fue en la carcel de Delano donde me enanaron que hay una raza "Mex." Pues yo nunca lo habia sabido antes ni en las escuelas o ninguna otra parten solo aui ya soy "Mex. Raza" y solo porque le quieron poner precio al sudor de mi rostro.

El gobierno no debe de asustarse por lo que hacemos a pedimos, pues el mismo Mas Stirner dijo?



No, Mr. Rancher and Mr. Boss, and Mr. Government Official, that's not the kind of revolution we're talking about. It's a social revolution, one of ideas. We're not out to get our leaders killed on the battlefield for your benefit.

We want guidance from our leaders; we want them to prove to us the superiority of their ideas over those which run the system today.

Now is the time for them to listen, and for us to decide our destiny before it's too late. Remember that the negotiating table resolves more disputes than brute force.

The patrones and the government better remember "that revolutions cannot be carried out by minorities. Energetic and intelligent as the minority might be, revolutions these days require more than that. You need the cooperation of a majority--a massive majority." (—Juan Juarez.)

We are this massive majority--a little disorganized, yes, but with a tremendous thirst for justice. The hours will seem like years to us until we can reclaim what they have taken from us.

We're up there ready to fight--but it is going to be a social struggle. Daily more and more men join us. The rotten state governments and city halls don't frighten us anymore. In Delano there is decay down to the roots; we wonder sometimes if blind justice hasn't taken off her blindfold.

Our bones lie in jail on the stupidest charges. It was in the Delano jail that I learned of the existence of a race called "Mex". I never learned about that in school or anywhere else, for that matter. Only here am I labelled "Race: Mex.," and only because I want to put a price on the sweat of my brow.

The government won't frighten us anymore. As Max Stirner wrote:

"The men of future generations will conquer as rights that which we have not yet even felt as a necessity."



"Los hombres de las futuras generaciones conquistaran mas de un derecho cuya necesidad ni siquiera la sentimos nosotros."

DECEMBER NIGHT 1967

The sound of night ringing in my mind
 reflecting in my brain

the pain of night i share with all
 who pain.

The god of death is in the westways winging.
 terrible the beating of his wings.

little children cringe in
 terror at their sound.

i hear at mid-night the angry morning being born.

it is a cool December

the stench of death everywhere.

yet still little children play at happy.

lovers love.

nothing is changed except the names of places.

Where have we wandered that we

no longer hear the voices of our fathers

chanting their ancient myths in our ears

(no longer hearing)

where are you god

who will

deliver us

from ourseaves.

i did not see you

tracing

through the wistful wilderness of my solitude

Wizard who is wise beyond all wishes

when will we end our long deaths

we who wish to live (instead)

when out of old hatreds

new deaths are being forged

(this very day)

for those who wish to

live.

must we journey to death unseen

with none to grieve us

is all lost for answers?

life lost to living this

December of stone.

must we plunge the earth in

thunder

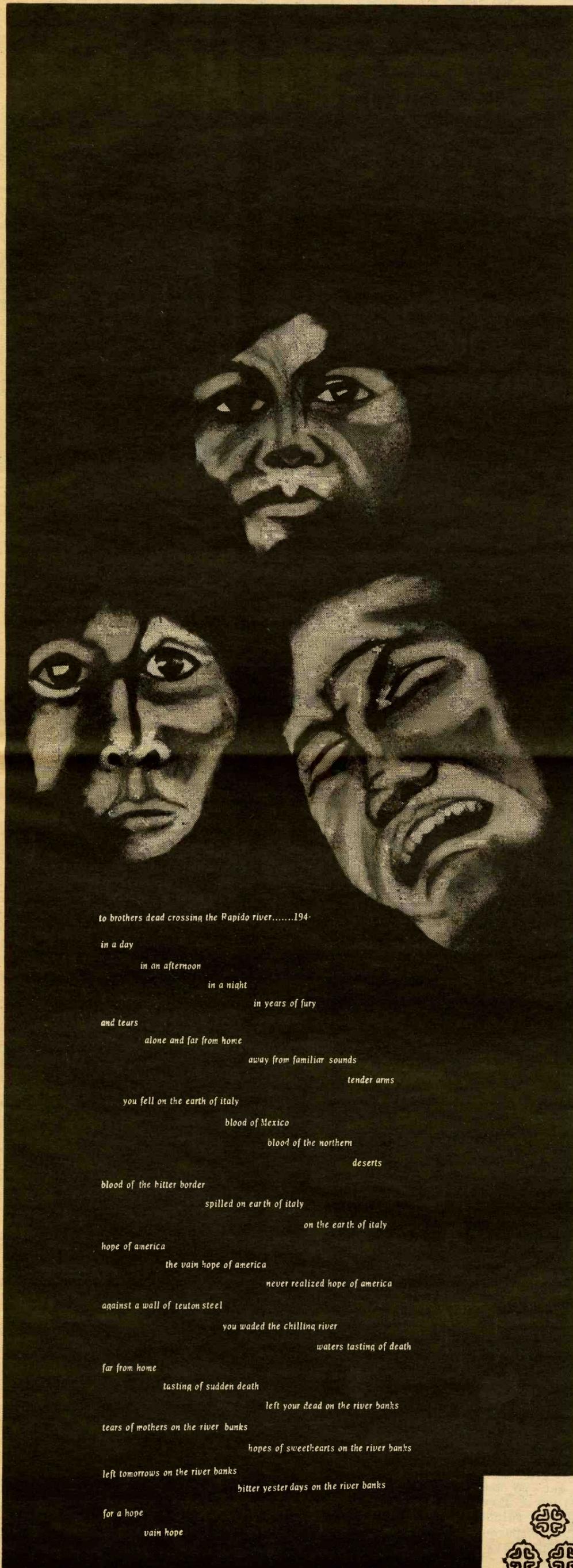
or lose ourselves in

dreaming.

are our souls so lost in sleeping

that not even seaweed hearing.

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to brothers dead crossing the Rapido river.....194-

in a day

in an afternoon

in a night

in years of fury

and tears

alone and far from home

away from familiar sounds

tender arms

you fell on the earth of italy

blood of Mexico

blood of the northern

deserts

blood of the bitter border

spilled on earth of italy

on the earth of italy

hope of america

the vain hope of america

never realized hope of america

against a wall of teuton steel

you waded the chilling river

waters tasting of death

far from home

tasting of sudden death

left your dead on the river banks

tears of mothers on the river banks

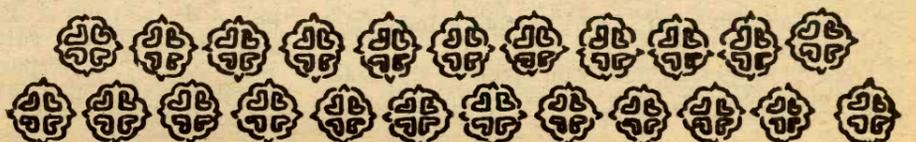
hopes of sweethearts on the river banks

left tomorrows on the river banks

bitter yester days on the river banks

for a hope

vain hope



CONSPIRACY AGAINST WORKERS-

LOCAL 300

L.A. TIMES is thirsty

Years ago the massive circulation of the L.A. Times helped pass a Bond Issue for Water Works bringing in water to the Los Angeles basin. What wasn't made clear to the public was that the thirstiest of customers for that water was the famous Empire that paper built. The Chandlers own, both the newspaper and the Tejon Ranch, which will receive almost free irrigation for its miles and miles of sandy dunes.

As a consequence, the L.A. Times, usually very eager to attack government financed programs has been silent about the many accidents taking place in the tunnels now in construction by a consortium which includes Shea, Kaiser, Lockheed and Healy, with a budget of 99 million dollars, a heavy budget for a "Feather" Project.

negligence of union bosses

According to rank and file workers, many of the workers sent to work the tunnels--very similar to mines--have had no previous experience in this kind of work. Compliance with safety regulation is the responsibility of the "pushers", walking bosses, state safety inspectors and business agents for the union" who could require of Shea, Kaiser, Lockheed and Healy to provide safer working conditions.

Several accidents have taken place, and in many of them the shop stewards--representing the workers--had reported unsafe conditions at the location where accidents did happen later.

who killed Lonnie Turner?

The Union Bosses, State Safety Agents, and the Company had been informed, by Shop Steward Luis Monreal, that unsafe conditions existed on a tunnel at North 99, Adit of the Feather River Water Project: Nothing was done. On the early morning--graveyard shift--of Sunday, January 2, 1968, a section of the ceiling caved in and killed Lonnie Turner.

Shop Steward Luis Monreal called for a hearing of the Executive Board of Local 300 about negligence on the part of Foreman Dave Martin. On April 12, an Executive hearing found Dave Martin not guilty of negligence, even though he had been informed of unsafe conditions and failed to act to remedy them. Members of the Executive Board include President, Sam Baquiera; Vice Pres., Danny Morales; Field Manager, Bob Saucedo; Recording Secretary, Martin Herrera; and Financial Secretary, Manuel Renteria.

Luis Monreal, was not satisfied and appealed to the International Union. On May 10, in San Francisco, Terry O'Sullivan, one of the International Vice Presidents, ruled that he could not hear the case and sent it back to the District Council in Southern California. The District Council met on July 17, under the direction of President Jimmy Flores, with the attendance of Recording Secretary, N.D. Gerard; Business Representative Kay Waters; Joe Herbert from Pasadena; Luis Bravo from El Monte, and others.

Still, no ruling has been made to assign responsibility for negligence. . .in this case CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE.

gov. reagan "acts"

On February 7-8 of the current year, Governor Reagan called a State Safety Conference. Luis Monreal, presented a report on conditions on the mines and asked for some action in the Lonnie Turner case; he also wrote a letter to Governor Reagan himself. Monreal received a letter saying. . ."The Governor received your letter relating to the safety of workers in a section of aqueduct tunnel under construction; and he wishes to thank you for it. . .let me assure you that your interest in accident prevention is appreciated." The letter was signed by Albert C. Beeson, Director, Department of Industrial Relations.

