

Hoobler

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CHICANO RIGHTS

PRESS CONFERENCE

AT CHICANO FEDERATION

June 14, 1973

The Church Community is greatly disturbed and angered by certain actions undertaken by the San Diego City Police.

These actions have taken place during the past couple of weeks, soon after Police Chief Ray Hoobler issued out his "illegal alien" memorandum.

The Diocese of San Diego, comprising over one-half million catholics under the spiritual leadership of the Most Rev. Leo T. Maher, over a year ago undertook a joint venture with the Division of Adult Education of San Diego in Bilingual Adult Classes- E.S.L., Driver Education, Spanish and Clothing.

Presently this Program is operating in:

- A. Our Lady of Guadalupe
1770 Kearny Avenue
- B. St. Anne
621 Sicard Street
- C. St. Jude
3751 Boston Avenue
- D. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
4177 Marlborough
- E. St. Rita
5124 Churchward
- F. Immaculate Conception
2450 San Diego Avenue
- G. Templo Libre
1902 Irving

Each class has an average of twenty to thirty-five students.

Several weeks ago Tony Viana, a teacher at Our Lady of Guadalupe, E.S.L. class, was stopped by San Diego Police car within the church grounds of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Diego.

She was questioned concerning illegal aliens who might supposedly be attending classes. Tony Viana indicated to them that they had no right being within Church grounds looking for illegal aliens. This was the job of the Immigration Department. Nevertheless, they said that they had this right and pursued further questioning in a cold and harsh manner.

Later on Tony Viana discovered that two students never returned to the class, they were deported to Mexico. Another student was stopped on his way home from work. The police stopped him because he looked suspicious and deported him also.

During the past two months, Dr. Jose Saldivar, Director of the Bilingual Adult School has visited Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Angels concerning the progress of the classes. He has noticed police cars parked near the churches where the night classes are being held. Their presence has resulted in a very negative result for the student attendance at these classes.

Negative results of police presence in Church grounds:

- (1) Drastic drop in enrollment of classes. There has been at least a 50% drop.
- (2) The student atmosphere of class is not the same - student seems on edge, fearful.
- (3) Because of a great deal of confusion and misinformation in the area of immigration, the role that police officers play, and of the many things that have happened to friends, the students are very terrified of policemen and they don't know the difference between illegals, legals, and green carders. Many students who have had very terrifying experiences with immigration, now have a very negative approach toward policemen.

Only yesterday three minutes before noon there was a calculated police raid at the Full Gospel Mission Church on 441 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. The raid included three (3) police officers, two police cars, and one ambulance. They entered the Church, stopped the religious service and began looking for brown looking individuals or Mexicans. They asked these individuals to leave the building. When outside, they began to question them in English. They asked for their passports. Since the police did not speak Spanish, nor the individuals apprehended speak English, the questioning stopped. The police then arrested seven or eight of the Mexicans and took them to jail. As late as last night, information reached us that these men have now been de-

ported to Mexico.

These are only but a few isolated incidents brought to my attention. I fear that upon further investigation and inquiry, the above incidents could well be multiplied.

Mexican people have deep love and respect for their Church. There they feel secure, unmolested, breathing freely to worship as their conscience dictates. To the Mexican people, the Church is a sanctuary from the alienation and oppressive forces that often surround their daily lives in the barrio.

All peoples, including the police, must respect those sacred and religious sanctuaries. If these are violated, we have lost a most cherished and fundamental right - the freedom to worship without fear and harassment.

Police Chief Ray Hoobler, in allowing his Police Department to seek and seize "illegal aliens" in Churches and premises thereof, has resulted in the following:

- (1) A violation of the sacred privacy of churches
- (2) Aroused an angered community
- (3) Presented a very serious threat to freedom of worship
- (4) Plunged into an issue that will quickly mobilize religious organizations, coalition of ministers and clergymen of all denominations, geared to confront the Chief of Police and his department
- (5) Ventured on a very dangerous course that might possibly lead to a class suit against the City of San Diego

In view of all that has been said today, we urge you with the greatest of urgencies, that you our elected city council and Mayor act immediately on this serious matter, by indicating to Chief Ray Hoobler all that has been said today, and ask for his resignation, since a growing number of San Diegans have lost confidence in his capability of being Chief of Police of the City of San Diego.

Thank you for listening to us, we shall be awaiting your reply.

Rev. Juan Hurtado
Padre Hidalgo Center
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Aug. 29, 1973



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THE POSITION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CHICANO RIGHTS IS THAT WE DISAGREE AND DO NOT ACCEPT THE AMBIGUOUS OPINION ISSUED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL EVELLE YOUNGER. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS FAILED TO CLARIFY THE ISSUE OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE AREA OF IMMIGRATION WHICH HAS BEEN PREEMPTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

IT IS STILL OUR POSITION THAT THIS ISSUE HAS TO BE RESOLVED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ALSO FAILED TO ADDRESS HIMSELF TO OUR GREATEST CONCERN, THE SAFEGARD OF THE CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE THREE MILLION PERSONS OF MEXICAN ANSESTRY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

WE SIGHT THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF CONTENTION IN CLARIFYING OUR POSITION.

- 1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO ONLY THREE STATUTES (~~1324~~-1325-1326) OUT OF APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN-HUNDRED STATUTES THAT THAT NOW EXISTS. DOES THIS NOW MEAN THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS NOW GOING TO ENFORCE ALL IMMEGRATION LAWS?
- 2) WE FEEL THAT ON PAGE33 PARAGRAPH 3 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS TWISTED THAT INTERPRETATION TO FIT HIS OWN ENDS. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE CONSTITUTION IS THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND AND THE COURTS HAVE RULED THAT THE AREA OF IMMIGRATION HAS BEEN PREEMPTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE STATES MUST RECOGNIZE THAT. OUR POSITION HAS BEEN THAT THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OBSERVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS

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PROHIBITING ILLEGAL SEARCH AND SEIZURE (4TH AMMENDMENT) AND TO PROVIDE DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW (14TH AMMENTMENT)

- 3) PAGE 4 PARAGRAPH 1 SUMMERIZES THE INVAlIDITY OF HIS OPINION "WE STILL HAVE NOT REACHED THE QUESTION UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY THE OFFICER CAN ARREST OR DETAIN AN INDIVIDUAL SUSPECTED OF VIOLATING THOSE PROVISIONS."
- 4) PAGE 7, PARAGRAPH 1 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS STATED THAT POLICE OFFICERS MUST HAVE SPECIFIC AND ARTICULABLE FACTS TO DETAIN.WHAT SPECIFIC CRITERIA AR LOCAL LAW OFFICERS GOING TO USE WITHOUT HAVING ANY OF THE NECESSARY TRAINING?

IN CONCLUSION THE CHICANO COMMUNITY TODAY IN 1973 FACES THE GRAVEST CRISIS SINCE THE DEPORTATIONS OF 1950-54 WHEN OVER 4 1/2 MILLION PERSONS OF MEXICAN ANCESTRY WERE DEPORTED. THE ISSUE TO US IS NOT ONE OF ENFORCING LAWS, BUT OF THE APPLICATION OF THE LAW TO ONE SEGMENT OF THE COMMUNITY (CHICANO).

IT IS OUR FEELING THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BY GIVING THIS GREEN LIGHT OPINION TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IS PROVOKING A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ITSELF AND THE THREE MILLION PERSONS OF MEXICAN ANCESTRY.

IF THE STATE IS GOING TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE VICTIMIZATION OUR COMMUNITY BY APPLYING LAWS THAT ARE ILLEGAL UNCONCTITUTIONAL , IMMORAL, & RACIST WE THEN FEEL THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION LEFT TO US IN PROTECTING OUR CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IS FOR US OF THE CHICANO COMMUNITY TO APPEAL TO A HIGHER LAW (MORAL LAW) AND BEGIN TO PRACTICE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE **By** REFUSING TO SUBMIT TO TREATMENT THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO.

SOLUTIONS ARE COMPLEXED BUT THE ANSWER IS NOT IN THE VICTIMIZATION OF ONE SEGMENT OF THE COMMUNITY OR THE VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS THAT ARE GUARNTTEED TO US ALL BY THE UNITED STATED CONSTITUTION.

PRESENTA DIRECTO DESDE LA CIUDAD DE MEXICO

LA NOPALERA



DON'T MISS THE EXCITING MUSIC OF LA NOPALERA IN A RETURN SAN DIEGO CONCERT. THIS HIGHLY ACCLAIMED MEXICAN GROUP BLENDS RHYTHMS FROM ACROSS LATIN AMERICA WITH TODAY'S REALITY PRODUCING A POWERFUL, CREATIVE EXPERIENCE. PLUS LOCAL ARTISTS AND REFRESHMENTS.

NO SE PIERDA EL GRAN CONCIERTO DEL FAMOSO GRUPO LA NOPALERA EN SU CONCIERTO EN SAN DIEGO. ESTE GRUPO MEXICANO MEZCLA EL MEJOR RITMO A TRAVÉS DE AMERICA LATINA CON LA REALIDAD DE HOY PRODUCIENDO UNA PODEROSA EXPERIENCIA CREATIVO. TAMBIÉN ALGUNOS ARTISTAS LOCALES, BEBIDAS Y ANTOJITOS.

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I Thank the people

II Enter the Decade of the
80's it is important that we
look back

1970
III History - CCR - Manifesto

IV Chicano - Does not exist the
closest thing to it is Chicano

Jose Vesca a Star News
Journ. is told that "no Bastard
S.O.B Mexico has any Rights here"



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A Press Conference was called in San Diego, California by the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights, a coalition of 12 major Chicano organizations representing a large portion of the 250,000 persons of Mexican ancestry in San Diego County. The Press Conference was called to rebuttal U.S. District Court Judge Howard B. Turrentine's decision of December 5, 1973 upholding the constitutionality of the Border Patrol checkpoints and his analysis of the "illegal alien" problem in the United States. According to committee spokesman, in our opinion Judge Turrentine's decision upholding the constitutionality of the Border Patrol checkpoints and his analysis of the "illegal alien" problem is nothing more than another feeble, uneducated, simplistic rationalization of an outdated "Bankrupt Immigration Policy." Over the past 21 years since the enactment of the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act; which was ~~voted~~^{voted} by President Harry Truman, a one sided picture of this grave problem has been given by vested interest politicians and the mass media. This has created a mood of suspicion that has resulted in the following illegal and unconstitutional acts upon the Chicano Community in the United States:

- a. Sexual assaults upon women. (Lopez case)
- b. Breaking in of private homes. (Magagana case)
- c. Breaking in of churches. (Mission)
- d. Physical beatings. (Joe Felix)
- e. Enforcement of Immigration Law by taxi cab drivers.
- f. San Diego Police stopping, detaining and arresting persons of Mexican ancestry.
- g. Harbor Police also involved in stopping, detaining and arresting persons of Mexican ancestry.
- h. Shooting, Murders, etc.

