



san diego county LA RAZA UNIDA PARTY newsletter

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VICTORY IN SAN JOSE!

On April 23, 1972, at the San Jose Luxury Hyatt House, delegates to the National Chicano Political Caucus overwhelmingly gave their support to the formation of a National Chicano political party...LA RAZA UNIDA PARTY.

This was a result of a resolution sponsored by the midwest Chicano delegates caucus who came very well organized and prepared to give direction and significance to this gathering. These Chicano delegates from such distant states as Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio in dramatic presentations voiced the immediate sentiments of the vast majority of delegates present in opposing the tight rules, the high fees, the plush surroundings and other non-barrio and undemocratic character of the caucus arrangements.

The midwest delegate caucus also voiced the total displeasure of the majority of the delegates with the obvious direction which the leaders of the official host organizations... (M.A.P.A., G.I. Forum, AMAE and L.U.L.A.C.) had programmed for the participants, particularly in keeping the dependency upon the Democratic Party as the Chicano community's main hope in politics. After the overwhelming vote to adopt the resolution supporting the creation of La Raza Unida Party. The Delegates voted for a total restructuring of the conference agenda focusing on the need to establish regional caucus and or-

ganizing committees to ensure a wider-based participation at this caucus...looking towards a continued wide-based national effort to press for Chicano concerns throughout 1972.

Although the leaders of the host organizations (and some paid directors of government and foundation funded projects) remained physically present at the caucus site (the Mediterranean room of the Hyatt House) it was clearly evident to all the vast majority of persons there that the effective control of the caucus conference was in the hands of the delegates who were favoring working through La Raza Unida Party. This majority sentiment and decision was expressed by almost unanimous votes to:

1. Name Bert Corona as chairman of the National Chicano Political Caucus Conference and proceedings.
2. Endorse "La Raza Unida Party" as the vehicle for Chicano political action for the elections of 1972.
3. Approve the resolution of the midwest caucus setting out the platform presented by the "CASA Hermandad" of Los Angeles as the guiding set of principles for this caucus and thereafter.
4. Relocate the remaining work and workshops and sessions of the caucus conference to the barrio in the Alumrock district of San Jose.

The caucus resumed in the barrio and unanimously voted resolutions in the following areas of concern:

A. Support of all actions to bring an immediate end to the war in Vietnam...As Chicanos and focusing on Chicano issues.

B. Support of the Chicana liberation actions to remove all forms of discrimination against our carnalas in all aspects of life.

C. Immigration: Visas for all persons who are in the USA, no more deportations, repeal of the Walter-McCarran Act, and a complete overhaul of the Border Patrol and Immigration Service.

C. Education: Strong emphasis on the electing of Chicanos to school boards, Chicano teachers, administrators, and a greater voice in all bi-lingual education programs, greater E.O.P. grants and subsidies.

D. Farmworkers: Full support of all efforts of the farmworkers to unionize, strike during harvest, and to boycott growers.

E. Politics: Denounced both Democratic and Republican Parties and their candidates as opportunistic and racist towards the true and lasting interest of the Chicano community, build LA RAZA UNIDA PARTY!!

F. Justice: Demand that existing law-enforcement agencies, Police, Sherriffs, prisons and court systems that have placed Chicanos in second-class citizen status be replaced by institutions that are Chicano community controlled.

G. Ricardo Chavez-Ortiz: Full support to the campaign to have the charges dropped against brother Chavez-Ortiz and to view his deed, not as a criminal act

Why La Raza Unida?

La Raza Unida is a political party which gives emphasis to the Chicano. The goals of this party is to bring respect, justice and dignity to the Chicano by way of political representation. One of the major problems facing the Chicano is that there is a lack of political representation and for this the Chicano has suffered much. Statistics show that our people have never been part of this society. By uniting our people, we can be a potential force to deal and resolve many of the problems that confront our communities.

As it stands today, there are approximately three million Chicanos in California. With this population, we should have twelve Assemblymen and six Senators. However in reality, the situation is that we only have two Chicanos in the Assembly. In San Diego, there are roughly 250,000 Chicanos and yet there is no visible political representation that can be of any benefit for our people, which could be one of the reasons why the standard of living of the Chicano has not risen in this city.

Moreover, our Raza is well represented; in the prisons, in Viet Nam, and in the lines of the unemployment department. Percentage wise the Chicano receives less pay and education than other people. To put a stop to these gross injustices, implementation of La Raza Unida Party would be one step to a positive solution. With La Raza Unida we will fend for ourselves and obtain the right to choose what is beneficial for our people.

Traditionally, the Chicano has been affiliated with the Democratic Party but never have we been truly represented. The Democrats have never preoccupied themselves with the Chicano, our needs or problems. To see this, all one has to do is analyze the struggle of the Chicano and the way we have been kept out of this society. If the Democrats have not bothered to address themselves to these problems in 123 years, the time is here for Chicanos to move on these issues ourselves.

Strength is found in unity. We must unite so that our sons and daughters can live a life without the injustices and in-

equities that were prevalent to the advancement of their parents and grandparents.

QUE VIVA LA RAZA!

Presidential Primaries How They Affect Raza Unida

The ability of the Chicano people to survive a barrage of partisan propaganda, has been challenged by the two established political parties, the Democrats and the Republicans. With the June 6th primary elections in sight, much will be said about the weakness of La Raza Unida Party and the wasted vote. The fact that politicians are even beginning to talk about La Raza Unida is indicative of something. That something is the fact that for every La Raza Unida registered voter, the established parties lose a sure vote that in the past and presently is being taken for granted and exploited to its fullest extent.

A growing awareness, indeed-- a measure of true political maturity is the position of La Raza Unida Party that the very concept of the primary election has become an exercise in futility.

A close and cold analysis of the primary election, will show that it has become a time wasting, expensive, and a luxury that the voting public finds increasingly less desirous of financing.

The primary elections, with the coming of television, has become in recent years a promotional popularity contest with the best packaged candidate usually winning the election.

When was the last time that the candidates' true positions on specific issues were fully aired? When were fresh new ideas presented for public discussion?

La Raza Unida Party will not validate an invalid process by participating in it. La Raza will move to find new alternatives to an outmoded system by becoming a partido of our familias, of our barrios, and of our interests as an oppressed national minority in the U.S.A.

Ringer Causes Chicano Defeat

A split vote in the Chicano community is blamed for the defeat of Louie Natividad who was a candidate for city councilman in the April 11th elections held in National City. His downfall came when a Spanish surnamed ringer managed to draw enough votes to a mere 300 to prevent a Natividad victory. Needing only seventy eight votes to triumph, in what some citizens would call one of the cities closest running elections in its history, workers to elect Natividad expressed their regrets in the results, but at the same time optimism in working harder in future elections. It was felt along with many Natividad supporters (an excellent cross section of the total community) that success came short mainly because of the ringer put into the race by outside vested interests.

However, not all was lost, the experience and personal development were worth the labor put into this campaign. Our workers walked the entire city and registered more people than any of the other candidates by far, and in the process numerous citizens were politicized and educated to the problems that confront this city and myths about Chicanos.

In conclusion, election day climaxed many difficult months of campaigning and of overcoming obstacles. There were two strikes against us because of our youth, and lack of money, and for this we had to work harder than anyone else. Only with this vigorous attitude could we have carried this uphill fight so far. Observing the election from this point of view, and the good exposure the "Raza" received, the campaign efforts were very successful.



A Historical Perspective

The Chicano In California Politics

The Chicano has long been aware of the racism that exists against him/her in the United States. The systems attitude toward Chicanos has been excluding us from participating in the political arena ever since the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

It is our historical misfortune to be oppressed since the defeat of Mexico in 1848. Since then the Anglo has held the Chicano in contempt and has degraded his cultural values, economic livelihood, and intelligence in light of his "supposed" inferiority. This has led to such problems including harassment with immigration laws, welfare, employment, and poor housing conditions.

The importance of political power can be seen as one instrument to solving the misery that Chicanos and Mejianos face in the United States. The right of every citizen and so called "illegal aliens" to representation in the government must be exercised by our people. One provision in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo states the "right of full citizenship to Mejianos who remained in the U.S. after the war with Mexico." Also guaranteed was easy entry into the U.S. of Mejianos at any time. Due to the dishonest politicians, ever since then these rights have been totally violated and racist attacks on Chicanos and Mejianos have become institutionalized through discriminatory laws.

History shows us that California's first constitutional convention set the pattern for the exclusion of Chicanos from the political process in that none of the conventions 48 delegates was "Mexican".

These same procedures are evident in 1972. We must ask ourselves why we aren't represented in the California legislature. One fact is that during the 1960's so much reapportionment (setting up voting districts for incumbent's advantage) dealt with splitting the Chicano barrios into ineffective minorities in Anglo dominated surroundings. This is designed to keep Chicanos out of a majority of any district to prevent a Chicano from winning office to represent his/her people.

Let us look into specific

figures concerning Chicano representation in California Government. Out of 15,650 elected and appointed officials at Municipal, County, State, and Federal levels in California, only 310 (1.98%) are Chicano. Not one of the top 28 advisors to the governor's staff is Chicano. Of the 4,023 positions in the executive branch of State Government, including boards, commissions and advisory, only 60 (1.5%) are filled by Chicanos. Lastly, only recently two Chicanos were appointed to State Court positions out of a possible 132 positions. The political system, Democrats and Republicans alike, has excluded Chicanos from participation in forming policies. These policies have been used to stunt our growth educationally, denied us economic opportunities, limited our access to California's system of justice and has worked to keep us in our place as second class citizens. What concerns Chicanos at present is that only 3 elected State and Federal level representatives out of 160 are Chicanos. They are U.S. Congressman Edward R. Roybal, 30th District; State Assemblymen Alex Garcia, 40th District; and State Assemblyman Peter J. Chacon, 79th District.

We have seen that California's political process has excluded our people from fair and equal representation in the past as well as the present. This makes it clear that neither Democrats nor Republicans ever intended to meet the needs of our people or to accept us as politically important--except right before election time, only to conveniently forget all Chicanos the day after. Staying with these parties has been merely "Chicano Pressure Politics"... and ignored "Low" Pressure at that.

Now is the time for Chicanos to get together and organize a political power base of our own. The most viable tool to be used in California politics could very well be La Raza Unida Party. This is power politics--power to elect as well as power to defeat--and not just pressure that can easily be and has been in the main, ignored. Also our bargaining power would be increas-

ed as politicians of the other parties would have to reckon with La Raza or face defeat. The time has been long overdue for our voice to be heard in matters concerning our health and well-being in the U.S. We have the majority in many parts of every large city and small town in California and its about time we showed our political brains and muscle to win elections that will produce change in this reactionary and racist system.

The first step in organizing to win political power is to register under La Raza Unida Party and to contribute our time and efforts to the Partido program, along with services such as Immigration help to Mejianos and legal aid to those in need of it. Any contributions from persons or businesses would help set up and maintain the Raza Unida campaign. We ask all Chicanos and other interested persons who are concerned with bettering the conditions we face to actively participate in La Raza Unida Party.

For additional information, please call 477-3800 or visit your office at 1837 Highland Avenue, National City.

Para informacion adicional, llame al telefono 477-3800 o vicite su oficina en 1837 Highland Avenue, National City.

DID YOU KNOW?

Throughout the Southwest as a whole, more than a third of all Mexican American families live in "official" poverty, on incomes of less than \$3,000 per year. A Mexican American is seven times more likely than an Anglo to live in substandard housing. The chance that his baby will be born dead or will die before his first birthday is about twice as great. Mexican Americans, on the average, achieve several fewer years of education than either the Anglo or nonwhite populations of the Southwest. Their unemployment rate is about twice that of Anglos. Of those who employed, the vast majority--almost 80 percent--work at unskilled or low-skilled, low-paying jobs.

AREAS OF CONCERN

La Raza Unida Party is a newly formed community based political group concerned with the unmet needs of Chicanos and other disenfranchised minority groups. As such, the Partido deals with problems that beset Chicanos in California. The following are issues that La Raza Unida Party is mainly concerned with: the two-party system, immigration, drugs, and education. As an alternative to the Democratic and Republican parties, La Raza Unida sees the need to act on the problems that the (common man) Chicano faces in his day-to-day struggle.

(1) DEMOCRATIC PARTY- REPUBLICAN PARTY

As Chicanos we must realize one important reality about both major parties: essentially there is no difference in these parties when it comes to the rights and desires of Chicanos because both view us as an exploitable commodity. We must not be deceived by the fact that these parties feather the nest of a few Chicanos and expect us to think that we are being represented by these puppets of greed. Representation is control and accountability, not a few directorships for accommodationists who forget their origin. The primary reason for creation of El Partido De La Raza Unida is a response to the failure of both major parties to adequately meet the needs of the Chicano community. The two major parties have traditionally disregarded our aspirations. We must understand that gerrymandering is the sole creation of both parties-the Republicans in the 1950's and the Democrats in 1960 and again in 1970-both parties have victimized our people. Historically, the Democrats have purported to represent the Mexicanos, but our position in this country reflects no representation at all, the Republicans make no effort at all, so it only stands to reason that El Partido De La Raza Unida is our only solution.

(2) IMMIGRATION

In order to have a meaningful immigration program we must establish a new realistic policy. This new policy must be established in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Guad-

alupe Hidalgo, and it must provide for an open door immigration policy. There must be an immediate abolishment of the border patrol system, and a new system introduced that is humane and respects the rights of Mexicanos on both sides of the border. Procedures must be adopted that do not blatantly violate the civil rights of people, and that do not subject people to undue harassment because they are Mexicanos. The police, sheriffs and other agencies must end their discrimination against our people, and above all there must be adopted new legislation that completely abolished the McCarran Act and its infamous quotas.

(3) DRUGS

Drugs are a sickness that must be prevented from spreading. Drugs are a detriment to the progress of our people and it deprives the Chicano community of its future leaders. By becoming politically astute we can begin to address ourselves to the fundamental causes of drug abuse (discrimination inadequate education, low economic power) and the other social maladies that allows drug abuse to prevail in our communities

(4) EDUCATION

An alarming number of our young people are dropping out of school. The reason this unfortunate condition exists is that the educational system is not equipped to meet the needs of the Chicano community, because of the inadequate facilities, incompetent teachers and administrator who lack concern for our children. The only realistic solution to this serious crisis is local control of school districts and their officials who govern these institutions.

REMEMBER
JUNE 6
WRITE-IN
BEN MORENO
SUPERVISOR

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but, as an act of protest against the neglect and damage by our society of poor people of all races, colors, and creeds.

In retrospect, the Caucus must be viewed from the perspective that the initial steps to form a National Chicano Political Caucus led to the conclusion and determination that an independent Chicano political party must be formed to establish Chicano political power. This in itself should be interpreted as a significant factor since it clearly points out that the Democratic Party can no longer exploit the Chicano vote the way it has in the past. It also is indicative of the national Chicano political mood and climate that is directing its energies towards organizing the Barrios on a sustained and permanent basis rather than on an

individual issue basis which too often is short-lived. The Caucus Conference proved to be an overwhelming and victorious success for those forces in the Chicano community who are committed to the cause of the poor, the victimized, and the forgotten masses of the Chicano people in this nation. It also sounded a warning and a revelation as to what can happen when those who "pretend to represent the Chicano community" attempt to run roughshod over the wishes and aspirations of those forces who in reality actually do represent the needs of the majority of the Chicano community.



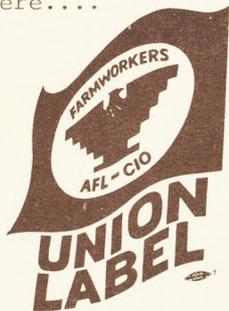
BOYCOTT LETTUCE

La Raza Unida Partido has the interests and needs of Chicanos and other minorities as its main concern. At this time Farmworkers need the help of all persons involved in the Chicano struggle. La Raza Unida firmly supports the boycott of lettuce by the United Farmworkers Union.

The people who pick the food we eat are entitled to the dignity and humane treatment we all expect as human beings. But 50,000 lettuce workers every day work under inhumane conditions. Even though the price of lettuce is often as high as 49¢ a head they get only 1¢ a head for harvesting it. Harvesting is done by stoop labor which causes chronic back injuries to the farm workers. Pesticides are another factor causing them harm. They have appealed to their employers in strikes and negotiations but with no results. Now they are appealing to us.

The lettuce boycott has tremendous power to give our nation's farm workers decent working conditions, a living wage, a medical plan, and some of the benefits enjoyed by most other American working people. The boycott hits large lettuce corporations where it hurts--in the pocketbook!

You can make the boycott work. Please don't buy iceberg head lettuce unless clearly identified by the United Farm Workers black eagle as shown here....



YOU CAN HELP BY:

1. Pledge not to eat or buy head lettuce unless you see the UFW eagle on the box.
2. Tell your friends about the boycott.
3. Circulate leaflets to friends, church, civic, and other groups.

SAN DIEGANS POR LA HUELGA
297-1044 or 276-2035

RICARDO C. ORTIZ

Ricardo Chavez Ortiz who hijacked an airliner from Arizona to Los Angeles on April 13th acted through his own decision was not involved on any conspiracy.

Ricardo Chavez Ortiz has become a symbol to our people.

His act was not one for personal enrichment but for the benefit of poor people and in particular for our poor Mexican children.

He symbolized the frustration of our people in action. He was accurate in his assessment that nobody would pay attention to a poor person, much less a poor Mexican that could not even speak english.

Ricardo spoke of the poor quality of education that our children receive and who can deny this.. In the state of California, the average education level for the Chicano is eight grade; for the black man it is tenth grade and twelfth for the white man. In Los Angeles, more high school kids drop out than actually graduate and of those that remain, over half are in obsolete industrial art tracks. Schools are antiquated and for the most part, faculty personnel, at best conscious of their inadequacies and at worst racist incompetents.

Ricardo spoke of his employment problems and the exploitation of employers.

There is presently a 20% unemployment level among males between the ages of 25-40. This is quite possibly one of the highest rates in the country. The national rate is 7% and that is considered very critical.

Unions are usually not very beneficial to our workers. More often than not, the union hierarchy work in collusion with factory bosses at the expense of the worker.

His act called for the cooperation and unification of Mexicanos, Chicanos, Hispanos or whatever we consider ourselves.

Together, as a united people, we can exert tremendous power.

In the city of Los Angeles, we number close to a million, in the County close to 2 1/2 million, in the State close to 4 1/2 million, and in the country, well over 10 million.

We are not an insignificant minority. We are a nation within a nation. Well organized, our people can be the single most important power sector in this part of the country.

Acknowledgement To A Worker



Monica Delgadillo

For the past eight months our activities in community affairs have been increasing to great degrees. This surge of accomplishments could be attributed to the expansion of our labor force, improvement of techniques and the growing dedication of our volunteers.

In our collective endeavors to correct the wrongs, there is one worker that has excelled her duties to the Chicano community. Miss Monica Delgadillo, through her sincere and devoted efforts to work for her people, was selected by fellow workers as the outstanding worker in organizing efforts. Having the honor of being chosen from a list of over one-hundred workers, we felt that Monica's service to her community should be recognized and given credit in this newsletter.

Besides working for La Raza Unida Party, Monica is a senior at California State University at San Diego, majoring in Spanish, and is also assistant director of the Educational Opportunities Program at the same school. Upon graduation she plans to enter the field of counselor education where she will continue being an asset to La Raza.

"THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM"

By Bert Corona

About two months ago I went to a conference in Bay City, Mich., where I spoke about how they are using the Immigration Service and the new immigration laws to exploit the *mexicano* workers more and more, to fill them with fear so they won't organize or complain or go to the union.

I was invited to speak that afternoon on TV. I was scheduled for six, but the manager of the station said I would instead speak at six-thirty, "because we have to present a professor here who is a friend of the station owner, and he will speak before you." So I said, "fine."

Well, who was that *torito* [little bull] they threw at us? That man stood up there for half an hour and tried to sell to the so-called "Mexican-Americans" the idea that the greatest threat to their well-being is not the capitalist system, not the corporations, not bad wages, not discrimination, not exploitation. No! You know what is? A massive horde conglomerated on the other side of the border like hungry wasps, with their teeth bared, descending upon us good "Mexican-Americans" to take away our jobs, lower our salaries, and create problems for our children with diseases and bad living conditions.

It's not the system, nor the corporations, nor racism, nor discrimination!

The problem is our *carnales* [brothers and sisters], who in their poverty come from Mexico to find work. They are the enemy! I said to myself, *hijo de la gata parda* [son of a brown cat]. What propaganda!

That's what they are going around telling us in Los Angeles. They are trying to divide the Chicano from the *Tijuanero* [someone from Tijuana], the Chicano from those who have papers. To those with papers they say, "You're not like the Chicanos. Don't let them call you that. The name comes from chicanery. It's insulting. Don't use it." But those who really lose out are the people without papers—they really have no rights. They tell them all kinds of lies, and these people are truly anxious for someone to help them.

That is why we have to redefine what is meant by unity. Our unity

must embrace all *nuestros carnales* [our brothers and sisters], because regardless of what is said, the danger does not stem from those who come across the border. They are the ones who have helped create the great riches of this country. There is not a furrow in a vegetable field, not a tree in an orchard, nor a dam, mine, railroad, or road that is not linked with the sweat and blood of *nuestra Raza* who come from the other side. [Applause.]

The people don't cause unemployment. The workers don't steal the jobs. Workers don't cause unemployment or low wages. Workers don't cause bad health and working conditions. Who does? Only the owners of those factories, the owners of those mines, the owners of those fields and modern plants. But they dare to throw the blame on the unfortunate worker and his family who come here to earn their daily bread.

Unfortunately, many times the unions, deceived and taken in because they have a *puesticito* [little job] over there in the government, say the same thing. They support the law advocated by Ted Kennedy and Edmund Muskie that would increase the personnel of *la migra* [the Immigration Service] 10 times—not just on the border, but so they can roam the entire country looking for our people. More personnel so that the wives, husbands, and children of those who are here legally can't come in. Those are the amendments that our supposed "friends"—in the name of protecting the Mexican-American worker—are attempting to enact. They put all the blame on the poor Mexican worker, *when all of us should know that it is the economic system that is to blame for the fact that there aren't enough jobs!* [Applause.]

The masses and the workers are a vibrant force. They buy, eat, live, and use. They are the ones who create the markets. They are not the enemy. Without the working people there would be nothing. What would be left if all the *mexicanos* were to leave the Southwest? How would the economy of the Southwest, or over here where you are, function?

It is very important that we make these points clear—that they are not going to divide us, that they are not going to throw these lies at us and destroy us.

Let us examine the character of the *mexicano* family, of the family of La Raza. In every family there are those who were born here, those from the other side [of the border] with documents, and those here without documents. . . . What are we going to do, deport all our grandparents and their friends who don't have documents? *This was our territory!* [Applause.]

We have to remember that this situation exists because the corporations and the great financial interests—which operate on both sides of the river and the border—have only one norm by which they function: they want greater and greater profits by whatever means. Or as the saying of the militants goes, "By all means possible." They are going to defend their interests and their system of profit. That is why they have designated the role they have for us, and that is why they have tried to feed us the lie that by working inside their political party, the Democratic Party, we are going to obtain political power. We have already seen what that history has been.

I believe we have a great future and great hope with our party, La Raza Unida Party. We are just barely *gateando* [crawling on all fours], but with that little *gateo*, we have made those who travel in jets turn around and say, "Oh, Oh! Here they come already."

Look at the campaign of Raul Ruiz [California 48th State Assembly District] with 3,200 votes. Muskie and all the Democratic presidential candidates went over there to support the candidate of their party, Richard Alatorre. Well, we didn't win. But as they say, *me chingarón pero los jodí* [they screwed me, but I messed them up]. [Applause and laughter.]

We didn't win, but we *did* defeat the puppet, the political opportunist, that the Democratic Party had chosen

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as the best qualified to represent us. They didn't take us into account; we had already held our convention and selected our candidate. There were no possibilities that we were going to elect Ruiz. The intent of that campaign was to destroy the power, at least for that one time, of the Democratic Party. So, we didn't win, but neither did they. That is the lesson we established for always. And there will be more of them.

The possibility exists of forging unity of all our Raza and of not letting ourselves be guided by those who always go around shedding tears that what they are proposing is for our benefit, as both Kennedy and Muskie say, and as those who unfortunately stuck us in California with this Dixon Arnett Law say.

To Be Continued

CASA JUSTICIA OPENS

La pobreza, la miseria, la mala educación, la discriminación y el racismo...todo esto, y mas importante que todo el unica arma para eliminar estas lacras que mellan tan duramente sobre' nuestro empeno y resolucion de no permitir que se nos divida.

La Hermandad del Chicano, del que tiene su visa y de los que no tienen documentos, esta es la unica salida para nuestros problemas. La Hermandad en la lucha por nuestros derechos, La Hermandad forjada en nuestros anhelos mas profundos y nuestras aspiraciones mas altas...esta es la unica solucion.

Los nacidos aqui, los Chicanos, los que vienen del otro lado y que ya son residentes permanentes y los que han venido pero por las dificultades tan grandes todavia no tienen sus visas... todos somos miembros de la misma Raza. Somos miembros de cada familia. Somos trabajadores que sufrimos, que necesitamos mejores sueldos y mas organización para defendernos y para lograr todo lo que merecemos.

En cada familia de nuestro barrio viven los tres tipos de trabajadores, de niños, de mujeres y de ancianos. Nunca, pero nunca debemos dividirnos nosotros mismos y debemos de rechazar todos los esfuerzos para dividirnos por los que no saben o los que sí saben pero se hacen tontos. Unidos como un pueblo trabajador y pobre saldremos de la discriminación y de la oppression.

C.A.S.A. es una hermandad de todos los trabajadores que sufren las tremendas dificultades por la visa y demas problemas de la imigracion...de todos los que sufren explotacion el los trabajos...en las cortes...en las hospitales...con las ventas, con toda la vida que se hace pasar por "El United States" o el "American Way of Life" buscamos la union, la organizacion y la lucha en defensa propia como la unica arma para terminar con nuestra explotacion, nuestra pobreza y nuestra opresion.

Si necesita ayuda con problemas relacionados no deje de comunicarse con C.A.S.A. 1839 Highland Avenue, National City, California, 92050--477-3800 (714).

UNIDOS VENCEREMOS! QUE VIVA LA RAZA! PERO QUE VIVA LA RAZA UNIDA! CHICANOS, LOS QUE TIENEN VISAS Y LOS QUE NO LAS HAN PODIDO OBTENER!

Treasurer's Report

(Oct. 29, 71 to May 2, 72)

For the last seven months, thirty-five committed and dedicated individuals have pledged themselves to donations of \$5.00 and \$10.00. Thanks to the financial aid that these individuals have provided, our task of paying our bills (telephones, stamps, newsletters, etc.), procuring literature, and printing costs, has been met. In our effort to become a political party that will serve our people 365 days a year, we are opening a new office that will provide social services for the total community. This office will be totally controlled and financed by our community. If you wish to help by volunteering your services or by committing yourself to a monthly contribution, please feel free to call the following numbers: 477-3466 & 477-3620.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS-----\$617.24
TOTAL DEPOSIT CHECKING ACCT.-
\$572.24

EXPENDITURES

Phones \$243.22
Printing (labor donated)\$150.00
Postal Service (mailing)\$ 73.00
Bank Service charges \$ 2.35
Funeral flowers \$ 31.50

Total expenditures \$500.07
Balance \$ 72.17

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PETTY CASH FUND	\$ 45.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Postal Service (mailing)	\$ 28.82
*Misc. supplies	\$ 14.52
Total Expenditures Petty Cash	\$43.34
Balance	\$ 1.66
*Note: Item breakdown available upon request from treasurer.	

EDUCATION ?

Mexican American groups, with support from an increasing number of Anglo educators, are pressing for a great variety of changes in the schools. They ask for more research on bilingual, bicultural education, improved and more relevant training for the teachers who will instruct Mexican American students, and development of new teaching materials. They urge the recruitment of more Spanish-speaking teachers, and suggest that certification requirements should be revised. They ask that existing ability tests be reviewed for cultural bias, and that vocational education programs be evaluated and brought up to date. And they insist that the Mexican American parents and community must be more closely involved in the education of the youth. They allege that the "Upward Bound" program for recruiting and helping minority or poor youngsters in college has not been effective in reaching many Mexican Americans and urge much greater scholarship assistance from private foundations.



BEN MORENO WRITE IN CANDIDATE



Dear Citizen,

The South Bay area is in great need of public representatives that understand the problems and tasks of Local Government. We need people who are intimately familiar with the needs and assets of residents in the South Bay District.

Ben Moreno is a native and lifelong resident of this area and has spent considerable time and effort officially and on voluntary basis representing the interests of South Bay residents.

He has demonstrated by his excellent past performance of serving on various community and public service organizations, that he is more than qualified to serve and represent the people as Supervisor of the South Bay District. In his official capacity as Trustee of Southwestern Community College, Moreno has proven that he can and will support the total South Bay Community.

Ben Moreno is a well known, realistic and viable alternative to the unfamiliar, outside professional politicians that are currently seeking the office of 1st District County Supervisor. The total South Bay community can best be served and represented by such an individual as Ben Moreno.

Therefore, we urge you to **WRITE-WRITE-IN** Ben Moreno for the County Board of Supervisors in the 1st District on June 6, 1972.

Sincerely,

The Committee to
Write-In Ben Moreno
Supervisor

Dear Raza Unida Member,

This newsletter has been formulated for the purpose of informing you on the immediate status and progress of our organizing efforts.

This Raza Unida newsletter has been financed and prepared through the efforts of Raza volunteers. It is our intent to solicit enough backing (financial and manpower) to continue this newsletter on a permanent monthly basis.

We hope to provide our readers with relevant, objective and poignant information as it regards our Chicano existence in the Southwest. Our goal is to serve, educate and move our communities to a point of political involvement. The ultimate power of control in any society or institution lies in the realm of politics.

Any input to this newsletter, be it in the form of news, manpower or financial assistance, would be greatly needed and appreciated. We would also appreciate your responses, critical or favorable. Only by knowing your reactions can we determine the direction of this newsletter. Please send your correspondence to: La Raza Unida Headquarters

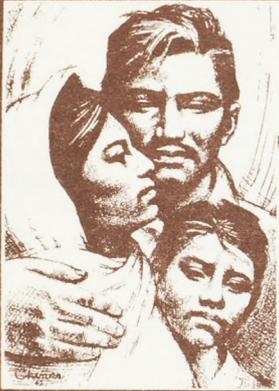
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Border Patrolman Accused Of Rape

A young attractive Mexican National reported to United States authorities that she was kidnapped and raped by a Border Patrol Officer. The victim, Mrs. Martha Lopez, age 26, and the mother of two children, disclosed that on the evening of May 31, 1972 she was abducted and sexually molested by an officer employed by the Border Patrol Department.

According to Mrs. Lopez's sworn affidavit, the events that preceded the alleged crime began when a Chula Vista police officer reported to the Border Patrol that three aliens were at the home of Mrs. Vera DeLeon, who lives at 320 Sandstone Ct. Discovering no documentation on Mrs. Lopez or her two companions, the Patrol Officers transported them to his office in San Ysidro. At the patrol headquarters, Mrs. Lopez was asked by the same Patrol Officer if she was married, in which she answered "yes". He then remarked that she must have many admirers because she was very goodlooking. The rest of the interrogation consisted of general information regarding height, weight, and the number of children. Soon after Mrs. Lopez's friends were questioned, the three were then transported to the International Border where the same officer insisted that Mrs. Lopez's two female companions join the flow of pedestrians traffic going into Mexico. The two women refused to get out of the patrol car, remarking that all

three of them would go or all three of them would stay. Upset by their decision, the Patrol Officer took them on a 15 or 20 minute drive east of the city reaching the high mesa (a remote area near Brown's Field). Then he drove toward the fence that separates the two countries. He again insisted that Mrs. Lopez's companions leave. When they again refused, the accused officer then grabbed his victim and threw her in the front seat of the patrol car and threatened to harm all three if the two female companions did not go.

Now alone, the armed Border Patrol Officer ordered Mrs. Lopez to take off her brassier and panties. When she refused, he then grabbed his flashlight and repeated his order and then added, "I want to see if they are real and also take your panties off, so that I can see if you have concealed money or documents." A long struggle ensued until Mrs. Lopez's strength was exhausted. At this point, her clothing was forcibly removed and she was raped. The Patrol Officer then said, "I hope you do not have any disease," and then commanded her to put on her clothes, get out of the car and go to her country. It was also mentioned in the affidavit that because of the sexual abuse suffered, Mrs. Lopez started to bleed very badly. A medical examination at County University Hospital revealed injury in the vaginal area.

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DISCRIMINATION at POLLS

In the June 6th primary our office received numerous complaints of irregularities and outright violations of the California election code. People of Mexican ancestry especially people registered in El Partido de la Raza Unida were misinformed, harassed and some were denied the right to vote. These allegations only serve to point out the inherent failure of the Registrar of Voters office to properly serve a large portion of its tax paying citizens (the Spanish speaking Chicano community). The Chicano community comprises 15% to 17% of this county's population, yet if one examines the make-up of an institution which is supposed to serve the total community we find the following 1,586 precincts: each precinct has 4 workers consisting of (1) Inspector (1) Judge and (2) Clerks.

Overall there are 6,344 workers and only 96 of these are of Spanish surnames and 9 of them are Inspectors, 26 are Judges and the remaining 61 are Clerks. Last employees count as of July 29, 1971 County Registrar of Voters Department totaled 80 of which none are Mexican-American. With this type of inherent inequalities how can there possibly be a fair election? Some of the allegations were as follows:

1. One individual was told that non-partisans could not write in candidates.
2. People were denied pencils for the write-in election.
3. People were told there were no pencils for written election.
4. People were told to go home and return with their sample ballot as proof of being registered.
5. People were questioned on their ability to speak English.
6. People were denied the right to vote because of party affiliation.

The Chicano community is demanding an immediate investigation into these serious allegations. Discrimination in hiring racist attitudes. Our right to vote cannot, shall not, and will not be denied. The Chicanos will no longer tolerate these abuses.

EDUCATION ?

Recently an incident at Madison High School occurred that is so regrettably tragic that you must be made aware of it and the intolerant inhumanity and cultural insensitivity that has been exposed by a teacher there. The incident involved a young Chicano student and his U.S. History teacher Mr. Roger Coolidge.

The student (name withheld) was the unfortunate victim of polio as a child and has been left with a permanent limp when he walks today. His teacher, Mr. Coolidge, sent the boy's mother a student progress report complaining of her son's failure to have taken five quizzes that were given that quarter and that he would receive an "F" grade in his class. Not satisfied with that Mr. Coolidge took it upon himself to make a few of his own personal interjections irregardless of the feelings of the parents and child. In his report Mr. Coolidge states that the student's attitude is "manana" and further that, and I quote, "I guess we have here a typical example of Chicano non-acculturation made even worse by his bad legs." To further expose the gross cruelty of this man's character he ends his report with this line, "He kind of reminds me of some sort of wounded bird."

This is not a single isolated incident, there are many "Mr. Coolidge's" in our educational system that perpetrate this unforgiveable, dehumanizing attitude. We cannot and should not tolerate this type of mentality in our schools. It should also be noted that the school counselor's name had also endorsed this report. Certainly this incident speaks vividly of the need for more qualified teachers and counselors in our schools.

As of this writing, few letters of dissent have been sent to Mr. Coolidge or his superiors. The school's response has thus far been a token gesture to develop (sometime in the future) a sensitivity course for that school's teachers. Is that really enough? Think about it....

NEW CHICANO DIRECTOR



Running on the platform of unifying all the elements in the Chicano community, Louie Natividad, grocery store manager and former candidate for National City council was unanimously elected Executive Director of the Chicano Federation of San Diego County, by the 48 delegate organizations who serve as the direction giving body in all the activities of the Federation. Louie Natividad has a long and impressive list of credits in the area of community involvement that will give him the added expertise with which to deal with the problems of the Chicano community.

The Federation was established to serve as an advocate for the needs of the Chicano community and at the same time serve as a vehicle for the expression of Chicano cultural attributes. Natividad stressed the need for a greater amount of harmonious interaction between various organizations so that a better understanding of objectives could come about thereby strengthening the overall effectiveness of the Chicano Federation. He also stressed the need for developing a viable political force within the Chicano community as a means to solving a vast number of problems that effect our community.

We are certainly pleased with the selection of Mr. Natividad as Director of the Chicano Federation, as it represents the exact feelings of all the workers and organizers in the Raza Unida Party, who have long recognized Louie Natividad as a strong leader in the Chicano community. Congratulations Louie!

DID YOU KNOW?

In Arizona, 11.3% of the Anglo families lived in overcrowded and/or dilapidated housing compared to 43.6% of the Spanish-speaking families;
 In California, the figures were 6.8% of Anglo families, 26.7% of Spanish speaking families;
 In Colorado, 8.5% of Anglo families and 35.3% of the Spanish-speaking families;
 In New Mexico, 10.3% of the Anglo families and 39.6% of the Spanish-speaking families; and
 In Texas, 9.4% of the Anglo families and 46.5% of the Spanish-speaking families.

Please Don't Buy Coors Beer

To help alleviate the high rate of Chicano unemployment in Golden, Colorado, the Coors Boycott committee of that state is asking and appealing for people not to purchase Coors beer. This request came about when the Coors company was found guilty of gross racial discrimination in their hiring and firing practices towards Chicanos in that plant. This ruling was made by the Colorado Commission on Civil Rights regarding Adolph Coors and the Adolph Coors Company on August 25, 1970. According to federal statistics Chicanos represent roughly seven percent of the population in this area, yet the Coors personnel files reveal less than two percent Chicanos are employed in their facilities. This alone constitutes an obvious refusal by the company to respect and adhere to the rulings by the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.

This nation-wide boycott of Coors beer is being spearheaded by Paul Gonzales, who was appointed by the Colorado state chairman of the G.I. Forum. Gonzales is asking people to participate in the boycott for the purpose of bringing attention to these unfair labor practices. It is also known that the Chicano unemployment rate is so high in that region, that according to sources Chicano children are faced with mass malnutrition.



After several community groups in the First Supervisorial District (South Bay) had met with the prospective candidates in the race for County Supervisor, it became very evident that none of the candidates would effect any substantive change in the South Bay Area. This conclusion was of particular importance to the Chicano community because it has long felt that none of the candidates had the willingness or the ability to genuinely deal with the problems that effect the Chicano community. This left us with the need to develop an alternative candidate who would not only meet out needs as a representative of our community, but would also provide the total South Bay Area with adequate representation.