Again, no action has been taken on the death of Lonnie Turner, only another Ronnie Reagan Show.



LENNIE TURNER BEFORE ACCIDENT

will the courts act?

Mrs. Lonnie Turner, the widow, in trying to get redress through the courts. Attorney Robert D. Katz is filing claims against Workman's Compensation for benefits under the law on industrial accidents. Attorney McTurnin is filing charges against the State for "laxity of inspection." Other suits are being considered against the Union and against the companies involved.

But, whether the Courts act or not, the real protection the worker has is the Unity of the Rank and File, represented by Steward Luis Monreal.

Carta Abierta

Jefe de Agtes. de negocios.
Ciudad.

Sr. Saucedo, nos estamos dando cuenta del desastre en que tiene a nuestra Local 300, se escuchan criticas a granel, inconformidad y la--mentos entre los trabajadores; a mi parecer con justificada razon, porque desde que usted se hizo cargo de esa oficina, por imposicion de su concuno, no por la voluntad de los trabajadores (que son a los que deberias de tener cuenta) tu cunado te impuso por tener un titere a quien bailar, pero no se te olvide .que ya viene el 69 y tal ves tengas que salir de ese puesto como pedo de macho.

La primera razon por la que saldras es por traidor a tu raza, la segunda por imponer a Angel Perez, (cuanto te dio de mordida) y por ultimo por darle todo el apoyo a LEE BARKER, ya que por recomendaciones de el, constantemente estan despidiendo trabajadores MEXICANOS de los trabajos que hay en la ciudad sustitullendolos con gente de color, no sea tonto esto es lo que deberias de hacer usted con ellos pagarles--con la misma moneda. Besale los huebos a Lee Porque este si te puso--bajo a tus muy amigos Ignacio Esquivel y Carlos Rodriguez, hablo con el superintendente en la mañana y en la tarde los despидieron para meter en su lugar a dos negros que llebo en su propio carro, este si es macho porque por encima de ti protege a su raza, tu en lugar de proteger a tu raza la undes en el abismo de la miseria y el hambre.

Sr. Saucedo otra de las cosas que le ban a hacer mucho dano es la del negrito que se mato en los tuneles por causa suya, todo por la--flojera de no ir a ver como estaban las cosas, pues le reportaron el peligro que corrian los trabajadores y no hizo caso.

Usted solo se a concretado a haserse aparentar como dictador de rancho, mandando matar de hambre a su gente con sus compinches LEE BARKER y JOE DMICO.

Roberto ahora dinero para el dia que te echemos fuera no ballas a llorar como la vez pasada que no pudiste ni agarrar una pala y de las tima te dio chamba RAY WATERS, para que hoy nos traiciones, por eso te aconsejo junta dinero porque convencete de que no sirves para nada, ya ves hasta Lee Barker se burla de ti.



UNSAFE TUNNEL--UNAWARE WORKER

Un Consejo Al Dictador

Cuidado con la lumbre Bob, jefecito de Agente de Negocios del Local 300. Estas sembrando vientos y cosecharas tempestades; los miembros de este honorable Local queremos hacerte algunas preguntas al respecto.

Que acaso Angel Perez es muy indispensable como colaborador tuyo a sabiendas que la mayoria de los votantes lo repudian? Existe una razon de peso; o es el \$ Peso de la razon? Para retenerlo en los nominas de pago del Local 300. Mas claro diremos los esta chantajeando a ti y tu consejero Miguel Quevedo?

No seas miope y revisa las estadisticas de la proxima pasada eleccion General y comprueba que la membresia con su voto rehusó elegir como asistente de negocios a esa persona protegida por ti, y tu haciendo burla de la membresia, violando la constitucion, ignorando los miembros en las juntas, quitandoles el privilegio ya que ellos no aceptaron ni apoyaron ese nombramiento tu insistes en protegerlo.

A raiz de esto se giro una protesta a la Internacional senalando entre otras cosas ese mal proceder tuyo y tu imposicion arbitraria; demostrando con esto ignorancia, falta de vision politica, de tacto, sagacidad, diplomacia, etc. porque el bienestar del obrero es parte substancial del progreso de la Nacion; ni nada valioso puede construirse en la vida politica de un pais o union si se esta alzado o actua a espaldas de la membresia. Inmediatamente la Internacional dio contestacion a esta protesta y te mando una carta. Porque has tenido la precaucion de no dar a conocer el contenido de esa carta?

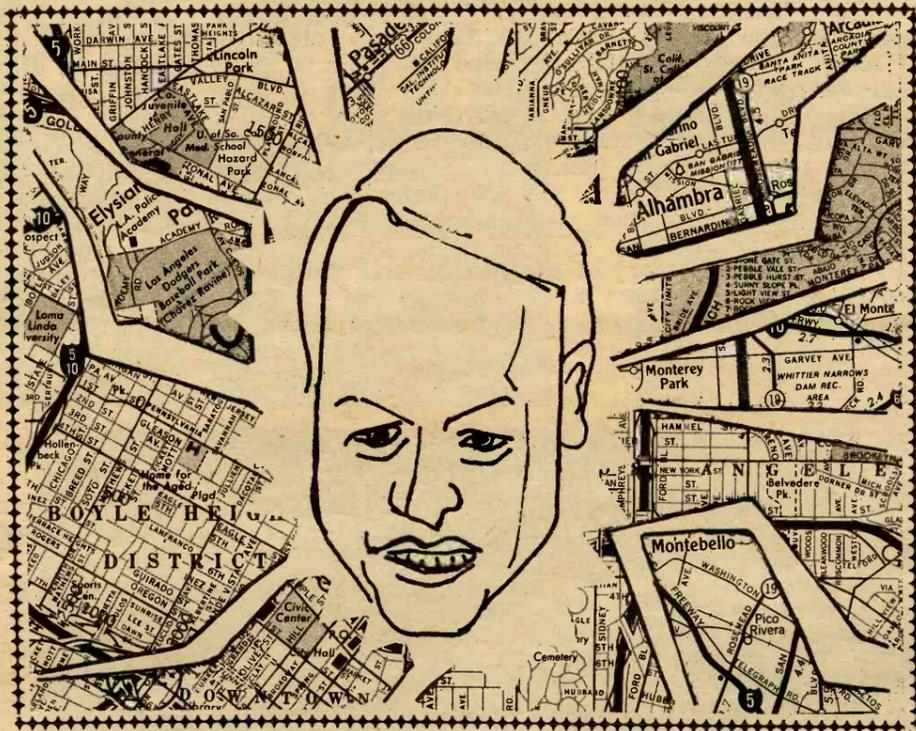
De todos modos con todo lo que le has barbeado a los representantes de la Internacional no te van a elegir, pues la membresia va a tener que decir algo en ese asunto.

Companeros y hermanos de la construccion tener miedo de senalar inmoralidades eso no es ser victima si no complice, pues como dijo un gran hombre Thomas Jefferson: son los habitos y el espiritu de un pueblo lo que preserva el vigor de una Republica: La Voz del Pueblo es La Voz de DIOS.



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"Golden Boy" Art Snyder's image and plans of becoming eventual Mayor of L.A. has again taken a nosedive. Golden Boy, with his colgate smile which rates second to Hubert Humphreys' was confronted by some of the residents of El Sereno and the Hermon District of Highland Park. They were not fooled by Snyder's "whiter than white" approach entitled the Monterey Hills Redevelopment Project which is nothing more than another urban renewal project. According to Snyder's plan, about 50 homes are to be removed for another housing development project.

Golden Boy is following in the footsteps of ex-councilman James Harvey Brown who was directly responsible for the massacre of Chicano landowners in Chavez Ravine, an area now better known as Dodger Stadium. A Chicana who currently lives in Hermon District remembers the Chavez Ravine horror. "Bulldozers crushing people's homes." "I lost property in Watts," says another lady. "I looked a long time before I found my home. And then I found a Christian who would sell to me."

Councilman Snyder stated that 100 homes would be taken under the right of eminent

Last week Councilman Tom Bradley raised the question of Chicano representation on the City Council. He asked, "Why are there no Chicanos in the City Council since they constitute the largest minority in L.A. proper?" He answered his own question by stating that Chicano communities are gerrymandered so badly that the Chicano cannot possibly elect a councilman.

BROWN HONKIES

Gerrymandering is not unamerican, it is very American. The Eastside is currently divided into two councilmanic districts, the 9th under Gil Lindsey, and the 14th under Art Snyder. Thus the Chicano communities are divided and the base of power resides "outside" and not in the hands of the community. Each councilman in these districts selects a "brown honky" as field deputy to insure the community that it is well represented and has a voice at city hall.

Art Snyder, 14th district councilman which includes El Sereno and Lincoln Heights raised objections to Bradley's assertion that Chicanos have no representation. According to Snyder, he represents the interests of the Chicanos in the 14th district. Snyder also went on to say that there was no feasible way of electing a Chicano to the City Council.

Richard Calderon, John Pratt, and Mildred Walters are attempting to provide "Superlambiche, Golden Boy Snyder" with a way. They filed a suit to compel the city to apportion councilmanic districts on the basis of total population rather than on the number of registered voters. The suit was prepared by the ACLU.

The current practice calls for redistricting of the councilmanic districts every four years. It stipulates that no district shall vary more than 10% from whatever figure represents 1/15th of the city's total vote registration. Even this inadequate system is not being followed by the city. For example in District 9, which includes East Los Angeles and the Boyle Heights area and is largely populated by Chicanos and Blacks, the population is 236,904 and the registered voters number 66,039. There are about 53,000 more residents than the 183,000 average which should be allotted to each of the 15 council districts. Thus we are way above.

