




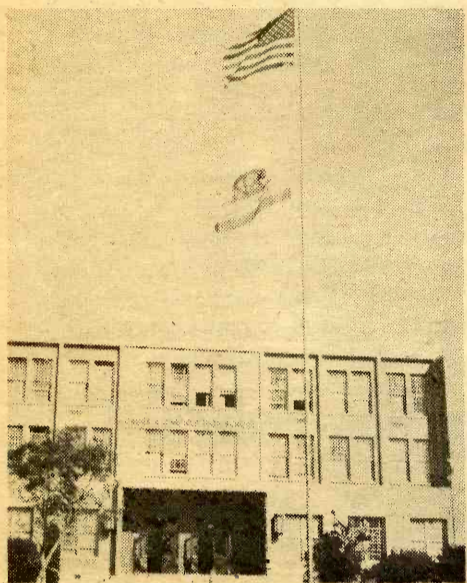
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## GARFIELD'S "REGGIE" GOOFS



Plans for the use of a proposed federal grant to Garfield High were discussed by "Reggie" Murphy. The proposal, known by the fancy name of "Educational Complex" involves an experimental program designed to uplift the education of the Chicano students. It will be 3-5 million dollar innovative program that has two facets. Educational Complex #1 will include the following schools: Garfield Adult, Garfield Sr. High, Griffith Jr. High, Fourth St., Humphreys Ave., Robert Hill Lane, and Riffin Ave. Educational Complex #2 will consist of Jordan High and other schools in South L.A. at present unknown.

After the discussion of the Educational Complex proposal, "Reggie" attempted to adjourn the meeting, but La Gente presente were not ready to go home. They came prepared for action and asked to be heard on the problems that exist at Garfield. "El Patron" said that the meeting was over as far as he was concerned, but La Gente, ranging from teenagers to grandmothers were not buying this. They demanded to be heard and their cries became insistent. "El Patron" unused to seeing "Chicano Power" in action, wet his pants and gave in. Some of the issues that the people were fighting for were that:

2) They want to have a direct voice in planning the experimental program for the complex. Why should administrative "swatos" do all the planning when they do not understand the problems?

Reggie was unable to cope with "Chicano Power" and the result was an important victory for the people. Other Chicanos, sensing victory at hand, moved in for the kill. They demanded the right to go to meetings where they can be heard rather than just sit and play the part of the listener. It is time that these educators, and the termeducators is being used loosely here, shut up and listen to us. We have something important to say and contribute! Reggie relented and the community minded Chicanos were awarded "2 ears and the tail" of Murphy the Bull for the important kill that led to the victory.

### martial law?

Reggie's "Placas" constantly patrol around the vicinity of Garfield. "Loiterers" are questioned and their names are put on a list. Any car traveling around Garfield several times is reported to the "Placas". According to Reggie, The East Berlin Fence around Garfield is not to keep the Chicanos in, but rather to keep the "loiterers" out. Keep it up Reggie and it won't be long before you'll be dragged out of the arena and a new bull will be brought in.



The Mexican-American does not rate at all in Washington. Recently a conference on race and education over-looked the fact that Mexicans in the Southwest are hurting badly. No one mentioned plans for helping the worst educated minority in the nation. Many plans on integration were submitted by fools who think that integration is the answer.

Over 1,000 persons attended the conference sponsored by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Thirty were Spanish-speaking and of these half were Johnson's appointees. Chicanos were not being invited at all until pressure was exerted on the Commission. The rush to invite Chicanos was so great that some Southwest States didn't get invited at all or were notified a day before the conference.

On Thursday all the Chicanos met to figure out the conference bag. Two persons were sent to each session to participate. After the sessions we met again and discovered that programs of effective instruction to minorities were not being sold; rather integration plans were the order of the day. Not only was it strange to hear the sellers of these plans, but Chicano vendidos were also peddling these plans. Can you imagine? After hundreds of years of racial segregation and intolerance--racial integration?

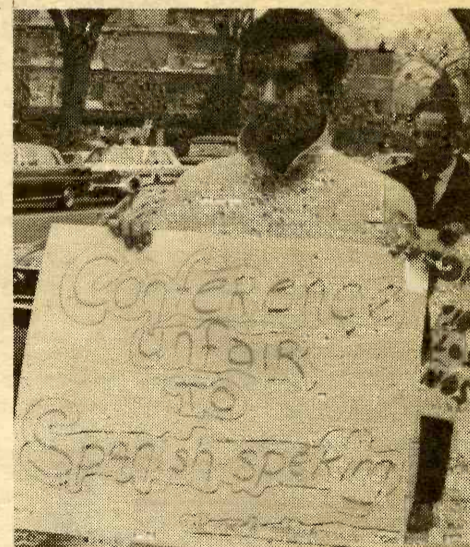
After the first session, the "militants and safes" returned to discuss ways of focusing attention on our problems. A motion for picketing was batted around, killed and revived. Finally a picketing and press conference motion was passed over the agency oriented "safes".

On Friday at 2:15 we marched out in front of the Shoreham Hotel. Within ten minutes we had 60 people picketing. The militants marched while the safe Chicanos cajoled us, "Why are you doing this to us? Don't you know I work in Washington for Johnson and I have a family to support?"

The line was beautiful--Black and Brown. James Farmer left his session to march with us. The image of the Chicano Johnson has had is the Granny Goose counterpart of El Frito Bandido and The Cisco Kid. Perhaps a new image has been created--the restless, militant Chicano.

### washington plot

Text & Photos: Ernie Gutierrez



# ¡HUELGA!

meat cutters

AFL-CIO

# STRIKE!

The Meatcutters, AFL-CIO of Southern California from San Luis Obispo to San Diego including five locals have been walking the picket lines since November 13.