Our choice of selecting a candidate was hindered by the fact that the campaigns were already in full swing and a number of community leaders were already committed to the various candidates, so this made contributions and endorsements a difficult commodity to obtain. We have to attribute most of the support we received to the fact that Ben Moreno, Southwestern College Trustee, and well established public leader, was already well known in the South Bay Area. Ben Moreno had been considered a very strong candidate for either State Senator or Assemblyman but had declined for reasons of health. Although, Mr. Moreno was satisfied to serve his community as a College Trustee, which incidently he has done very well, he admirably responded to the call of interested citizens of the South Bay Area. He chose to launch a write-in campaign, as the alternative of people seeking good government. According to political observers, one write-in vote is equivalent to seven

normally cast votes, so naturally the road to success for Mr. Moreno and his supporters was a difficult one to travel. But do to the fact that Mr. Moreno had a good organizational staff, running his campaign and the Chicano community exerted a fantastic amount of political awareness, Mr. Moreno was able to capture 814 votes. Although the County Registrar of Voters claims that in the First Supervisorial race, 6,000 ballots were invalidated for various reasons, most of those being write-in ballots who either forgot to write-in the name correctly or failed to stamp the ballot or were in some other way discouraged by people working at the various polls. So the outcome of the election has proven conclusively that the voters in the South Bay Area are in fact seeking a more responsive kind of public official who will honestly try to meet their needs. We are very impressed by the showing that Ben Moreno had made in the race for Supervisor and certainly hope that his efforts will be considered as a true example of the thing to come in the future of the Chicano community.

NEW MAPA OFFICERS

The Mexican American Political Association (MAPA) held its elections on Thursday, June 22, 1972, and would like to inform the public on its results. The outcome of the elections are as follows:

PRESIDENT: JIMMY NIETO
1st VICE-PRESIDENT: MONICA DELGADILLO
2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: ALVARO CELAYA
REC. SECRETARY: PAT NATIVIDAD
CORRES. SECRETARY: NORMA MENA
TREASURER: GLORIA JEAN VALDERRAMA
SGT. AT ARMS: DUKIE VALDERRAMA

M.A.P.A. presently consists of forty paid members and would like to invite anyone that is interested in joining this organization to call 477-3620 or attend our next meeting on Thursday, July 6, 1972, at the MAAC Center Meeting Room, 827 "A" Avenue, National City, California.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



The following article is an excerpt taken from a panel discussion of Chicanos and Anglos.

The analysis of this caricature from the viewpoint of a Chicano and that of some Anglos were found to be of different opinions. The former sees this cartoon as dangerous, perverted and ugly, where as the latter perceives it as harmless, innocent and even cute. One of the reasons for this difference in point of view, is that the Chicano takes into account the psychological effects, while the Anglo just seems to look at the image itself.

Secondly, it was found that subconsciously the caricature give a negative image for both the Chicano and Anglo. It was also revealed that in most cases the Anglo would get a feeling of superiority. The Chicano felt that this cartoon denoted the Mexican citizen and those of that decent (the Chicano) as being lazy, shiftless and nonaggressive.

Furthermore, advertisers in this country have learned to use this type of caricature as a means of profiting. They found that by using a superior, inferior technique, they could develop within an Anglo audience a sense of duty to buy whatever was being advertised. This perhaps can best be illustrated by the Camel commercial which supposedly takes place in Mexico. The occupants of a village are shown wondering aimlessly or taking a "Siesta" while a tall, slick and neatly dressed "American" proudly walks through as a conquering hero. As the scene is portrayed, it is obvious which of the characters has captured the popular eye of the audience.

To relieve much of the social tension in this society, it was concluded

that caricatures such as these should not be used because of the negative results it produces. It should be remembered that there is a significant amount of people in the Southwest that view this kind of material as dispicable, derogatory and insulting. It was the general consensus of this panel that people whom are unaware of such negative results from stereotyping should have the common decency to respect the feelings and wishes of others.

DEVOTED TO A CAUSE



norma mena

Devotion can perhaps best be decided as strong affection or ardent love for someone or something. Within this newsletter we the workers for La Raza Unida would like to extend special recognition to Miss Norma Alicia Mena for the enthusiastic work and devotion that she has contributed in the past year.

Norma's official title is secretary of C.A.S.A. Justicia, a newly formed department. Aside from her own responsibilities she always seems to find time to help and direct her fellow workers in the day to day tasks they encounter. She has also been instrumental in registering a large number of the 3,000 La Raza Unida registered people throughout the San Diego area.

After Norma completes her one year volunteer commitment to C.A.S.A., she plans to resume her education at California State University at San Diego. At that time she'll be returning as a junior and will continue majoring in criminal justice to further assist her in building for a better tomorrow.

"THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM"

Con't. from last Issue

Farm Workers Union

The Dixon Arnett Law has caused some very serious damage within our community. We are not only suffering from the fact that they cut welfare by \$200-million in Los Angeles County. . . . We are not only living with the permanent racism of the system, which has always been the scourge of our people. But now, in addition, they have passed this law. And I have to say *camaradas* [comrades, or brothers and sisters], although it hurts me very much to have to say it—but truths cannot be hidden—this Dixon Arnett Law was approved by the Farm Workers, thinking, like the labor movement, that perhaps a law could help them to organize better.

I understand their intention. I understand the frustration of Farm Worker organizers, because I have been a volunteer organizer in Coachella and in other places in California. I know the frustration that exists when you are organizing people, and they are on strike, and then the strike is broken by *esquirolas* [scabs] brought in by the *patrón* from Mexicali, Río Colorado, or from Tecate [in Mexico] by the thousands! And they can bring in thousands every day because of the hunger that exists in those valleys. I understand that frustration, but I think the *camaradas* of UFWOC [United Farm Workers Organizing Committee] made a mistake if they think that they are going to be able to do in politics what the entire labor movement of the AFL-CIO has been unable to do.

The Farm Workers thought that by supporting that law they were going to impede the importation of *esquirolas* for the purpose of breaking strikes. But the legislature doesn't belong to the Farm Workers. The legislature is bought and paid for by the corporations, including the *mexicanos* we have there—those they give money to so that they can run as Republicans or Democrats. They're not from the Raza Unida Party. The legislature voted and approved and *changed* that law, which went in like a bullet and came out like a cannon shell. Instead of only preventing the bringing in of scabs—which we are all in favor of—the law approved by the legislature reads like this: "That every *patrón* can be fined from \$200 to \$500 if he

By Bert Corona

'knowingly' employs 'illegal' workers and upon doing so, adversely affects the employment of workers who are permanent residents here." Look how broad the law is. The state is now intervening in the question of immigration, which is under federal jurisdiction.

So what has been the result? Tens of thousands of *mexicano* workers, born here, with documents or without documents, have been fired under the pretext of the Dixon Arnett Law. Now the *patrón* calls all the *mexicano* workers together and says, "Look, I don't know which one of you is legal or illegal. I want every Mexican worker to show me his birth certificate or his green card."

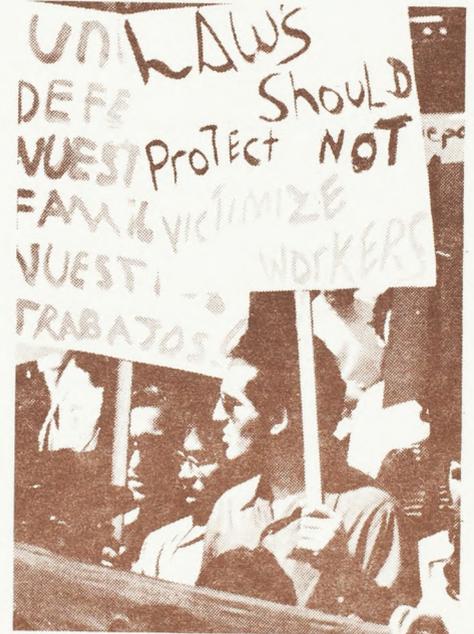
And then what happens to the person who doesn't have one, who was born, say, in Texas? In many of the counties in Texas there are no records. They sank with the hurricanes and who knows what else. I can just hear a *carnal* saying, "I know I was born in Hidalgo County in Texas, but I don't when or where. But I've lived there all my life." Then *how come you don't speak English?* "Well, over there no one speaks English!" [Laughter.]

That's why I wish that the Raza Unida Party would triumph in about four counties down there, because then we could ask them for birth certificates. [Applause.] We could ask the Raza Unida *camaradas*, such as county clerks and city clerks, to make all the Raza we have there in California *naturales* [inhabitants from birth]! [Laughter, shouts, and applause.]

We have to take political power to straighten out all these anomalies, all this exploitation—because the immigration law is part of the system of exploitation. . . .

The *patrones* are now saying to La Raza, "All of you have to prove that you are here legally. Those of you who aren't can bring me \$500, and I'll put it in a fund so that in case I get fined you can pay it." So our poor Raza has to sell *la tierrita* [little plot of land] to pay \$300 to the *coyote* [labor smuggler who arranges to get Mexicans across the border],

\$200 to the employment agency to find a job, and then a \$500 deposit with the *patrón* so he doesn't lose



anything in case they fine him. Did you think that the *patrones* were going to lose? *How are they going to lose when they are the owners of the system?* You can invoke the Ten Commandments against them, but if they're the owners of the system, they are the ones who apply them. And who are they going to apply them against? Against us, naturally. [Applause and laughter.]

To Be Continued



No es saber, saber hacer discursos sutiles vanos; que el saber consiste solo en elegir lo mas sano.

Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz

Summer Registration Drive



La Raza Unida Party of San Diego County will be conducting a summer registration drive to try and register as many members as possible into the party. According to Raza Unida Party organizers, the operation is to continue up through September and is expected to bring the total registration to approximately 5000 members for San Diego and the surrounding areas.

This drive is part of a statewide move to make the Raza Unida Party a reality in California. In other words, before a political party can be officially recognized in this state, it is necessary to register one percent of the total votes cast in the last state wide election. The members of the Raza Unida Central Committee would put this number at 67,000. Organizers within this committee have stated that this figure had already been half accomplished and they were optimistic that recognition would come in the near future. Nevertheless, stated one organizer, "It is imperative for Chicanos who are aware of this registration drive to get the word out to their relatives and friends and urge them to register into this party."

REGISTER!

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Treasurer's Report

May, 1972

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Funds remaining last report	\$ 72.17
Total deposits	\$119.25
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Harbor Blue Print	\$ 11.55
San Diego Gas & Electric	\$ 50.00
Pacific Telephone	\$ 39.09
Cleaning Supplies	\$ 22.00
Total Expenditures	\$122.64
Balance	\$ 68.78

PETTY CASH FUND

Funds remaining last report	\$ 1.66
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
None during May, 1972	\$ 0.00
Balance	\$ 1.66

Our office would like to remind all Raza Unida members and subscribers, that without your contributions we are helpless. Please contribute today by calling 477-3620 or by mailing a check or money order to La Raza Unida Party, 1837 Highland Avenue, National City, CA 92050.

One month has past since this atrocity, yet United States authorities, such as Ed Miller, the District Attorney for San Diego, have not taken any meaningful action so that justice can prevail. The District Attorney of San Diego has been accused of dragging his feet by Chicano leaders representing local, state and national levels who want to know why the suspected patrol officer has not been charged, or at least detained for questioning. They are demanding that the suspected Border Patrol Officer be given the due process under the law. According to Herman Baca, San Diego County Director of the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA), Mr. Miller has been passing the buck and trying to whitewash the incident. Baca stated, "If the suspect would have been a Chicano, he would have been in jail long ago." He continued by saying that, "This travesty of justice only serves to symbolize the immorality, brutality, and all the injustices that are committed against Mexicans and Chicanos daily along the international border by the racist Immigration Department.



Dear Raza Unida Member,

The input received by our office of last months newsletter was positive and well received, according to the information provided to us by Raza Unida members. Any input either positive or negative will greatly help us determine the direction of future Raza Unida newsletters.

If you are a registered Raza Unida member and are not receiving this newsletter by mail, please call our office so that we can put you on our mailing list.

If you wish, you can help our organizing efforts by becoming a registrar, donating your time, or just telling other individuals of what El Partido de La Raza Unida is trying to do to make our communities become a better place for our people and our children.

Sinceremente,

Herman Baca

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County Organizer



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"L.R.U.P." STATE CONVENTION

Accommodating an estimated 500 delegates, the first Raza Unida State convention was held in Los Angeles, California. The meeting which lasted from the first thru the third of July, proved to be a weekend of constructive and fruitful talks.

However, as many healthy conventions go, knowledge of legalistic tactics and convention procedures soon showed to be valuable tools, as many delegates were challenged by the credentials committee and general assembly as to the validity of their representation. Nonetheless as a result of these moves, the delegates from San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties were not allowed to participate in the statewide negotiations. Explaining these actions, a convention organizer stated, "one obvious reason for these misunderstandings was the poor communication between chapters before and during the conference."

Faced with the same situation, the San Diego delegation was seated, but later walked out in support of their Southern counterparts. Addressing the assembly delegates, Herman Baca, chairman of the San Diego delegation, spelled out this act by stating that, "We cannot in good faith stay, while the other representatives of our region are being denied their voting rights."

Nevertheless, immediately following their walkout, the Southern California delegates, including those from San Diego, met outside the convention hall. The object of this gathering was to discuss the possible arrangement of an August meeting, at which time delegates from their perspective area would be chosen to represent them at the Raza Unida Party National Convention in September, at El Paso Texas.

The following is the platform on how the convention felt the Raza Unida Party candidates will run:

- A call for amnesty for all illegal aliens in the United States "as refugees from hunger."
- A call for steps to "insure maximum participation" of women in all La Raza Unida activities.
- A pledge to work against the Dixon-Arnett Act, a controversial law adopted by the last session of the Legislature to penalize the employers of illegal aliens. Chicanos claimed that in practice the law would legalize discrimination against Mexican-Americans.
- A recommendation that all persons residing in the United States become eligible for citizenship after three years, without regard to language requirements.

RAPE CASE IGNORED

Community leaders are accusing District Attorney Ed Miller of avoiding to prosecute a Border Patrolman in an alleged rape. According to the victim, Mrs. Martha Lopez in her sworn affidavit, the incident occurred May 31, 1972, when a Border Patrolman took her and her two companions into custody in Chula Vista and eventually drove them to a remote area near Brown Field where the young mother was sexually molested. A physical examination at County University Hospital revealed injury in the vaginal area.

Records show that this alleged assault happened two months ago and as of yet the Border Patrol officer has not been charged. District Attorney Miller explains the situation by saying that the case has been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for possible violation of civil rights. However, community leaders view Miller's reluctance to act as a "buck passing move". The reason for this accusation is that no one has ever been found guilty of a civil rights violation. Thus, this is seen as a tactic by the District Attorney for ignoring this issue.

Speaking from a historical perspective, Abe Tapia, National Organizer, for the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA), said that the manner in which Mr. Miller has operated is very typical of what he's done in the past. Tapia was making reference to what he called "Miller's dual standard," in which the District Attorney uses two sets of rules; one for "whites" and the other for minorities.

Moreover, it is the consensus of the community that if this alleged assailant had been a Mexican or Non-White, justice would have been accomplished without any hesitation.



PORQUE LA RAZA UNIDA?

La Raza Unida es un partido político que da énfasis al México-Americano. El fin de este partido es para traer respeto, justicia y dignidad al Mexicano que ha sufrido mucho. A como van las estadísticas, nuestra gente nunca ha sido parte de esta sociedad. Si La Raza puede unir, puede ser una fuerza muy potente para poder resolver problemas entre la sociedad.

A como estamos ahorita en California, hay tres millones de Mexicanos. Con este número, debemos de tener doce en la asamblea y seis en el senado. Pero en realidad la situación al presente es que no más hay dos México-Americanos en la asamblea.

Aquí, en nuestra ciudad de San Diego, hay más o menos doscientos cincuenta mil Mexicanos y todavía no se ve representación que sea bueno por "La Gente." Esto puede ser unas de las razones por que no ha subido la base de vivir de los Mexicanos en esta ciudad.

Como una raza, nuestra gente está bien representada; en las prisiones, en Viet-Nam, y en las líneas de falta de empleo. Por porcentaje a los Mexicanos les pagan menos y reciben menos educación que los demás. Para ponerle alto a esta injusticia grossera, el partido, "La Raza Unida", es un paso de razón, porque uniendo "La Gente" nos trae el derecho de mandarnos solos y poder escoger lo que es bueno para nosotros.

Tradicionalmente el Mexicano ha sido del partido Demócrata y no han tomado en cuenta. El partido Demócrata nunca se ha preocupado por el Mexicano o por su punta de vista. Por ejemplo uno no más tiene que ver la vida de los Mexicanos para mirar como han puesto al Mexicano fuera de la sociedad. Si el partido Demócrata no ha procurado hacer nada para arreglar estos problemas en ciento veintitres años, seguramente no va a comenzar ahora.

En la unión se hace la fuerza, tenemos que uniros para que nuestros hijos e hijas pueden vivir una vida sin los problemas que han tenido sus padres y abuelos. "Que viva la Raza!"



SR. Y SRA. ARMANDO ARIAS

Contabilidad es el ingrediente principal para la democracia. Si los tres millones de Chicanos en California han de tener una voz en local, federal, y casos del estado, deben escoger representantes que son sensitivos en su punto de vista. La realidad del Partido de la Raza Unida en nuestro estado reasegurara para el poseedor de la prospectiva oficina para ser responsable con nuestra gente. Si ellos esperan la ayuda de nuestros votos.

Uniendo nuestro votos, nosotros ilustraremos al partido Republicano y Demócrata que nosotros tenemos una fuerza con que estar relacionados. En el pasado, los Demócratas nos han dividido los distritos de la comunidad Mexicana reusados para soportar candidatos Chicanos y no han tenido un interes general para nuestra gente. Son por estas razones que los Chicanos no tienen otra resolucion que comensar a formar el Partido de la Raza Unida.

JUNTA NACIONAL

El Paso, Texas

September 1-2-3-4, 1972

"Chicanos are to be the balance of power in the Presidential Election of 1972. Join us in El Paso over the Labor Day weekend to turn another page in the history of Chicano Power, and the building of Aztlan. We, of the RAZA UNIDA PARTY on November 7, 1972, will elect many local candidates across the country. For President, however, we will endorse the candidate that endorses our people and our program for action. Write me if you want to help us, help all of us. VIVA LA RAZA!"

Jose Angel Gutierrez
1410 W. Zavala
Crystal City, Texas 78839

Registration Drive

Conducting a door to door registration drive, Raza Unida organizers report that their efforts are being well rewarded by a respectable number of people registering into the party. The summer operation has proven very successful as viewed by the number of people spoken to. It was estimated by a Raza Unida Party organizer that one out of every four persons that were contacted joined the Raza Unida Party. This is a gratifying indication that our people are interested in a new alternative in politics.

Thus, as was expected, progress has been good but slow. This is because our organizers (birddogs) must sit down with every prospective member and explain the Raza Unida Party concept to them. After the November election, party organizers will have two full years to develop the party's ideas. With this in mind, organizers are very optimistic of building a viable political force in the coming years to represent our community.