On the other hand, in District 2, which is the San Fernando Valley, the population is 148,857, the voters 78,228. The population is thus 34,000 under the average. If the present practice continues, they can group all the Chicanos in one area, reshape not only the physical districts but also the population figures, and keep Chicanos politically ineffective. As long as we, the Chicanos, have people such as Art Snyder and his "Brown Honky" representing us, we can rest assured that our voices will not be heard. Persons such as Snyder, who occupy top administrative positions, have little knowledge of our community and culture and yet they dare to say that they represent the Chicano. What we need is a Chicano to represent a Chicano community and its interests. Only Chicano Power can represent us.



domain for the project. Under community pressure, he has reduced this figure to 50. He has also estimated that 2000 new homes would be built and that the land developed would sell for \$50 million dollars on an average of \$25,000 per lot. It appears to be another land grab. As Elizabeth Richman, representative of Hermon-Monterey Hills Association said, "The taking of homes for the benefit of private developers is an injustice. The project is not needed, there is no shortage of houses for sale in the area."

Golden Boy has been besieged by requests asking for more "details", including figures on which he based his statements that taxes would not be affected. A similar project, Altos de Monterey in South Pasadena, has ef-

fecting city revenues. All taxes from that project area have been impounded to meet the Community Redevelopment Agency costs which the city has had to build a new school and provide added services for the residents. It would be the same in the Los Angeles section of Monterey Hills. Already overcrowded schools and traffic arteries would find their problems aggravated.

HMHA is composed of various ethnic groups. There is a conviction that their struggle is part of something bigger which sends them out to seek allies. This is the same conviction that "El Tigre", Reies Tijerina, leader of the land movement in New Mexico follows. HMHA is adamant that El Sereno and Monterey Hills will not become another Chavez Ravine.

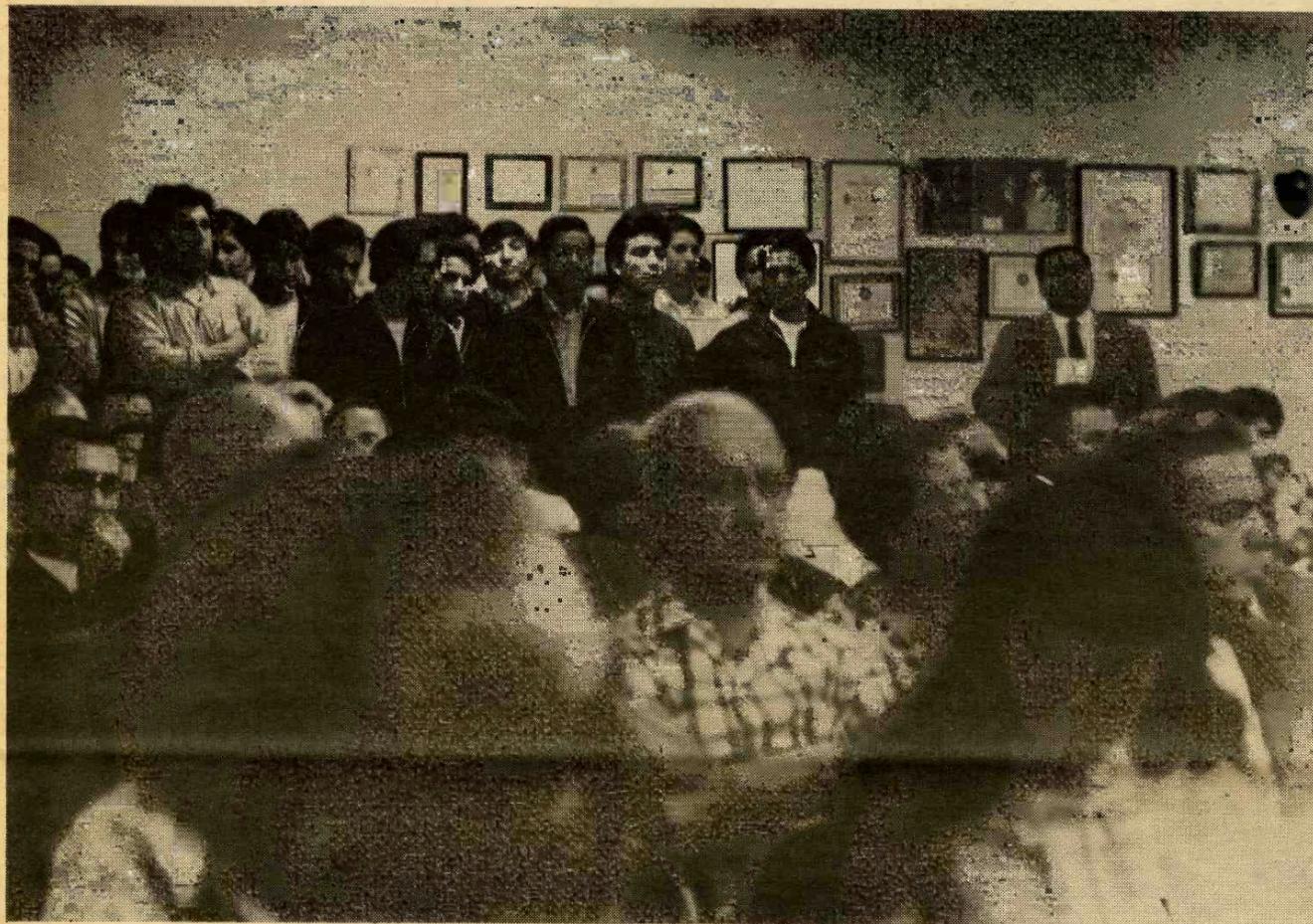
"Blue Vigilantes" Raid in El Monte

Saturday, July 6, 1968, 60 Placas broke up a Chicano wedding dance at the El Monte Legion Stadium. The pretext was that someone in the dance was blowing pot. The El Monte Police and 60 of their blue brothers descended on the wedding dance equipped with all their little goodies: mace, machine guns, tear gas and they were foaming at the mouth like rabid dogs. The Placas without notifying the sponsors of the dance or any of the guests as to why they were there, charged into the dance pushing and shoving the guests out of the exits. Using their customary language: "Lady get your ass out of here or we'll bust

you," "Get the hell out of here or we'll make an example out of you," and "This is what you get at a Mexican dance," the placas abused and mistreated the chicanos in every way their racist minds could think of. A 10 year old boy was maced in the eyes, and when wedding guests complained to the police about their actions they were arrested and charged with inciting to riot and resisting arrest. In all 7 Chicanos were arrested, 2 adults and 5 juveniles.

The history of El Monte is full of this type of treatment of Chicanos by the El Monte Police Department and their predecessors, the

vigilantes. But that is history, for the Chicanos in El Monte will no longer tolerate being treated like animals. A Citizens Committee for Self-Defense in El Monte has been established and is handling the filing of complaints against the El Monte Police Department for their actions at the wedding dance. An investigation by the F.B.I. and U.S. Attorney General of the El Monte Police Department is being demanded by the Citizens Committee. Chicanos in El Monte, like the rest of their brothers throughout the Southwest are demanding rights and freedom now and not manana.



El Monte City Council
El Monte City Hall
13331 East Valley Blvd.
El Monte, California

Chicano
Community
Confronts
City Council

Gentlemen:

We, the El Monte Committee for Self Defense, are enraged by the brutal mistreatment of wedding guests at the hands of the El Monte City Police Department. On July 6, 1968 a traditional Mexican wedding dance was held at the El Monte Legion Stadium. While the dance was in progress a raid was made by the El Monte City Police in conjunction with five other police departments. We were shocked by the way we were shoved struck, maced, and verbally abused while we were complying with police orders to disperse. It was totally unnecessary for a large number of armed police to draw weapons on innocent men, women and children to arrest one person. Two persons were arrested while protesting the mistreatment of innocent people.

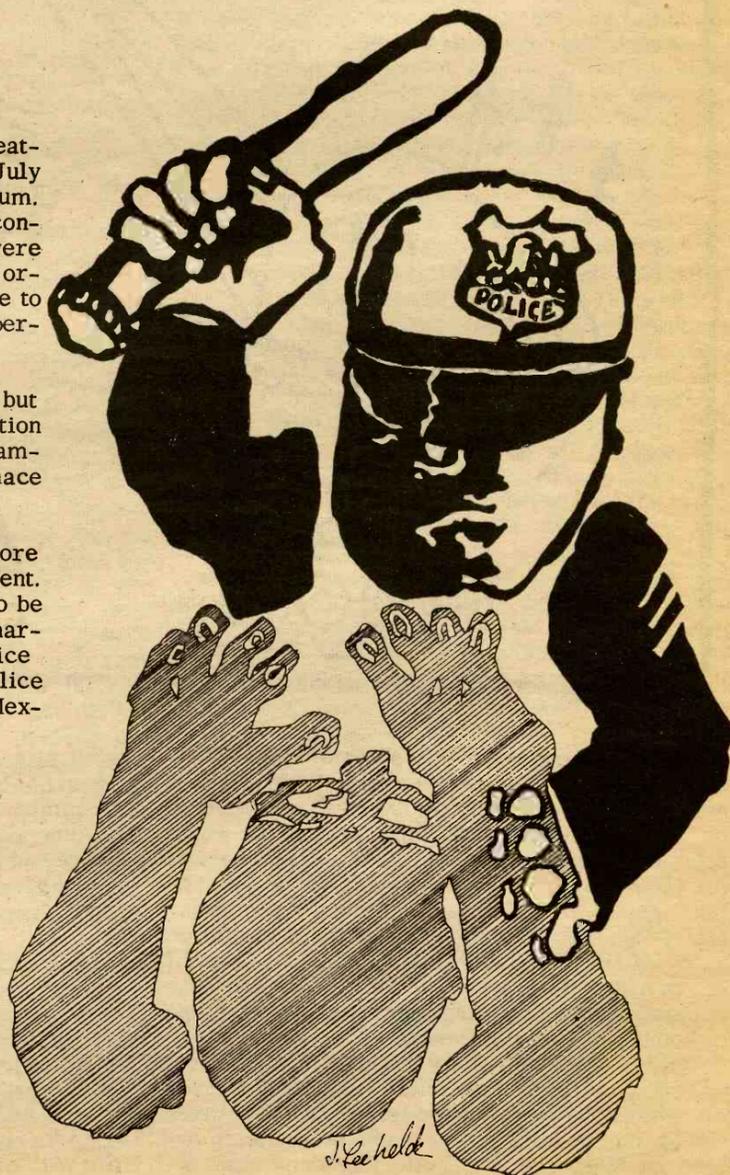
Not only were our people the victims of prejudice by insensitive policemen, but the incident received blowup coverage by local newspapers much out of proportion to the actual occurrence. We suffered unfavorable publicity, insult to ourselves, damage to the reputation of our people, bodily injury due to the overzealous use of mace and inconvenience due to arbitrary arrests.