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The immigration issue and U.S. Attorney General Saxbe's call for the massive deportations has created widespread concerns and fears in the Chicano community throughout the United States. The Press Conference will be held Friday November 15, at 10:30 A.M. at the Chicano Federation: 1900 National Ave. San Diego, Ca.

For further information, call Herman Baca--477-3155

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It is our feeling that a complete revision or complete abolishment of this outdated body is long overdue.

IN REFERENCE to the District Attorney filing criminal charges against the National City Policeman:

The general feeling of the community and the Ad Hoc Committee is, that even though the community through its' efforts has achieved a "significant victory" in forcing the District Attorney to take some action, there remains numerous questions on the Rivera issue and the other deaths of persons here in National City by the use of deadly force under the color of law. Because of the questionable procedures taken initially by the National City Police Department, the secretive manner and the District Attorney's and Grand Jury's unorthodox actions a "creditbility gap" exist in the community's mind as to whether these constituted bodies here in San Diego County can act fair and impartial.

In talking to members of the community and member of the Ad Hoc Committee the general feeling is that the District Attorney should have filed a minimum charge of murder! To many allegations of misconduct and threats against citizens have surfaced against National City Officers acting under the color of law. We feel that a dual standard is being employed and that a lay citizen under similiar conditions would not have been treated so lightly. Because of the community's basic distrust of these bodies and agencies the Ad Hoc Committee will remain that:

Outside investigations be initiated from any and all Commissions and Agencies empowered by the Law, in order that public can get to the bottom of the issue. Until this is done a creditbility gap will continue to exist in this commnunity.

OTHER COMMUNITY positions voted upon:

It is still the position of the Ad Hoc Committee that the citizens and taxpayers of National City have a right to know what happens in their City, concerning the tragic

death of Luis Roberto Rivera and the other deaths which have occurred in National City by officers acting under the color of law. The public's right to know and get to the bottom of these issues can only be accomplished by the formation of a citizens' investigation committee.

THE POSITION OF FIRING THE CHIEF OF POLICE has not been altered but only intensified! It is our opinion that the Chief of Police is ultimately administratively responsible for the type of policies and individuals' behavior of his officers. This responsibility has not been displayed and has resulted in death of five (5) human beings in National City, in the short period of three (3) years.

THE RECALL EFFORT AGAINST ALL OF THE NATIONAL CITY COUNCIL:
The ultimate response of this sad and tragic event has totally on the front door of Mayor Kile Morgan and the National City Council. They have promoted the attitude of insensitivity towards the law and the human rights of its' citizens here in National City. ~~They~~ ~~after petitioning~~ ~~the~~ National City Council time and time again for a redress of our grievances are now totally convinced along with many other residents and citizens here in National City that the entire National City must be removed and a new administration be established to insure that the laws and the rights of its' citizens will be respected.

The resolution of these injustices will be sought in the carrying out of the October 28, 1975 mandate of the community to recall against all of the National City Council and place the ultimate solution in the hands of the National City voters as soon as possible.



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A Press Conference will be held Thursday, June 20, 1974 at 11:00 AM, at St. Anthony's Church Hall - 18th and Harding, National City, CA. Press Conference is being called by the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights and MALDF (Mexican American Legal Defense Fund), to announce the filing of a long awaited class action law suit against the San Diego Polide Department, San Diego County Sheriffs, and the San Diego Port Commission. The class action law suit alleges illegal enforcement of Federal immigration laws by the three local non-federal enforcement agencies, and illegal expenditures of taxpayer's monies. For further information call : Herman Baca, Chairman - 477-3155.

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national economic crisis to cover up their policies and failures. Efforts to put the blame on the Chicano Community and make us the scapegoat will not go unchallenged. Let us state here and now that the Chicano Community will do everything within its power to defend its civil and constitutional rights. It is our opinion, that if Attorney General Saxbe's call for massive deportations is systematically carried out every Chicano Community in the United States will under a "state of seige." It will be open season on the Chicano Community since every person of mexican ancestry will be fair game. Every person of mexican ancestry will be subject to discrimination and racist attacks. Proposed solutions such as the Rodino Bill which we oppose unilaterally will lead to discrimination and harrassment of our people. These types of laws and solutions are nothing but a political ploy by certain politicians in Congress to confuss the American public, and should be defeated. To signal out the weakest and most defenseless people, especially those without proper documents who are victims of a bankrupt immigration policy will not solve the economic and political problems which now confront the American public. Attorney General Saxbe's and other high ranking political officials have created a mood of suspicion which now makes suspects out of millions of people because their looks, color and accent. Administrative procedures and solutions now being proposed by politicians will only make the situation worst. The Immigration problem in our opinion, is no longer merely a legal, economic, political or social issue buta moral problem of the greatest magnitude. ^{The greatest moral problem} to face the United

States since the ending of slavery in 1865. This situation which now faces the Chicano Community has no other parallel than the situation that the Jewish Community faced in Nazi Germany in the 1930's. Solutions such as the one being proposed by Attorney General Saxbe and other politicians are in fact no solution if carefully examined. Increasing the budget of the border patrol who are the greatest violators of the U.S.'s constitution and are rampant with corruption as was shown in "Operation Cleansweep" is a massive rip-off of the American taxpayer. This problem will not be solved by making the victim the criminal and will remain unresolved until Congress takes the following Legislative action:

- (1) Amnesty for all of those in the United States without documents who are presently working or dependents of job holders.
- (2) Regulate those segments of the economic sector that continually exploit and profit from the undocumented immigration situation. These can be accomplished by the enforcement of safety and health laws and the passage of a realistic minimum wage law.
- (3) Passage of laws making it a felony criminal offense for those employers who import, transport, recruit or employ strikebreakers.
- (4) Eliminate the "Twin Plants" program now permitted by Congress. The U.S. allows foreign based subsidiaries that are 100% owned by U.S. firms to assemble products whose parts were originally manufactured within the U.S. under special value.

- 5) National hearing for a total revision of the bankrupt Walter McCaran Act.
- 6) National hearing on the alleged cover-up investigation of "Operation Clean Sweep".
- 7) Prohibit the enforcement of immigration laws by local law enforcement agencies, school institutions and social service agencies.
- 8) Prohibit the Bracero Program from being revised.
- 9) End the inland border check point such as such as San Clemente, Twin Oaks, etc.

Judge Iredale's competency to sit on a bench and judge cases fairly and impartially. It is our opinion that the proceedings were nothing but a farce. We have to question why key witnesses like Mr. John Harper were not called. Mr. Harper has stated : "2 male mexicans came from the other direction and were told by the police officer to view the downed person" Harper said, " the two male mexicans then said: "No, this is not him, he was taller and skinner." Other residents who have stated that the shot was fired seconds after a shouting of freeze. Why wasn't Maria de Jesus Tejada called to testify the witnessing of the entire incident. Why weren't people who have alleged that Short was going to get Tato not called. To many discrepancies exist for any one to even to begin that what happen in Judge Iredale's court is going to be believed. It is for this reason that the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights is calling for an immediate investigation into Judge Iredale's competency and impartially to hear cases and sit on a bench of law. The facts that have come show that Tato who is no longer with us was on trail, not officer Short, who was supposedly charged with pulling the trigger. Much has been stated about the violent nature of Tato. But lets check the record of who is violent, Craig Short 10 months ago killed another human being, on Octo. 12, 1975 he in violation of every stature of law and his own department policy fired a 357 magnum and killed Luis Tato Rivera. National City police in other acts of violence under the color of law have killed 4 or wounded others. One was a 15 years old boy his crime running away from the scene of an auto accident. Another was a burglary suspect who was crouching unarmed in an alley garage. Another was a marijuana suspect also, unarmed who simply panicked and ran away. Another was a black youth who was shot and killed by City Council member Luther Reid acting as a police reserve. The Chicano Community since October 12, 1975 have pursued their redress through legal and constituted channels. This has been the case with the other side. The decision of yesterday in reality was an approval and certification of police officers to act as a judge, jury and executioner because they in their minds feel that you and I the taxpayers will not be able to walk the streets of National City because of that fact. We of the Ad. Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights and the community never for one minute ever beleived that the sister agencies of the D.A. the court system and the politicians ever would prosecute one of their own. That is why the positions mandated by the community are more important now than ever. (explain) We are also of the opinion that Short is not an individual act but an attitude which resides in the National City Administration. This is why if justice is going to be served we here in the Community are going to go to make it prevail. this is why the recall will not only continue but will be intensified. We must not rest until that City Administration is replaced.

Ladies and gentlemen of the press, the Rivera family and concerned members of the community, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights, I would like to express the gut reaction to the exoneration of the National City policeman in the tragic death of Luis R. Rivera. First and foremost let me state that it came as no surprise to us of the Chicano Community, ^{The only surprise was that it took so long} ~~that this was going to be the end~~ ^{it will come as a surprise} ~~result of the so call trial that was being staged in San Diego.~~ In light of

the fact ~~after~~ that in the last 125 years no policeman has ever been convicted of killing a chicano. ~~The judicial decision to exonerate is no surprise~~ ^{this} ~~but~~ is merely a continuing pattern of giving their stamp of approval to ~~acts.~~ ^{this type of acts}

But even though the decision to exonerate came as no surprise to us the gut reaction in taking to the community is one of shock, ^{an} insult, and ~~anger~~ ^{affront} and raw anger.