Treasurer's Report

June 1, 1972 thru July 31, 1972

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Funds remaining last report \$ 68.78
Total deposits 751.50

Expenditures:

Post Master 159.00
Pacific Telephone 132.68
Printing 275.00
C.A.S.A. Justicia 225.00
\$791.68

Balance 28.60

PETTY CASH FUND

Funds remaining last report 1.66
Deposits 5.00

Expenditures:

Receipt book .55
String .16
Labels 2.52
Petty cash balance 3.43

Gerrymandering defined

The practice of gerrymandering is an old institution on the American political scene. It is named for Eldridge Gerry, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Gerrymandering is the drawing up of boundaries in senatorial, state, and municipal districts in such a way as to weaken the voting power of the opposition party. Mr. Gerry drew up the boundaries in the city of Boston in such a way as to resemble a salamander (fish), thus the term gerrymandering.

The open gerrymandering is one of the most effective means of disenfranchising minority groups from the political process. One example of this was in the city of Tuskegee, Alabama where the city was drawn in the shape of a 28 sided polygon, with the obvious intention of excluding Blacks of the area. This situation is also very prevalent in the Southwest, particularly with regards to areas that have a high concentration of Chicanos, that could possibly affect the political balance of the area. This practice is usually undertaken with the intention of denying Chicanos access to the political process.

According to the law, most state and city charters require the legislature to periodically reapportion the senatorial, assembly, and council districts in order to provide and insure representation to the population as it shifts from one area to another. Unfortunately this has not been the case. Legislators have either failed to apportion or have malapportioned to the degree that a large segment of the population is denied rightful representation. On a national scale the results of gerrymandering have clearly placed the control of our nations political machinery in the political arena.

At this point, let us examine how gerrymandering has obstructed the political growth of the Chicano community and how a division imposed by

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North County Federation Established

The Chicano Federation of San Diego County, working to establish a branch office throughout the San Diego County area, has finally succeeded in establishing a much needed North County office in Oceanside. It is being directed by Roberto Gutierrez, former EOP Recruiter, for the University of San Diego. His staff will consist of two field representatives and a secretary; their duties will be primarily referral in nature. The North County Federation office has set its priority in the following four areas; housing, economic development, education, and political development.

Roberto Gutierrez and his staff will be administratively accountable to the Executive Director of the Federation, Louie Natividad, who has stated that he will give the North County office enough flexibility to help meet the needs of the North County Chicano Community and yet, at the same time, create a sense of autonomy within that office. We are certainly glad that the Federation has taken steps to provide services to the North County Chicano community and we also applaud the selection of Roberto Gutierrez as Director of the North County Federation office.

Roberto Gutierrez and his staff will also serve as La Raza Unida contacts in the North County area.

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Democratic?

The Democratic Convention is over and as usual no substantial changes have been affected with regards to the Chicano community on a national scale. We did not expect our plight to merit any attention as a campaign platform issue since we do not constitute any serious threat to the Democratic Party in terms of voter registration (hip pocket votes). So naturally the Democratic Party is not forced to respond to our needs. But nonetheless it should be mentioned that we were pleased to see the various state delegations publically demonstrating their support of the UFWOC Lettuce Boycott. We feel these events signify the beginning of an era where Chicanos will develop into viable political forces throughout the varied stages of the political arena.

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others (powers in office) have polarized the various groups in our community. This division has resulted because gerrymandering has left our communities politically impotent with regard to establishing a power base. Some people have mistaken this sense of futility for apathy, but in reality the problem is much graver than apathy. Our real problem is the institutional racism which inspires legislators to gerrymander Chicano communities into political oblivion. For example, East Los Angeles has the highest concentration of Mexicanos outside of Mexico City, yet has no elected representatives at the local, state or national level. The Eastside has unfortunately been gerrymandered to the degree that it is divided among several districts, so naturally the base of power over these areas resides outside of the areas. So in reality, if we believe in the myth about our people being apathetic, we in fact destroy our chances of developing into a viable political force.

We have at this point become aware of certain facts which indicate that if we are going to effect a substantial change on the American political scene, we then must begin to politically demonstrate our Chicano Power.



WORKERS OF THE MONTH

Normally we select individuals as worker of the month for their contributions to the efforts of El Partido De La Raza Unida. But in this edition we decided to use a different approach in recognizing the deserving workers. Too often, married couples who are active in the movement go unrecognized because of their family obligations. So this month we decided to give due recognition to a married couple who have labored diligently to make political development a reality in the Chicano community.

Although Ruben and Olga Castaneda are recent arrivals to San Diego County, they both bring a wealth of organizing skills to our office. Both have done extensive organizing in the East Los Angeles area. The Castaneda's also distinguish themselves by possessing a brand of dedication to their people that is seldom apparent in volunteer workers.

Aside from their organizing duties, the Castaneda's are very involved in the educational matters of the Chicano community. Ruben is presently assigned to Balboa Elementary school under the Teacher Corps program, working primarily with Chicano children, he also serves as the delegate from the National City M.A.P.A. Chapter to the Chicano Federation. Although Olga is deeply involved with her three children she still finds time and energy to devote to her community, particularly regarding the activities at San Diego City College where she is employed by La Raza Consortium, a Chicano oriented supportive services program. Because of her obvious organizing skills, her fellow students elected her co-chairwoman of the Chicano coordinating council at San Diego City College. We certainly welcome the Castaneda's to San Diego.

"THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM"

By Bert Corona

Demonstrations

We have succeeded in forcing certain setbacks to the Dixon Arnett Law. They were going to put it into effect in January, but because of the demonstrations and organization we have created among those without documents, they postponed it until March.

In Los Angeles we have an organization called *La Hermandad General de Trabajadores* [The General Brotherhood of Workers] and 99 percent of the members are workers without documents. In one barrio there, we have more than 8,000 members, of which 5,000 are paid up. They pay dues of \$15 a year each, so we don't need government programs, foundations, or anything of that kind. . . . We have gone before the courts, we have set up picket lines, and last night we marched right down Broadway from Olympia to the Federal Building passing out our leaflets. *Now the people without documents are no longer afraid of la migra!* They are catching on to the idea of mobilizing themselves, of not being paralyzed with fear. We tell them, "The most that they will do is throw you across the border. And in the end, you're not in hell. They speak Spanish there, you can get *tortillas*, and then, you can come back. [Applause and shouts.]

I believe, *hermanos* [brothers and sisters], that this organization is going to be the largest in the Southwest for the following reason. The Department of Labor itself tells us that in what they call the 'labor market' of Los Angeles County and part of Orange County there are 250,000 Mexican *workers* without documents! The Los Angeles School District has more than 100,000 matriculated children who are without documents. Over there in Los Angeles we have half a million of our people without documents, *and one of these days you are going to see a demonstration down Broadway of 100,000. Then, who are they going to deport?* . . .

That fright that if you don't have papers, you can't say anything, is gone. Before, it was "Change your name! Work for whatever the *patrón* offers you! Go and clean the foreman's house on Saturdays and Sundays! Take your wife over to help the fore-

man's wife on Saturdays and Sundays! Pay him kickbacks! Clean his shoes! Wipe his ass!" [Laughter, shouts, and applause.]

The people have opened their eyes. They know that if they are organized, they can defend themselves. *La migra* applies the law in the most brutal and inhuman way. They divide families and cause the most incredible psychological damage to children who have their parents taken away. *La migra* causes social dislocation on a grand scale. They make liars out of the honorable. But at the same time, they are helping us organize to a certain extent.

Cesar Chavez once said, "I give thanks to the *patrones* sometimes because they are so stupid, so brutal, so malicious, that they help us organize the people." So this law is helping us to organize our people—people who are the most exploited and the most vulnerable, people about whom the unions say, "we can't organize them. All the scabs are illegals." Well, they lie, *because half of those in Cesar Chavez' union in California are people without documents.* The majority of many unions, of the laundry workers, of convalescent hospital workers, of workers in the electronics industry, or in the garment industry are made up of workers from Mexico without papers. They are in the unions. . . . *Así que no vengán a hacernos pendejos a nosotros* [so don't try to take us for fools] [Applause]. . . .

Imperialism in Mexico

Today I read in a paper that Mexico is creating half a million new workers annually for whom no work is available. The other day we received a copy of the economic survey of the *Asociación de Bancos de Comercio de México* [Association of Commercial Banks of Mexico], and for the first time these banks analyze the economic situation in Mexico in a complete fashion. One of the most revealing things, although at the same time sad for us, is that the population of Mexico is growing at a tremendous rate, but unemployment is growing at an even faster rate.

In Mexico right now, out of a population of 25 million people who should be working, there are only jobs for

12 million. And you have to include in that figure the 12-year-old children who go around selling chiclets and *chácharas* [cheap items sold on the streets] in the cities along the border. *Twelve million people have to maintain an entire country of 55 million.* What would happen if this country suffered from more than 10 percent unemployment? There'd be a revolution. Already, with more than 6 percent unemployment the U.S. is scandalized. Mexico suffers from 48 or 49 percent unemployment. Why?

I want to quote a report that just came out so you understand who is responsible for all this. *We should never think that it is our own people or our own countries such as Mexico or other countries of Central and South America that are incapable of developing themselves, that they don't know how to provide their people with enough jobs. No.*

Just listen to this current business survey. It says, "Indeed, no other area in the capitalist world brings the U.S. monopolies such profits as Latin America. According to official data, direct U.S. investment in the countries of this region between 1950 and 1967 amounted to \$4.662-billion, while the total profits and dividends received here during the same period from those countries amounted to \$16.079-billion." Four to one! How can Mexico, Panama, Honduras, Guatemala, or the Dominican Republic develop if this country takes out 400 million for every 100 million it invests? . . .

That is what we have to take into account. All of these welfare laws, all of the tricks and obstacles, and the Dixon Arnett immigration law are put into action to guarantee one thing: *that the people to whom they are applied become 'more docile, more exploitable, more unstable, poorer, and more vulnerable.* For what? For the creation of super-profits that the system thinks it has a right to extract from the exploitation of us, other minorities, and the other workers. That is the reality of things, and I think that our Raza Unida Party always has to take into account that reality. We can't be a party that is going to totally accommodate itself with part of the system because they promise us little things. We, as a party, must

New Priest Welcomed



Father Joseph Rossell

After sixteen years of faithful service to our community, Father Joseph Rossell, pastor at St. Anthony's church left one quiet day. As Father Rossell requested, there were no formal or informal departural ceremonies, because as he stated, "I have so many, many friends I could not find the words to say goodbye." This is the way he preferred it, for he loved his people so very much, "a last goodbye would be to painful."

Coming to our community in 1956, Father Rossell, since has had a long series of accomplishments for the betterment of this National City community. Expanding the church and building a large new hall were only a few of the many wonderful deeds he completed while Pastor.

Now retired at 65 and living with his two sisters in Villa Maria Montserrat, Spain, Father Joseph Rossell writes that he had just completed a two months vacation in Barcelona and is expecting to draw social security benefits soon. He also writes that he has almost fully recovered from a stroke of a year ago and prays that he will enjoy many happy years in his native country.

July 20th has marked Father Rossell's 19th year of service and official retirement from the diocese of San Diego and has also turned a new leaf in the history of this particular community.



FATHER ROBERTO OMANA

La Raza Unida members of San Diego County would like to join the parishioners of St. Anthony's Church in formally welcoming Father Roberto Omana as their new priest.

St. Anthony's church, located on the westside of National City, has long been a cohesive element for bringing together the people of that neighborhood and we, along with the people of the area, are sure Father Omana will find his new parish to his liking.

Originally from Vera Cruz, Mexico, Father Omana has spent most of his twenty three years of ecclesiastical service in the United States, where more recently he has come to us from Ontario, California. Father Omana not only brings his vast years of administrative experience to this community, but also his skill as a master printer. He has brought with him an assortment of printing equipment which include an offset printing press, a justewriter, and a wide variety of components to share with the community.

We welcome Father Omana and best of wishes in your new assignment. Please feel free to call on our office for any kind of assistance.

ELECTION TIME



It must be that season again, the major television networks have already televised the first half of that circus called the Democratic Convention. It was primarily the same as past performances with promise after promise for a "better tomorrow" or "vote for me and I'll set you free kind of idea." However, even though the puppeteers were the same, there was a significant change of puppets. By and large, the acts were well played and very convincing. Most of these new puppets came by way of token representation and others merely for self-vested interests, but yet they took their cues and read their lines with precision clockwork. So well were these acts played, that Raza Unida members in the audience caught some of that circus fever and wanted to join in.

Raza Unida members, don't be fooled by these people, they have been using these same old tricks since 1848.

always defend the interests of the great majority of our people, of the poor, of the masses of our people, and struggle for our political independence and self-determination. Then and only then will we be a party worthy of the support of *nuestra Raza*. And then we can really say, *Somos una Raza Unida!* [We are a united people!] *Qué viva la Raza! La Raza Unida!* [Long live our people! Our united people!] [Standing ovation.]

Dear Raza Unida Member,

The input received by our office these last months has been very positive, it represents the kind of direction that give us encouragement to continue our tasks. We are presently using two methods of establishing El Partido De La Raza Unida 1.) Voter Registration Drive, 2.) Contributions (monthly commitments). Unfortunately we must continue to rely on individual contributions as a means of sustaining our efforts, so we certainly hope that all the Raza Unida members will continue to respond as well as they have in the past. If you wish to volunteer your time to help our organizing efforts, or participate in our newsletter please feel free to contact us.

Sinceremente,

Herman Baca

Herman Baca
County Organizer



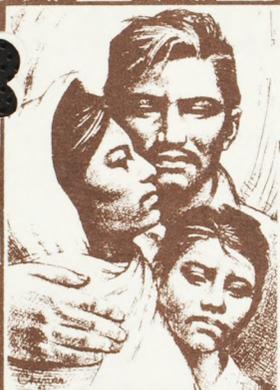
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LA RAZA UNIDA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The first national convention of the La Raza Unida political party will be held in El Paso, Texas, on September 1-4, 1972. The convention, called to formulate national directives and strategies for the new party, promises to draw some three to four thousand delegates from throughout the United States. Guest speakers slated for the four-day convention include New Mexico's Reies Lopez Tijerina, Colorado's Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez, Texas' Bishop Patricio Flores, and Jose Angel Gutierrez, founder of Raza Unida Party.

La Raza Unida party was created in 1970 in the southern Texas town of Crystal City. Previous to that time, although Chicanos made up 85% of the population, few had ever been elected to city or county offices. In the Spring of 1970, Chicanos in Crystal City formed a third political party, La Raza Unida, and conducted an extensive voter registration campaign among Spanish surnamed people. La Raza Unida was able to obtain the vote of the Chicano majority and win 15 of the 16 political offices sought in the April 1970 election. Since that time, Chicanos elected to city and county seats have been able to pass legislation designed to service Chicano community needs.

With the success at Crystal City, the idea of a political party made up and controlled by Spanish speaking

people and designed specifically to answer their needs spread throughout the United States. Since 1970, La Raza Unida has conducted campaigns in Texas, Colorado, Arizona, California, Illinois and Michigan. In many of these campaigns, Raza Unida candidates have been able to attract large numbers of Chicanos who have traditionally voted Democratic. This fact has led many to believe that La Raza Unida will have great influence in deciding the outcome of traditional two-party elections, even in communities where Spanish speaking people are not in the majority.

POLITICAL POWER

The aim of La Raza Unida party is to obtain political power for La Raza, all Spanish surnamed people in the United States. At the national level, Raza Unida believes that past Democratic and Republican administrators have largely overlooked the concerns of the Spanish speaking; and at the local level, that conditions in Chicano, Puerto Rican and Latino barrios have been ignored.

La Raza Unida party holds that only by electing representatives who are committed to servicing the needs of Spanish speaking people will fundamental and lasting changes come about in the social and economic reality of Chicanos, Puerto Ricans and Latinos in this country. The party sees itself
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Senior Citizens



The senior citizens club of the Casa de Salud, a Mexican-American senior citizen organization is proud to announce the beginning of their fifth year in existence as a club. The club initially began its efforts to organize in 1967 as a result of suggestions made by Mexican-American senior citizens in National City, expressing a need for a club or organization in which they could become involved.

The club, presently under the authorization of the National City Recreation Department, has grown to over thirty-five active members. The members attend weekly meetings where activities such as ceramics, painting and needle work are pursued. The club also sponsors monthly field trips to scenic attractions in the San Diego area.

Sra. Rosa Enriquez (flowered dress) seen above with club members, extends a welcome, to all interested persons to contact her at 477-8521 or attend a weekly meeting every Wednesday at 12:00 noon at the Casa de Salud, Fourteenth and Harding in National City.



Treasurer's Report

August 1, 1972 thru August 31, 1972

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Funds remaining last report	\$ 28.60
Total deposits	155.00

Expenditures:

Labels	10.08
Post Master	75.00
Rent	35.00
Printing (partial payment)	<u>50.00</u>
	\$170.08

Balance	13.52
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PETTY CASH FUND

Funds remaining last report	3.43
Deposits	<u>10.00</u>
	13.43

Expenditures:

Receipt books (2)	1.09
Stamps	<u>8.00</u>
	9.04

Balance	4.34
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M.E.C.H.A. Palomar College

M.E.C.H.A. at Palomar College decided to convert theory into action by opening a Barrio Station, August 9, 1972 in San Marcos. "We've been asking for funds from various places for two years to set up a Barrio Station. Finally, we decided to raise the money ourselves. We raised \$1,000 from one dance and about \$2,000 from another," stated Carlos Encinas, Director of the station. This was enough to pay rental on the new center, purchase printing equipment for a newsletter, and other necessary items. The purpose of the Barrio Station is to provide information to Chicanos on welfare, immigration, job opportunities, and referrals.

"There is a definite need for these services in the North County and hopefully, by increased publicity, people will know we are here and will utilize our services." Administrative guidance and assistance is being provided by the Chicano Federation. "Presently the Chicano Federation is not providing financial assistance for our office, although we are seeking funds from other sources, particularly the United Community Services," Encinas stated.

MEXICAN INJURED BY PATROL VEHICLE

Story translated from El Mexicano

Patrolmen Dennis Boux and Joseph Henning from the United States Department of Immigration, intentionally ran over Antolin Gutierrez Morfin, a 32 year old Mexican, when he was trying to enter the United States, illegally with three other companions.

Gutierrez Morfin, originally from the state of Michoacan, was taken to San Diego University Hospital, seventh floor, room number 4, with fractured ribs, an injured spinal column, head contusions, and facial cuts.

This information came from Mr. Albert Garcia, who is a Public Notary at 323 1/2 San Ysidro Blvd., and who was notified of the events by other Mexican patients that were at the University Hospital.

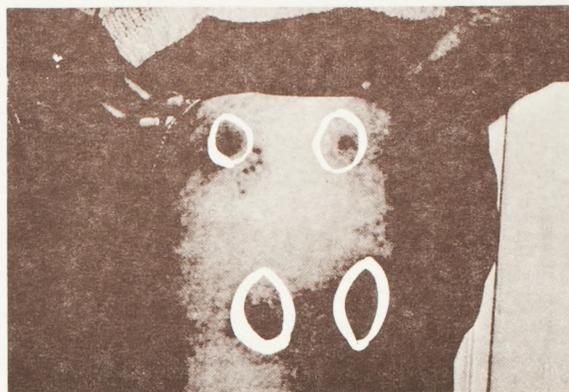
Mr. Garcia pointed out that he immediately interviewed Gutierrez Morfin, who said that on Monday the 20th of November, around 1:30 a.m., he tried to enter the United States together with Jacinto Mejia Vega, 28 years old, from the state of Morelos, Jorge Rodriguez Diaz, 28 years old, from Mexico City, and Rufino Gabino Salcedo, 21 years old from Zacatecas.