Four hundred people have lost faith in this police department. In order to restore faith, (1) We demand an open investigation into the El Monte City Police Department. (2) We demand that all brutal tactics toward our people cease. (3) We demand to be treated with the same dignity given to the Anglo people. (4) We demand that the charges of those arrested for protesting the brutal tactics of the El Monte City Police Department be dropped. (5) We demand that members of the El Monte City Police Department receive careful instruction in the rich culture and heritage of the Mexican people to avoid future mistreatment of these proud and dignified people.

Respectfully,

Joseph Vargas, Chairman
El Monte Committee for Self Defense

cc:
Chief Orvil Davis, El Monte City Police Department
Ramsey Clark, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
Thomas Lynch, State Attorney General
Phil Montes, Western Regional Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
Gonzalo Cano, Department of Justice, Police Community Relations
Eason Monroe, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union
Herbert Carter, Director, County Commission on Human Relations



SPECIAL:

CHICANO UNITY

Chicano brothers from inside the prisons of our barrios and from inside the cells of correctional institutions call for UNITY in the STRUGGLE for social change--for HUMAN DIGNITY.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE

FOR REFORM IN CORRECTIONS NEWSLETTER

The Citizen's Committee for Reform in Corrections was formed as a result of serious problems which exist inside San Quentin Prison and within California Department of Corrections. The February 15, 1968 strike at San Quentin was merely the latest in a series of inmate protests against the system. Indications from officials in California Department of Corrections (CDC) and administrators at San Quentin were that, publicly, they would not recognize the inmates' demands for change as being valid. If nothing were done to change the system, these unfortunate inmate disturbances would be repeated. Thus, this committee, was formed to help bring about changes inside San Quentin and in CDC. "San Quentin" was originally used as part of the name of this committee, for members of this committee primarily have come from the San Francisco Bay Area, and most of them have had firsthand experience at San Quentin. However, the changed name of the committee indicates the broad nature of the changes which are necessary. Reform is needed not only in San Quentin, but in the entire CDC system.

However, our grave concern for the very wide range of problems inside was obvious. Problems range from there being essentially no rehabilitation inside the system (which "Crime and Penalties in California" also asserts), to brutality by the guards against individual inmates. These ends of the range of problems are difficult to legislate against in any effective manner. Concerning "no rehabilitation," the legislature is not yet ready to abandon the entire system and replace it with another. Concerning brutality, it is difficult to document and prove, and it is difficult to legislate effectively all particulars, such as the type of persons hired into the system. However, inside that range of problems and in areas covered by "Crime and Penalties in California," many things can and should be done through legislation.

This committee will function as an active resource for legislators. We will support existing proposed legislation such as the following:

- Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 25, (Sieroty, Elliot, Bill Green and Miller) which restores the right of suffrage after discharge.
- Assembly Bill NO. 581, (Sieroty) which restores certain civil rights to prisoners, especially the part which would give the prisoners the right to write to public officials, for many inmates inside San Quentin, for example, do NOT have that right. Also, the inmate should have the right to seal the envelope.
- Assembly Bill No. 1107, (B. Greene) which requires that parolees be given written directions on action which would result in suspending or revoking parole.
- Assembly Bill No. 1108, (B. Greene and Sieroty) which provides for superior court trials on revoking or suspending parole.
- Assembly Bill No. 1113, (B. Greene) which requires a physician and surgeon to be on duty at all times in every prison.
- Assembly Bill No. 1269, (Vasconellos) which requires parole of every state prisoner when his minimum sentence expires, unless he has been convicted twice of committing acts involving personal harm.

though it is questionable if anyone can judge "rehabilitation," as is shown in "Crime and Penalties in California," psychiatrists and social scientists are in a better position to do so than any other group.

6. PROPOSE THAT INMATE DISCIPLINARY RECORDS AND NEGATIVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM AGENCIES OR PERSONS OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS NOT BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF PAROLE BY THE ADULT AUTHORITY. Two of almost numberless examples will give the most vivid of many arguments in favor of this proposal. Infractions of prison rules and regulations are a common part of the life of all inmates. Most infractions are of little or no consequence. Enforcement by staff is whimsical, for most infractions are overlooked until the staff has some personal reason to enforce the rules. Even snitches can have a man "beefed" (given a CDC #115). Disciplinary court is usually a set up, wherein the staff member or the snitch is always right and the inmate is always wrong. The inmate has no

PROPOSALS

1. Unless AB No. 1108 (B. Greene and Sieroty) fully covers this, PROPOSE THAT ADULT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. 171 BE ELIMINATED; and that, upon violation of parole, if the time is to be redetermined beyond the parole discharge date already set, that the prisoner be given the right to legal representation, the right to be present, and the right to present witnesses; and that there be a pro-legal representation and can call no witnesses in this kangaroo court. Even if he receives a suspended sentence, he loses; for the Adult Authority usually uses these beefs as grounds for denial of parole. The first vivid, current example will show the injustice of the system--that the system can go further, than the normal routine of the disciplinary court, and much further than most people would imagine. As of April 2, 1968, inmates at San Quentin called for a convict unity holiday in hopes that through public awareness, some changes might be made in the system. vision for an appeal of such verdict. Some arguments in favor of this are as follows: re-fixing of sentences is not done in other states; there is a strong potential that Resolution 171 would not survive a court case; "Crime and Penalties in California" states that "there is no evidence that prisons rehabilitate most offenders," an outgrowth of which is AB No. 1269; and there is a deep emotional sense of injustice among inmates regarding the uncertainty of the situation as reflected negatively in family, and other outside positive supportive factors.

2. PROPOSE CHANGING THE PAROLE SYSTEM SO THAT THE ONLY BASIS FOR A PAROLE VIOLATION IS CONVICTION OF A NEW CRIME. Some arguments in favor of this are as follows: the federal system does this effectively; the average citizen, as well as the parolee, would find it difficult to live up to the present parole agreement which the inmate must sign; and this would allow parole officers to avoid the negative, police aspects that currently dominate their job and let them concentrate on the positive aspects of helping the parolee.

3. PROPOSE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN PRISON INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS THE COTTON

TEXTILE MILL AT SAN QUENTIN. Some arguments in favor of this are as follows: CDC officials state that the prison industries enable "inmates to acquire good work habits and occupational skills" (pg 153, 1968-69 State Budget), but negative work habits are often acquired; and, for example, a study in 1967 showed that of this are as follows: these savings will result from passage of currently proposed assembly bills such AB 1269, for each additional inmate on parole, rather than in prison, would be a saving of about \$1,900 per person, per year; positive aid of parole officers is much more desirable than negative policing action; in the entire history of the cotton textile mill at San Quentin, only seventeen men have ever been placed in textile mill or related jobs.

4. PROPOSE THAT SAVINGS IN CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BE USED AS FOLLOWS: to increase parole services; to substantially increase the amount of money potentially available to financially sustain the parolee during periods of unemployment and financial crisis; to decrease the work load of parole officers; to set up active job placement procedures in private industries wherein the employer is reimbursed for training the parolee in a meaningful job and taking some risk of losing the trained employers from potential employee dishonesty. Some arguments in favor

5. PROPOSE THAT PEOPLE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE BE ELIMINATED FROM THE ADULT AUTHORITY. Even of their ten demands, three have already been met by proposed legislation (AB 1107, 1108, and 113). This strike was essentially leaderless, for it was the vast majority of the inmates against what they feel is a corrupt, unjust system. There was none of the ordinarily extreme pressure that is often used to bring about a food strike or the like. This was a leaderless strike that failed to materialize fully on the ONE planned day merely because the staff at San Quentin had used so many different things as threats of retaliation against striking inmates and as tricks to upset the normal routine. However, on February 16th, a successful strike took place as a type of retaliation against the staff's repression the day before and as a "Thanks" to the public which supported them the day before. On the 17th, leaderless masses took action. Then there was talk of violence among both inmates and guards; and if violence were to come, it would be inmate blood that would flow. Positively oriented inmates decide that some action had to be taken to avoid bloodshed. This they did on the 18th. They were not the leaders of the strike, for there were none. However, many inmates did step into the extremely volatile situation, giving positive direction to inmate desires for action of some sort, yet stressing non-violence. Velarde was one of several inmates who spoke to a large mass of inmates. He urged that they PEACEFULLY demonstrate against the Adult Authority Resolution 171, thus giving vent to desires for action. The result was that no violence occurred. That evening Velarde was put in the hole and has remained there since. At the present time (even if he tried) he could not get a sealed letter out to the Governor (which is supposedly the right of every inmate--thus pointing out the validity of parts of AB 581).

The OUTLAW

SAN QUENTIN — 3 JULY — 1968 P.K.