The men on the picket line at Bi-Rite (owned by Mayfair chain) on the corner of Griffin and N. Broadway in Lincoln Heights do not see wages as the key issue. One commented, "We won't make up for what we have lost in our wage demand. The way we see it, it's a matter of jobs for us and just as important, a fair shake in good meat for the customer." The picketers said they try to talk to as many customers as possible to explain the whole situation.



Paul Valenzuela, Ernest Martinez, and Joe Macias

The large chains such as Mayfair and Ralph's are presently involved in developing new processes for meat cutting and distribution. Meat is shipped to large plants, cut and packaged and then shipped all over the country to the large chains. The catch is that these plants are being located in "right-to-work" states like Texas. In this way, the chains pay low, non-union wages to have their meat processed, then ship it long distances to the consumer. For example, in one mid-western state women are paid \$1.65 an hour and the meat processed at sub-standard wages is now supplying restaurants here in Southern California. For the worker here in California this means his job is clearly threatened; his skill made useless. For the consumer this means no fresh meat at the chain markets.

When questioned concerning the inevitability of streamlining processes, Paul Valenzuela stated, "We know we can't fight progress. We want these plants to be located so that local, skilled workers can maintain employment."

The issue, therefore, is job security. In addition to the new process, the chains want to do away with the 40 hr. week and establish a floating 4 hr. day.

Some 4,000 Meatcutters belong to AFL-CIO Local 421 in the greater Los Angeles area. A good percentage of these workers are Chicanos from the Eastside. They are presently supporting their families on strike pay of \$30 per week.

The Independent Stores have signed an interim contract pending area wide settlement which meets the wage demand of 77¢ an hour increase over a 3 yr. period or a 6% increase across the board.

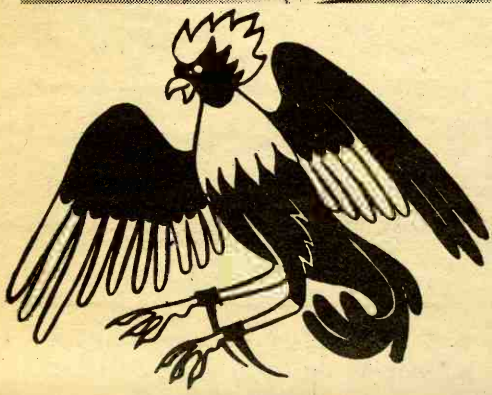


The tactics used against the strikers is typical. The chains are using scabs, young girls, students, out-of-staters. There has been a marked increase in serious accidents as a result. The process is slowed down and meat is sitting around.

Police-type harrassment has also been used. In Montebello last week 6 squad cars moved on the Mayfair Market. The Bi-Rite in Lincoln Heights was patrolled by LAPD last week. Now an armed guard has been hired for regular duty.

The pickets are using every possible means, leaflets, conversation, publicity, to let the customer know that the quality of the meat they buy is a key issue in their strike.

A closing comment of one of the pickets, "There have never been so many young guys on the streets. They're getting a real taste of what it means to fight for workers' rights."



## All Of Our Meat Should Be Fit To Eat

By Pres. Ralph Helstein

Every packinghouse worker who is employed in a federally inspected meat establishment knows the importance to the American consumer of high standards of meat inspection. Packinghouse workers can observe the condition of the product which the federal inspectors condemn. They, themselves, handle the government retained carcasses, cutting out and destroying those parts which the inspectors find to be contaminated and unwholesome.

It is our members who clean the equipment each night to meet the rigid sanitary specifications required by the government. Often our members can overhear the arguments when foremen and superintendents plead with the government men to "ease up."

Some of us also work in non-federally inspected establishments. They are well aware of the temptation for supervisors to skimp on bothersome sanitary measures.

It is not enough to try to tease and tempt the various states to undertake adequate meat inspection programs by offering to match funds with those states that may volunteer to do their part. This, however, is the approach taken by the Agriculture Committee in a bill on which the House will soon be asked to vote (HR-12144).

Our union has no objection to an



undertaking by state governments to fill the inspection gap, provided they equal federal standards of wholesomeness and sanitation. We favor federal-state cooperation and cost sharing in such cases. We oppose, however, the "volunteer" approach adopted in the Agriculture Committee's bill under which many states will undoubtedly choose to allow the status quo to remain unchanged. The UPWA is firmly convinced that the Congress should undertake to assure the entire American public, no matter in what state they may reside or travel, that the meat and meat products which they eat are safe and wholesome for human consumption.

That objective can only be reached by adoption of the mandatory provisions of HR-12145 by Congressmen Smith and Foley, which we understand will be offered as an amendment to the Agriculture Committee bill.

## Survey Shows Filth In Non-Federal Inspected Meat Houses Is Nation Wide

In 1963 the Department of Agriculture made a survey of sanitary conditions in meat plants not subject to federal meat inspection. The findings were, however, made public only in a summarized form and failed to receive sufficient attention outside the trade press.

A more complete version of the survey has now been printed in the Congressional Record for August 3, 1967, excerpts of which are reprinted herewith. It is pointed out that these instances related only to a small percentage of the establishments in the business, but in an industry which produces by the billions of pounds a small percentage can still become an awful lot of hamburger.

These excerpts from the Congressional Record describing conditions present in some uninspected plants make chilling reading.

Connecticut: "Ceiling wet. Condensation drips on the product. The walls moldy, peeling and dirty..."

Delaware: "... a limited, inadequate examination showed a cow with acute

inflammatory mastitis destined for slaughter, several carcasses showing evidence of acute inflammations, and one carcass with a well defined local abscess. These conditions were noted in animals and carcasses destined for boning and processing into steaks, roasts, and ground beef products."

Florida: "Since the cooler was so congested, footprints were present on the bellies and surrounding area."