He explained that after they had entered, they were seen by the inspectors of the Border Patrol, who followed him on their jeep deliberately running him over until they finally drove him to the ground and when he tried to get up, he again was run over, causing him to suffer severe pain.

Mr. Garcia indicated that two American lawyers have taken charge of the case in defending Gutierrez Morfin, who has two sisters and a brother who are legally residing in the United States.

Mejia Vega, Rodriguez Diaz and Gabino Salcedo, were also detained but were unhurt, thusely they were transported to El Centro, California with the intentions of making them unavailable for any statements concerning the case, so said Mr. Garcia.

SHERIFF'S DOG ATTACKS WOMAN



The upper portion of Mrs. Jarin's leg is shown in the above picture. Dark spots on leg are bruise marks left by the bite of sheriff's dog.

A National City woman reported to community leaders that she was attacked without provocation by a sheriff's dog at her home. Mrs. Josephine Jarin, who lives at 3040 Baker Place, National City, expressed her grievances to those present that she had been bitten by a viciously "trained" police dog. She said "the dog belonged to the sheriff's department and attacked her at a farewell reception being held for her son, who had been inducted into the military service.

The incident, which occurred October 7th is one of many complaints received from citizens about harrassment from dogs used by the law enforcement authorities. Mrs. Jarin, who has been in pain since the attack, stated that her attorney, Thomas Turney, has initiated legal proceedings against the San Diego County Sheriff's Department in her efforts to help draw attention to these continued abuses.

Spokesmen from throughout San Diego County have established an Ad Hoc Committee to deal with this kind of law abuse. One member of the committee and chairman of the G.I. Forum, Richard Resendez, stated that perhaps Mrs. Jarin's son should have stayed here and protected his family....If his family cannot be safe at home, Resendez continues, he has no business going overseas and protecting principles that he and others of his kind cannot enjoy at home. The committee was established because of mounting complaints from members of the Chicano community.

BOXING COMPETITION



In keeping with the guidelines established by the Chicano Federation Athletic Association, the Barrio Station, located in Logan Heights, established a boxing team to compete with other Barrio teams from throughout San Diego County. The Youth are taught the fundamentals of boxing as well as the need for sound physical discipline. In most cases the trainers are either former pro boxers or longtime fight fans.

At the Barrio Station, the trainer, Frankie Portillo makes up for his lack of pro training by instilling in his fighters the desire to be winners, but when you get down to it, that is as good a formula for victory as anybody could want.

In the recent competition held at the San Diego Coliseum, the Barrio Station team made a very impressive showing with some of the tournament winners including Marcus Delaney, Eddie Shields, and Tommy Flores.

We would like to compliment all the people involved in the project, particularly Rachel Ortiz, Rudy Cervantes, Frankie Portillo, and Richard Ortega for the support they have given to the youth of Logan Heights.



FREE BOXING TOURNAMENT DEC. 16th

The National City MAAC Center and the Chicano Federation Athletic Association have scheduled an evening of amateur boxing at the Sweetwater High School Gym on December 16, 1972, at 6:00 p.m. A raffle of several door prizes will be held during the intermission. Several of the amateur fighters competing have scored victories in the previous tournaments so we should be in store for an action-packed evening of boxing.

According to Junior Robles, the National City team is glad to put on the boxing program for the Community as a Christmas offering, but he would also like the community to cooperate with the efforts of the boxing club. He feels that the community can best cooperate by making contributions to the Boxing Club. Contributions are unfortunately a necessary evil if the boxing team wants to continue to exist. We strongly urge all members of the Chicano community to support the boxing program, since for many young Chicanos, boxing can be an alternative to the vicious trail that eventually leads to an unproductive life.

RAZA UNIDA ANALYSIS ✓ PRESIDENTIAL RACE



Now that the Presidential race is part of history, it is to our advantage to assess the impact it had on the Chicano community as it will relate to the future of El Partido de la Raza Unida.

Those Chicano Republicans who were charged with selling the Nixon principles, should consider their efforts at least partially successful since they increased the registration of Chicano Republicans from one iota to three iotas. However, these Chicano Republicans should not seriously expect to collect on campaign promises because they lack the necessary elements to force the Republican Party to live up to its commitment.

The reason the Republican Party will not respond is very simple. Chicano Republicans lack the real political strength to discredit the Republican Party and secondly, Chicanos were not that vital in the total Nixon victory picture. However, we recognize that a few Spanish speaking leaders will receive high level appointments for their efforts, but when you consider that people like Ceasar Romero and Desi Arnaz fall into this category, don't expect too much Chicano input to reach these levels of government.

On the Democratic Party side, Chicanos once again occupied the proverbial last seat when it came down to establishing party priorities. Some Chicanos had hoped that the Democratic Party would place a new importance on the concerns of the Chicano community. This concern was furthered by the role that Ceasar Chavez played in influencing the national platform. But the Democratic Party ran true to form by only concerning themselves with issues that were relevant to the Black community, but we wonder for the sake of the Chicano Democrats who are still believers, when will they realize that they are so meaningless that they are now even excluded when it comes down to dealing with minority issues.

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Duffy has challenged our civil and God-given rights that we are collectively demanding that he retract his order and make a public apology."



D I O S

Los mares en tormenta o en bonanza
Nos revelan, Señor, tu omnipotencia;
Y los astros nos dicen tu alta ciencia,
Y las aves nos cantan tu alabanza.

La tempestad, Señor, es tu venganza;
Tu mirada amorosa, la clemencia;
Tu santuario del justo, la conciencia;
Y tu dulce sonrisa, la esperanza.

No puede el hombre concebir tu alteza,
Y el azul pabellon del firmamento
Un reflejo solo es de tu grandeza.

En todo esta tu poderoso aliento,
Y es un canto a tu amor Naturaleza,
Y un canto a tu saber el Pensamiento.

MAPA STATE CHAIRMAN SPEAKS



The following article is a partial speech delivered at the MAPA Endorsing Convention by State President Armando Rodriquez.

Distinguished guests, fellow mapistas, ladies and gentleman. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you to the MAPA Endorsing Convention for 1972.

We are here with the heavy responsibility of choosing the man we want to back for the presidency of the United States. For some it may be a difficult choice, but it is one we must make....

Since I took office as president of MAPA, I have traveled over most of California and through a good deal of the Southwest. It has been painful for me to see the problems that continue to oppress our people. In the sweatshops of Texas, in the fields of Arizona and California, I have seen the miserable working conditions and know of the substandard wages our people endure.

Our agricultural workers are the last of the nation's labor force without protection of fair laws, as they struggle to win their rightful place. Right now in California we are witness to the well-financed campaign by wealthy growers and big corporationist to pass Proposition 22--the farm labor initiative, a vicious piece of legislation aimed at crippling the rights of farmworkers to organize.

In other areas, I received daily letters and messages from our people in prisons--men and women who find conditions of our penal institutions impossible and who are frustrated in their attempts to fight the dual standards of our judicial system that often have led to their imprisonment.

All around us we witness the plight of people who are unemployed and often unemployable--they can't find jobs because they are not trained, and they had no chance at an equal education. And if they are on welfare, they are made scapegoats by a governor who wants the solid middle class to think the poor are deadbeats, shiftless, no goods who prefer the public dole to honest labor.

And we still have the spectre of discrimination. Not just discrimination based on the color of skin, but that based on fatness of wallet. The working man has few loopholes to jump through, he gets a meager \$750 tax exemption each year, while the wealthy make hay from the tax laws. Our present system is indeed designed to make sure that the rich get richer and the poor continue to struggle...

Discrimination also is clear in the rules of immigration that affect our people in the Western Hemisphere. In California we had a law--the Dixon-Arnet Bill--declared unconstitutional, but it is not dead. A similar act has been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and may become law...

And there is discrimination in the enormous toll of lives our Mexican American community has suffered in the immoral war in Vietnam. What a cruel irony we see in the fact that our young people are last to gain equality of education, are classed as retarded because of prejudicial IQ testing, are ejected as dropouts in a system designed for the Anglo majority, then are shipped off to war to fight for the nation's honor.

Discrimination has its personal face, of course; few of us have not experienced that. Just when we think it's past, up pops its ugly head. To cite a fresh example I am currently running for a county supervisor's post in my county. My opponent, an elderly Anglo who makes few speeches and who campaigns by crony has taken this slogan as his campaign theme: "Vote for a Real American. "He has red-white and blue billboards to emphasize that.

A real American! The fact I was born in the same town means nothing to his kind, apparently; it's having



To Be Continued

Worker of the Month



The political education of Milton (Perico) Rivera did not come about in any classroom. Perico Rivera learned the realities of Chicano politics by participating in campaigns. Milton (Perico) Rivera was born in Corpus Christi, Texas where he lived until his family moved to National City. Perico attended all local schools, upon completing his education he obtained employment at National Steel. Although Perico was relatively new to political activity prior to his involvement in the Natividad campaign, he soon developed into one of the most effective and reliable workers in the campaign.

For the sake of the article we asked Perico Rivera what prompted him to get involved in Chicano politics, he replied that he was concerned for the future of his children so he decided to turn his concerns into constructive action. Pictured above is Perico Rivera and his oldest daughter Yolanda. We applaud the efforts that Perico has demonstrated thus far, and hope he will continue the good work.

VOTE NO!

Proposition 22, the Anti-farm Workers Initiative will appear on your ballot on November 7, 1972. It is an effort by agribusiness to destroy the United Farm Workers.

Register to vote before October 6, 1972 and vote NO on Proposition 22. More detailed information will appear in the next issue of this newsletter.

POVERTY FUNDS SLASHED

On August 17, 1972, the Economic Opportunity Commission, acting under the direction of the Regional O.E.O. office in San Francisco, arbitrarily voted to defund four delegate poverty projects in the San Diego County area, plus reduce the operating budget by 30% of one of the most successful poverty projects in the South Bay area (M.A.A.C. Center), in an attempt to reorder priorities for the county poverty agency.

This apparent move on the part of the county E.O.C. administration had long been expected since the projects in the South Bay area (M.A.A.C., South Bay Neighborhood Corp) have consistently been subjected to gradual decreases in funds every year despite their documental successes.

Several community leaders have openly questioned the logic behind E.O.C. utilizing 90% of 2.1 million dollars allocated to San Diego County for strictly administration costs. One can only reason that if all the monies are spent upstairs then the war on poverty never reached the intended recipients (poor people).

The impact of this drastic cut in poverty funds represents a major setback in the efforts of self-determination by poor people in the South Bay area particularly since many community based organizations have always used the M.A.A.C. center as a catalyst for community activity.

It has been proposed by several knowledgeable poverty workers that most of the administration incompetence (by E.O.C. Central Staff-Executive Board) could be eliminated by doing away with the E.O.C. county office and adopt a method that would provide direct funding to the agencies who in effect service the needs of poor people. From a community standpoint, this move would return the control of these agencies back to people where they always should have been in the first place.

We support the efforts of the poverty agencies because as far as we are concerned, their merits in the community speak for themselves.

as the vehicle for bringing about these needed reforms and giving political power to Spanish speaking people.

STATE CONFERENCES

Local Raza Unida chapters have been conducting statewide conferences in preparation for the September 1-4 national convention. In California, four hundred state delegates met in East Los Angeles the week-end of June 31-July 2 to discuss statewide and national priorities. Similar strategy conferences have been held in other states in recent weeks: Colorado on August 4-5, New Mexico on August 11, and Illinois on August 21 and 22. Other state conferences are planned before the national convention.

ISSUES

Among the issues likely to be discussed at the national convention will be the question of whether or not La Raza Unida party will run candidates in the national presidential campaign, lend its support to declared Republican or Democratic candidates, or whether it will instead focus on local and statewide electioneering. Long-range national policies, national versus statewide autonomy, and coalitions with other groups are additional probable issues.



Dear Raza Unida Member,

As you may have already read, our National Convention is being held September 1st thru 4th and I am very happy to announce that we will be taking ten delegates with us to El Paso, Texas.

I, along with the Raza Unida Party staff and organizers, would like to give our deepest thanks to those contributors who made this trip possible.

Donations of ten (\$10) to fifty (\$50) dollars were received from over sixty people from throughout the San Diego County. These people will be helping to pay for a large portion of our expenses that we will be encountering on our journey.

This convention will not only serve to formulate party rules and regulations that will govern Chicano politics throughout this nation, but will also serve as a means for establishing national communications.

Sincerely,

Herman Baca

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County Organizer



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WE DID IT!

The "impossible dream" of members of La Raza Unida became a reality just two short years after its inception in Crystal City, Texas. Hundreds of enthusiastic Chicanos, from throughout this country, met under one banner for the first National Raza Unida Convention in El Paso, Texas. Taking place on September first through fourth, this historical event, which most people considered unimaginable, became an actuality when an overflowing crowd of over 3,000 Chicanos rallied to the cries of justice and equality.

Meeting in an atmosphere of unity and solidarity, stern faced Chicanos with hopes in their eyes, gathered to discuss common problems and objectives. Claps and shouts in unison to "Chicano Power" and "Viva La Raza" echoed throughout the conference. This togetherness became even more obvious as the convention's 522 voting delegates, representing 16 states, overwhelmingly voted to maintain "complete party independence," and not to endorse a presidential candidate.

"The delegates voted like true Chicanos," stated Jose Angel Gutierrez, founder of La Raza Unida Party. "They voted independently, showing that they were not going to be bought, traded or sold to anyone." Some of the resolutions voted on to the national platform were: ending exploitation of aliens, bilingual-bicult-

ural education for Chicano students, adequate housing and health care, and community control of law enforcement agencies.

Speaking at the four-day meeting were many notable leaders such as Reis Lopez Tijerina of New Mexico, Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales of Colorado, and Jose Angel Gutierrez of Texas, all emphasized unity and brotherhood.

Tijerina, who led a grant reclamation movement in New Mexico, called for unity in blood relationship.

Gonzales reinforced his speech on unity by donating, through Gutierrez, a check to help the Raza Unida Party in its state gubernatorial election campaign in Texas.

Gutierrez said, "In politics, as in a family, we all argue. It has often been told to me that the Raza Unida Convention would result in a fight before it got started." He continued, "It hasn't happened, the enemy is not here but outside." Gutierrez also asked the convention delegates to first learn to know, love and respect one another and not to waste their time on petty quarrels.

National unity was emphasized during deliberation and discussion of issues. Unity also was stressed during Gutierrez' election when he and Gonzalez pledged to maintain a common front regardless of the outcome of the vote.

JOSE ANGEL GUTIERREZ



JOSE ANGEL GUTIERREZ
FOUNDER AND NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
OF LA RAZA UNIDA PARTY

The staff, organizers, and workers of La Raza Unida Party for San Diego County would like to acquaint their constituency with the man who conceptualized La Raza Unida Party: JOSE ANGEL GUTIERREZ.

Gutierrez, 28, a political science graduate of the University of Texas, is from Crystal City, Texas where two years ago he conceived the idea of La Raza Unida Party. He did this in efforts to achieve equal representation for all people. Considered a political strategist, Gutierrez, along with many other experts, strongly feels that Chicanos can be the balance of power in local, state and national elections.

Since 1970, Jose has led his people in a long series of political victories in which Chicanos were elected to various positions such as city councilmen, mayors, supervisors, judgeships, etc. Now at state level, Jose is presently the state coordinator for the campaign for Ramsey Muniz, a candidate for governor of Texas.

During the past Labor Day weekend, Jose was elected the National chairman of the Congreso de Aztlan (the National steering committee for La Raza Unida Party) in El Paso, Texas, where the Raza Unida convention was held.

WELCOME TO RAZA UNIDA

(NOTE: The following letter, after some detours, eventually found its way to Jose Angel Gutierrez office in Crystal City. We print it here as a way of saying, "Welcome to Raza Unida Party.")

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter because I consider myself a Chicano and because I believe in what LA RAZA is doing. I am only 11 years old but I think I can be a part of LA RAZA UNIDA. I know you are the M.A.C.E. (a Chicago organization) but I still wrote this to you so you can send it to the head of LA RAZA UNIDA. I want you to know something that happened to me at school. I talk Spanish so a teacher took me to see the principle. The teacher is a Mexican American but she acts as if she's a gabacha. The principle talked to me and then showed me what I had written on a sheet of paper. It said CHICANO POWER. After he talked to me I went to the room mad at the teacher and principle. This is discrimination against myself and Chicanos. I hope you will write back and tell me if I can be a part of LA RAZA UNIDA.

Sincerely yours,
Rodolfo Garcia
1047 N. Sam Houston
San Benito, Texas

P.S. Friends of mind would like to be part of LA RAZA.



Los "Boinas Cafes" en Catalina

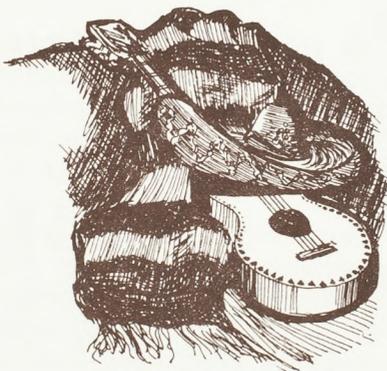
MEXICO, D.F. (EAL)- El canciller mexicano Lic. Emilio O. Rabasa dijo ayer que México no dispone de momento de documentos y pruebas necesarias para hacer una reclamación oficial a los Estados Unidos sobre la territorialidad de las Islas Catalina, frente a las costas de California, en el Océano Pacífico.

Entrevistado respecto al movimiento que emprendieron hace algunos días un grupo de "Chicanos Boinas Café" el Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores enfatizó que los gobiernos anteriores de nuestro País y el presente han estado buscando documentos que pueden probar alguna reclamación a los Estados Unidos, "pero hasta el momento no los tenemos".

Sin embargo no descartó la posibilidad de que en el futuro pudiera encontrarse una fuente que diera apoyo legal para hacer tal reclamación.

"Los boinas Cafés", un grupo de "Chicanos" residentes de California ocuparon hace unos días uno de las islas, asiento de la ciudad de Avalon y enarbolaron la bandera de México, reclamando para nuestro País esas Islas.

Ayer, los "Boinas Cafes" abandonaron la isla siguiendo un ordenamiento del alcalde de Los Angeles, y al retirarse declararon que buscarán una forma mas justa para lograr sus propósitos.



TIJUANA-"Las Islas Catalina sin ninguna discusión son de nuestro país, que continúan indebidamente bajo el tutelaje de los Estados Unidos, quizás por faltar la reclamación formal de parte de nuestro gobierno" dijo a LA VOZ el Lic. Roberto Perez Garcia, quien durante diez años defendió la causa de Tijuana contra Inmuebles Californianos, S.A.

Nuestro informante dijo que efectivamente en el Tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo que fue firmado en 1848 no se menciona para nada las llamadas "Islas del Canal" que se localizan frente a la costa del sur de California a unas millas náuticas de San Pedro y Long Beach.