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Ladies and gentlemen of the press, the Rivera family and concerned members of the community, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights, I would like to express the gut reaction to the exoneration of the National City policeman in the tragic death of Luis R. Rivera. First and foremost let me stat that it came as no surprise to us of the Chicano Community, the only surprise was that it took so long. It can't come as a surprise in light of the fact that in the last 125 years no policeman has ever been convicted of killing a chicano. This is merely a continuing pattern of giving their stamp of approval to these types of acts. But even though the decision to exonerate came as no surprise to us the gut reaction in taking to the community is one of shock, an insult, a front and raw anger. Let me state that the Chicano Community has received an education on how justice works in San Diego County. This education will not soon been forgotten. Its our opinion that Judge Iredale's decision to stop the judicial process before it even got started to hear the real facts proves beyond a doubt that justice in San Diego County is dead. A chicano, a black, a poor working person can not get justice in San Diego County. This is because there are two court systems, two justice systems in San Diego County, one for the rich and their servants and one for the people. One court for Nixon, Agnew, Smith and Short, and another court for us, the Chicano Community, Mr. Rivera and others who rub those in power wrong. People like Rafael Rivera who in a moment of despondency stabbed himself and three weeks later was arrested for assault or people who stand up for their civil and constitutional rights like Jose Viesca who just for writing a column and expressing his 1st Constituted Amendment Right was beaten by four individuals who have not yet been found. These are classic examples in that on the one hand a National City policeman who took god's most precious gift, like, got off on his own recognizance but a 60 year old man who had been beaten up hours later couldn't get O.R. and had to spend Thanksgiving Day in Jail because he couldn't afford bail. Judge Iredale's decision to stop the proceedings without allowing the introduction of relevant facts raise many questions about

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Judge Iredale's competency to sit on a bench and judge cases fairly and impartially. It is our opinion that the proceedings were nothing but a farce. We have to question why key witnesses like Mr. John Harper were not called. Mr. Harper has stated: "2 male mexicans came from the other direction and were told by the police officer to view the downed person" Harper said, " the two male mexicans then said: "No, this is not him, he was taller and skinner." Other residents who have stated that the shot was fired seconds after a shouting of freeze. Why wasn't Maria de Jesus Tejada called to testify the witnessing of the entire incident. Why weren't people who have alleged that Short was going to get Tato not called. To many discrepancies exist for any one to even ~~to begin that what happen~~ in Judge Iredale's court, ~~is going to be~~ believed. It is for this reason that the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights is calling for an immediate investigation into Judge Iredale's competency and impartially to hear cases and sit on a bench of law. The facts that have come show that Tato who is no longer with us was on trail, not officer Short, who was supposedly charged with pulling the trigger. Much has been stated about the violent nature of Tato. But lets check the record of who is violent, Craig Short 10 months ago killed another human being, on Octo. 12, 1975 he in violation of every stature of law and his own department policy fired a 357 magnum and killed Luis Tato Rivera. National City police in other acts fo violence under the color of law have killed 4 or wounded others. One was a 15 years old boy his crime running away from the scene of an auto accident. Another was a burglary suspect who was crouching unarmed in an alley garage. Another was a marijuana suspect also, unarmed who simply panicked and ran away. Another was a black youth who was shot and killed by City Council Luther Reid acting as a police reserve. The Chicano Community since October 12, 1975 have pursued their redress through legal and constituted channels. This has been the case with the other side. The decision of yesterday in reality was an approval and certification of police officers to act a judge, jury and executioner because they in their minds feel that, you and I the taxpayers will not be able to walk the streets of National City because of that fact. We of the Ad. Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights and the community never for one minute ever beleived that the sister agencies of the D.A. the court system and the policiticians ever would prosecute one of their own. That is why the positions mandated by the community are more important now than ever. (expalin) We are also of the opinion that Short is not an individual act but an attitude which resides in the National City Administration. This is why if justice is going to be served we here in the Community are going to make it prevail. this is why the recall will not only continue but will be intensified. We must not rest until that City Administration is replaced.



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"SHAMEFUL and UNACCEPTABLE" is our position concerning the failure of the Grand Jury's decision of October 31, 1975 in not taking any type of positive action concerning the tragic death of Luis Roberto Rivera by a National City Policeman. It has become regretful to us that this issue which has effected the community so profoundly has and continues to be tossed around like a "HOT POTATOE." After conferring with the Rivera family, various members of the community, the member organizations of the Ad Hoc Committee, and our Legal Staff, we of the Ad Hoc Committee are of the opinion that the constituted authorities are no closer today in answering the multitude of questions which have been raised by the community concerning the tragic slaying of Luis Roberto Rivera than they were on the day when he was slained. Nothing significant has changed concerning the issue of the public's right to know. The Grand Jury's action is shameful but not surprising to us. Their latest action is once again a reflection of the discriminatory selection process and makeup and further proof that the Grand Jury is not representative of the general population, and is a self-serving clique of conservative individuals who represent a very biased point of view. This failure becomes blantant to us of the Chicano Community abd Latin Community when one considers that only five (5) persons of Mexican ancestry have been chosen on that body in the past 104 years!

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Enclosed please find a copy of the front page of the petition for a Writ of Mandate filed with the California Supreme Court on August 24, 1976 in which the AD-HOC Committee On Chicano Rights is a named plaintiff.

Also for your information, we are attaching a copy of a news release issued on August 24, 1976, by the California Rural Legal Assistance. For any further information call 474-8195.

Herman Baca, Chairman

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LAWSUIT DEMANDS MARCH FONG EU AND COUNTIES
EXTEND REGISTRATION, PROVIDE BILINGUAL REGISTRARS

Mexican-American citizens and taxpayers in eight counties today filed suit in the California Supreme Court against March Fong Eu and county election officials, accusing them of drastically curtailing voter registration and refusing to provide bilingual registrars and outreach required by state and federal law. The petitioners, represented by California Rural Legal Assistance and other attorneys, seek immediate hiring of bilingual registrars and the extension of the voter registration deadline until 10 days before the November 2 election. As matters now stand, registration will end on October 4.

The case arises in part from well-publicized problems in implementing the new postcard registration system. There are only four months allowed for registration between the primary and general election. For two of these months registration came to a virtual standstill when the named counties refused to deputize new registrars or allow old ones to use existing registration materials. Some of the petitioners were therefore unable to register or help others do so, the suit says.

In all, the petitioners say, the number of registrars was reduced by 89 percent for two months. The Secretary of State did nothing to require the counties to open their registration books during this period, the suit alleges. As a remedy, petitioners ask the Supreme Court to extend registration an extra two and a half weeks.

Also at issue is the new federal Voting Rights Act, which requires bilingual registrars in 39 California counties. The named counties have done nothing to provide registrars wherever needed, the petitioners say.

Peter Hart Weiner, one of the attorneys on the case, said, "Some of these counties, like Imperial, have consistently flaunted the law. What is astonishing and depressing is the Secretary of State's failure to do something about it, having known of the situation for over two years." The suit notes that Ms. Eu's predecessor in 1974 conducted a survey which showed that very few California counties try to assist Spanish-speaking voters, and that Atty. General Younger strongly recommended this year that she take action to require compliance with state and federal law. The lawsuit asks the Court to order the immediate hiring of bilingual registrars in the affected counties.

The suit also attacks the refusal of Ms. Eu and counties to adopt "outreach" programs to register the majority of the voting age population who are not registered to vote. Enacted by the Legislature this year, the program is designed to reverse a trend toward nonparticipation, the suit says, and asks the Court to order immediate implementation of balanced and effective outreach plans.

The Counties named in the suit are Fresno, Imperial, Kern, San Benito, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz.



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Herman Baca, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights announced today tha Cesar Chavez, President of the United Farm Workers of American will be in National City this coming Friday, September 17, 1976, to urge the Chicano Community of National City to register to vote "YES" on Prop. 14. Prop. 14 is on the November ballot and would guarantee free elections for Farmworkers in California.

Herman Baca, also stated, "this merging of the urban, rural and religious movements in political action brings forth the bright new promise of the dawning of a new day for our people."

Mr. Chavez will be joined by Bishop Gilbert Chavez, Sister Sara Murietta and Herman Baca at a rally at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 1816 Harding Avenue, National City at 7:00 p.m. Support for the rally has been offered by the black, filipino, native-americans, oriental and white elements of San Diego County. The general public is invited to attend the rally and the festivities which will precede the regular program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL SCOTT WASHBURN AT 233-5648

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The AD-HOC Committee On Chicano Rights today announced that a Voter Registration Drive is currently underway and will continue until October 4, 1976 deadline. The Voter Registration Drive will be conducted by telephone, door to door canvassing, at churches and at shopping centers.

Requirements for registering are: recently 18 years of age, changed residence, married, failed to vote November 1974, moved into the San Diego County area, wish to change Party affiliation or have recently become a United States Citizen.

Persons needing help may call the AHC at 474-8195 for personal assistance or a home visit. Target areas will be the unregistered Mexican-American population of the Southbay.

The Voter Registration Drive is one of the continuing efforts of the AHC to involve the community in the political process and will be followed by a get out to vote effort for the November 2nd elections.

Individuals wishing to assist this effort may do so by calling the AD-HOC Committee headquarters at 474-8195.

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The Committee On Chicano Rights Inc. announced today (1-23-77) that its Chairperson Herman Baca and Attorney Peter Schey will attend a National Immigration meeting in Wahington D.C. and in New York.

The meeting will be attended by persons from Los Angeles, San Antonio, Chicago and New York. The purpose of the trip according to Baca " is to end the state of siege that exist in numerous Chicano communities through-out the United States because of the Immigration issue. Meetings will be held with various Senators, Congressmen, INS Officials, Church groups and Community organizations. According to Baca, "we plan to present Legislative proposals to Congress as an alternative to there pre-sent dead end policy of seeking simplistic law enforcement solutions". "This Congressional Immigration policy has failed to resolve the so called "illegal alien" problem and has resulted in the victimization through the violations of the Civil and Constitutional rights of millions of Citizens and other properly documented persons of Mexican decent in the United States.

Other issues which will be discussed and proposed by the groups to the various Congressmen and Senators are:

- (a) A workable amnesty and family reunification program.
- (b) Revision of the Eilberg Bill.
- (c) The dropping of the charges on the Manzo Program in Tucson.
- (d) The recently filed National class action law suit concerning Immigration Quotas.
- (e) The stopping of the Immigration and Naturalization Service "door to door" survey.

The group will leave Sunday January 23, 1977 and will return Thursday January 27, 1977.

For further information call Mr. Albert Garcia at 428-2565.

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The United California Mexican-American Association and the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights has requested the assistance of Congressmen Tom Steed and Edward R. Roybal in bringing a congressional investigation to San Diego to look into the problems which are severely affecting the San Diego and Los Angeles areas in particular. In April of 1972, congressional hearings were held in San Diego because of the same type of abuses and injustices which were being perpetrated by the U.S. Customs Service and the Department of Immigration and Naturalization, and the U.S. Border Patrol. It was after the congressional investigation that the situation seemed to become somewhat alleviated. However, this was very short-lived and the situation persists and seems to be getting worse.