Big Red Bush Beater Beaten Again

At last the muckrakers who publish the OUTLAW have been apprehended and sent away. Nevermore will that subversive rag disturb the stagnant calm of the fetid pool in which the CDC parasites thrive and proliferate. No, nevermore need Big Red be worried about what part of the scurvy CDC operation will be the next to be subjected to the incisive and objective examination of the OUTLAW. But what is this??? THE OUTLAW!!! Sorry about that Big Red, you missed again. Better luck next time. How many bum beefs does that make now? About 30? What are you going to do Red? You going to beef all of us? All 4000 of us? That would be a record!! 4000 OUTLAWS.

Meanwhile, back at the scene of the crime; San Quentin. Earlier in this century, men striking against the Establishment of that time sang a song with the following chorus, "Which side are you on, boys, which side are you on?" We should be singing that same song today. Some convicts do not know which side they are on; obsessed with near sighted disputes of race, ideology, group identity; they expend their energies despising and distrusting each other. Our keepers are gloating over this situation. They will try to use this distrust to break up our campaign against the CDC and the AA. They have started rumors about white plots against the black convicts. They have started rumors about black plots against the white convicts. They have started rumors about riots, fires, and dynamite plots in July. They are agitating to fill San Quentin with hatred, uncertainty, and distrust. You have heard the rumors. Stop and think! Where did they rumors start? They came from one of the pig-bulls! They want to make this prison into a seething cauldron of discontent. Why?? Because they want to have this prison ready to explode into violence at any time THEY want it to. For years they have told the public and the legislators that we are nothing more than animals! Now they must give some proof for their lies. Now they must provoke us into actions that will show the public and the legislators that we are Mad Dogs. Why?? Because we are now threatening to put an end to the CDC pork barrel. Because we are now threatening to put an end to the Adult Authority reign of terror based on uncertainty. How have we become such a threat? Because our peaceful UNITY DAY in February showed that we are not animals, and opened the door for us to ask for relief from this durance vile. Because our patience in letting our representatives take our cause through the devious paths of governmental procedure has proved that we are men. Reasonable men, not wild animals. Righteous Convicts, not mad dogs. The lies of the CDC are now being exposed as part of their empire building plot. Our representatives are now trying to open an investigation by impartial legislators. If they succeed, we will win our cause. The evil excesses of the CDC and AA will be out in the open. The CDC and the Adult Authority cannot afford to be judged by the legislators. They will be found to be wrong. Our cause will have won. Because of this, they must keep us from getting an investigation!! How? By causing a big disturbance. By making us look like the mad dogs they have said that we are. By forcing us into a spot that will allow the pig/bulls to start a riot. By starting so many rumors about fires that some con will feel obliged to start one. By harassing us until some poor fool is so besieged with blind anger and frustration that he will jump on one of the pig/bulls. The CDC is hoping for one of these things to happen!! The higher ups are pushing the pig/bulls to harass and intimidate us. The pig/bulls are being used. But the pig/bulls love it. They want to kill us. When one of these things happens, the pig/bulls will make this prison explode. If this happens, we lose. We are not afraid of the bully hand of the pig/bulls because we have a bully hand too. But we will lose our fight with the CDC and the Adult Author-

ity. We cannot let the CDC break up our final drive against their empire. We cannot let the CDC make us look like mad dogs, we must be Cool Headed Convicts. Righteous Convicts making all of the right moves and smoothly tolling off the death knell of the CDC empire. We can do it!! We ARE doing it!!! We must not blow it now!! Our cause is bigger than San Quentin! Our cause includes every man in prison in Calif! Our cause includes every man on parole! Our cause includes every man that will be sent to prison in California! The Righteous Convicts at San Quentin are carrying a big load and have a lot to win for a lot of people! To be, at this crucial time, uneasy and tense because of the CDC agitation will play us into the hands of the CDC. The time has come for us to be UNITED CONVICTS, nothing more, nothing less. The time has come to once again talk of UNITY. Not partial unity, neither aimless nor meaningless unity, but WHOLE and PURPOSEFUL UNITY. We are stronger this time. We have UNITY/INSIDE and UNITY/OUTSIDE. Our outside support is stronger. Our outside support will publically embarrass the Adult Authority during July. THE OUTLAW will keep you informed. An in August, guess what, Big Red? In August we will have our UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd!!! How does that grab you, Red? You've been so busy trying to get a riot going in July that you forgot there is a month named August. Keep your eye on THE OUTLAW, Big Red. When the OUTLAW gives you the run down on UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd, you will put your weary head down on that desk that was built by slave labor, and you will cry. UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd!!! Your pig/bulls will be useless. You can't fight UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd with guns, clubs, or pig/bulls. UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd, our outside

support will focus attention of the public onto our reasonable righteous request. They will show that all we want is an investigation of the convicts complaints that have been raised about the CDC and the Adult Authority. They will show the public and the legislators that we know the right way to get an investigation of our complaints. And then on UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd our outside support will return to the front gate of San Quentin and tell the public what we are doing, how and why we are doing it. How about that, Big Red??? UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd will be our finest hour!! We will win!! UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd will show that we do not have to destroy this prison. UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd will show that we are only interested in having an open and impartial investigation of our complaints. Our complaints about the CDC and the Adult Authority are well known. Our representatives have delivered them to the CDC and the legislators. You have read them in THE OUTLAW and in the Berkeley Barb. We will devote the next issue of THE OUTLAW to discussing them again. Watch for the next issue of THE OUTLAW. It will bring you more news about UNITY DAY/AUGUST 3rd. THE OUTLAW is a gas!! Ride On with the OUTLAW. Support THE OUTLAW, it is YOUR paper!

* CDC: California Department of Correction
* AA: Adult Authority



UNITY DAY FOR PRISON REFORM

On August 3, only 27 prisoners went out of their cells at San Quentin to watch the weekly movie. Unity Day had been a success. Almost unanimously the inmates had shown their unity for correctional reforms by staging the most successful lock-in in American history (better percentage than the factory sit-ins of the 30's). The convicts presently work in the furniture factory for which they receive a minimum of 3 cents an hour to a maximum of 22 cents. They average 9 cents an hour. Ten percent of the convicts salary is taken and placed in a "relief fund" that has yet to relieve anyone. The convict is thus "rehabilitated" by exploitation--using him as cheap labor.

Unity was the answer of the inmates to the provocations of Big Red "the Bush Beater"

Nelson who had been predicting violence. Even within the walls, it has been proven that Unity is the tool that brings the Establishment down.

Big Red Nelson has been following on the footsteps of the other red-neck, Reddin, and is making Public Relations 2/3 of his job. Chief Warden Nelson has told the mass media that ALL the demands of the inmates have been instituted and that they didn't want progress but trouble. He has even hinted at the possibility of "outside agitators".

The inmates, however, are not fooled by P.R., and they are planning similar demonstrations of unity until there is a Legislative Investigation of San Quentin and of the whole prison system. One more issue of The Outlaw will be published, and then it will stop for a while to avoid reprisals against the inmates, but demonstrations will continue.

24hour vigil

While prisoners in San Quentin demonstrated Unity by "locking-in" their cells, supporters on the outside began to gather at the California State Building in Los Angeles on Saturday August 3rd at noon. Many of them never left their Vigil until noon the following day. Some people could only stay for "shifts" but faithfully showed up with refreshments and encouragement.

Young men and women of the Brown Berets and the Black Panthers joined the vigil and with disciplined formations and chants demonstrated that BROWN & BLACK ARE BEAUTIFUL.

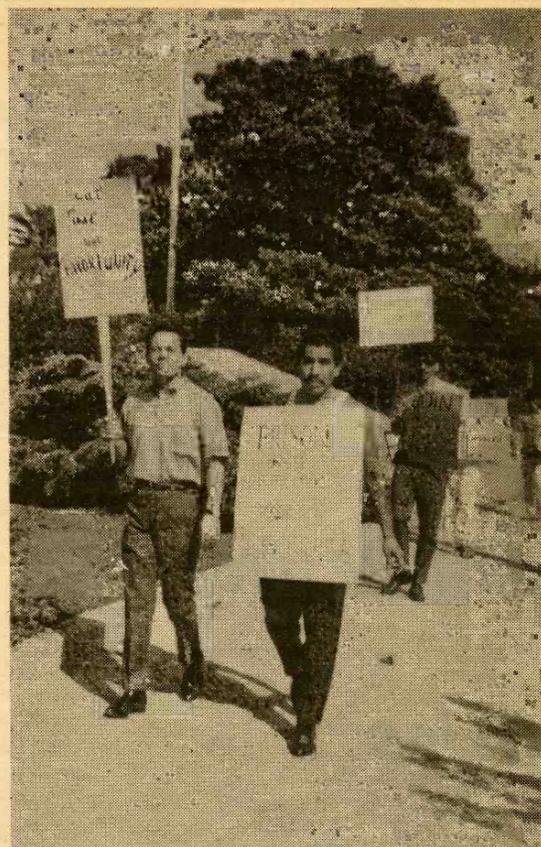
By the following day at noon it was clear that Unity had not been just a slogan. Not only had many organizations from the Chicano community gotten together with their black brothers to demonstrate the necessity for change in the barrios and ghettos, but so had our brothers in prison who doubly suffer from the viciousness of racism.

Mr. David Hunter, an academic instructor at the California Institution for Men at Chino was interviewed concerning his feelings about the California State prison system. He stated that the Department of Corrections is "a racist organization." He was also quoted as saying "In three years at Chino I've seen white inmates get all the soft clerical jobs and Negroes and Mexican Americans get menial labor jobs."