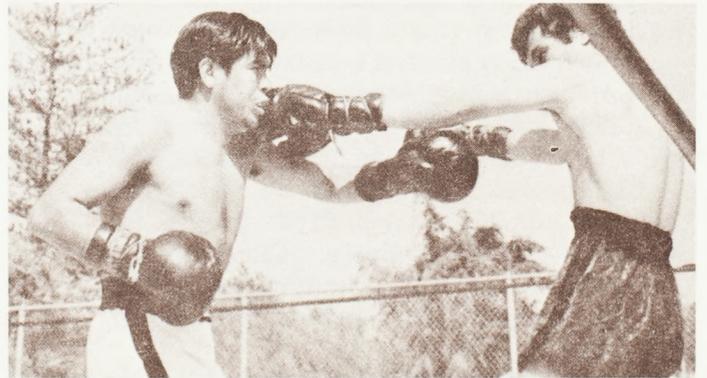
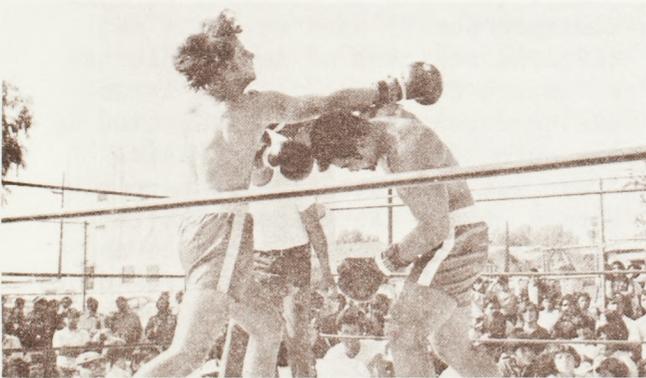
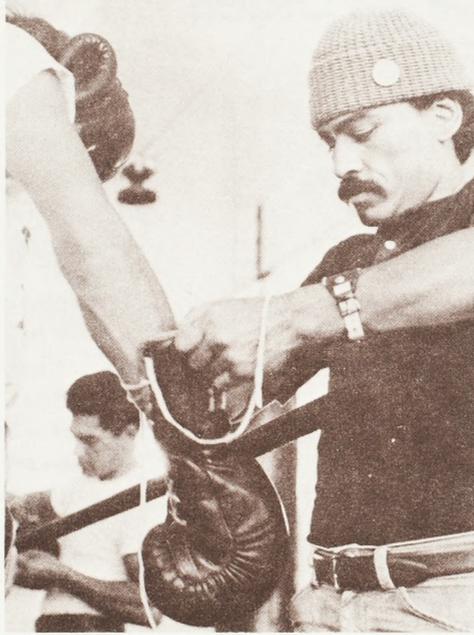
Dijo que hubo un contrato de arrendamiento por 99 años de parte del gobierno mexicano al estadounidense en cuanto a las mencionadas islas que quedaron bajo la jurisdicción de las autoridades del vecino país. "Pero ese contrato feneció hace tres años y por lo tanto las islas recuperaron la soberanía de México aun cuando de hecho no exista esto" dijo.

Agregó nuestro informante que el asunto posiblemente tendrá que seguir los mismos cauces que el problema de "El Chamizal" en que México tuvo que recurrir al Tribunal Internacional de La Haya en donde se le dio la razón sobre el dominio que debía tener sobre ese territorio.

El Lic. Perez Garcia dijo que el asunto es competencia directa de la Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores la cual en su oportunidad habrá de llevar adelante las diligencias del caso para hacer las reclamaciones correspondientes.



PROJECT KO



Project KO, a youth Boxing program located in San Ysidro, recently staged a boxing exhibition during the Fiestas Patrias celebration held at the San Ysidro Civic Center. The crowd received the exhibition with a deep sense of appreciation since most of the San Ysidro residents are familiar with the funding problems that Project KO has encountered since its inception.

Most of the triumphs that Project KO has experienced can be directly traced to the unceasing commitment that Bumpy Parra, Trainer-Project Director, and his staff have made to the project. Unfortunately their valuable contribution have often gone without benefit of pay or adequate recognition. The San Ysidro project is very fortunate to have such a tal-

ented trainer in Bumpy Parra whose boxing credentials include a State Bantamweight championship, recognition as top world boxing Bantamweight prospect and several bouts with top ranked fighters from throughout the world.

It is particularly distressing when you consider that Project KO has trained over 200 young people at the San Ysidro Center, yet no proportionate funding for this project has come about.

We certainly hope that Project KO can continue to serve the youth of San Ysidro in the successful way that it has in the past, but, we hope everyone realizes that more community support must be demonstrated in order for Project KO to continue its existence.

RAZA UNIDA CANDIDATE

BLACKS ENDORSE MUNIZ



Ramsey Muniz, Texas attorney, is seeking the Governorship in the state of Texas running as a Raza Unida Candidate.

Muniz, 30, has been very active in establishing La Raza Unida as a viable Chicano political force in Texas. From all indications, his candidacy promises to add a new dimension to the development of La Raza Unida.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), during a one-week meeting in Dallas that attracted some of the most respected leaders in the Black Movement, announced its unanimous support of Ramsey Muniz, Raza Unida Party candidate for Governor of Texas.

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, President of SCLC, pledged support to State Sen. Barbara Jordan of Houston, who is running for Congress, and for Muniz.

"Things aren't right in Texas," Rev. Abernathy said, pointing to the corruption in state government and the inequality that besets Chicanos and Blacks.

Joining the theme of "It's time for a change," Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., accused the Nixon Administration of being unresponsive to the needs of the poor and minorities.

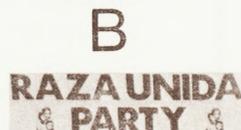
"I am also convinced the President is part of high level corruption in the Republican Party and that assures me it is indeed time for a change," she said.

PLEASE HELP!

Raza Unida activities (Registration, Newsletter, etc.) are financed solely by individual contributions. You can help finance these activities by purchasing shown articles.

Articles	A	\$1.00
Articles	B	.50
Articles	C	.75

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Worker of the Month



RAY VASQUEZ

Morse High School student Ray Vasquez has been proudly selected as this month's outstanding contributor to La Raza Unida.

Ray who will become seventeen years of age next month spends most of his time volunteering his services at the Raza Unida Headquarters in National City. He has written articles for this newsletter, assisted in registering campaign drives and has performed numerous other services for la causa.

Recently, Ray was provided the fortunate experience of attending the Raza Unida National Convention in El Paso, Texas. While at the convention he became acquainted with many of the Chicano political leaders from across the country and gained valuable insight into the national scheme of La Raza Unida.

Presently Ray is secretary of "Los Primos" a Chicano social club. He is also an active member of M.A.P.A. and also devotes many hours to C.A.S.A. Justicia.

Ray plans on attending college to become either a social worker or a teacher at the secondary level, his reasons; "To help my people."

Our staff commends Ray Vasquez for his diligent work, it is through his type of commitment that our hopes and expectations can ever be realized.

Adelante Ray.

Teacher Corp

The Teacher Corp is a federally funded educational project designed to train minority undergraduate students to become elementary school teachers. There are presently thirty-nine (39) Teacher Corp interns assigned to the San Diego Unified School District working primarily in the Southeast San Diego area. An agreement had been made with the school district, prior to the start of the project in 1971, to provide job placement for the interns after the program terminated in 1973, but as that date approached the school district has discovered that it will not be able to employ any of the Teacher Corp interns, despite the previous agreement.

Along with their academic training, which they receive at San Diego State University, the interns serve as teacher assistants in the various elementary schools as part of their On-the-Job training.

Since the inception of the program, the Teacher Corp interns have actively participated in community activities such as Fiestas Patrias celebration, Cinco de Mayo, and Dia de la Raza celebrations, they also are very involved with agencies and organizations that deal with the day to day issues facing the Chicano community. The Teacher Corp interns have also had quite an impact on the various elementary schools by working to instill a positive self-image in the minds of their Chicano students, as well as giving their fellow teachers and administrators the benefit of exposure to the best of the Mexican culture.

It is unfortunate that the school district cannot honor its commitment to the Teacher Corp program, particularly since it is about the most relevant educational program that the San Diego Unified School District offers to the Chicano community. We urge everyone to write and express their support for the Teacher Corp program to Thomas Goodman, Superintendent of Schools, County Education Center.



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 12 Dia de la Raza Parade at Lowell Elementary School.
1:00 p.m.
- 12 San Diego City College Program for Dia de la Raza in the patio
12:00 p.m.
- 12 Toltecas En Aztlan will perform at Chollas Elementary School.
- 13 San Diego City College C.C.C. presents Dance. For information call 234-8451 Ext. 305.
- 13 MAPA State Endorsing Convention Los Angeles, Calif (Oct 13-14)
- 14 Dia de la Raza celebration at Lemon Grove Library. Toltecas en Aztlan will perform.
- 14 Operation Grassroots sponsoring Dance by Los Hermanos 8-12 p.m. Golden Hill Recreation, "Savor" will play.
- 15 Jose Luis Cervantes, "El Tapatio", toreara el Domingo en la Mision Del Sol.
- 21 Project KO presents Chicano Federation All-County Boxing Tournament, San Diego Coliseum, 5:00 P.M. (free)
- 21 Las Adelitas Dance at Recital Hall in Balboa Park, 9-1 a.m. featuring "Mixed Breed".
- 28 Social events at Cal State University. For information call Centro de Estudios 286-5145.
- 29 Halloween costume Dance by the Zapata Organization at Golden Hill Recreation Center, 8-12. Prizes for best costume, featuring "Savor".

NOVEMBER

- 1 Students interested in attending California State University, San Diego under E.O.P. for Fall 1973, contact the E.O.P. office at 286-6868 beginning Nov. 1.

Treasurer's Report

September 1 thru September 25, 1972

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Funds remaining last report	\$ 13.52
Total deposits	444.00

Expenditures:

Post master (mailing)	66.00
Pacific Telephone	52.07
Printing	302.00
Total	\$420.07

Balance	\$ 37.45
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PETTY CASH FUND

Funds remaining last report	\$ 4.34
Deposits	15.00

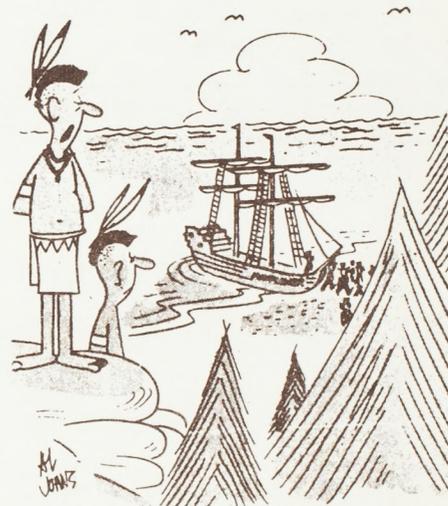
Expenditures:

Film & Developing	15.00
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Balance	\$ 4.34
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VOTE NO!

Proposition 22, the Anti-farm Workers Initiative will appear on your ballot on November 7, 1972. It is an effort by agribusiness to destroy the United Farm Workers.



"Oh, let 'em stay for a while. What possible harm can they do?"

Dear Raza Unida Member,

One of the most important and controversial resolutions passed at the El Paso Convention was on the issue of remaining independent and not endorsing a presidential candidate. Since that time we have constantly been asked why this position was taken by Raza Unida.

The position can be understood from a historical point of view in terms of what has happened to us politically. The reason that La Raza Unida Party has been implemented as an alternate solution is because of the lack of political voice our people have on all levels of this government.

Raza Unida Party delegates are not so much concerned with Richard Nixon or George McGovern as they are about the parties they represent. It is these parties that are chiefly responsible for the disfranchisement of Chicano communities throughout California by splitting up assembly districts to minimize our representation (gerrymandering).

Other methods that have been used to discourage our people from voting are through intimidation and disqualification. California had its English-language voting requirements and threats of deportation, in which over one million Mexicanos were deported in 1954.

Today there are no elected representatives that are controlled or accountable to our community. Many of the social problems we face collectively are attributive to the lack

of sensitive legislators who know and respect our life style. Government statistics reveal that we average somewhat more than an 8th grade education, and that 1/3 of us live in official poverty. In the labor market 80% of Chicanos work in low paying, unskilled jobs. Although Chicanos are dying at a 20% casualty rate in Viet-Nam, 250,000 of our people are being deported every year from this country.

Understanding that we are powerless in a game that respects only power (money or votes) we see that if we are going to be heard we must first have that basic ingredient "political power". This we do not have, it must be built from the bottom up. To have endorsed either candidate would have been starting from the top down. We would have endorsed all the injustices and inequities instituted by the two major parties against the Chicano community. Our responsibility at this point in history is to politicize (register) and educate people as to their relationship to the institutions that govern our lives. Very little has been accomplished in our behalf; therefore, we must now do it ourselves. This is the realistic reason for not endorsing Nixon or McGovern.

Sinceramente,

Herman Baca

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Proposition 22

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The lettuce growers, the farm bureau and other agribusiness interests in California have qualified an initiative for the November ballot. On November 7, 1972, the people of California are going to be voting on a very complex farm labor law (four legal-sized pages of very small print). The future of the Cesar Chavez union is at stake!

The agricultural Labor Relations Initiative creates a five person Agricultural Labor Relations Board (appointed by the governor), sets up a procedure for secret ballot elections, outlaws most elements of the boycott and makes strikes at harvest ineffective. It takes away from farm-workers their only non-violent weapons so that even if they do win elections they will have no means to ensure that employers will actually agree to effective contracts. The initiative establishes procedures for elections but disfranchises the vast majority of farm workers. Following is a list of the most damaging aspects of the proposed law, Proposition 22.

In Regard To Elections:

1. Only secret ballot elections are recognized as valid by the law (there is no mention of card check elections or other means of determining the will of the workers).
2. No worker can vote unless he has

worked for an agricultural employer for 100 days of the last calendar year (Section 1140.4-d).

3. No worker can vote unless he was employed by the particular employer involved in the election for at least 14 work days during the preceding 30 calendar days (Section 1140.4-d).
4. No worker can vote if he voted in the same geographical area during the preceding months (Section 1151).
5. Agricultural employers are required to furnish a list of their eligible employees, only the board is required to "hold the listing in confidence until the time of the election" (Section 11514).
6. To be certified by the board as the representative of the workers, a union has to win a majority of the votes in a given election even if two or more unions are on the ballot (a "no union" choice must also be on the ballot in each election (Section 1150.4-b).
7. If a grower chooses to resist an election, there are provisions for investigation and challenges that could easily delay an election for weeks, long enough to disenfranchise most migrant workers. (Section 1140.4-d; 1150.4a, 4-b).

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METHADONE



Two years ago, Henry Collins, a community leader, ex-addict, and foremost authority on drug abuse, predicted that if methadone was administered to heroin addicts perse it would increase the drug problem in our communities. At that time, Collins said, "The only known cure for drug abuse is total abstinence. Methadone does nothing in the way of curing addiction but rather serves to replace the illegal drug with one which is legal." Time, money, and many deaths from this synthetic drug, have proven Collins' wisdom and foresight correct. As Collins visioned, there is now a black market for methadone and a new kind of addict introduced to our society... the methadone addict.

For the last twenty-two months, local and state officials have compiled blight records which show the "Methadone Plan" far from alleviating any of the heroin problems. In 1970, before methadone, there were 12,796 arrests involving drugs. In 1971 there were 15,124 arrests, with experts predicting totals to raise for this year. Speaking at a San Diego conference on drug abuse, a Washington, D.C., attorney and deputy director of the special action office for drug abuse, Paul L. Perito, warned, "If methadone gets in the hands of the wrong person, it can be redistributed and if it is wrongfully dispensed it can put a person into a coma and death. Methadone is not a wonder drug as its proponents think," he added. However, this warning went unheard or unheeded as the county coroner office reported six deaths as a result of methadone being taken with alcohol and other tranquilizers. Growing statistics in city, county,

and state offices, have indeed illustrated that methadone, being dispensed in "Free Walk-In-Clinics", located throughout our county, has fallen short of its goal.

Collins said that in our country, police estimated that there are 15,000 reported addicts of which the majority are Chicanos and this is one important reason that our community should have a special interest in stopping the use of methadone.

Collins further stated that, "Switching from heroin to Methadone would be literally jumping from the frying pan into the fire."



Responsible Parenthood

A new component of the Catholic Family Services Center will be opening its doors to the Chicano community in the near future. The program is aimed at providing education, counseling and information to the Chicano community in the areas of Responsible Parenthood. The center is presently being housed at 349 Cedar Street, San Diego and will eventually have units at different locations throughout the county, including San Ysidro, National City, Logan Heights, and North County.

A trained counselor and social facilitator will comprise the staff. Questions concerning Responsible Parenthood; creative sexuality, roles of husband and wife, newly married couples and other marital related areas will be handled by this staff. Responsible Parenthood is a pilot program also designed to open up lines of communication in those areas which are traditionally considered "closed door topics".

The program invites anyone who has questions about Responsible Parenthood and services offered by the program to contact Richard Enriquez or Margaret Castro at 235-6481 or come in at 349 Cedar Street, San Diego, 9:00-5:00 Monday through Friday.

LONGEST HELD P.O.W.

The following article was submitted by a Raza Unida Newsletter reader:

In this day of so much concern for the plight of P.O.W.'s in North Vietnam, the Chicano community has generally agreed that something must be done to secure the prisoners release. However, the similarity ends at that point. I feel that all of these Anglo-oriented organizations that purport to represent the concerns of P.O.W.'s and their families, have failed miserably to represent the concerns of the Chicano community, considering that the longest held captive P.O.W. is a Chicano: Lt. Everett Alvarez.

It's unfortunate that even with such serious issues as P.O.W.'s, these Anglo-oriented organizations force the Chicano concerns to occupy the proverbial last seat. We should have never expected these organizations to give us something other than the usual insensitivity. By now we should learn not to rely on Anglo-oriented organizations to do our bidding. If we continue to expect these organizations to secure the release of Lt. Everett Alvarez, then we should also expect them to put him last on the priority list as we Chicanos are here in the states. I feel it is not in the nature of these P.O.W. organizations to truly want to work for the release of the Chicano P.O.W.'s. This would leave us with the alternative of developing our own campaign to hasten the release of Chicano P.O.W.'s which might best be accomplished by letter writing campaigns.

We must understand that even when dealing with such serious issues as P.O.W.'s, no one will seriously do our job for us, we must assert ourselves in all matters that deal with Chicanos. This letter was not designed to give biographical information about Lt. Everett Alvarez, but moreover, it was intended to create interest in the plight of any Chicano that has more than enough paid his Vietnam dues.

STRIKERS REQUEST

HELP

The employees at the Cantor Brothers Tire Store, at 1035 Market St., San Diego, are striking against the said store for better working hours and a wage increase. The strike, which was once city-wide, has continued for over two months at this particular store because of the owners refusal to cooperate with their workers.

The strikers, which are predominately Chicano, are demanding equality which includes better working hours and decent wages. So far strikers claim that they have been insulted by an offer of a 13 cent raise per hour, which they say has made them feel like charity cases. Strikers are asking exactly for what the other stores have received and this is a 20 cent per hour raise and a 40 hour work week.

El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano

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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 3 MECHA Palomar College benefit dance at College Dome.
- 5 Chicano Federation of Imperial Beach Carne Asada Benefit Dinner. Marina Vista Recreation Center in I.B. 1-5 p.m.
- 7 Get out and vote.
- 14 Toltecas en Aztlan presents "The Last Poet". 8:00 p.m. at the Centro Cultural. Donations
- 17 "Nosotros" presents dance at Portugese Hall featuring Bobby Guajardo, 9:00 p.m., \$2.50 advance tickets.
- 18 Centro de Estudios presents social event. For information call 286-5145.

MAPA



ENDORSEMENT WITHELD

For the first time in its twelve year history, the Mexican American Political Association refused to take action to endorse a presidential candidate at their endorsing convention. The convention took place at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, October 13-15, and was attended by most of the MAPA state wide membership and their voting delegates.