Louisiana: "The boning boards were old and caked with fats and meat juices, some cracks and deep cuts. The old boards had minute splinters caused from continuous use that resembled fuzz... There were tongues dragging on the floor while hanging on movable racks in the cooler."

Massachusetts: "Tubs of accumulated, stale water were used to dip the calf heads (hide and horns on) and the plucks (including the esophagus). This water was then used to wash the dressed carcasses."

Kansas: "There was dried blood, pieces of meat and rancid fat on the floors. The metal racks and walls were

also covered with the same type of material."

Michigan: "Bruises are not being trimmed before they go to wash. There was no rail inspection of carcasses by either inspector on the killing floor."

Mississippi: "Carcasses of hogs and cattle in coolers still had hair, pieces of hide, and toenails on them and were contaminated with killing floor dirt, feces and grease..."

Missouri: "Skins, snouts and the like intended for use in franks, bologna and imitation meat food products had visible hair, hair roots, scurf and dirt in quantity. (A number of ingredients banned in federally inspected plants were observed in several plants.)"

South Carolina: "Slaughter floor and equipment was filthy, showing no evidence whatsoever of any sanitary practices at any time."

New Jersey: "Pork skins were put through an emulsifier and used in bologna and frankfurter without declaration... All chopped beef was weighed in a dirty old wooden bucket before it was added to the silent cutter."

New York: "This plant also exhibited lack of lavatory equipment, liquid soap, and paper towels in the beef boning department and sausage stuffing areas... They claimed water was controlled in weighing of sausage ingredient formulas. This could not be observed."

North Carolina: "All metal trucks, barrels, tubs, etc. containing comminuted meats were corroded, badly worn and rusted. Still no evidence of proper sanitary measures being provided in this area."

Oklahoma: "No temperature controls were used in smoking or cooking products to destroy possibly live trichinae. Also, there were no control measures on cereals and other ingredients added to various sausage products."

Texas: "No effort was made to remove hair from hog heads before working them up. These heads were stacked like cord wood prior to work up. This resulted in a grossly contaminated head meat product."

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# SI NO VOTAMOS, NO VALEMOS!

There are over a million Mexican-Americans in California, still, there is no Mexican-American or Spanish-surname elected State official, and there is no one in Assembly or Senatorial districts that have a majority of Spanish-surname or Mexican-American voters. No real efforts, from either Republicans or Democrats, will be made to improve the lot of our people until we get REPRESENTATION. This the decision to gain representation in 1968.

## community convention

## labor

Judge Leopoldo Sanchez and Dr. Julian Nava have been acting as co-chairmen of a group which will organize a community convention to select candidates to endorse for several assembly and senatorial districts. The next planning meeting will take place at Cleland House, 4360 Dozier Street, Los Angeles, at 1:30 p.m. on December 2. Everybody is invited to attend, and every organization will have delegates.

In the meanwhile, the committee on registration is recruiting Deputy registrars. The goal is 500 deputies before January 1. For information call: 262-1939

## CSO

This year, the Los Angeles Community Service Organization is organizing the largest voter registration drive in its history. In the past few years voter registration has decreased in the East Los Angeles area, and CSO is trying to correct that situation. Four VISTA volunteers are working as a steering committee to setup the organization and time schedule of the voter registration and education program.

The immediate need is for Deputy registrars and people to help the registrars. Registration is only part of the job. For information and application, contact: 263-6768 or 263-6788.

Don't just complain: ACT!!

Mexican-American labor leaders have joined state MAPA, GI Forum, and student organizations associated with UMAS, in a committee to conduct a voter registration drive in Los Angeles County. The immediate project is to get 500 Deputy Registrars by January 1.

The plan is to get 10 full time coordinators and office headquarters to carry out the project, plus money for the expenses associated with such a project. Individual unions are being asked to assign a full or part-time coordinator, or to donate some of the money. The Deputies will be recruited from union members or interested community people.

For information call James Cruz, Steering Committee Chairman at 245-3689.

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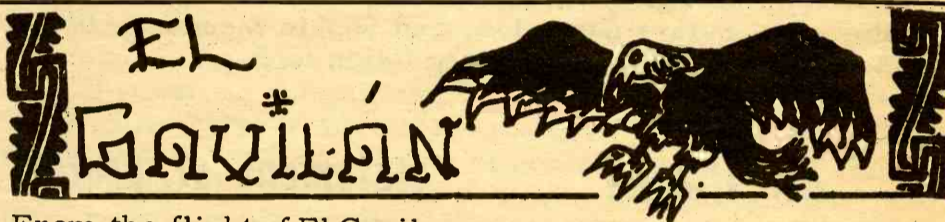
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From the flight of El Gavilan:

HEADSTART OR HEADACHE? It looks like the CMA version of headstart is going the route of the typical poverty program. This is really regrettable because it affects so many little people that need so much help. You guessed it -- the administrators are playing politics at the expense of the program. The morale of employees is in sad shape. Community workers need permission from supervisors to use the phones to call parents or sites. Supervisors are usually out "somewhere" so communications is practically nil. The director and his group of "gestapo agents" continually put the lid on parents who voice opinions too loudly or who make statements that conflict with policy set by the director. The director has been known to use employees to spy and fink on other employees and in some cases on parents. CMAA Board of Directors, where are you???