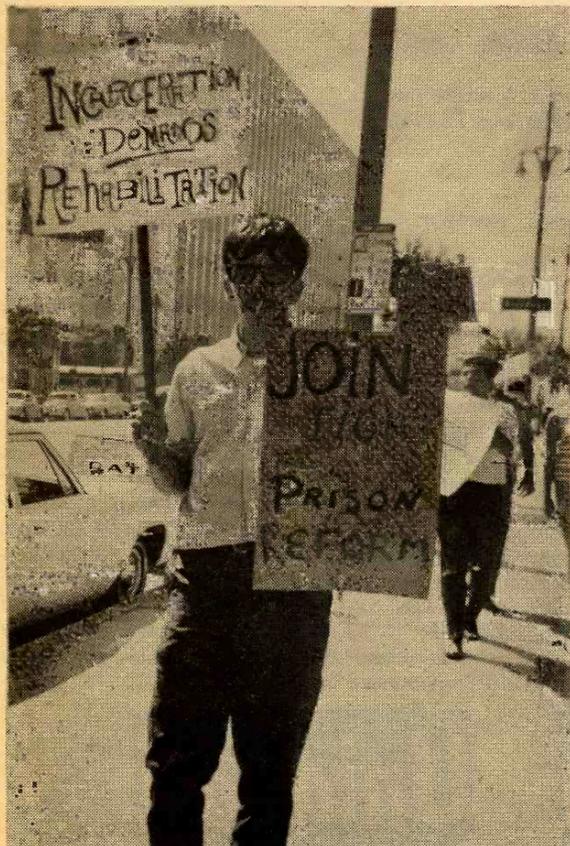
On Monday when he returned to work, he was fired. Not only does the CDC deny civil liberties to its inmates and parolees, but also to its employees. For being courageous and honest he has become one more victim of the racism and prejudice of the California Department of Corrections. The police, the D.A., the Board of Education, the CDC--none of these can choke all the voices of dissent. The community will not allow any victim to stand alone any longer.

VIVA LA UNIDAD!

Those interested in participating in the committee to re-instate David Hunter.
Contact : Bob Morales, 263-9497 or 225-5981.



Unity In The Community



The Executive Council of the Congress of Mexican American Unity (CMAU) endorsed the "Unity Day" Vigil organized by the Southern California Citizen's Committee for Reform in Corrections for August 3 and 4.

More than 30 local organizations, black, chicano and white have endorsed the Citizen's Committee in their efforts at reform of the correctional system. The Congress of Mexican-American Unity adds 80 organizations to that list. CMAU has endorsed the community effort to bring about change in the California system of Corrections just as it has supported many other community efforts, such as the programs of the Educational Issues Coordinating Committee, and the Chicano Legal Defense Fund.

The surrounding community is lending full support to the inmates. Several concerned people have organized the Committee for the Rights of the Imprisoned (CRI). So far, the committee includes: Richard Korn, Assistant Professor of Criminology, U.C. Berkeley; Irving Beng, M.D., Chairman of Berkeley-Albany Chapter ACLU; Paul Jacobs, Senatorial Candidate, Peace & Freedom; Bishop Pike, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions; John Irwin, Assist. Professor San Francisco State College; David Fogel, L.L.D., President, Golden Gate Chapter of National Association of Social Workers; Bernard Hutner, Research Attorney, U.C. Berkeley.

The main goals of the Committee are: (1) to win constitutional and basic human rights for

convicts through the legislature; (2) to lend support to individuals attempting to remedy the effects of the denial of their rights; (3) to give concrete support and aid to prisoners during and after incarceration; (4) to serve as a professional resource for legislators; (5) to conduct and sponsor research in the areas of prisoners rights; (6) to promote greater public education relevant to prisoners.

BE SURE TO SEND YOUR LETTER

DEMANDING

CORRECTIONAL REFORM NOW

to:

Mr. Biddle, Chairman
Assembly Committee on
Criminal Proceedings
Capitol Building
Eac
Sacramento, Calif.

¡Unidad!

La Esperanza

de Nuestros

Hijos

y

Hijas...



La Junta Direccional de cual se a escrito en estas paginas, tiene un solido motivo. Este es el motivo de acciones colectivas sobre de nuestra unidad economica, politica, educacional, y social.

Claro que nos preguntamos, porque unidad? Porque se oye tanto esta palabra? Quien es el hombre que con labios temblorosos con fervor, enrabiadimiento nos suplica por donde quiera--que nos unimos?

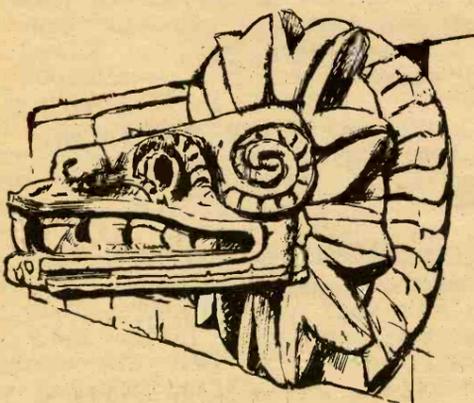
Porque unidad? Porque nuestras vidas, y nuestras circunstancias socio-economicas, politicas, y educacionales, diarimente nos dominan como esclavas sin cabezas entre un abismo negro y sin profundidad, sin identificacion digna, y sin el poder cual es tan necesario para defender nuestras propia personas y las personas de nuestros hijas e hijos de una generacion nueva.

Quien es el Hombre? Simplemente el hombre cual toda via tiene el valor para amar la Humanidad y pelear por el derecho a su paz y el bien estar de sus hijos.

Seremos sabios nosotros quien reconocemos la necesidad de la lucha sobres esclarecimiento y definicion de nuestras problemas colectivas; porque solamente por los medios de accion definitiva y con la solidaridad de union podremos unir nuestras fuerzas y trabajar con el fervor cual, sinceramente, podra crear para nosotros todo aquello que buscamos en una raza nueva, y en una generacion de Mexicanos sin el miedo de murirse de hombre. . . Cual es su problema? Hombre fisica--o hambre sicologica?

Envitese solo a nuestras Juntas Direccionales, dirigese cada mez al numero 213 al norte de la Calle Soto, para que tambien Ud. ofresca su parte en Nuestra Lucha. VIVA LA CAUSA!

Sinceramente
Eduardo Z. Aguirre
L.U.C.H.A.
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AT 8-3301



direction for chicano unity

On Thursday August 8th at All Nations Center, LUCHA held the first in a series of sociological Directional Meetings. The basic task of these meetings will be to present written theses composed by the L.U.C.H.A. Liason Committee

to the members of the board of advisors who will respond with severe critique while attempting to offer valid directions toward enlightenment which may point out the possibilities for positive community direction in any of the following areas of community concern. The theses composed and the members to whom they relate are as follows:

Prof. Ralph Guzman
Sociological Educ. Advisor

Father William Deeney
Religious Advisor

Morton M. Sider
Legal Advisor

Will Beasley
Sociological Educ. Liason

Gilberto Gonzales
Religious Liason

Rudy Negrete
Legal Liason

Armando Lawrence
Cultural Advisor

Francisco Martinez
Economics Advisor

Charles Jones
Literary Arts Advisor

Roberto Morales
Cultural Liason

Warren Quan
Economics Liason

Warren Quan
Literary Arts Liason

Francisco Duarte
Labor Advisor

Eliezer Risco
Political Science Advisor

Jack Long
Social Psychology Advisor

Eduardo Z. Aguirre
Labor Liason

Joel Flores
Political Science Liason

George Yribe
Social Psychology Liason

Jose Razo
Inter-Community Relations Advisor

Arturo Garcia & Roberto Ramirez
Inter-Community Relations Liason

Richard Duran
Historical Educ. Advisor

The Liason Committee presented definitive, well-formulated theses relating experienced community needs and hopes for solutions. Although the advisors made additions and comments, on the whole their response was one of support and enthusiastic commitment to LUCHA's call for UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION.

Clearly, the meeting fulfilled its purpose of "recognition of a great lack of united action in the Mexican American communities in the city, county, and state of California." It is hoped that the series of Directional Meetings will in effect give the Mexican American Community definition of our collective problems,

promote positive short and/or long range social direction, and influence strong social actions which in reality help to cement our social, political, economical, and educational unity and mobilize the ideas of our many undeveloped geniuses. . .

The August 8th meeting was a milestone in total participation. The Chicano is moving in unity and fast. The presentations received a response not usually identified in our barrio community. The attendance was so great that we had an overflow of people. The eagerness of our people for unity was manifested obviously. We shall see to it that our next presentation will be able to seat everyone. The Community was there--keep coming--we need you. The barrio community demands it of you.

¡Viva la Unidad!

**“Must we, the Mexican American appointees
remain silent and muzzled,
in order to exercise the freedom of speech**

In this country, the United States of America, we have many rights bestowed to its citizens by the Constitution. One of those inalienable rights is the exercise of free speech.

I have just experienced an event which has led me to believe that this specific freedom has conditions attached to it.

In 1961, Dr. Francisco Bravo, at that time a recent appointee to the Board of Police Commissioners by Mayor Samuel Yorty, appointed me and three other Mexican Americans as Hearing Examiners for the board. This was the first time in the history of Los Angeles that Mexican Americans were selected and placed in such an important body. It was felt by Dr. Bravo that by having Mexican American Hearing Examiners in the Police Department, our community would be well represented and that we would act as ambassadors of good will, not only for our people but also for the Los Angeles Police Department. It was with this in mind, that I accepted to serve the City of Los Angeles in such a prestigious position. Prior to and during the term served by Dr. Bravo as Police Commissioner, we, the Mexican Hearing Examiners were commended for outstanding services.

In 1966, Dr. Francisco Bravo's term as Police Commissioner expired. Mayor Yorty then appointed Dr. Reynaldo J. Carreon Jr. to the Board of Police Commission. At that time Dr. Carreon told me that I would be retained as a Hearing Examiner as long as my performance remained satisfactory. In February of this year, during a luncheon, the Board of Police Commissioners and the Chief of Police, Thomas Reddin honored me and the other Hearing Examiners for outstanding work and unselfish devotion to our community. We were told that the feared "Mafia," had failed to establish themselves in Los Angeles due to our vigilance.