The no action position taken by the statewide organization was the second major setback for the Republicans and Democrats within the last few months. The first regression from traditional politics came when the Raza Unida National Convention in El Paso, Texas, voted to remain independent and not endorse a presidential candidate.

"This break in the traditional pattern of politics is indicative of the times," said Herman Baca, MAPA Director for San Diego County, who was addressing the state's delegation at the Biltmore Hotel. Baca explained that the Chicano community was finally becoming aware of the deceitfulness of the two major parties. According to Mr. Baca and other political leaders, the total Chicano community is at last recognizing common ground. They are beginning to understand that we as people are powerless in a game that respects "power".

The theme of political independence and unification was expressed by Raza Unida spokesman Gilbert Blanco of Los Angeles. Blanco's presentation on the Raza Unida and Baca's "no endorsement" proposal were very well received by the MAPA delegates. In comparison,

the spokesman for Senator George McGovern, Congressman Waldie, was questioned at length following his speech. Mr. Sartuche who was approached the previous day to speak in favor of Nixon's re-election was unable to answer many of the pointed questions, often stating, "I don't know".

On the first ballot "no endorsement" received 43 votes, Senator McGovern 38 votes and President Nixon 22 votes. Since MAPA state law requires a 60% majority for endorsement, a second ballot was taken. The results of the second ballot were "no endorsement" 42 votes, Senator McGovern 42 votes and President Nixon 18 votes. At this point, the delegates recognized the impasse which resulted in "no action" being taken.



EDUCATION PROGRAM

At California State University in San Diego, Chicano graduate students in the counselor education program, are training to enter the school system as counselors. Their input should provide for many of the much needed changes within the system.

The program's administrators and faculty have only recently come to realize, through community organizational efforts, the tremendous deficiencies in the program curriculum and in Chicano recruitment and placement. At this time, the Block Program at California State consists of forty students, eight of which are Chicanos. This small number is sadly disproportionate, there is a gross shortage of Chicano counselors and educators throughout the southwest. Hopefully, the Chicanos now involved will make a collective effort to greatly increase the Chicano enrollment in the near future.

There is also an immediate need for Chicanos to get involved in curriculum development so that it will adequately reflect the total community. Presently there is a "Master Plan" being developed in which Chicanos will be provided relevant training experiences to more adequately deal with the unique problems that often confront the Chicano in education.

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8. The clear intent of the initiative is seen in the following sentence which controls all elections: "The date of such (secret ballot) election shall be set at a time when the number of temporary agricultural employees entitled to vote does not exceed the number of permanent agricultural employees entitled to vote." Most large growers employ only a few workers year-around and hundreds of workers at the harvest. The initiative says that if a lettuce grower has 20 permanent, year-around workers and 200 harvest workers, then the election must be set at a time when there are no more than 20 harvest workers eligible to vote this effectively takes the vote away from 180 seasonal workers--the workers who are most in need of protection and who are most likely to vote for the farm workers union (Section 11504-b).

Recently Secretary of State, Edmund G. Brown Jr., filed a suit to remove Proposition 22 off the ballot. Mr. Brown states that supporters of the controversial proposition may be in conflict with state law in what "may represent the gravest case of election fraud in recent history to get it before the voters in November." It is being argued in court that of the 325,504 signatures required to qualify the initiative measure, many signatures were forged and that the purpose of the measure was deliberately concealed from those who signed. It is estimated that growers are spending \$750,000 to pass the cumbersome 7,000 word initiative measure. Interestingly enough is the peculiar situation where the complex law, "Agricultural Labor Relations," was written by growers and their attorneys in order to assist the nations farmworkers who are on the bottom rung of America's economic ladder. The growers' unwillingness to meet the needs of the farmworkers is the basic issue at hand, vote NO in November on Proposition 22!



LIBRARY PROGRAM

Four months ago, the San Diego County Library started a project to serve the needs of the Chicano community. The project consists of a coordinator, Laura Aldredge, and three community aides who act as liasons between the library and the Mexican-American community. Carlos Riohas works at the Encinitas branch and has made good contacts in the North County with several organizations. He thinks the Mexican-Americans aren't taking advantage of the Library services that are available and one of our goals is to publicize our project. Beatriz Higgins, working at the Lemon Grove Library, found it very difficult to establish contacts in East County but through attending meetings is now becoming aware of other people also concerned with serving the needs of the barrio. She recently had a fiesta at the library with speakers, booths, bands, films and pinatas. Marsha Jones-Baca attached to the Lincoln Acres Library (east of National City) and the Imperial Beach Library has found the cooperation of carnaladas y carnaladas to be beneficial in setting up programs and becoming aware of the needs of the communities. The three aides are involved in sensitizing the rest of the library staff on cultural awareness, advising on investments in the magazine, book and film collections and visiting schools, clubs and organizations to inform the people of library resources. Some of the recent programs have included fiestas, speakers, films, puppet shows and story telling for children.

With the support and input of the community we hope to fulfill some of the requests and needs of the Mexican-American people.



BOXING COMPETITION



In an effort to create inter-barrio athletic competition, the Chicano Federation established an athletic association. The first competition took the form of a boxing tournament proved an overwhelmingly success in promoting sportsmanship and brotherhood among the youth of our various barrios. Most of the success can be attributed to the individuals who served as trainers for the various barrio teams, everyone who participated should be complimented for their efforts. While all the trainers involved in the tournament should be given recognition one individual, Junior Robles National City trainer, deserves special credit for the sacrifice and expertise he lent to the tournament.

Along with his cement finishing trade, Junior still finds time to be a very active fighter in the welterweight ranks. Recently, at the San Diego Colosseum, Junior Robles defeated a top ranked welterweight, Jerry Lafayette, who also happens to be a stablemate of the number one contender, Hedgemon Lewis. The bout proved decisively that Junior Robles definetly needs more opportunities to demonstrate his ability.

We feel that through his boxing ability, Junior Robles has left a very positive impression on the minds of a lot of young Chicanos. We urge all youth to take advantage of the expertise that Junior Robles has to offer in the area of boxing. Individuals and organizations interested in helping our youth by promoting sportsmanship through boxing can help by contacting the MAAC Center, 827 'A' Avenue, National City, 474-2232.



EDUCATION?

There is considerable agreement that current educational programs have failed Chicanos. The failure is manifested in all the vital areas of the educational system particularly in curriculum content, assignment of Chicano teachers, and an institutional disregard for the contribution that Mexican Americans have made to this country.

It has been suggested that filmed programs aimed at dramatizing the effect of race and discrimination in education can become powerful tools for American minorities. Unfortunately, there are not many films available to meet this particular need, for example a program was started to be developed at San Jose State with support from all the various elements on campus, but due to the lack of adequate films the program was dropped.

In the area of curriculum development, very little has been established for Chicano use in the schools, and from all indications, any new material presented will take years to develop and even more years to refine. If there is to be any relevant curriculum developments in the area of Chicano education, it is imperative that the authors and producers of such material be Chicanos. Unfortunately, there are very few Chicanos in service who have the experience or the opportunity to produce meaningful documentaries.

In this era of awareness for minority problems, federal monies as well as private monies (foundations) have somehow reached every other conceivable minority in this country except Chicanos.

We can only conclude that the allocation of monies is governed by the old adage of the "squeaking wheels get the grease", rather than by population percentage or by actual need factor. With this lack of response from the educational system, and an evolution of thought within the unconcerned segments of the Chicano community middle class and professional Chicanos, will be drawn into the struggle often adopting a militant posture because they will understand through

their own individual experiences that the benefits of an education have not reached everybody that it should, particularly Chicanos.

Their involvement will be furthered when they develop a deeper understanding of the basic social dynamics that determines what a man is, what he may become, and how he may seize the opportunities open to most citizens in this country.



Treasurer's Report

Sept. 25, 1972 thru Oct. 28, 1972

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Funds remaining last report	\$ 38.65
Total deposits	205.00
Total	\$243.65

Expenditures:

Pacific Telephone	52.88
Post Master	90.00
Printing	90.00
Total	\$232.88

Balance 10.77

PETTY CASH FUND

Funds remaining last report	4.34
Deposits	10.00
Total	\$ 14.34

Expenditures:

Labels	3.99
Stamps	8.00
Total	\$ 11.99

Balance 2.35



CHICANOS CONTINUE TO STRIKE

de Aztlan (MECHA) and Workers Action Movement (W.A.M.), are two San Diego City College organizations which have been actively supporting the Cantor Brothers strike. They have been doing such things as participating in picket lines, printing and distributing leaflets along with the striking workers.

In search of support and a possible solution to what strikers call discrimination and racist action against them, Rigoberto Vindiola, MECHA Chairman, and pickett organizers, Gilbert Maldonado, have consulted the Chicano Federation in hopes of strengthening their stand. The organizations are asking people to support the strike by:

1. Not patronizing Cantor Brothers
2. Picketing with workers whenever possible
3. Asking your Union Local to support this strike, and
4. Raising food and money for strikers.

If you have any questions or contributions, please contact Gil Robledo at 236-1228.



Estimado Miembro,

Las corporaciones Agricultoras se siguen oponiendo a que los campesinos trabajen en un ambiente que sea propicio de los derechos otorgados a todo trabajador, ya sea por leyes naturales o juridicas.

Como hemos visto en muchas otras ocasiones, estos intereses corporativos tienen vastos fondos monetarios para inundar todo un estado como California con propaganda que es benefica para tratar de seguir manteniendo una vida degradante para muchos de nuestros hermanos, los campesinos; ya que el propio campesino tiene que depender de sus propios recursos que en muchas ocasiones apenas les ayudan ha subsistir. Asi que como puede ser posible que un pobre campesino pueda desempenar una campana efectiva en la cual pueda defender sus derechos inalienables? Esta campana se puede llevar a cabo no unicamente en las carteleras publicitarias, sino con el derecho de votar en contra de proposiciones que son injurias para el bienestar del pueblo.

Su voto de "NO en Proposicion 22" es la unica arma que tenemos para ayudar a nuestros hermanos en contra de aquellos que nos quieren tener bajo sus yugos economicos y sociales.

Sinceramente,

Herman Baca

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Organizador del Condado



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SHERIFF INDICTS CHICANOS

COMMUNITY DEMANDS PUBLIC APOLOGY



Members of the Chicano community received another slap in the face when San Diego County Sheriff, John Duffy, ordered taxi cab drivers to pick up "illegal aliens." Threatening the taxi companies with Section 1324 of the United States Code (transporting illegal aliens), and license suspension, the sheriff once again saw fit to harass people of Mexican descent. "Mannerism and dress" were the only characteristics that were required for cab drivers to turnover their passengers to deputies.

The order, which was issued September 15, 1972, but was denied up to a week ago by the Sheriff's Department came to light as mounting complaints were received of Chicanos being refused taxi service. This reaction by cab drivers apparently came about because they could not distinguish between Chicano and Mexican citizens and thus "looked the other way" rather than face getting involved in immigration matters.

Herman Baca, County Director from M.A.P.A., stated at a press conference that the sheriff's order has in fact made every cab driver a deputy and an immigration officer. Baca continued that there is over 250,000

people of Mexican extraction that will suffer for Duffy's insensitivity. The sheriff, Baca said, must be obsessed with racism.

Ernest Azhocar, a National City businessman and liason for assemblyman Wadie Deddeh, charged that the sheriff's directive is "stereotyping of the worst kind." Mr. Azhocar also stated, "it is hard not to believe that the order refers only to those of Mexican descent."

Meeting November 21, community leaders made up of an excellent cross section of the community (picture on Pg. 5), met at the MAAC Center located at 827 "A" Avenue in National City. The consensus of this group was that the sheriff has placed blanket indictments on the Chicano population. It was felt that Mr. Duffy's directive has caused a great injustice to Mexican Nationals and Chicanos. The Sheriff's directive was seen as ambiguous and one that is impeling taxi drivers.

Spokesmen for the community felt that the Sheriff's Department had no business in federal matters or enlisting cab drivers to round up our people. Baca said, "it is because Mr.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DOUBLE STANDARD ON RAPE CASE

Community leaders are accusing District Attorney Ed Miller of using a double standard in the functions of his elected offices, one for whites and the other for non-whites. The accusation was in reference to the May 31, 1972, kidnap and rape of Mrs. Martha Lopez by a Border Patrol Officer.

According to some, if the criminal had been non-white, justice would have taken its course long ago. "This is the way its been in the past, so why should we expect any difference now," said Augie Bareno, Chairman for the Southern California Region Mexican American Political Association (M.A.P.A.).

Mrs. Lopez, a young and attractive mother of two children, disclosed to United States authorities that on the above date she was abducted and sexually molested by an officer employed by the United States Border Patrol. Two months later, Miller explained the stagnant situation by saying that the case has been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for possible violation of civil rights. At that time, this move by the District Attorney was seen by the community as a tactic for ignoring this important issue.

"Today, five months later, the charges of buck passing and 'white washing' that have been leveled at Miller for his refusal to prosecute, have spoken for themselves," said Bareno. "The Chicano community is sick and tired of being treated as second and third class citizens. We have waited long enough, the Chicano community is not saying whether the suspect is guilty or not, all we want is due process of law. If the man is guilty, the law should take care of him," Bareno said.

According to Mrs. Lopez's sworn affidavit, the border patrolman took her and her two companions into custody in Chula Vista and eventually drove the Mexican Nationals to a remote area near Brown Field within sight of the international border.

It was here that the victim's female friends were forced into Mexico by physical threat and where the rape occurred. A physical examination at County University Hospital revealed injury to the victim's vaginal area.

Attacking the District Attorney's methods during a press conference at the Chicano Federation was Ape Tapia, National Organizer for M.A.P.A. Flying down from Los Angeles for the conference, Tapia said, "The manner in which Mr. Miller has operated is very typical of what he's done in the past, in which the District Attorney uses two sets of rules, one for whites and the other for minorities (Miller's Dual Standard)."

Community leaders have stated that legal, as well as other action such as picketing the District Attorney's office, will be forth coming and is expecting an enormous amount of citizen participation.



Treasurer's Report

October 26 thru November 25, 1972

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Funds remaining last report	\$ 10.77
Total deposits	419.00

Expenditures:

Flowers for Funeral	15.75
Post master	84.00
Printing	100.00
Donation (Orange County L.R.U.)	27.95
Telephone	45.20
Rent	35.00
Congreso Trip	75.00
Total	\$382.90

Balance	\$ 46.87
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PETTY CASH FUND

Funds remaining last report	\$ 2.35
Deposits	0.00
Expenditures	0.00

Balance	\$ 2.35
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MEXICAN INJURED BY PATROL VEHICLE

Story translated from El Mexicano

Patrolmen Dennis Boux and Joseph Henning from the United States Department of Immigration, intentionally ran over Antolin Gutierrez Morfin, a 32 year old Mexican, when he was trying to enter the United States, illegally with three other companions.

Gutierrez Morfin, originally from the state of Michoacan, was taken to San Diego University Hospital, seventh floor, room number 4, with fractured ribs, an injured spinal column, head contusions, and facial cuts.

This information came from Mr. Albert Garcia, who is a Public Notary at 323 1/2 San Ysidro Blvd., and who was notified of the events by other Mexican patients that were at the University Hospital.

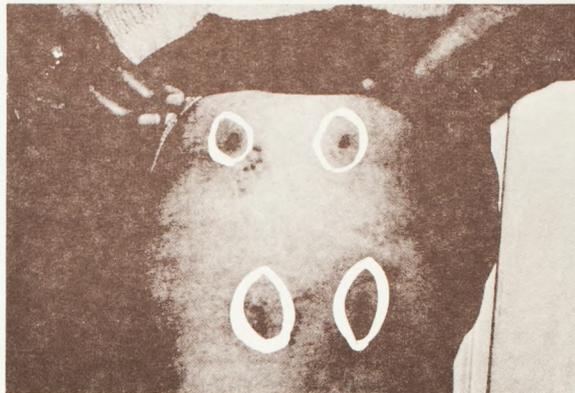
Mr. Garcia pointed out that he immediately interviewed Gutierrez Morfin, who said that on Monday the 20th of November, around 1:30 a.m., he tried to enter the United States together with Jacinto Mejia Vega, 28 years old, from the state of Morelos, Jorge Rodriquez Diaz, 28 years old, from Mexico City, and Rufino Gabino Salcedo, 21 years old from Zacatecas.

He explained that after they had entered, they were seen by the inspectors of the Border Patrol, who followed him on their jeep deliberately running him over until they finally drove him to the ground and when he tried to get up, he again was run over, causing him to suffer severe pain.

Mr. Garcia indicated that two American lawyers have taken charge of the case in defending Gutierrez Morfin, who has two sisters and a brother who are legally residing in the United States.

Mejia Vega, Rodriquez Diaz and Gabino Salcedo, were also detained but were unhurt, thusely they were transported to El Centro, California with the intentions of making them unavailable for any statements concerning the case, so said Mr. Garcia.

SHERIFF'S DOG ATTACKS WOMAN



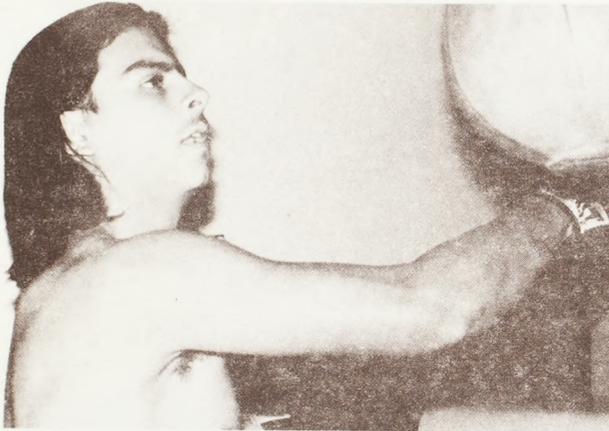
The upper portion of Mrs. Jarin's leg is shown in the above picture. Dark spots on leg are bruise marks left by the bite of sheriff's dog.

A National City woman reported to community leaders that she was attacked without provocation by a sheriff's dog at her home. Mrs. Josephine Jarin, who lives at 3040 Baker Place, National City, expressed her grievances to those present that she had been bitten by a viciously "trained" police dog. She said "the dog belonged to the sheriff's department and attacked her at a farewell reception being held for her son, who had been inducted into the military service.

The incident, which occurred October 7th is one of many complaints received from citizens about harrassment from dogs used by the law enforcement authorities. Mrs. Jarin, who has been in pain since the attack, stated that her attorney, Thomas Turney, has initiated legal proceedings against the San Diego County Sheriff's Department in her efforts to help draw attention to these continued abuses.

Spokesmen from throughout San Diego County have established an Ad Hoc Committee to deal with this kind of law abuse. One member of the committee and chairman of the G.I. Forum, Richard Resendez, stated that perhaps Mrs. Jarin's son should have stayed here and protected his family....If his family cannot be safe at home, Resendez continues, he has no business going overseas and protecting principles that he and others of his kind cannot enjoy at home. The committee was established because of mounting complaints from members of the Chicano community.

BOXING COMPETITION



In keeping with the guidelines established by the Chicano Federation Athletic Association, the Barrio Station, located in Logan Heights, established a boxing team to compete with other Barrio teams from throughout San Diego County. The Youth are taught the fundamentals of boxing as well as the need for sound physical discipline. In most cases the trainers are either former pro boxers or longtime fight fans.