WHAT ABOUT NUMBER TWO? Everybody gets excited about Garfield and rightly so. Things are a mess and getting worse. It is NUMBER ONE in dropout rate. What about NUMBER TWO? Roosevelt High, in case you haven't noticed is not much different. Dr. Dryer, the principal, plays the ostrich game also. He buries his head in the sand and prays that problems will disappear. He is as dynamic as a wet match. The boys' VP, Mr. Garbo (no relation to Greta) on the other hand is very dynamic. In fact one feels sorry for any person or parent who deals with him about a school problem. A poor parent walking into his office is like baloney walking into a meatgrinder! This guy

has as much sensitivity as a frightened bull elephant. The staff is also gifted with a Chicano who is used by the staff as a buffer of sorts. Rudy Chavez, when it comes to criticism about Roosevelt, wears rose-tinted glasses and is liable to do anything to keep the community from getting to the administrators. The only consolation here is that the community is wise to him. His duties range from such important things as errand boy, football announcer, playing bird on a stool, and convincing anglos that he is not a "bad Mexican", but a good one. To quote a Chicano student at Roosevelt -- "Oh is he one of us?"

ELA MERCHANTS--HOO-RAY!!! A recent study by Frederick Sturdivant of the Graduate School of Business Administration at USC revealed some very interesting practices by businesses in the ELA area. While this writer won't go into detail, it is important to say that this study revealed a hell of a lot of people are getting cheated a hell of a lot of ways by a hell of a lot of merchants. It is both

amusing and tragic that Al Diaz, Editor of the local throwaway condemned the study in defense of the merchants. Knowing this bird this is understandable; however, he ends his defense of the merchants by stating that Sturdivant is not bilingual. Really now! Since when does one need Spanish to find if people are getting cheated? Diaz's paper is as interesting as the telephone book. His idea of controversial issues is the Roosevelt--Garfield Game and the September 16 parade.



# ACCION DE GRACIAS

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, more than a hundred Mexican-Americans, mostly college students, marched through the Barrio of San Francisco called Mission District. Guided in their chants by Juan Garcia, member of Student Initiative, and Armando Valdez of Quinto Sol, the marchers chanted and distributed their STATEMENT OF PROTEST. At a rally, held at the Mission Dolores Park, the speakers expressed the same idea. Speakers were Prof. Octavio I. Romano, Father Gonzalez, and Sophie Mendoza, leader of Arribe! a Barrio Community Union in San José.

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El Día de dar gracias no será un día de dar gracias para las familias de los jóvenes que han muerto en Vietnam.

Para la población de habla Española será un recuerdo de que somos sacrificados por nada en Vietnam. Estadísticas indican que 20% de todas las muertes en Vietnam son personas de habla Española, cuando somos solamente el 10% de la población del Suroeste. Somos forzados a vivir en la miseria y la pobreza, y al mismo tiempo nos mandan a morir en Vietnam para proteger los lujos de los ricos. En este día de dar gracias tenemos que declarar: Basta de esta Injusticia!!

Este será un día en que la gente de habla Española conmemorará el sacrificio de nuestros hijos. Será un día en el cual esta nación será recordada que la mayor parte de los muertos en Vietnam somos nosotros los pobres. Y en este día de dar gracias hay que declarar: GRACIAS POR QUE!!!

Thanksgiving day will not be a day of thanksgiving for the families of those who have died in Vietnam!

For the Spanish surname population it will serve as a reminder that their young men are being sacrificed. Defense department figures show that while the Spanish surname people comprise 10% of the total population of the Southwest, 20% of all combat fatalities in Vietnam from this same area were of Spanish surname. While we are forced to live in poor housing, forced to receive inferior education and forced to accept low wages, we are at the same time being sent to die in Vietnam in order to protect the luxuries of others. Therefore, on this Thanksgiving day we must declare: Enough! to this injustice.

This will be a day in which the Spanish surname people will commemorate the sacrifice of their young men. This will be a day in which the rest of this nation shall be reminded that the majority killed in Vietnam are the minority poor. And it will be on this Thanksgiving day that we must declare: "THANKS FOR WHAT?"



# TO KENNEDY with LOVE

Dear Editors:

It was with consuming interest that I read your account of the meeting that Senator Robert Kennedy had with MA SA and UMAS.

Words cannot describe how elated I was to read that "Bobby mostly listened" and the students "gave the senator an overall view of the problems of Mexican-Americans in the Southwest." (LA RAZA, Nov. 15, 1967)

Oh joy! Oh happiness! Oh exuberance! Oh Nirvana! One more person listened! Anyone attending the informal breakfast could readily tell that he was listening. Let's see now--that makes the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights that has listened; the Secretaries of the Interior, Housing, Agriculture; President Johnson who has listened; people in regional agencies who have listened; Governor Brown who has listened; Mayors' Committees who have listened; Police Departments who have listened, etc., etc., etc.

We live in a nation of listeners.

But perhaps the good senator from New York signals the advent of an entirely new breed of listeners, for I read that he listened "attentively." This is good. I wonder just how much chicanos realize how good this is. For example, in the past we have had "good listeners," "careful listeners," "interested listeners," "concerned listeners," "dedicated listeners," "sincere listeners," "understanding listeners," "compassionate listeners," "sympathetic listeners," "gracious listeners," "good listeners," and also "listeners who were charitably disposed." In addition, we have had "shallow listeners," "dumb listeners," "fake listeners," "stupid listeners," "greedy listeners," "fascistic listeners," "mean listeners," "stupidified listeners," "alcoholic listeners," "neurotic listeners," "ridiculous listeners," "hopeless listeners," "scrawny listeners," "intolerable listeners," "insipid listeners," "dazed listeners," "pompous listeners," "incompetent listeners," as well as "listeners who were imbeciles." So you can readily see how uncontrollably overjoyed I was that at last we have found an attentive listener. WE ARE SAVED!!

At this meeting the senator also said that "The Mexican-American had failed to make use of the tremendous power potentially available to them in order to force real re-

form." In this one sentence Senator Kennedy unwittingly revealed a profound ignorance of western history--especially western Mexican-American history. For a Harvard man, this is par for the course.