In May 31, 1968, thirteen of our Mexican American leaders together with several thousand students demonstrated their grievances and frustrations against the injustices of the school system towards our people. For this crime they were arrested for "conspiracy". This, I felt was a political show, for it was timed just prior to the election held a week later. I was shocked and stunned by this act committed by the District Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department against our courageous boys who had dared to challenge the injustices committed by the Los Angeles School Board of Education against our children. During their jail period, the Mexican American community supported these jailed leaders by participating in rallies. I too, felt that it was my duty to participate in this struggle to emancipate our people, so I became involved even though I was a member of the Police Commission. At a rally held in June 1968, I publicly aired my views in the support of our jailed martyrs and stated that I was fearful of retribution from the police department for I felt that my role in the department would be in jeopardy but to remain silent at this time would be to abandon our leaders. Shortly there after, on July 2, 1968 I was notified by Dr. Reynaldo Carreon that I resign! The reason given was that since I was an appointee of Dr. Francisco Bravo, Dr. Carreon wanted to replace me with his own selection.

It is my feeling that retribution came swiftly for the crime of daring to exercise a constitutional guarantee, the freedom of speech. Must we, the Mexican American appointees remain silent and muzzled, in order to retain our positions or will we someday be able to exercise the freedom of speech without the fear of vengeance or retribution by the establishment?

Respectfully,

Salvador Montenegro

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Los Angeles Police Department
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California

To: The Board of Police Commission

As per request by Dr. Reynaldo Carreon Police Commissioner of the Los Angeles Police Commission, that I resign as Hearing Examiner of the Police Commission, I hereby submit my resignation.

I am grateful to the Board for having granted me the opportunity over the past years to have served the people of Los Angeles as a Hearing Examiner. It was an honor to have been amongst the first Mexican American to have served my community in this official capacity.

It is my sincere desire that positive communications between the Mexican American community and the Los Angeles Police Department become a reality.

Respectfully yours,

Salvador Montenegro

cc:
Mayor Samuel Yorty
Police Chief Thomas Reddin

**Guilty :
of exercising
free speech**

The Honorable Samuel Yorty
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mayor Yorty:

The enclosure is self explanatory.

This is one of the four Police Commission Hearing Examiners whom we appointed when we first came in in 1961.

Though these positions were available, no one had energized themselves to make appointments of Mexican-Americans to these positions.

All of the four appointees were of the select and were run through the routine course and procedure, including investigation, etc., and properly approved by the Commission at that time.



They have served the Department admirably. I have observed their work when I was in the Commission and found it to be on a par with if not superior to the other Hearing Examiners, and since that time I have been inquiring often as to how they are doing. All of the reports from the officers and the staff of the Commission have stated that they were very pleased and very happy with them. In return, these very fine young men have had an opportunity to come to rapport with the Department, to become informed and concerned about the Department and have been the very best ambassadors for the Department out in the grassroot areas. This is something that very few people know about in the Police Department, but only ask me, because I am out here in the field, always working with our people, in amongst them day and night. Of course, I do not deny that those in the present jurisdiction have the right to make these changes any time those choose or see fit. Nonetheless, it's very tough provoking that they would select this man and that they would select this time to replace him. This does not create at all the good will we have worked so hard to try to establish for the Department and I am sure that the other Hearing Examiners are going to be concerned as to methods and ways that are used and possible even retributions. Certainly the people among the Mexican-American community are going to be asking a lot of questions about this matter.

This act further compounds the problem that the Department is already involved in in connection with these walk-outs and school unrest and community unrest.

This certainly is not the way to solicit of our people to support bond issues to house and to improve our Police Department and for any other needs that the police Department may have in which community participation is specifically and especially desired. These acts are adverse to our administration and to our Police Department and I elected not to let it go unchallenged to this degree.

In summary, I specifically speak against the action taken as it pertains to (a) this particularly good man and wonderful ambassador of the L.A.P.D., and (b) the understood reason for the act, and (c) the timing of this action.

I again plead with all my heart that this is just not the way to treat our peoples and that the Department must be made known of these ill-advised acts and how the people in these communities feel and think and react against them. There should be reward, not retribution.

Respectfully,

Francisco Bravo, M.D.

cc: Police Commission
Police Chief Thomas Reddin

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not retribution.”**

"JUSTICE" in East L. A.

On May 31, thirteen persons, including Lincoln High School teacher Sal Castro, were indicted on charges of conspiracy to commit two misdemeanors - disturbing the peace and disturbing the educational process. Bail was originally set at \$12,500 for the felony charge.

This action by the Los Angeles Police Department grew out of the student walk-outs which took place last semester. Shortly thereafter, the Executive Board of Local 1021 recognizing the implications of such action, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Sal Castro is an AFT teacher who has taken action to dramatize an inadequate and deteriorating educational program for East Los Angeles Mexican-American students and

WHEREAS: Sal Castro is presently undergoing harassment from the Los Angeles Police Department for the militant action he has taken for educational reform

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a telegram be sent to Chief Reddin of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Board of Education, expressing the deep concern of the AFT, Local 1021, for Mr. Castro and urging a cessation of the harassment against him and others on the Educational Issues Committee of East Los Angeles.

We hope that the action taken against Sal Castro is not designed to curb the militancy of teachers, students and community who are presently attempting to change the educational situation in East Los Angeles. If so, it could be a threat to every teacher's academic and political freedom.

Sal Castro and the other defendants in this case have received widespread support from the immediate community and from various community agencies who fear that the conspiracy charges which were rendered are vague and might well be applied in any instance where there is disagreement in the community.

The American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the Committee for the Defense of the Bill of Rights, and the recently formed Chicano Legal Defense Fund have all committed support to the defendants and have expressed an interest in carrying the case to the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary.

Among the issues involved are the conspiracy laws themselves, the rights of minors under the Bill of Rights, and the question of public employees' political rights.

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Lawyers File Motions For 13

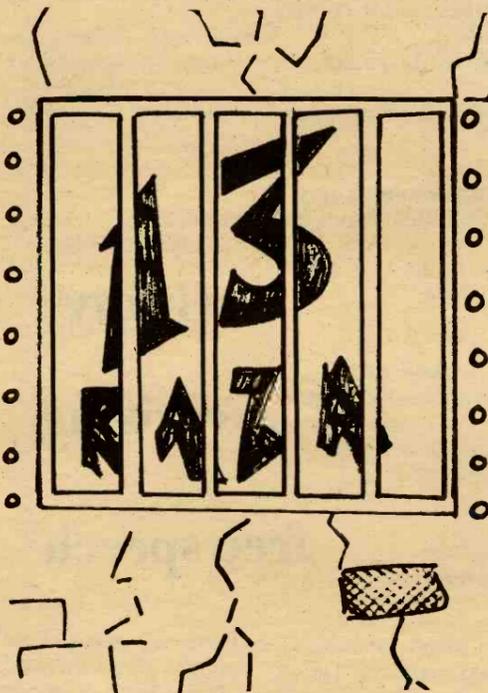
The battery of attorneys representing the 13 East Los Angeles Mexican Americans filed a series of 10 motions in Department #108 of the Superior Court today asking that the Grand Jury Felony Indictments of Conspiracy to Disrupt the High Schools in March of this year be dismissed.

ILLEGAL GRAND JURY

Chief Counsel for the East L.A. 13, Oscar Acosta, stated that the most unusual of the motions include a motion to quash the indictment on the grounds that the Grand Jury of Los Angeles County is illegally constituted in that there has long existed an unconstitutional underrepresentation of Mexican Americans on the Grand Jury venire lists. The pleadings allege that although the Mexican American represents approximately 8% of the population, only 1.99% are ever nominated for Grand Jury service by the Los Angeles County Superior Court Judges. "Out of 1,505 nominees, the Judges have selected only 30 Americans of Spanish Surname. And these are not 30 individuals. Actually, over a period of ten years, only 18 individual Mexican Americans have been nominated," Acosta stated. "It doesn't take very sophisticated reasoning to recognize that what we are saying is that discrimination exists in the very heart of the judicial system, mainly in our Judges. Let them answer that charge!"

ILLEGAL RIGHTS OF D.A.

The second challenge is that the District Attorney of Los Angeles County has been given an unconstitutional unlimited arbitrary discretion to proceed through the Grand Jury system rather than by the more usual way of an information before a judge. This procedure according to Michael Hannon, a contender for that office in this year's primaries, results in a denial of many valuable rights to a defendant. He stated that when the District Attorney goes through the indictment procedure he denies the accused the rights of (1) Assistance to Counsel, (2) Right of Confrontation of the accusers, (3) Right to discover the evidence in the hands of the prosecutor, and, (4) Right to present evidence showing the defense. These procedural deficiencies result from



the fact that the Grand Jury convenes in secret and no attorney is permitted in their deliberation without the Grand Jury's consent, which, according to Hannon, in this case they denied to at least one witness favorable to the defense.

DENIAL OF CIVIL LIBERTIES

A petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus has also been prepared by the lawyers with the assistance of A.L. Wirin and Fred Okrand of the American Civil Liberties Union on grounds that the prosecution of these young men is beyond the jurisdiction of the court in that it denies to them their rights to freedom of speech, press, assembly and to petition the government for redress of grievances, and that the use of the conspiracy statute which converts a relatively minor misdemeanor into

a felony constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. "The prosecution at bar violates the basic principles of protected free speech," said Wirin. "It makes a felony out of speech which resulted in students leaving their classes for an hour or two or perhaps for half a day. This is hardly the kind of serious evil which justifies the sledgehammer, conspiracy-felony charge."