The Mexican people continue to be the victims of discrimination, racism, prejudice and misunderstanding on the part of the U.S. authorities. During the last three years, the Commissioner of the Department of Immigration & Naturalization, Generald Leonard Chapman, has consistently exaggerated the number of undocumented persons remaining in the United States, quoting figures of 12-13 million, nationally. Today, political candidates who are running for office in the State of California find the issue of undocumented persons in this country very well-suited for their purposes in reaching their goal, while gaining popularity by focusing their concerns on the subject.

Due to the incitive campaign that has been launched by the U.S. press, we have been forced to take a defensive stand regarding our rights. We must put a stop to all types of abuses which are being

committed against people of Mexican descent at the international border by U.S. Customs, Immigration & Naturalization and the U.S. Border Patrol.

The abuses are constant and severe. Our Latin people are being beaten, humiliated, mistreated on a daily basis, and killed at the international border. Our people are afraid to cross the border in either direction. Mexican nationals are afraid to cross into the United States to make their necessary purchases or to transact their business for fear of having their passports lifted unfairly, of being treated in a discriminatory and abusive manner, or once in the United States, of being stopped and interrogated and/or detained unjustly. Legal Mexican residents and U.S. citizens of Latin descent are afraid to cross for fear that they too will suffer the same injustices and abuses with absolutely no regard for their civil and constitutional rights which should be guaranteed this country. This fear is taking its toll on the economic situation of both countries. Businesses on both sides of the border are suffering greatly. Businesses in San Diego County and Los Angeles have suffered losses of millions of dollars to date, as well as businesses throughout Baja California.

Our people have been accused of taking jobs from legal residents and U.S. citizens and it has been stated that this is severely affecting the economy of the United States. Nothing could be farther from the truth. There are millions of dollars spent in this country by Mexicans and Latins in general and also left in this country in the form of benefits and tax returns which are never collected. In addition to this, the jobs which they hold are menial jobs which pay almost nothing and the working conditions are such that only people like ours who are desperate and have no other recourse are willing to undertake them.

We also have the injustices which are taking place in the Department of State with regard to visas which are being denied to people who are trying to reunite with their loved ones in this country. Consular officers will deny visas on technicalities of the Immigration Law as justification for their biased behavior.

This type of discriminatory behavior, however, is not being confined to people crossing the border. Within these federal agencies which are guilty of discriminatory and abusive behavior towards people crossing the border, there exists the same racist attitude towards blacks and people of Mexican or Latin descent who work in these agencies. They are denied opportunities for advancement and are not treated equally.

It is for these reasons that we must follow through with a congressional investigation into this matter. The situation is intolerable and must be alleviated.

For further information call Alberto R. Garcia
428-2565 - 2742 or Herman Baca, 477-3800.



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The purpose for the trip and meeting with Mr. Castillo is to express our organizations' concerns on the immigration issue on behalf of the Chicano Community and to communicate to him the impact and effects that the issue is having on the human, civil and constitutional rights of Chicano and Latino communities throughout the United States. At the March 31, 1977 meeting we will be presenting Mr. Castillo with the following concerns:

- a. the continual violations and denial of basic civil and constitutional rights of the more than 15 million U.S. citizens and legal residents of Latin ancestry of the United States.
- b. the inflated and distorted statistics and self serving propaganda of the I.N.S.
- c. the emphasis on law enforcement solutions by the I.N.S. at the expense of providing services and implementation of the administrative documentation process of reuniting families and other persons who are eligible to legally immigrate.
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- g. the attempt to infringe on the Chicano sacred right to register and vote because of I.N.S. statements which have been given credence by irresponsible public officials.
- h. the proposed racist and discriminatory laws (Podino Bill, Bracero Program, Dixon-Arnet Bill, etc.) which will affect affirmative action programs, civil rights compliance laws, and discriminate against the employment opportunities of Spanish-Speaking citizens and legal residents.
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In concluding, it is our organizations' hope that, in keeping with President Carter's current concern over "human rights," and the late President Kennedy's concern that our country's Immigration Policy should be "generous, fair and flexible, in order that America can turn to the world with clean hands and a clear conscience," that the meeting with Mr. Castillo will be productive and signal the end of General Chapman's current xenophobia campaign and will be the beginning of a new approach to the Immigration issue based on the code of human and constitutional law.



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On behalf of the organizations, COMMITTEE ON CHICANO RIGHTS, Chairperson Herman Baca, CHICANO FEDERATION, Director Jesse Ramirez, CHICANO DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION, President Roberto Pacheco, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY MECHA, Chairperson Juan Cruz, THE @ .I. FORUM President Jesse Beltran, SPANISH SPEAKING POLITICAL ASSOCIATION, President Dr. Ralph Ocampo, CASA JUSTICIA, Director Carlos Vazquez, LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, President Roy B. Cazares, UNITED CALIFORNIA MEXICAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, State President, PARK STEERING COMMITTEE, Chairperson Tommi Camarillo, We have called this press conference and picket to protest and express the following concerns on behalf of our communities and the more than (15) fifteen million U.S. Citizen and legal resident aliens of Latin ancestry effected by the undocumented worker issue in the United States to Attorney General Griffin Bell.

- (1) The continual violations and denial of human, civil and constitutional rights of United States Citizens and legal residents of Latin ancestry by government and law enforcement agencies.
- (2) The exclusion of our representatives from today's conference and those which have been held to find solutions and formulate policy on the so called "Illegal Alien" issue.
- (3) The continual emphasis by money-seeking, vested-interest bureaucracies on law enforcement solutions which have been proven unworkable.
- (4) The sensational exaggerated, one sided approach presented to the news media by government agencies.
- (5) The inflated and distorted statistics and self serving propoganda of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- (6) The human degradation and violence at the International Border which has resulted in murder, robberies, assaults and rapes.
- (7) The indiscriminate stoppings, interrogations and search and seizures of U.S. Citizens at the inland check points, the roving check points, Airports, etc.
- (8) The ending of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and J.A. Reyes one (1)million dollar "door to door" program.
- (9) The proposed racist and discriminatory laws (Rodino, Bracero Program, Dixon-Arnett, etc.) which will affect affirmative action programs, civil rights compliance laws, and discriminate against employment opportunities of spanish speaking citizens and legal residents.

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The Chicano Community of San Diego County is deeply disturbed and appalled over President Carters "Military" proposal to seek an increase in the size of the Border Patrol, as a solution to what is basically a "human" problem, to the "undocumented worker" issue.

We deplore the increase of up to 4,000 armed border patrolmen and their deployment to our borders with Mexico, and into Chicano communities throughout the Southwest. This "Militarization" of the border and our communities by the Carter Administration is unparalleled in American history and will offer no solution to the immigration problem, but will in fact aggravate the whole issue.

The apparent willingness and eagerness of the Carter Administration to seek paramilitary solutions to a very pressing human problem, makes a mockery of Carters August 4, 1977 immigration proposal and Mr. Carters human rights campaign abroad. President Carter in seeking simplistic law enforcement solutions will result in the same disastrous effects that Nixon's 1971 "Operation Intercept" had on the economies of border areas and the rights of U.S. Citizens and legal residents of Mexican ancestry in the United States.

We of the Chicano community who are deeply effected by the immigration issue wish to state to President Carter, "that the solutions which he is presenting are totally negative and unacceptable", and we will continue to oppose such simple-minded, short-sighted, and disastrous solutions.

In essence, what President Carter in requesting 4,000 additional border patrolmen is doing is declaring "Martial Law" along the Mexican border and Chicano and Latino communities throughout the United States.

That the announcement should come on the day when Lt. Governor Merv Dymally and Jess Haro and representatives of 18 border cities are speaking at the Border Cities Organization meeting here in San Diego, California, clearly demonstrates the Carter Administration's insensitivity or interest to the solutions which may be proposed by those which are most effected by the problem



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We feel that President Carter's proposal is a feeble shot in the dark, because to date there is no empirical evidence as to the size of the "illegal alien" population, the number of jobs supposedly taken from U.S. citizens and the amount of money spent for deliverance of social services to illegal aliens. In short, the President appears to have been hoodwinked into taking an action that will have far reaching and long lasting detrimental effects not only to this country but to Mexico and to the President's much publicized campaign of "human rights". The proposed pre-1970 "amnesty in our opinion and in actuality is nothing but a "sham" for the following reasons:

- 1.) Existing law already provides that an alien with seven years of continuous residence and equity can petition for permanent resident status.
(INS 8 USC 1254)
- 2.) The Litton study of 1976 (funded by the U.S. Department of Labor), found that very few of the people apprehended by the immigration service had been in the country for longer than two years. Therefore, the so-called amnesty program would apply to only a few small percentage of undocumented workers.
- 3.) The bankrupt INS bureaucracy already has a seven year waiting period, because of its incompetence and racist attitude. There is no reason to believe that the INS can handle the additional workload that this proposal would cause.
- 4.) Because of the foregoing, we feel that the real motive behind the "amnesty" is to entice the undocumented worker to step forward to be identified for later deportation proceedings.

The false promise of the amnesty program is cruel, but the proposed establishment of a temporary resident alien status is even more inhumane. The undocumented worker who entered the U.S. between 1970 and 1976 will be allowed to remain and work, pay taxes, but will not be able to have their immediate relatives join him and after five years will be subject to deportation proceedings.



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This proposal is nothing more than legislated serfdom, an "untouchable class" will be created, thus by law will suffer taxation without representation. In essence a "captive labor force". All social services will be denied the temporary resident alien. This is in complete contradiction to a humane immigration policy that would allow for the reuniting of families. Furthermore, the proposal would be a direct violation of the 14th amendment which provides that every person in the United States will be guaranteed equal protection under the law. In essence the proposal violates those who want to work while rewarding those who dont.

The provisions of supposedly punishing employers through civil penalties for hiring undocumented workers is unrealistic because it is unworkable and unenforceable. Furthermore, it is directed at a identifiable class of people, those of Mexican and Latin ancestry. We agree that employers should be held accountable, but this should be accomplished by the enforcement of minimum wage laws, health and safety codes, labor relations and other provisions under existing laws. In our opinion, it is unworkable because of the built in defense that the employer has been given. The law is unclear and an employer will not be technically capable or held responsible under the law to determine valid immigration documentation.