But more important, what he really said in this statement is: "It's your fault, baby!" "If you starve, it's your fault for not using your potential, baby!" "If you get crappy wages, it's your fault, baby!" "If you live in the slums, it's your fault, baby!" "If you get a cruddy education, it's your fault, baby!" "And if you get hit over the head with a night stick, it's your fault, baby!" Therefore, "if you have not used your potential (erroneous to begin with), then I, Senator Kennedy, am therefore off the hook!"

I am sure that the senator is not unmindful of American history. Therefore, he should be aware of the fact that such a rhetoric is extremely identical to the utterances made by Teddy Roosevelt as long ago as 1915!

Dr. Octavio I. Romano-V. Assoc. Prof. in Residence, Behavioral Sciences, Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley.



My principal concern with the war in Viet Nam is that Los Angeles Mexican-Americans are bearing a disproportionate share of war losses and are not receiving the credit from the general population that this heroic contribution deserves.

Representative George Brown (D-Calif.) charged in Washington, D. C. recently that of the 125 Los Angeles County men killed last year in the war, 22 or 17.6% were Mexican-Americans. He said that only 9% of the county's residents have Spanish surnames. This fact should not be used by either Viet Nam hawks or doves to advance their particular opinions of the war but it should be recognized by all Los Angeles citizens that Mexicanos are valiant warriors and dedicated patriots of the United States.

Gonzalo R. Cano

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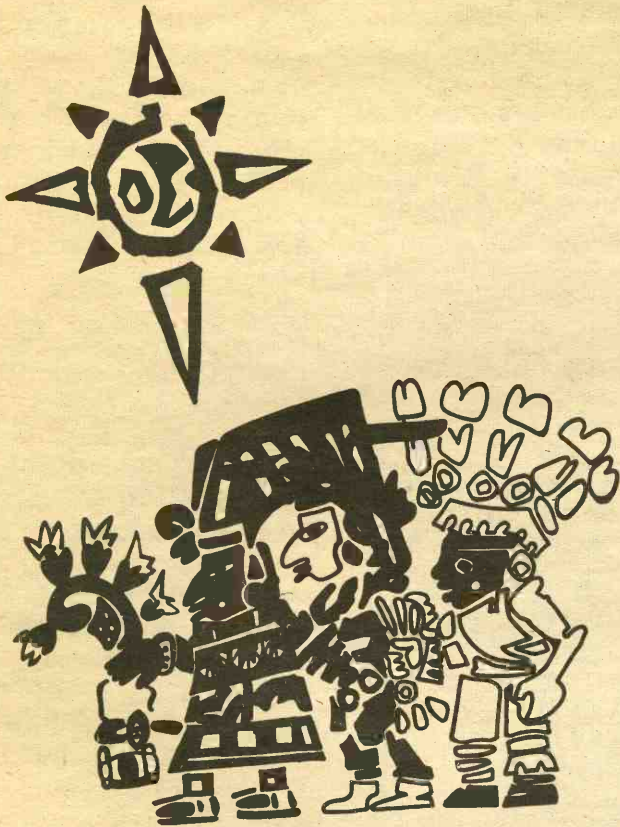
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# EMILIANO ZAPATA

## HOMBRE DE REVOLUCION

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La promesa de un mundo mejor  
atrae gentes de sabiduría  
a ayudarlo en su nacimiento.

Faith in a new world  
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To usher in the new birth.

Emiliano Zapata was a true hero of the Mexican people; one of the five greatest Mexicans of all times, and that is why we write about him, as a much deserved tribute of this newspaper for this Man of Land and Freedom.

Born in 1877, in the village of Anenecuilco, of the State of Morelos, in Mexico, Emiliano was the son of Gabriel Zapata and Cleofas Salazar, peasants, farmers in a small landhold, of predominantly Indian extraction. He also, like those of his condition, had to help his father to cultivate their piece of land from childhood on.

Once as an adolescent, he heard his father complaining to his older brother Eufemio, about the abuses of the big landholders, the "hacendados" or semi-feudal landlords that were growing more and more voracious for landgrabbing under the complacency and protection of the Porfirio Diaz regime; a "benevolent dictatorship" that began before Emiliano was born and was to last until he was past the age of thirty-three. Over three decades of the paternal guidance of Porfirio Diaz, whose government enjoyed the blessings of the Mexican aristocracy, the Catholic church and the foreign investors, not to mention the United States Department of State

of that time; but certainly not the great majority of the Mexican people, who had during the Diaz regime another taste of exploitation, of abuse, of cultivated religious fanaticism and of contempt, from local oligarchs (caciques) and from foreign investors alike, for their basic human rights, within their own country.

Young Emiliano had very little schooling, if he had any at all, but when he heard his father bitterly complaining about the constantly increasing land-grabbing of the "hacendados porfiristas", he didn't hesitate to tell his father: "Why don't you and the others who have been robbed by the "hacienda" get together and take back the land that they took from all of us? There's no worse attempt than that which is never made (no hay peor lucha que la que no se hace), and so far they've made all the moves!"

"No, my son," answered Gabriel Zapata, smiling with both kindness and sadness-- "we can't do anything against the power of the "hacienda", they have it all, money and influence, there is no use even thinking about it."

"Oh no?" replied Emiliano, with all his youthful energy, "Just wait until I grow up and then we'll see what can be done!"

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La Alianza Federal de Los Pueblos Libres, cuyo lema es "Tierra, Trabajo y Libertad," trata de informar a la gente de los estados del sureste, sus maniobras en relación a las tierras que han sido tomadas (confiscadas) por el Gobierno Federal, para presas, bosque y otros usos. Este esfuerzo está en marcha en los de Nuevo México y Colorado. Se espera en un futuro no muy lejano incluir California, Arizona, Texas, y otras regiones donde las concesiones de tierras Españolas están incluidas en la transacción del trabajo de Guadalupe-Hidalgo con los Estados Unidos. Un gran número de ciudadanos de habla española no han entendido la lucha, la injusticia, privaciones y tácticas discriminatorias que por muchos años ha sobrellevado "LA RAZA" (es como se auto nombra la gente de habla española). Están agradecidos al gran número de organizaciones y agencias que se han adelantado a bridar a esta gran causa. Se debe recordar y reconocer como un problema propio.