TO THE SUPREME COURT

The District Attorney has been given two weeks to answer the numerous motions presented by the seven attorneys and the matter is now scheduled for hearing on the 6th of September. Attorney Oscar Acosta stated that if the court fails to file favorably on the motions that they are prepared to take the case to the United States Supreme Court. "It is anomalous that in this day when the basic tenets of free speech have been so explicitly articulated by the greatest Supreme Courts in history, mainly the California and United States Supreme Courts, that these 13 Mexican Americans should be confronted with a two month trial and a possible 45 year sentence for simply having brought to the attention of the School Board and the community at large the numerous grievances which have been so clearly recognized to exist in the Mexican American schools in East Los Angeles," the chief counsel for the defendants stated.

CHICANO LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

In anticipation of taking the case to the Supreme Court, a defense fund has been organized, including on the list of sponsors such names as Dr. Francisco Bravo, M.D.; Cesar Chavez, Director of the United Farm Workers; Walter Bremond, Chairman of the Black Congress; L.A. Councilman Thomas Bradley; Paul Schrade, Region Director (6) United Auto Workers; Eason Monroe, American Civil Liberties Union. The fund, known as the Chicano Legal Defense Fund, has as its goal a permanent organization to defend Mexican Americans in their civil rights and civil liberties struggles.

CHICANO LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

The Chicano Legal Defense Committee is a committee that was formed as a result of the police malpractices that occur daily in our barrios. Since we are poor financially, but not in spirit, we have seen the necessity of hiring a group of lawyers to defend our people who are actively attempting to change a racist system that has kept us down educationally, economically, politically and socially.

In the past two years Mexican-Americans have intensified their efforts to achieve dignity, equality and justice. This struggle, in disfavor by those in authority, has recently claimed 13 Chicanos in East Los Angeles. They are charged with conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor, which is a felony. The legal defense of a conspiracy charge is very costly since the question of the constitutionality of the conspiracy law has to be tested. Those 13 Chicanos that have incurred punishment have done so in behalf of the collective interests of our community. The least that you and I can do is contribute our personal and financial support. In doing so we will not only be helping to decide the fate of the 13 Chicanos but also our own.

The Chicano Legal Defense Committee is a union of organizations who are concerned with the problem of legal justice for the Chicano. These organizations have banded together because they recognize the significance of the conspiracy charges here in Los Angeles for all who are actively engaged in the struggle for the betterment of the social, political, economic, and educational system.

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Help Support the 13

OBJECTIVE:

To inform as many people as possible in order to raise money to take the issue to the Supreme Court.

REASON:

The use of the Conspiracy Law to infringe upon individual Civil Liberties, Rights of Dissent and Social Action must be challenged. The Establishment has made an attack on the rights of all citizens by its attack on the Mexican American community. No citizen can wait for another attack on any sector of the community. The challenge must be made and won now.

METHOD:

Organize support groups throughout the country.

PROCEDURE:

INFORM PEOPLE. Begin informing as many people as possible. Call friends, all active people. Step 1) Hold house meetings where you plan a large meeting and/or rally to inform others and raise money. Step 2) Distribute leaflets and inform all mass media (TV, radio newspapers) concerning a) the issue b) all meetings and functions you plan. Step 2) At large meetings ask all present a) to contribute money b) sponsor a fund raising event c) sign a list to be kept informed and invited to future meetings and d) write letters of protest to Chief of Police Reddin and District Attorney Younger in Los Angeles, Governor Reagan in Sacramento, Attorney General Thomas Lynch in Sacramento, the Department of Justice in Washington D.C., local Congressmen and Federal agencies, and send copies to the Chicano Legal Defense Fund, P.O. Box 31004, Los Angeles, Calif. 90031.

REMEMBER:

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The Alianza, continuing its attack against the criminal conspiracy against the Indo-Hispano people, drafted and sent a complaint to the Attorney General Ramsey Clark demanding the immediate filing of anti-trust action against the Albuquerque Journal-Tribune newspaper complex.

This criminal conspiracy against the citizens and people of Albuquerque and New Mexico was created by secret agreements and corporate arrangements between the Albuquerque Journal, a morning newspaper of over 60,000 circulation, and the Albuquerque Tribune, an evening newspaper of about 40,000 circulation.

In 1933, the Albuquerque Journal and the Albuquerque Tribune "came together under one roof," to operate through a single economic structure and through single physical facilities. Only the news and editorial staffs claim to have any independence--a claim which, in practice, is not true. The economic ties and other arrangements resulted in editorial and news coverage which is virtually identical.

In terms of monopolistic control of the newspaper readership in New Mexico, the Scripps-Howard Corporation plays the key role by virtue of its ownership and/or economic domination of the Denver Post, and the El Paso Times, in addition to the Albuquerque Journal-Tribune complex.

This arrangement allows for almost total control of the content and tenor of the news reaching the people of New Mexico. In the past, this monopolistic policy resulted in discrimination against the Indo-Hispano people. Specifically, these newspapers do not cover or cover slightly and attack movements and efforts for the benefit of the Indo-Hispano people on account of race, nationality, origin and in violation of their constitutional rights.

According to William Higgs, the Washington, D.C. lawyer who drafted the complaint, a Federal Judge, three months ago, "pierced a like corporate veil" in the journalistic plan between the Tucson Star and the Tucson Citizen which was modeled after the Journal-Tribune complex.

BOARD of EDUCATION

SUIT FILED AGAINST DISCRIMINATORY, DESTRUCTIVE EDUCATION

La Alianza Federal de Mercedes has recently filed a lawsuit against the State Board of Education of New Mexico and the Board of Education of the City of Albuquerque. The State Board and City Board are responsible for the administration, control, and making of overall policy for all public schools in New Mexico. The suit is based on denial of equal educational opportunity to Chicanos on the basis of race, color, national origins and economic status.

Reies Tijerina, Alianza leader, contends that:

- 1) Administrative personnel and teachers are promoted on the basis of being non-Chicano.
- 2) Pupils are assigned to schools on the basis of being non-Chicanos and Chicanos.
- 3) Public monies are allocated and expended among schools and school districts on the basis of the Anglo and Chicano origins of pupils.
- 4) The educational facilities and number of quality courses of instruction are offered and are presented on the basis of the Anglo and non-Anglo origins of the pupils.
- 5) Students, teachers, and other personnel of Chicano origins are, in general, discriminated against on that account by the Board of Education.
- 6) In general, there is discrimination against Chicano history, language, and culture and in favor of Anglo history, language, and culture, all with the purpose of progressively destroying our culture.

These complaints hold true for any of the Chicano schools in the Southwest. The walk-outs by thousands of Chicano students that rocked Los Angeles were a result of some of those educational deficiencies. To date, of the 36 issues for educational reform that were presented to the L.A. Board of Education, only three have been acted on. It is time for Chicanos everywhere to start showing more "muscle" by filing lawsuits and taking direct action rather than continuing to have dialogue sessions with the Board of Education. Beware L.A. Board of Education, the next lawsuit may be against YOU!

La Alianza Federal de Mercedes, (The Federal Alliance of Free City States), has formed its own political arm--the People's Constitutional Party--and has chosen Reies Lopez Tijerina as its gubernatorial candidate.

According to its own stated purposes, The People's Constitutional Party shall seek to guarantee to the poor people of New Mexico all those rights and benefits which have been denied them for centuries. Up to now, a minority in power has subjugated and oppressed an impoverished majority: largely but not exclusively the Indo-Hispanic, Indian and Black peoples. In the absence of legal protection, these peoples have lost their land and their culture. They have also been denied the political, economic and social opportunities promised them under the Constitution of the United States of America.

The broad purpose of the People's Constitutional Party will therefore be to end the injustice and discrimination perpetrated under a criminal conspiracy organized by members of the so-called Santa Fe Ring and their descendants. The Party aims to redeem for the people their full freedoms. It further seeks to restore the full respect owed to the Constitution and laws of the United States.

In particular, the People's Constitutional Party aims to establish in New Mexico an educational system which will be truly multi-lingual and relevant to the real needs, culture and life of the people. This system would prepare the youth to recognize the common interests of Spanish-speaking and Indian peoples throughout the American continent, and to play a positive role in future relations between the United States and the countries of Latin America. The Party also aims to develop agriculture and industry with a view to providing adequate and honorable work to all, without discrimination or inequality of any type. With this program, and others to be developed by the party's members, the People's Constitutional Party aims to achieve justice, peace and harmony among all the peoples of New Mexico.

The People's Constitutional Party convention, attended by more than 100 persons from five counties, moved quickly to set up rules and regulation to meet requirements of the state law so the party can be listed on the November general election ballot.

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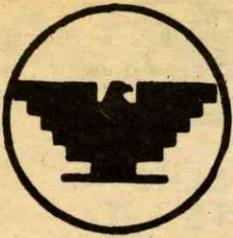
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Congressman George Brown, Jr. (D-29) paid a visit today to the office of the United Farm Workers at 3016 1/2 East First Street, Los Angeles, and pledged his "unqualified support" to the organization headed by Cesar Chavez and centered in Delano, California.

The Los Angeles Congressman toured the office, met the office Director, Mr. Joe Serda, and his enthusiastic staff, and accepted a bumper sticker with the slogan "Don't buy grapes." Upon accepting the sticker, Congressman Brown commended the office workers and reiterated his support of the current boycott of California grapes.

Brown stated also that he would "Continue to speak out in support of the organizing efforts of Cesar Chavez and his United Farm Workers Organizing Committee both on the floor of Congress and wherever else it may be helpful to do so." The Los Angeles Democrat chided his Republican opponent, William Orozco, for failure to speak out in support of the farm workers cause.

Congressman Brown continued "There are those who feel that urban congressmen have no business expressing their views on this subject, but I want to point out that a large percentage of my constituents have a strong natural affinity with their compatriots in the fields. I do also, and I will continue to speak out on this issue."