Regarding the increase of 2,000 Border Patrol Officers, it is obviously the most definite yet the most dangerous segment of the Carter package. This recommendation is a regression by the Carter Administration to General Chapman's "war games". On the surface this may seem as an effort to stem the "tide" of illegal entries, but in reality we view it as an invasion of our community and inevitable will cause an increase of violations of our constitutional and human rights. It is our belief based on reliable sources that plans have already been made for a re-enactment of the massive round up and deportation of the 1950's "operation wetback".

In conclusion, our organization proposes the following alternativessolution:

- 1.) A workable and humane amnesty program, with emphasize on family reunification.
- 2.) National Hearings to formulate a just humane immigration policy.
- 3.) An executive order stopping all deportations until Congress has developed through national hearings a comprehensive realistic immigration policy.



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Nosotros como representantes del Comité Pro-Chicano y la Federación Chicana de San Diego, Calif., declaramos que en nuestra opinion el "Paquete Comprensivo de Ilegales" del presidente Carter es por la mayor parte inhumano, irreal, impractico e incumplible. El presidente Carter por medio de esta accion esta creando un incontrolable "monstruo Frankenstein" en su intento desesperado para responder a la histeria del pueblo que fue creada por el comisionario anterior y ciertos grupos de intereses creados.

Nosotros sentimos que la propuesta del presidente Carter es una tentativa endeble en las tinieblas, porque hasta la fecha no hay evidencia empirica en cuanto al tamaño de la poblacion de "ilegales", el numero de trabajos que supuestamente fueron ocupados por los mismos, y sobre la cantidad de dinero que ha sido gastado para proveer servicios sociales a los "ilegales". En resumen, el Presidente parece haber sido engañado en tomar una accion que causara perjuicios duraderos y de largo alcance no solo a este pais, sino tambien a Mexico y a la muy publicada campana de "derechos humanos" del Presidente Carter. La proposicion "Amnestia" de 1970, en nuestra opinion y en actualidad no es más que una "farsa" por las siguientes razones:

1. La ley existente ya estipula que un "ilegal" con siete años de residencia continua y equidad puede solicitar residencia permanente. (INS-8 USC 1254).
2. El estudio Litton de 1976 (acumulado por el Departamento de Trabajo de E.U.) encontro que muy poca gente de las cuales habian sido aprehendidos por el servicio de inmigración habian estado en el pais por más de dos años. Por lo tanto, el programa de amnestia aplicaria solamente a un porcentaje muy pequeño de los trabajadores ilegales.
3. La Burocracia bancarota del Departamento de Inmigración y Naturalización ya tiene un tiempo de espera de siete años, por su incompetencia y actitud racista. No hay razon para creer que el Depto. de Inmigración podra manejar todo el trabajo adicional que esta propuesta cuasaria.



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4. Por todo esto, nosotros creemos que el verdadero motivo detras de la "amnestia" es para atraer al trabajador indocumentado para que de un paso hacia delante para ser identificado y luego ser deportado.

La promesa falsa del programa de amnestia es cruel, pero la propuesta de establecer residencia temporal para ilegales es aun más inhumana. El trabajador indocumentado que entro a los E.U. entre 1970 y 1976 sera permitido permanecer en este país, trabajar, y pagar impuestos, pero no se le permitira traer con el a su familia mas cercana y despues de cinco años sera sujeto a procedimientos de deportación.

Esta propuesta no es más que una servitud, una "clase intocable" sera creada, y así por ley sufrira imposición de impuestos sin representación. En esencia, una "Fuerza Obrera Prisionera". Todos los servicios sociales seran negados a los ilegales con residencia temporal. Esto es completamente en contradicción a la poliza humana de inmigración que permitira el reunimiento de familias. Además, la proposición sera una violación directa de la enmienda 14 de la Constitución que estipula que toda persona en los E.U. sera garantizada protección igual bajo la ley. En esencia, la propuesta pinalizara a esos que quieren trabajar mientras que recompensa a esos que no quieren.

Las estipulaciones que según castigan a los patrones por medio de multas por emplear a trabajadores indocumentados son irreal porque son impracticables e incumplibles. Además, dichas estipulaciones son dirigidas a una clase de gente identificable, los de antecedentes Mexicanos y Latinos. Chicano Federation y Committee of Chicano Rights estan de acuerdo que los patrones deben ser los responsables, pero esto deber ser logrado por la ejecución de leyes de sueldo minimo, códigos de salud y seguridad, relaciones entre obreros y otras provisiones bajo leyes existentes. Por las defensas que se han incluido para la protección del patron esta ley declara que un patron no sera capaz ni sera responsable bpara determinar documentación valida de inmigración.

Con respecto al aumento de 2,000 oficiales del "Border Patrol", es obviamente el segmento más definitivo y sin embargo el más peligroso del "Paquete de Carter". Esta recomendación es una rigrección por la Administración de Carter a los "juegos de guerra" del comisionario anterior, General Chapman. En la superficie esto parece ser un esfuerzo para atororar la "corriente" de entradas ilegales, pero en realidad nosotros lo vemos como una invasión de nuestras comunidades e inevitablemente causara un aumento de violaciones a nuestros derechos constitucionales y humanos.



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Segun nuestros informes, la administración de este programa resultara en la re-introducción de la "Operación Espaldas Mojadas" de la decada 1950, cuando las autoridades hacian redadas de personas que paracian ser de antecedentes Mexicanos o Latinos sin respetar sus derechos humanos o constitucionales.

En conclusión, nuestras organizaciones proponemos las siguientes soluciones o alternativas:

1. Un programa de amnestía práctico y humano, con énfasis en reunir familias.
2. Audiencias Nacionales para formular una póliza de Inmigración justa y humana.
3. Una orden ejecutiva parando todas deportaciones hasta que el Congreso de los Estados Unidos haya desarrollado una póliza de Inmigración comprensiva y realistica.

Herman Baca, Presidente

Comité Pro-Chicano

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Herman Baca

For Immediate Release

October 20, 1977

SAN DIEGO, CA.....We are here to speak out against the intrusion of extremist, racist, terrorist and vigilante groups into an already tense situation at the United States/ Mexican border, who evidently have tacit approval of the INS/Border Patrol.

"These extremists, racist, vigilante groups have declared their intent to roam the border areas, armed, with the stated purpose of apprehending "Mexican" looking individuals."

We are here to state, today, that Chicano communities, from the U.S., will not tolerate or meekly submit to terrorist harrassments, intimidations, or interruption of their daily lives. Let it be made clear, right now, least any of these individuals have the mistaken idea that Chicanos are going to submit passively; that any action taken by these groups against our people will call forth an immediate response in kind. We shall not tolerate any abuses upon our person, or denial of our human, civil, or constitutional rights, or suffer the arrogance of any self-proclaimed vigilante groups. These are not the 1850's when racists could, with impunity, persecute and commit violence against a defenseless Mexican population.

15 million Latinos in these United States will not sit idly by, while extremists' groups take the law into their own hands. We too, have learned the lessons of Mississippi and Texas.

For the last 7 years, through the Nixon, Ford, and Carter administrations, we have spoken out for the creation of a just, humane and responsible immigration policy. We have repeatedly condemned the militarization of the border.

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Comuníquese con: COMITE SOBRE LOS DERECHOS CHICANOS: Sr. Herman
Baca.

Para Publicación inmediata

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIAAquí estamos para denunciar la intrusión de grupos racistas, terroristas y vigilantes en una situación ya muy tensa en las Fronteras Mexicanas y Estados Unidos, quienes evidentemente tienen la aprobación tácita de la Patrulla Fronteriza INS (Servicio de inmigración).

Estos grupos extremistas, racistas y vigilantes han declarado su intento de vagar ó patrullar armados y extraoficialmente areas de la Frontera con el solo propósito de aprehender individuos de "apariencia Mexicana".

Estamos aquí hoy, para declarar que las comunidades Chicanas de los EE.UU. no tolerarán ni se someterán humildemente a los hostigamientos, intimidaciones ó interrupciones de sus vidas, por los grupos terroristas. Sepan todos y ahora, antes de que estos individuos se formen la creencia de que los Chicanos se someterán pasivamente; que cualquiera acción ejecutada por estos grupos contra nuestra gente, recibirán una respuesta igual y vigorosa. Nosotros no vamos a tolerar ningun abuso contra nuestra persona, ni la privación de nuestros derechos humanos, civiles ó constitucionales, ni sufriremos la arrogancia de cualquiera de estos grupos vigilantes. No estamos

We have decried, repeatedly, the human degradation, brutalities, harrasements, rapings, and killings that have occurred on these borders.

We have repeatedly condemned the use of the local police, border task force, and sheriff deputies, in carrying out INS/Border Patrol functions. These actions have only served to solidify the violent nature of proposed solutions.

Long have we raised our voices against the manipulation of the undocumented alien issue to a point of hysteria by self-serving interests. The total breakdown of reasonable discourse has now occurred. The continued insistence of attempting to resolve the undocumented worker problem through the policies of "Control and Containment," implemented by PARA MILITARY FORCES and DOCTRINES has led to its inevitable conclusion. The breakdown of law and order.

We hold the Carter Administration responsible for its failure to comprehend the problem of Latin Americans in migration except in terms of control or containment. We charge the Carter Administration with failure to produce an effective immigration policy which is just, reasonable, and humane. We hold Lionel Castillo, Commissioner of the INS to blame for the current situation for his failure and inability to control the operations of the INS, the Border Patrol, or its officials in the field.

Finally, we hold accountable, the local police, the politicians and the media, who through their manipulation of a serious issue have contributed to the present hysteria surrounding the undocumented alien issue.

As responsible representatives of the Nation's Latino population, we demand the following:

en la etapa de 1850 cuando los racistas podían con impunidad cometer violencia y persecución contra la indefensa población Mexicana. 15 millones de Latinos en estos Estados Unidos, no serán mirones apacibles mientras los grupos extremistas ejecutan la ley con sus propias manos. Nosotros también hemos aprendido las lecciones de Mississippi y Tejas.

Durante los últimos siete años, a través de las administraciones de Nixon y Ford y actualmente Carter, hemos abogado por la creación de una justa, humana y responsable norma de inmigración. Repetidamente hemos condenado el militarismo en la frontera.