## Merced de Chavez Ravine

Holga asegurar que lo que sucedio en Nuevo México también pasó en California y en el resto de los estados del sureste. Mencionaremos uno solamente para despertar a los Californianos--se acuerdan de La Merced de Chavez Ravine? Acaso no la vendieron y pusieron a los Dodgers de L.A. para que la gran ciudad tubiera un equipo de beisbol de las grandes ligas. Para quién? Quién agarró el \$\$\$? Y Quién está deteniendo la bolsa??? Chavez Ravine es solo un ejemplo de la poca importancia que pone el Gobierno a las Mercedes.

## la causa de todos

La defensa de Reies Tijerina, caudillo de "La Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres", la cual es la organización que ha estado acunando esta intensa lucha para obtener justicia e igualdad en el asunto de millones de acres de tierra que el servicio forestal de los E.U.A. ha tomado de los concesionarios originales en Nuevo México y otros estados del sureste, ha sido convicto junto con otros cuatro dirigentes y miembros de "La Alianza", en el juicio efectuado en Las Cruces, Nuevo México. "La convicción de Reies Tijerina y de los otros cuatro miembros de la Alianza es una amenaza a los derechos civiles, a las libertades, y a los derechos fundamentales de los mexicanos y México-Americanos que viven en el sureste de los estados unidos de América," dijo hoy, en Oakland, California, Bert Corona, Presidente de la Asociación Política México-Americana.

"Ningun Americano digno, amante de la justicia puede permanecer silencio o inactivo a la faz de estas amenazas a los derechos, la dignidad, y el futuro de todos nuestros residentes de habla española," Corona agregó. Convoco a la solidaridad de "LA RAZA UNIDA", término comunmente usado para

definir a toda la gente de habla española y los de habla española intentan salir a la defensa de su causa. Corona urgió lenidad para los manifestos inmediatos que puedan acontecer a la coacción de la lucha de la gente de habla española para detener sus tierras, en el noroeste de Nuevo México y los otros estados que fueron tomados en México, es algo histórico que afecta la fabrica de nuestra sociedad Americana.

drásticas. Alfonso Chavez y Jerry Noll, seguidores de Tijerina, afrentan las sentencias Máximas posibles de 26 años de encarcelamiento cada uno y \$10,000 de multa. La sentencia se dictará el 15 de Diciembre. Urgimos que cartas de respaldo para Tijerina sean mandadas al Presidente Johnson y a Vicente Ximenes, Presidente del Comité de la Casa Blanca en los asuntos México-Americanos, Washington, D.C.

## apoyo de MAPA

Corona empeñó el respaldo absoluto de la Asociación Política México - Americana (MAPA) a la defensa de la prostimera victoria de la causa de la justicia e igualdad en Nuevo México.

Reies Tijerina y cuatro de sus seguidores fueron encontrados culpables por un jurado federal el día 11 de Noviembre de 1967, de apoderarse de un campo forestal nacional. Tijerina declaró que el creyó que era necesario apoderarse del terreno de acampamiento para atraer la atención de sus reclamos de las Mercedes españolas. Tijerina, que fue encontrado culpable de 2 cargos de asalto por suceso y por correr a dos oficiales del servicio forestal, afrenta sentencias

## ataque gringo

El Dr. Clark Knowlton, Sociologista Profesor de la Texas Western University, y quien ha sido un estudioso simpatizador de la lucha histórica de la gente de habla española para recobrar y mentener sus leyes hereditarias y derechos, ha sido amenazado con ser destituido de su empleo por el Gobernador John Connolly, legisladores conservadores Texanos, y hombres de negocios. Una gigantesca campaña de cartas de protesta ha sido lanzada por MAPA y otros grupos de extracción México-Americana en defensa de Reies Tijerina y la causa de las Mercedes.

**VIVA LA CAUSA, CARNAL!**

unkown "good mexican"

de glendale

To the Contributors of La Raza:

This letter is to inform you, individually and your "paper" (a disgrace to Chicanos) that there are some educated Mexicans in East L.A. who know what's going on. I'm not going for your militant, left wing views at all (and neither are Chicanos in general. In fact, I'm doing everything within my influence to denounce your way of thinking and promote the integrity and pride of Mexican-Americans by a more rational and democratic (American) means. Signed, An Educator Raised in Boyle Heights



photo: George Ballis

**LA JUSTICIA: NUESTRO LEMA**

**WANT AD****NEEDED: MACHINE SHOP  
INSTRUCTOR****must be bi-lingual****for info: pacoima job skill****896-9558****center****child care in pacoima****LESSON LEARNED**

The battle is over. Both the temporary and permanent child care centers for Pacoima have been approved by the Los Angeles Board of Education. How were they won? The fight was long and hard. A united effort proved the margin of victory.

Last winter women at the Pacoima skill center started talking together about the thing that weighed heaviest on their minds: How will we be able to work when we finish our training if there is no one to take care of our children?"

In May a agitation started. Mrs. Joyce Jefferson of Pacoima took care of 50 children for one day, and invited the press and the Board of Education to hear their complaints. Press coverage was wide. Grand promises were made by the Board of Education.

After many more meetings, petitions, and much waiting, 67 mothers met at the Pacoima Skill Center. At this time Mrs. Dorothy Snyder, Director of the child care program for L. A. Board of Education, said that the necessary money to provide a child care center for Pacoima would not be available for TWO years. Petitions were again handed out, and 57 signatures, representing 175 children, were submitted. Would the Anglo community act now?