Repetidamente hemos condenado la degradación humana, las brutalidades, hostigamientos, los asaltos y violaciones de las mujeres, y las matanzas que han ocurrido en la frontera. También hemos condenado repetidamente el uso de la policía local, fuerzas fronterizas, y los alguaciles (sheriffs) para ejecutar los deberes de las Patrullas Fronterizas del Servicio de Inmigración (INS). Estos actos solo sirvieron para solidificar la violencia de las propuestas soluciones.

Por mucho tiempo hemos elevado nuestras voces contra la manipulación del problema de los ilegales (inmigrantes sin documentos) hasta el punto de causar la histeria de los intereses y grupos egoistas. El colapso total de las discusiones razonables ya ha ocurrido. La continúa insistencia de tratar de resolver el problema del trabajador ilegal (sin documentación) por medio de "control y refreno" suplementando con fuerzas SEMI-MILITARES y sus doctrinas, han causado la inevitable conclusión.....El colapso de la Ley y Orden.

1. The immediate removal of INS District Director, James O'Keefe and Alan Clayton, Director Support, and of any other official that is responsible for the current situation.
2. An immediate congressional investigation of the whole border situation.
3. An immediate meeting of the Carter Administration with those most affected by the issue.
4. An immediate disavowal from the Carter Administration of the INS implied support of extremist, racist groups.
5. An immediate telegram, incorporating these demands, and bearing the signatures of all the responsible leaders of the State and Nation, will be sent to President Carter.

"The warning is sounded. We can do no more..."

Acusamos a la Administración de Carter de la responsabilidad del fracaso de haber comprendido el problema de la inmigración Latino-Americana excepto en término de control ó refreno. Hacemos responsables a la administración de Carter de haber fracasado en redactar una norma de inmigración que sea justa, razonable y humana.

Culparamos a Lionel Castillo, comisionada de INS (servicio de inmigración) por la situación actual, por su fracaso é ineptitud de controlar las acciones de la Patrulla Fronteriza (Border Patrol) las de INS (Servicio de Inmigración) y otros oficiales en el servicio.

Y finalmente hacemos responsables a la policia local, los politicos, y la publicidad, quienes por sus manipulaciones de este asunto tan serio, han contribuido a esta existente histeria que rodea el asunto de los inmigrantes sin documentación.

Como representantes reponsables de la población Latina de esta Nación, nosotros exigimos lo siguiente:

1. Reponer inmediatamente al Director de Distrito de INS James O' Keefe y Alan Clayton, director ayudante, y cualquier otro oficial responsable, por la situación actual.
2. Una investigación inmediata por el Congreso, sobre la detallada situación en la frontera.
3. Una junta inmediata de la Administración Carter con aquellos más afectados por el asunto.
4. Una inmediata denegación por parte de la Administración Carter, del supuesto apoyo a los grupos extremistas y racistas.
5. El envio inmediato de un telegrama a CARTER incorporando estas demandas, y llevando las firmas de todos los lidere responsables, del

Estado y la Nación.

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For Immediate Press Release:

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National Unification called for by Group to Stop the Carter IMMigration Plan.

San Diego, Ca. The Ad-Hoc Coalition for Human Rights composed of organizations from the Chicano, Black, and other ethnic groups today picketed INS Commissioner Leonel Castillo for the following reasons:

1. To urge Castillo to address himself to the rampant incompetence within the INS and to stop the massive violation of human, and constitutional rights by the Border Patrol.
2. Submit petitions collected since October 16, 1977 (when the KKK was given the red carpet treatment) See enclosed petition.
3. Express our complete dissatisfaction with the Carter Immigration Plan presently before Congress. Specifically we object to:
 - a. The "vietnimization" of the border which calls for more fences, sensors, dogs, and helicopters and a tripling of the border patrol to a total of 6000 personnel.
 - b. The establishment of a false amnesty (for those who entered the U.S. before 1970) and the creation of a semi-slave class status for people who entered the U.S. between January 1, 1970 and December 31, 1976.
 - c. The establishment of a law to fine and penalize employers who

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employ "illegal aliens." This proposal if enacted will in fact increase unemployment in the Chicano/Latino community and will discriminate against any person of Mexican/Latin ancestry seeking employment.

Because of the above concerns and the threat that the Carter Immigration Proposals (which are now before Congress) pose to our communities, we are today announcing our intentions to unify a national campaign to stop the Carter Immigration Proposals. - Ended -



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"We expect the march to end at Larsen Park where a rally will be held. National, state and local leaders will address the marchers at that time," concluded Herman Baca.

The rally is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 1:00 p.m. An area directly in front of the speakers stand has been set aside for the press and television attending the rally.

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SAN DIEGO CA. THE SAN DIEGO ADHOC COALITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE HOLDING A MASSIVE MARCH AND RALLY TOMORROW, SAT. OCT 29 AT 10:00AM.

THE MARCH IS A MASSIVE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE CARTER IMMIGRATION POLICIES WHICH HAVE BROUGHT TURMOIL, FEAR, AND DISORDER ALONG THE BORDER AREAS.

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NATION WIDE CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED TO THE COALITIONS OFFICES. TELEGRAMS, TELEPHONIC CALLS HAVE POURED IN SUPPORT AND IN DISMAY OVER WHAT IS OCCURRING. FROM LT. GOV. MERV DYMALLY TO JULIAN ROBE. FROM CESAR CHAVEZ TO TOM HAYDEN, ALL HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT AND CONCERN.

"AMONG THOSE COMING TO EXPRESS THIS CONCERN ARE: CORKY GONZALES, CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE DENVER COLORADO: BERT CORONA, CHAIRMAN NATIONAL IMMIGRATION COALITION: CESAR CHAVEZ, UFW: COUNCILMAN LEON WILLIAMS: BILL GALLAPDO, STATE CHAIRMAN, LABOR COUNCIL. FR. JUAN HURTADO, REPRESENTING BISHOP KCHAVEZ: TOM HAYDEN, DENNIS BANKS, COUNCILMAN JESS HARO, ABE TAPIA, MAPA PAST STATE PRESIDENT, MARIO CANTU, TEXAS DEPORTATION COMMITTEE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS".

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For Immediate Press Release:

November 21, 1977
Contact H. Baca
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December 22, 1977

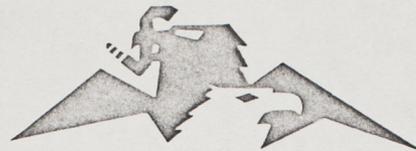
FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

The Sweetwater coalition composed of organizations from the Chicano, Black and Pilipino community (see attachment) today announced that the U.S. Office of Civil Rights Department of Health, Education and Welfare has found the Sweetwater Union High School District (the 3rd largest ethnic enrollment secondary school district in the state of California) guilty of discrimination under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Act states that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, of national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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After a lengthy (3) three hour meeting, Superintendent Denton refused to accept the coalitions complaints on behalf of the community and its findings. Superintendent Denton's response at that time was that there was no discrimination and that as far as he was concerned all things in the District were satisfactory. Due to the failure of Supt. Denton to address himself to the grievance the Office of Civil Rights was called and requested to do an investigation of the community complaints. The subsequent decision (see enclosure A) has since been rendered by OCR.

Efforts by the coalition to bring about "Quality Education" will continue and will be pursued by:

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- (2) Monitoring of compliance in all areas effecting educational and financial priorities as established by the Board of Trustees and the District.
- (3) An investigation of all administrative personal including Supt. Denton and all school principals to ascertain there competence.
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September 15, 1977

Mr. Herman Baca
Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc.
1837 Highland Avenue
National City, California 92050

(When replying, please refer to Control #77-0091.)

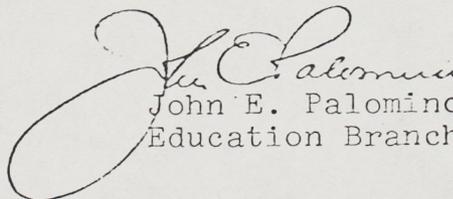
Dear Mr. Baca:

As agreed upon during the meeting held on August 31, 1977, we are forwarding the information you requested from the file of the Sweetwater Union High School District. The enclosures include copies of the Compliance Report HEW OS #53-74 related correspondence, OS/CR 101 and 102's for 1976-1977, and our most recent letter regarding the complaint you have filed.

We have set the date of September 26, 1977 for our return to the school district. Mr. Felix Sandoval will be in communication with you for the purpose of coordinating any meetings during our visit.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,


John E. Palomino
Education Branch Chief

Enclosures



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DEC 16 1977

Dr. Earl W. Denton
Superintendent
Sweetwater Union High School
District
Administration Center
1130 Fifth Avenue
Chula Vista, California 92011

Dear Dr. Denton:

As you know, on October 7, 1977, the Office for Civil Rights completed its on-site review for the purpose of examining questions raised by the District's Compliance Report on Instructional Services for Students Whose Primary or Home Language is Other Than English (HEW #OS 53-74) dated March 26, 1975, and a complaint by a civil rights organization with our office. The complaint alleged that non- or limited-English speaking students attending Sweetwater schools are not afforded an equal opportunity because they are not provided instruction so that they may be proficient in the English language.

As you are aware, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) regulations issued pursuant to that Title (45 C.F.R. 80) prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin by recipients of Federal financial assistance. To further clarify school districts' responsibilities with respect to national origin minority children, HEW on May 25, 1970, issued a policy statement (35 F.R. 11595) stating in part that "where inability to speak and understand the English language excludes national origin minority group children from effective participation in the educational program offered by a school district, the district must take affirmative steps to rectify the language deficiency in order to open its instructional program to the students".

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The United States Supreme Court in the case of Lau v. Nichols, 415 U.S. 563, 94 S. Ct. 786 (1974) expressly upheld HEW's regulations as interpreted by the policy statement referred to above, prohibiting educational practices by which "students who do not understand English are effectively foreclosed from any meaningful education".

We have now completed our analysis of the information provided in the update of the OS 53-74 data provided on September 22, 1977 and on the on-site review of the district's instructional services to national origin minority students.

Our on-site interviews with teachers revealed that the District's formal identification and assessment procedures utilized until the current school year were inadequate. We understand that the new formal identification and assessment procedures are adequate but that the results have not been tabulated. Prior to using the new formal procedure district classroom and administrative personnel through classroom contact informally identified non- or limited-English speaking students not identified through the old formal procedure. Cognizant of the limited-English language competencies of these children, the District has assigned some of them to bilingual or English As a Second Language (ESL) classes which can meet their unique educational needs. Unfortunately many other such children have not been assigned to these classes. Instead the District has merely assigned them to teachers familiar with their home language. Such teachers report that they are both untrained and unequipped to provide either substantive bilingual instruction in the core subjects or effective ESL instruction. In addition, some of these teachers are not fluent in the home language of the children. Teachers interviewed by the Office for Civil Rights state that they act as no more than tutors to such children. Further they observe that except for the one or two periods that the children spend with them in an academic day the students "languish" in school with no ability to participate or benefit from the District's program of instruction whatsoever.

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We are pleased and aware that the District has recently adopted more sound identification and assessment procedures. We anticipate that this will serve us a first step in putting together an educational plan to meet the needs of all the District's non- or limited-English speaking children. Nevertheless currently the District is failing to provide and prescribe educational services which are adequate to assure that each non- or limited-English speaking student is provided with an instructional program specifically designed to assure them an equal opportunity to participate in the District's instructional program. In light of this fact the District is in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Since your school District has been found to be in non-compliance with Title VI, it is now required to develop specific compliance plans to eliminate discriminatory educational practices, including the effects of past practices. In order to facilitate efforts by this office to secure voluntary compliance with current Title VI requirements concerning national origin minority group students who have a limited, or no understanding of the English language, a Task Force was designated to develop an outline of those educational approaches which would constitute appropriate "affirmative steps" to be taken by a non-complying school district "to open its instructional program" to students foreclosed currently from effective participation therein. That outline has been developed and is formally called, "Task Force Findings Specifying Remedies Available for Eliminating Past Educational Practices Ruled Unlawful Under Lau v. Nichols", hereinafter referred to as the Task Force Findings, a copy of which is enclosed. Voluntary compliance plans which set forth educational strategies consistent with the approaches outlined in the enclosed document and which contain the other elements specified therein, will be accepted by this office. School districts submitting voluntary compliance plans to this office which are not consistent with the outlined approaches or with other required plan elements must demonstrate affirmatively, at the time of submission, that such plans, at a minimum, will be equally effective in ensuring equal educational opportunity. Such plans must also include a Diagnostic/Prescriptive approach and an Evaluation Component as suggested by the Task Force Findings.

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In order to provide technical assistance to those school districts that wish to develop such voluntary compliance plans, the Office of Education has funded General Assistance Centers (Type B), commonly referred to as "Lau Centers". If your school district wishes to obtain technical assistance, you may choose to contact the center in your geographical area at San Diego State University.

The implementing regulations for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended at Section 80.8 (copy enclosed) provides that failure to comply with the Act and its implementing regulations may result in the suspension or termination of, or refusal to grant or to continue federal financial assistance. Therefore, in order to establish and maintain its eligibility for federal financial assistance, the district must submit a plan which meets the requirements of Title VI.

As a first step in preparing such a plan, it will be necessary for the district to reply within 15 days from the date of this letter indicating the district's intent to initiate a course of corrective action which will remedy the non-compliance findings set forth in this letter.

If you have any questions on the matters discussed in this letter, please feel free to call Mr. John Palomino on (415) 556-6006 at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important area of mutual concern.

Sincerely yours,

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Education Branch Chief

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Wilson C. Riles
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. Lloyd Henderson
Director

Sweetwater Coalition

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Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

January 16, 1978

Estimados Amigos,

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Chicano Federation
Newsletter - Feb. 1971

Six years later and still nothing has changed. Once again Chicanos are denouncing the racist attitude of the Sweetwater Union High School District. The district is composed of almost 50% minority population, yet they have done little to assure quality education for our children.

A coalition of minority organizations has joined forces to file a lawsuit against the Sweetwater District. This coalition has charged the district with failure to provide adequate bilingual programs, bilingual teachers and non-compliance with state and federal laws.

The Committee On Chicano Rights, which is spearheading and coordinating this effort, has scheduled a series of 'Carne Asadas' as a means of financing this lawsuit, as well as providing interested community members an opportunity to contribute, in a meaningful way, towards concrete solutions to our common problems. A minimum of \$3,000.00 is needed for the lawsuit.

If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled fundraisers, please send in your tax deductible donation to: Committee On Chicano Rights, c/o Richard Inzunza. If you or your group wish to sponsor a Carne Asada, please contact Richard at 474-8195.

Our children are our future - Education insures their future.

Agradecidamente,

Herman Baca, Chairman

Coalition: C.C.R.; Chi. Federation; S.S.P.A.; C.D.A.; C.C.C.; Pinto Union; Casa Justicia; Image; N.I.A.; Bk. Federation; Lulac; C.P.S.C.; V.N.H.P.; G.I. Forum; Puedo Comite; AMAE, South Bay; AMAE, S.D.; Padres Unidos; U.C.M.A.A.; K.D.P., S.D.; No.C. Fed.; MEChA Central; U.C.S.D. MEChA; Mesa MEChA; State MEChA; Palomar MEChA.
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Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

Date: March 2, 1978

To:

From: The Committee On Chicano Rights.

Re: Senate hearings on Immigration.

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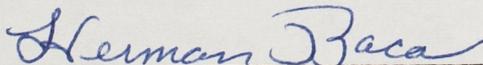
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Please make checks payable to Committee On Chicano Rights and mail c/o Richard Inzunza. Mil gracias.

Agradecidamente,



Herman Baca, Chairman



Richard Inzunza, Director of Fundraising



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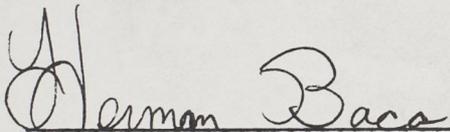
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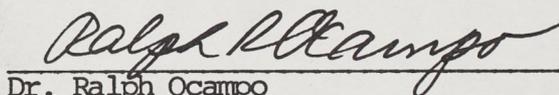
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The following long-time friends of the C.C.R. also urge your support.



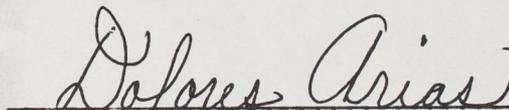
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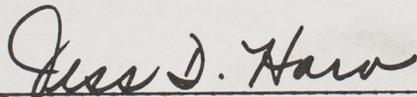
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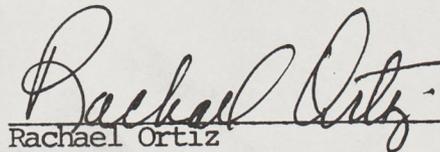
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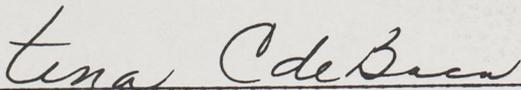
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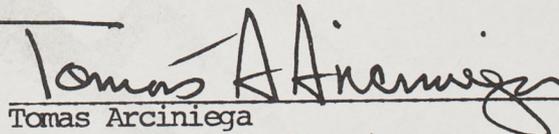
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FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

Denver, Colorado

March 18, 1978

Herman Baca, Chairman of the San Diego, California-based Committee On Chicano Rights (CCR), announced that the National Chicano Conference in Denver, Colorado has today endorsed the CCR's national campaign to "Stop Carter's Immigration Plan".

The endorsement coincides with the current U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's national hearings on the President's immigration proposals which are Carter's solution to the so-called "illegal alien" problem. Committee Chairperson, Senator James Eastland has excluded testimony from the Chicano/Latino community.

Baca condemns the Carter Immigration Plan as, "the most dangerous, undemocratic and anti-human rights legislation ever proposed to Congress by the executive branch."

"The endorsement by the Nation Chicano Conference is a clear warning to President Carter that his plan does not have the support of the Chican/Latino community and it will be resisted.

"Senator Eastland must understand that the Chicano community will be heard on this issue." Carter's Immigration Plan proposes 'amnesty', the fining of employers who hire "illegal aliens" and reinforcement of the border.

The CCR opposes the plan on the grounds that: 1) The amnesty is false and will create a South African-type semi-slave status for millions of our people. 2) The fining of employers will result in more unemployment within the Chican/Latino community because employers will simply refuse to hire anyone who appears Mexican. 3) The border reinforcement is a Vietnamization of the Southwest which will result in an escalation of violations of constitutional and human rights of the Chicano/Latino community.



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Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

For Immediate Release

Padre Hidalgo Center

San Diego, Ca.

April 5, 1978

Representatives from San Diego's Chicano, Black and Anglo organizations (see attachment A) united, today in support of the Committee on Chicano Rights (CCR) action to send a delegation to Washington D.C. to STOP CARTER'S IMMIGRATION PLAN!

Herman Baca, head of the CCR delegation announced that his group would join other delegates from immigration organizations throughout the United States (see attachment B) to testify and lobby against Carter's Plan before the House Select Committee on Population, the Hispanic Caucus, the Black Caucus, Senator Alan Cranston and Senator Edward Kennedy among others.

Baca stated that the lobbying effort represents an intensification of the Chicano/Latino community's opposition to the immigration plan.

"This is a national effort to turn the heat up on the Senators and Congressman," Baca declared.

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is that the Chicano/Latino community must and will be heard on this crucial issue if a just, humane and workable immigration policy can be expected from the U.S. Congress, " Baca declared.

While in Washington, Baca plans to establish, with other Chicano/Latino organizations, a national letter writing campaign to urge Sen Kennedy, new chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to hold public hearings on Carter's Immigration Plan. Kennedy will be requested to hold hearings in those states with large Chicano/Latino populations.

Carter's Immigration Plan proposes 'amnesty', the fining of employers who hire "illegal aliens" and reinforcement of the border. The CCR opposes the plan on the grounds that: 1) The amnesty is false and will create a South African-type semi-slave status for millions of our people. 2) The fining of employers will result in more unemployment within the Chicano/Latino community because employers will simply refuse to hire anyone who appears Mexican. 3) The border reinforcement is a Vietnamization of the Southwest which will result in an escalation of violations of constitutional and human rights of Chicano/Latino community.



**DERROTE EL PLAN DE INMIGRACION CARTER
STOP CARTER'S IMMIGRATION PLAN**



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Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

April 1978

For Immediate Release

Santa Barbara, Ca.

Representatives from the San Diego based Committee on Chicano Rights announced today in Santa Barbara that the campaign to Stop President Carters Immigration Plan will be intensified.

Herman Baca the Committee on Chicano Rights' Chairperson, who recently returned from Washington D.C., stated that the Santa Barbara visit represents an intensification of the Chicano/Latino opposition to the President's Immigration Proposals.