In early October, another meeting was held which local councilman Howell and Mrs. Snyder said they would attend. We were not surprised when neither of them showed up. We have learned to expect this from Anglos. We then decided to act on our own. A steering committee was set up and a week later different ways of getting the child care center were discussed. The target was to be the Board of

Education. The method was to be representative mothers as speakers, picketing, and the attendance of 50 mothers and 20 children at a Board of Education meeting. Finally, after three consecutive weeks of demonstration, the Board agreed to establish a permanent child care center by September 1968, and a temporary one by January 3, 1968. A year and half before "the necessary money would be available."

Why were we able to get the child care center? Mrs. Snyder gave us an invaluable lesson in Anglo callousness when she told us that the Board knew we needed the center, but that other areas got it before us because they gave more voice to their needs.

This was, in reality, only a very small skirmish in the war for our rights. For too long we have beaten our political words into plowshares of compoacency. Tyranny and poverty feed and grow on indifference.

Do we want things to change? Are we happy with the status quo? Will we say "that's life" or "mañana" like the Anglo expects us to? Do we want to wait forever for them to act on our needs? We must organize to beat the Anglo. If we act alone or not at all, the Anglo will have his way. Freedom demands this war for our rights.

VIVA LA RAZA!  
-Miguel Sacacolas

**Julian Nava contra  
el prejuicio**

Señor Nava  
Los Angeles City Hall  
Los Angeles, California

Apreciable Sr. Nava:

Rogamos a Ud. hacer otro estudio serio y consienzudo acerca de su informe erroneo con respecto a su teoria de que los Negros vinieron del Estado de Sinaloa.

Muchos de los que aqui firmamos somos nativos de Sinaloa, y nuestros antepasado nacidos por el siglo 18 afirman, nunca haber visto un Negro en esa epoca, y actualmente tampoco hay de esa Rasa. Que paso con los descendientes de Negros que a la fecha no existe ninguno?

Es verdaderamente deprovable que una persona como Ud. que ocupa, un puesto, tan elevado, gracias al boto de nosotros no se documente antes de hacer estas declaraciones.

Esperamos que si Ud. piensa relegirse, sea mas cuidadoso con los informes que da a los Americanos, ya la prensa.

Atentamente los que suscribimos.

Consuelo C. Acosta  
Aida Quiroz  
Doreen Gallegos  
Sergio Campos  
Enrique A. Ybarra  
Josefina M. Ybarra  
Altagracia Acosta  
Inés Sandoval  
Maria Jiménez  
Carmen Mares  
Frances G. Valles  
Felipe Aguilar  
Adela Pedroza  
Francisco Ayala J.  
Galindo Molina

Estimados amigos:

En respuesta a la carta con fecha de el 17 de octubre de 1967, que firmaron unas 12 personas, dese o indicarles lo siguiente.

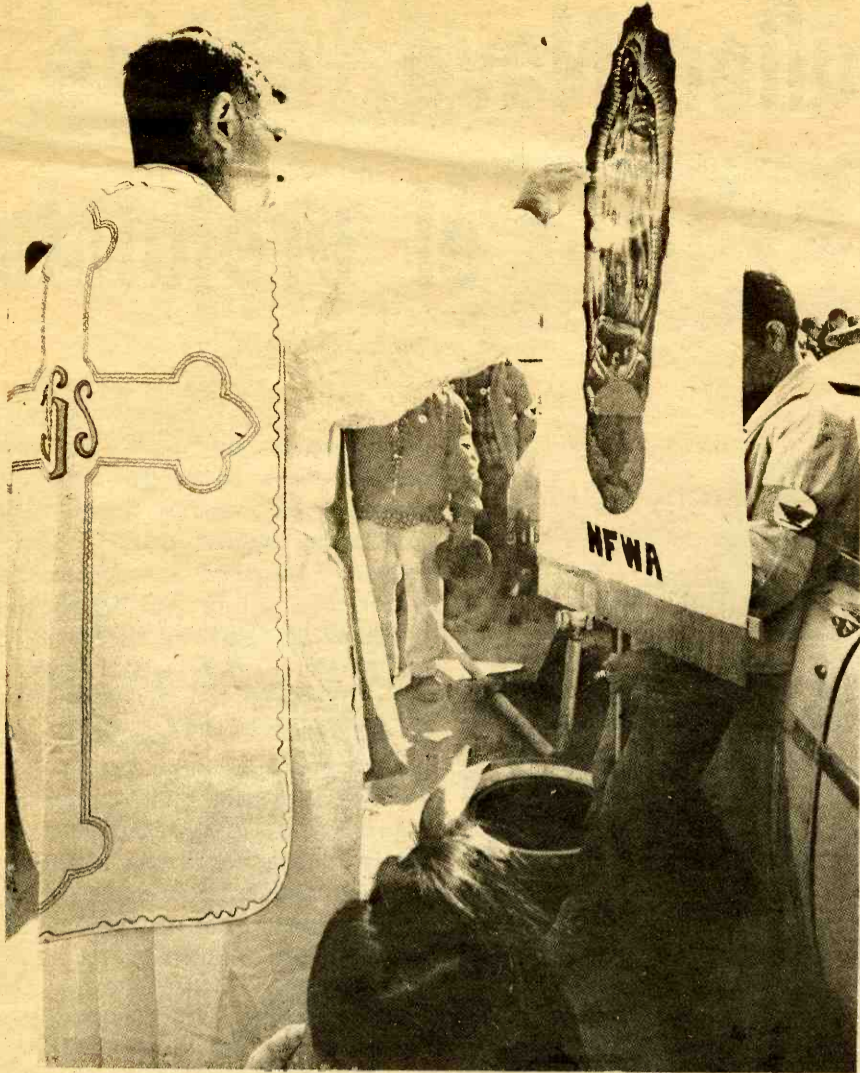
No recuerdo haber dicho en ningun lugar que "los Negros vinieron del estado de Sinaloa." Me sorprende tal declaracion, y aun mas me sorprende a v u e s t r a protesta. En vista de esto, me es grato hacer unos breves comentarios al efecto para ponerlos al corriente con mis opiniones y su fuente documentaria.

La region donde si hay muchos miles de Negros en Mexico es en el Golfo de Mexico, principalmente por la costa desde Tampico hasta Coahuila. El famoso historiador, G. Aguirre Beltran (en La Poblacion Negra de Mexico, 1519-1810, publicado bajo su nombre en 1946) afirma que en 1800 Mexico tenia unos 10,000 Negros (casi puros) y mas de 624,000 "Afro-Mestizos." Se sabe que los numeros de Negros eran mayores porque en muchos casos los Negros conseguian (por mordida) que los registros de parroquia los contaran como Blancos y no Negros. En todo caso los Negros se mezclaron con Indios y españoles a traves de los siglos coloniales. Tambien se distribuyeron por todo Mexico aunque su concentracion fue siempre mucho mas alta por el Golfo. Hasta hubo Negros y mulatos en los pobladores de Los Angeles. El censo de Mexico en parte Negra, comprendia 5% de la poblacion nacional. En 1940 la poblacion de Mexico era 19 millones. Hoy en dia sera un poco mas de 35 millones de habitantes. Es razonable calcular la cifra de Mexicanos de raza Negra (puros o en parte) como 1,500,000 mas o menos (probable mas que menos).

Los Negros que vinieron a este pais viajaron directamente de Africa a la costa del Atlantico donde los coloniales ingleses los compraban. La inmigracion Negra de Nueva España y mas tarde de Mexico a los EE. UU. siempre fue muy pequeña y de ninguna importancia al proceso historico del Suroeste. No me sorprende que comon naturales de Sinaloa, no recuerdan haber visto Negros alli. Nunca hubo muchos alli, y si bien los hubo eran cosa rara.

Permitanme indicarles un pensamiento mio. El prejuicio contra la raza o nacionalidad de un individuo es lamentable en terminos absolutos. Estoy opuesto a la discriminacion contra cualquier grupo, sea Negro, judio o mexicano. Estoy seguro que cada cristiabo estara de acuerdo que en los ojos de Dios todo somos iguales. No nos toca aplicar criterios al contrario. En vez de hacer distinciones, nos toca luchar por los derechos de todos para que llegue ese dia feliz cuando se nos trate solo segun los meritos del individuo, y no por su raza o descendencia nacional.

Su Servidor,  
Julian Nava



En frente de la Peregrinacion llevamos a la Virgen de Guadalupe porque ella es nuestra; toda nuestra, Reina de los Mexicanos.

*At the head of the Pilgrimage we carry the Virgin of Guadalupe because she is ours, all ours, Patroness of the Mexican people.*

# PROCESSION

SUNDAY DEC. 10 2:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Ave. & Ford Blvd.

to

ELA College Stadium

GRANDIOSA Y UNICA PRESENTACION

“EL MILAGRO DEL TEPEYAC”

LAS APARICIONES DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE LLEVADAS MAGISTRALMENTE A LA ESCENA POR EL ELENCO ARTISTICO DE

“LAS MADRINAS DE LAS AMERICAS”

LO ACONTECIDO EN MEXICO HACE 436 AÑOS. TRAI DO A LA EPOCA ACTUAL CON EL MISMO SABOR Y SENTIMIENTO DE TODA LA TRADICION DE UN PUEBLO.

SABADO 9 DE DICIEMBRE DE 1967  
A las 8:30 P. M.

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# questions ???

- Why** is there a 40 to 50% chance my child will not graduate from high school?
- Why** is there a chance my child will be among the lowest in the nation in reading ability?
- Why** is there a chance my child will never know the language, culture and history of his own people?
- Why** is there a chance my child's abilities and talents will never be discovered and developed in our schools?
- Why** is there a chance my child will never get into college because he graduates from a non-accredited high school?
- Why** is there a chance my child will be unemployable even if he does graduate from high school?

# answers !!!

Learning in the established educational system is a race with unfair obstacles for the ethnically different child. Chances for achievement and success are very small. Overcrowded schools with substandard facilities are but one of the many factors that contribute to give barrio schools one of the highest dropout rates in the nation.

Attitudes of the average teacher and principal, as well as the content of the textbooks, are at best insensitive. They remain unaware and often unconcerned about Mexican-American culture, history, and contributions to civilization. The barrio child falls behind within an educational system that doesn't help him learn about himself or to have self-pride.

Barrio parents and their children can no longer wait on unfulfilled promises of programs to satisfy their needs and aspirations. They have decided to begin the search for their OWN answer to their problems. They have joined in a Union of parents, community people and other interested people; together they are laying the foundation of a

community educational effort. Beginning with remedial reading and writing of English and Spanish, community members will be taught the skills and how to teach them to others by qualified community members.

Scholastic development will be encouraged with reading and writing as means of self-expression. Self-identity and pride will be enhanced through cultural activities. Culture and history; music and dance, art and theater will be part of Busca.

Community needs can best be analyzed and solved through deliberate action of community members, not by those outside the community however qualified. We invite all community members to participate and join Busca for answers to the educational problems of our community. Action now, is the only way--not later when we know more, have more, when we're "experts". We must begin now. We can't wait for anyone else to do it for us.

Parents can find an answer in BUSCA, Barrio Union for Scholastic Community Action

# BUSCA