Since President Carter proposed his long awated Immigration Plan on August 4, 1977 all major Chicano/Latino organizations from throughout the United States have voiced opposition to the President's plan.

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Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

June 26, '78

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

San Diego, Ca.

Herman Baca, Chairperson of the Committee on Chicano Rights will be testifying before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on Monday June 26, 1978, in the Seville Room of the Little America Westgate Hotel. The hearings are scheduled to begin at 8:30 am and will go all day until 5:30 pm.

The hearings will probe alleged Border Patrol violations of civil and constitutional rights and will focus on three areas: alleged abusive and discriminatory actions by the Border Patrol; local law enforcement cooperation with the Border Patrol in apprehending undocumented aliens; and possible adverse effects of President Carter's Immigration Plan on the civil and constitutional rights of legal residents and U.S. Citizens.

Mr. Baca will be speaking specifically on President Carter's Immigration Plan.

For further information contact the Committee on Chicano Rights at 474-8195.



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For Immediate Press Release

A community meeting in opposition to Carter's Immigration Plan which is coming up for hearing in the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee has been called for by the Committee on Chicano Rights. The March 15, 1978 meeting will feature entertainment, a video-tape of the October 29, 1977 Unity March at the San Ysidro Border, and various local and national speakers from the Chicano, black, and anglo communities.

The purpose of the meeting will be to inform and educate the general public of the current campaign of opposition to the Carter Immigration Plan and to solicit support and endorsements for the upcoming trip to Washington, where we have requested time to testify, sometime in April or May. To expediate matters for the news media, the following is a tentative agenda:

6:00 p.m. - Video-tape

6:45 p.m. - Entertainment and Introductions

7:30 p.m. - Speakers

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 20, 1978

We are here today as heads of organizations, concerned individuals and constituents, to voice our outrage on the matter concerning Councilman Jess Haro.

First we wish to state that we unequivocally support Councilman Haro's position of seeking modification of his 90 day unjust prison sentence and his position of not resigning his city council seat. The people have placed him in that position and only the people can remove him, not U.S. Attorney Michael Walsh, not Federal Judge Leland Nielson, nor the the San Diego City Council.

Secondly the community is extremely angry and mad over the 90 day prison sentence handed down by Federal Judge Leland C. Nielson against Councilman Haro. The sentence is extremely harsh, unjust, loaded with racist overtones, and represents to us once again, a dual standard of justice. It is extremely difficult for the community to understand why a ten year (1969-73) legal problem which occurred before his 1975 appointment to the city council and a legal matter which 2 previous U.S. Attorneys had declined any action on (citing that the case was essentially a civil matter involving a small amount of Custom goods), and the fact that Councilman Haro and the U.S. Customs had agreed to resolve

the matter administratively by the paying of a fine, simply does not warrant this type of sentence. We cannot believe that the prosecution nor the sentencing was a judicial matter. It is our community's belief that the prosecution by Michael Walsh and the sentence by Judge Nielson of Councilman Haro was 95% political and 5% judicial.

We believe that it was 95% political because of the following reasons:

1. It appears to be a political and racial inquisition to get Councilman Haro out of his City Council seat.
2. It is our belief that U.S. Attorney Michael Walsh's prosecution of Councilman Jess Haro raises some serious questions about his competency (after 2 U.S. Attorneys had refused to prosecute) and his political motives. It is well known to all that the U.S. Attorney is out to make a name for himself and that he has political aspirations. Furthermore it is also our understanding that the U.S. Attorney was extremely angry over the fact that Councilman Haro had refused to endorse him. It is also ironic that U.S. Attorney Walsh's vigorous pious persecution of Councilman Haro directly contradicts the fact that Mr. Walsh was at one time one of C. Arnold Smith's premiere defense attorneys.
3. It is also our belief that Judge Nielson's 90 day prison sentence was not done in the interest of justice but rather was politically motivated in order that the "dirty job" of removing Councilman Haro would not have to be done by the politicians but rather by the judicial system in order that it would be legally sanctified.
4. It is also well known to all that Councilman Haro was being discussed as the number one challenger to Mayor Pete Wilson and there was an effort by the Republicans to get him out of the way.



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FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

October 10, 1978

We have called this press conference today to stat the following positions on the appointment of Mrs. Lucy Killea to the 8th Councilmatic District position.

- 1) The appointment of Mrs. Killea by Mayor Pete Wilson and his rubber stamp City Council proves to our community that there was in fact a "political and legal inquisition" to rob the Chicano Community of the only political representation that it has had in the last 100 years in the City of San Diego.
- 2) The appointment of Mrs. Killea by Mayor Pete Wilson and the San Diego City Council was, in our opinion, a "railroad job" which was engineered by Mayor Pete Wilson and her appointment was a forgone conclusion to our community.
- 3) The appointment of Mrs. Killea by Mayor Pete Wilson and the San Diego City Council was a "political slap" to the face of our community and a decision which could only have been arrived in a "smoke filled backroom."
- 4) The appointment of Mrs. Killea by Mayor Pete Wilson and the San Diego City Council is a discriminatory act against the 100,000 persons of mexican ancestry in the City of San Diego and a denial of our community's legitimate right to political representation.

Because of the above stated reasons and the total disrespect which has been demonstrated by the Mayor and the City Council for our community's feelings, it's input and selection of endorsed candidates, we today are recommending the following course of actions to our community.

- 1) That Mayor Pete Wilson and other council members who participated in the "Saturday massacre" not be forgotten in the next election.
- 2) That we demand a full and immediate disclosure of Mrs. Killea's past association and activities with the Central Intelligence Agency who she served for 8 years .
- 3) That we not legitimize her appointment by boycotting her office until the next election.



Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc

PARA DARSE A CONOCER A LA PRENSA INMEDIATAMENTE
Octubre 10, 1978

Hemos llamado esta Conferencia de Prensa para declarar los siguientes puntos sobre el nombramiento de la Sra. Lucy Killea para el 8vo puesto del Distrito de Consejeros, o sea el Gabildo Municipal de la Ciudad de San Diego.

- 1) El Nombramiento de la Sra. Killea por el Alcalde Pete Wilson y su Concilio prueba a nuestra comunidad que en efecto hubo una "inquisicion politica y legal" para robar a la Comunidad Chicana la unica representacion politica que ha tenido en los ultimos 100 años en la Ciudad de San Diego.
- 2) El nombramiento de la Sra. Killea por el Alcalde Pete Wilson y el Concilio de la Ciudad de San Diego fue, en nuestra opinion, un "hecho previsto" y dirigido por el Alcalde Pete Wilson, hecho de antemano y conocido por nuestra comunidad.
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Por las antes mencionadas razones y por la falta total de respeto que se a demostrado por parte del Alcalde Pete Wilson y el Concilio para el sentir y opinion de nuestra comunidad sobre los endosos de los candidatos se recomiendan las siguientes acciones a nuestra comunidad:

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2. Que demandemos una investigacion de las actividades de la Sra. Killea en la agencia Central de Inteligencia en la que presto sus servicios por 8 años.
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The Citizens of San Diego City Eighth District

RESOLUTION

WHERE AS, the Citizens of the eighth District are presently without a council representative who significantly and symbolically stands to carry out the wishes, desires and actions of merit of said Citizens; and

WHERE AS, the city council of San Diego may and/or has intentions of appointing an individual(s) to serve as representative(s) for the citizens of the eighth District until set date for city council representative (re)elections; and

WHERE AS, numerous organizations chicanas and the community-at-large is presently interested in providing numerous nominees to the city council for possible appointment to the eighth District seat; and

WHERE AS, the Citizens of the eighth District of the city of San Diego voted for its previous representative; and

WHERE AS, the Citizens of the eighth District of the city of San Diego have not been notified and/or advised as to its rights, obligations and/or responsibilities to appoint and/or elect a representative for now or until set date for city council representative (re)elections in 1979; and

WHERE AS, if a representative(s) is appointed to serve the constituents of the eighth District of the city of San Diego may be and/or is unconstitutional in the due process of said appointment;

THEN, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Citizens (constituants) of the Eighth District of the City of San Diego be the ones to so remove and/or vote for the representative to be for said district until set date for elections in the year 1979; only and if said Citizens of the Eighth District so wish, desire and/or take said action.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS it is the purpose of this organization to promote the advancement of the Chicano Democratic community through organizing, advocating and promoting the political interests of the Chicano Democratic community throughout San Diego County, and

WHEREAS, the CDA's purpose includes the support of Chicano Democratic incumbents and/or candidates, and

WHEREAS, JESS HARO, the first Chicano Councilman for the City of San Diego in one hundred years is now in dire need of support in order to retain his Councilmatic seat, and

WHEREAS, the manner in which the various executive and judicial agencies treated Councilman Haro clearly displays the application of a double standard of "justice" to Chicanos and other minorities, and

WHEREAS, it is clear that the present power structure is willing to go to extraordinary lengths to eliminate Chicanos from elected positions of leadership, and

WHEREAS, although we do not condone lawlessness nor wrongdoing by any citizen, we are no longer willing to stand mute while the various officials of governmental agencies and the courts continue to discriminate against us as a matter of course, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the most equitable resolution to the question of Councilman Haro's retaining his seat on the City Council is to ask the electorate, which elected him, to determine his qualifications to remain in office,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CDA officially and publicly support Councilman Haro's retention of his present Councilmatic seat.

RESOLVED, that this organization communicate to the Mayor and City Council that we oppose any action on its part to remove Councilman Haro from his eighth Councilmatic seat.

RESOLVED, that this organization communicate to the Mayor and City Council that we believe that the most equitable method for resolving any question concerning the continuance in office of Councilman Haro is to ask the appropriate electorate to express its judgment on the matter.

RESOLVED, that this organization communicate the above resolutions to the Democratic Central Committee and other appropriate Democratic Clubs and Associations.

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INDA, VICENTE MENDOZA,)

Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES AND)
COLLEGES, REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY)
OF CALIFORNIA, and DOES I through)
XX, inclusive,)

Defendants.)

NO. 124025

COMPLAINT FOR
DECLARATORY RELIEF

[C.C.P. §1060]

I

Plaintiff ROBERTO SALDANA was born March 14, 1958, and is a citizen of Mexico who has resided continuously in the United States since December of 1971. He maintains no other place of domicile other than Santa Barbara, California. ROBERTO SALDANA and his family have made an application for permanent residency with the American Consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico, and obtained a priority date of April 7, 1976. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the priority date received by the family