At the Barrio Station, the trainer, Frankie Portillo makes up for his lack of pro training by instilling in his fighters the desire to be winners, but when you get down to it, that is as good a formula for victory as anybody could want.

In the recent competition held at the San Diego Coliseum, the Barrio Station team made a very impressive showing with some of the tournament winners including Marcus Delaney, Eddie Shields, and Tommy Flores.

We would like to compliment all the people involved in the project, particularly Rachel Ortiz, Rudy Cervantes, Frankie Portillo, and Richard Ortega for the support they have given to the youth of Logan Heights.



FREE BOXING TOURNAMENT DEC. 16th

The National City MAAC Center and the Chicano Federation Athletic Association have scheduled an evening of amateur boxing at the Sweetwater High School Gym on December 16, 1972, at 6:00 p.m. A raffle of several door prizes will be held during the intermission. Several of the amateur fighters competing have scored victories in the previous tournaments so we should be in store for an action-packed evening of boxing.

According to Junior Robles, the National City team is glad to put on the boxing program for the Community as a Christmas offering, but he would also like the community to cooperate with the efforts of the boxing club. He feels that the community can best cooperate by making contributions to the Boxing Club. Contributions are unfortunately a necessary evil if the boxing team wants to continue to exist. We strongly urge all members of the Chicano community to support the boxing program, since for many young Chicanos, boxing can be an alternative to the vicious trail that eventually leads to an unproductive life.

RAZA UNIDA ANALYSIS PRESIDENTIAL RACE



Now that the Presidential race is part of history, it is to our advantage to assess the impact it had on the Chicano community as it will relate to the future of El Partido de la Raza Unida.

Those Chicano Republicans who were charged with selling the Nixon principles, should consider their efforts at least partially successful since they increased the registration of Chicano Republicans from one iota to three iotas. However, these Chicano Republicans should not seriously expect to collect on campaign promises because they lack the necessary elements to force the Republican Party to live up to its commitment.

The reason the Republican Party will not respond is very simple. Chicano Republicans lack the real political strength to discredit the Republican Party and secondly, Chicanos were not that vital in the total Nixon victory picture. However, we recognize that a few Spanish speaking leaders will receive high level appointments for their efforts, but when you consider that people like Cesar Romero and Desi Arnaz fall into this category, don't expect too much Chicano input to reach these levels of government.

On the Democratic Party side, Chicanos once again occupied the proverbial last seat when it came down to establishing party priorities. Some Chicanos had hoped that the Democratic Party would place a new importance on the concerns of the Chicano community. This concern was furthered by the role that Cesar Chavez played in influencing the national platform. But the Democratic Party ran true to form by only concerning themselves with issues that were relevant to the Black community, but we wonder for the sake of the Chicano Democrats who are still believers, when will they realize that they are so meaningless that they are now even excluded when it comes down to dealing with minority issues.

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Duffy has challenged our civil and God-given rights that we are collectively demanding that he retract his order and make a public apology."



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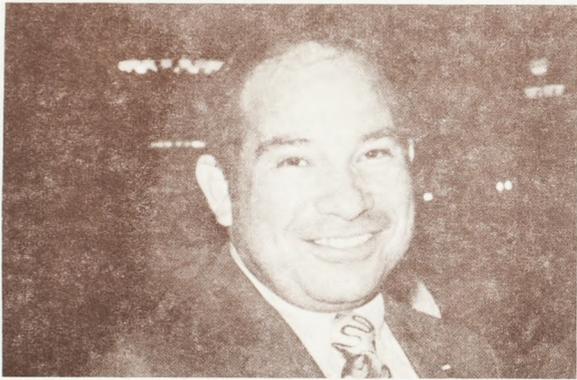
Los mares en tormenta o en bonanza
Nos revelan, Señor, tu omnipotencia;
Y los astros nos dicen tu alta ciencia,
Y las aves nos cantan tu alabanza.

La tempestad, Señor, es tu venganza;
Tu mirada amorosa, la clemencia;
Tu santuario del justo, la conciencia;
Y tu dulce sonrisa, la esperanza.

No puede el hombre concebir tu alteza,
Y el azul pabellon del firmamento
Un reflejo solo es de tu grandeza.

En todo esta tu poderoso aliento,
Y es un canto a tu amor Naturaleza,
Y un canto a tu saber el Pensamiento.

MAPA STATE CHAIRMAN SPEAKS



The following article is a partial speech delivered at the MAPA Endorsing Convention by State President Armando Rodriguez.

Distinguished guests, fellow mapistas, ladies and gentleman. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you to the MAPA Endorsing Convention for 1972.

We are here with the heavy responsibility of choosing the man we want to back for the presidency of the United States. For some it may be a difficult choice, but it is one we must make....

Since I took office as president of MAPA, I have traveled over most of California and through a good deal of the Southwest. It has been painful for me to see the problems that continue to oppress our people. In the sweatshops of Texas, in the fields of Arizona and California, I have seen the miserable working conditions and know of the substandard wages our people endure.

Our agricultural workers are the last of the nation's labor force without protection of fair laws, as they struggle to win their rightful place. Right now in California we are witness to the well-financed campaign by wealthy growers and big corporationist to pass Proposition 22--the farm labor initiative, a vicious piece of legislation aimed at crippling the rights of farmworkers to organize.

In other areas, I received daily letters and messages from our people in prisons--men and women who find conditions of our penal institutions impossible and who are frustrated in their attempts to fight the dual standards of our judicial system that often have led to their imprisonment.

All around us we witness the plight of people who are unemployed and often unemployable--they can't find jobs because they are not trained, and they had no chance at an equal education. And if they are on welfare, they are made scapegoats by a governor who wants the solid middle class to think the poor are deadbeats, shiftless, no goods who prefer the public dole to honest labor.

And we still have the spectre of discrimination. Not just discrimination based on the color of skin, but that based on fatness of wallet. The working man has few loopholes to jump through, he gets a meager \$750 tax exemption each year, while the wealthy make hay from the tax laws. Our present system is indeed designed to make sure that the rich get richer and the poor continue to struggle...

Discrimination also is clear in the rules of immigration that affect our people in the Western Hemisphere. In California we had a law--the Dixon-Arnet Bill--declared unconstitutional, but it is not dead. A similar act has been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and may become law...

And there is discrimination in the enormous toll of lives our Mexican American community has suffered in the immoral war in Vietnam. What a cruel irony we see in the fact that our young people are last to gain equality of education, are classed as retarded because of prejudicial IQ testing, are ejected as dropouts in a system designed for the Anglo majority, then are shipped off to war to fight for the nation's honor.

Discrimination has its personal face, of course; few of us have not experienced that. Just when we think it's past, up pops its ugly head. To cite a fresh example I am currently running for a county supervisor's post in my county. My opponent, an elderly Anglo who makes few speeches and who campaigns by crony has taken this slogan as his campaign theme: "Vote for a Real American. "He has red-white and blue billboards to emphasize that.

A real American! The fact I was born in the same town means nothing to his kind, apparently; it's having



To Be Continued

¡VIVA JUAREZ!



Benito Juárez, a full blooded Zapotec Indian from the Mexican state of Oaxaca, is revered in Mexico and respected throughout the world for his statesmanship, and his moral and patriotic leadership of the Mexican people in the face of French aggression in 1862.

Born in an Indian village in the mountains, unable to speak Spanish until the age of twelve, Juárez had come to the city of Oaxaca as a household servant, and had been given an education by a philanthropic creole, who wanted him to become a priest. Not an outspoken person, Juárez gained his early reputation for administrative honesty and efficiency and for democratic simplicity in his manner.

After his army of peasants and Indians defeated the French, Juárez knew that Mexico needed educated young people. He valued education a great deal and felt that if the Mexicans were to get ahead it must have free education for all its people. In the mid 19th century, his most ambitious dream was an educational system which not only guaranteed a free education to all children, but also gave students the opportunity to continue their education at a university.

As Juárez, many Chicano leaders are encouraging their youth to continue their education. If we, as Chicanos, are to be successful in our quest for respect, justice and tranquility, we must learn to read and write so we may be able to communicate with our brothers in other areas.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- 2 S.D.C.C. MECHA benefit for Chicano Free Clinic at Belmont Park, donation \$2.25, call 234-8451 Ext. 305
- 8 Palomar College presents parent conference, speakers and entertainment. 7-10 p.m.
- 9 Ballet Folklorico from Centro Cultural will perform at student conference at San Diego State University. 7:30 p.m.
- 9-10 Centro Cultural will have a holiday sale from 11-4, jewelry, ceramics, clay work, etc.
- 10 "Tardeada" at Palomar College, tickets in advance \$2.00, purchase at Centro Cultural
- 14 Two Chicano films and refreshments, FREE. 7:00 p.m. at Lemon Grove Library, 7735 Pacific Avenue
- 15 Grossmont College will host parent visitation, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, 456-1700
- 16 Chicano County Boxing Tournament, FREE, 6:00 p.m. at Sweetwater High School Gym
- 16 Raza Consortium will host a Scholarship benefit dance, 8-1 at Balboa Park Club, \$5.00 per couple - \$3.00 singles. Call 236-1228 Ext. 60
- 23 Childrens Christmas Party 12-3 at Palomar College
- 25 La Raza Unida Party wishes everyone a Merry Christmas -

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y
PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO!!





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Finally, lets assess the position that El Partido de la Raza Unida took during the presidential race. Realistically, the only logical position to have taken was that of no endorsement since the very foundation of both parties is based on racist principles designed to exclude Chicanos from the political process. Now that more Chicanos are starting to recognize the futility of both major parties, we will see more of our people embracing the concept of El Partido de la Raza Unida.

Above all, we must understand that we cannot cross the bridge of the future without first organizing for the needs of today. We no longer need advocates, we need implementers; we don't need philosophers, we need mechanics; we do not need people who talk of change, we need people that make change.

Dear Raza Unida Member,

It is unfortunate that we must bring to light so many abusements perpetrated against our people by the law enforcement agencies. One of the main purposes of this newsletter is to make the Chicano community aware of these racist acts so that we can collectively come together to resolve these problems.

It must be realized by each member of our community that the victims mentioned in our monthly report could have been yourself, your sister, brother, or even your mother. Thus, it is important that we keep and develop other lines of communications so that we may be able to defend our interest.

In the past year, we have progressed far in solving and developing political expertise and we are optimistic for an even better year.

At this time, we the organizers and staff of La Raza Unida in San Diego, would like to wish you, the member, a Feliz Navidad y un prospero ano nuevo.

Sinceramente,

Herman Baca

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County Organizer



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¡SI SE PUEDE!

10,000 by Jan 1974

A goal to register 10,000 people into La Raza Unida was one of the objectives outlined by local organizers at three restructuring meetings held over a two month period. It was agreed by local organizers that at this time in our development we are at the starting point or at position zero (348,387 Democrats, 313,788 Republicans, 3,012 Raza Unida). It was at these meetings that local organizers committed themselves to the building of a viable and visible political party which is controlled by and accountable to the Chicano community.

The local organizers emphasized that they were an organizing committee. Their goal is to register 10,000 people by January of 1974. Having no mandate from our registered membership to run candidates or take positions on issues, it was the consensus of the group, that their purpose and function at this time was to develop and build viable political power. It was felt that upon reaching the 10,000 registration goal, a convention would be held to allow registered people to elect spokesmen, and plan future political strategy.

This month the deputy registrars will be receiving their registration books at which time they'll resume their work in the community. According to one of the top deputies, Ricardo Campos, 1973 should be a bigger success than last year because of the experience and familiarity registrars have acquired in working within precincts and with each other. Campos stated, that everyone knows his job and where they stand in trying to organize this party.

The organizing committee is requesting community support by encouraging people to join in on the year long registration drive which will be mostly concentrated in heavily populated Chicano areas. There are some very important elections coming up next year and if we expect to have any say in government management we must start to educate and politicize the community so that we can benefit as people.

After one year of registering 3,012 people, local organizers are optimistic that a Chicano voting block of 10,000 people within the county can be established by 1974.

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Man found innocent in death of chicano leader

ALMOGORDO, N.M. (P)-Service station owner, Perry Brunson, 57, who shot to death Ricardo Falcon last summer, was found innocent of manslaughter by reason of "self defense".

Falcon, 27, of Fort Lupton, Colorado, was killed August 30, at Brunson's service station where he and six other Chicanos had stopped on the way to the Raza Unida Party's national convention in El Paso, Texas. Having radiator trouble, they had to stop every few miles to cool off the radiator. In the small community of Orogrande, New Mexico, the group pulled into a station run by Perry Brunson. They filled the radiator, then asked Brunson to fill the gas tank as Fred Granado the driver of the car took the water hose to run over the radiator to cool it off more. Brunson stated the water was expensive and if they wanted water to run over the radiator they would have to pay for the water.

According to Granados, as he was walking around the car he heard four shouts ring out. He ran to the station to find Falcon and Brunson struggling on the floor and Brunson had a revolver in his hand. Granado told Falcon to go to the car while he stayed with Brunson. Falcon got up, walked a few steps then fell, having been shot twice in the chest.

Witness to the shooting say police arrived on the scene but gave no attention to Falcon. Medical assistance never arrived and Falcon died on the scene.

Two weeks later Brunson was formally charged with manslaughter and released on \$3,000 bond.

Police and sheriff officers dressed in full riot gear had

surrounded the courthouse when the verdict was read. A group of Chicanos from New Mexico, Colorado and Texas had gathered in town but left peacefully after the verdict.

Ricardo Falcon was well known throughout Colorado for the stands he had taken on issues that concerned the Chicano community. He worked with farm workers, the Latin American Development Society (LADS), a group of Chicanos at the state penitentiary in Canon City and in the small Chicano communities throughout Northern Colorado as organizer for La Raza Unida.

(EL GALLO)

The Injustice of Justice

NEW MAPA OFFICERS

On January 11, 1973, at the MAAC Project, 827 'A' Avenue, National City, Calif., the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA) held its elections for the 1973 elective year. The results are as follow:

Chairman: Carlos Vazquez
1st Vice-Chairman: Gloria
Jean Valderrama

2nd Vice-Chairman: Tony
Venegas

Rec. Secretary: Pat Natividad
Corres. Secretary: Norma A.
Mena

Treasurer: Allen Cazares
Sgt. at Arms: Ray Vasquez
M.A.P.A. would like to invite

anyone that is interested in joining this organization to call 477-3620.

THE CHAMPION PRUNE PICKER

In '29 there lived a Chicano in
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Santa Clara Valley
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break of day
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nearest prune tree.
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then to the right
He picked them green and he
picked them ripe
He picked them all day and late
thru the night
With a kerosene lantern in the
pale moonlight.
The Champion prune picker named,
"Relampago Pete"
filled the fifty pound boxes
clean and neat,
No other prune picker would try
to compete
When they saw the prune mountain
that was picked by Pete.
He never stopped for lunch cause
that was wasting time
But ate prunes all day washing
them down with wine
His need for speed was That
indeed sighting the end of
a row
He'd pass up squirrels in climb-
ing trees, "como un relampago"
T'was the only break that he'd
ever take while whispering
soft and low
That outdoor prayer that prune
pickers know,
When you gotts go, you gotts go!
One hot day in June with the sun
at high-noon
He mixed wine with tequila and
drank till he was hazy,
He was having a blast picking
prunes so fast
To prove he wasn't lazy,
So wet with sweat but still full
of pep he looked like a wilted
daisy,
But the stiffling heat, was too
much for Pete
Our champion prune picker went
PLUM crazy.

By Rudy Calles



DID YOU KNOW?

Company E, 141st Regiment of the 36th (Texas) Division, the all-Chicano Infantry Company, was one of the most decorated of World War II.

Chicanos are the fastest growing group in the U.S.; 51% increase between 1951-1960.

47% of Chicano children in Texas drop out before finishing high school; California...36%, Colorado...33%, N.M. 29%, Arizona...19% 1972.

For many years after 1846 (Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo) the Mexicans left in the U.S. were known as "our brothers who were sold".

Seventeen Mexican youths convicted of murder in the notorious (and later reversed) Sleepy Lagoon case 1943.



REIES LOPEZ TIJERINA

There are a thousand ways to seek and to find justice. Thus, as the cricket in the fable defeated the lion, the king of beasts, by climbing into his ear and tickling him, we shall do the same...

Rodino Bill Threat

An odd coalition composed of the arch conservatives, many liberals, and important sections of the organized labor movement is forming to push through the passage of racist, and repressive immigration legislation in the forthcoming Ninety-Third Congress that began its work on January 2, 1973.

This legislation is sponsored by Peter Rodino, Democrat from New Jersey, who became the Chairman of the House of Representatives all important Committee On The Judiciary. Peter Rodino presented his racist legislation to the last session of Congress, when he was the Chairman of the Immigration Sub-Committee On The Judiciary, and it became known as the "Rodino Bill" It passed the House, in spite of valiant opposition from Congressman Edward R. Roybal and Herman Badillo, but vigorous work on the part of the Mexican community and the pressure to adjourn for the elections kept the bill from going through the Senate.

Now that Rodino is the Chairman of the very committee that will consider the bill again in the house, he is certain to give the Rodino Immigration Bill top priority, and we in the Mexican community need the help of all good men of conscience and good will to help us defeat it once and for all.

The Rodino Bill pretends to deal with the serious immigration problems of the Latin and Mexican people by fining employers who hire those without immigration documents. As Roybal and Badillo pointed out during the debate in the House last session, this will mean that every person of Mexican or Latin background will be subjected to a special test for employment, and uncertain or racist employers will solve the identification problem by deciding not to hire anyone of Mexican

or Latin background. Place of origin and nationality will once again become the criteria that determines whether a family will eat or not.

The Rodino Bill, as originally proposed by Peter Rodino, also amended the immigration laws to prevent parents of U.S. citizen children from obtaining immigrant visas. This was to be accomplished by taking the exemption they now enjoy from the requirement that they must have their jobs approved by the Labor Department in order to immigrate.

Denying the parents of U.S. citizen children the right to obtain immigrant visas, while at the same time punishing their employment, would deprive hundreds of thousands of helpless children their right to food, shelter, clothing, and an education in the country of their birth.

Peter Rodino, who parades as a liberal, wants the legislation in order to eliminate unfair competition for U.S. workers from the so called "illegal alien." In our community, the people without documents and the immigrants and the U.S. citizens are all intermingled, and to jeopardize the right to work of one of our groups, is to hurt our entire people.

The use of people without documents in order to create unfair competition is made possible not because anyone of our people wants to accept jobs at unfair wages, but because hundreds of thousands of us must live and work in the margin of society without documents, and at whatever jobs and whatever wages we can get in order to feed our families.

The solution is to give all people here without documents the chance they need to get their papers and compete with everyone else for work, judged only by their ability and their willing-

ness. to work. The solution is the right to organize for farm workers, for the low paid workers in the cities, high minimum wages, and laws that prevent the use of anyone, regardless of where he comes from as a scab to break up strikes.

We are asking for help in a peoples coalition for social justice in a world of peace and abundance for everyone, regardless of race, creed, color, and national origin.

THE IMMIGRATION COALITION
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Dec. 1, 1972 thru Jan. 31, 1973

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Funds remaining	46.87
Total deposits	346.20

EXPENDITURES:

Telephone	142.65
Post Master	78.00
Printing	105.00
Rent	35.00
Total	360.65

Balance	32.42
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PETTY CASH FUND

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EXPENDITURES:

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Total	.74

Balance	1.61
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VICIOUS CIRCLE

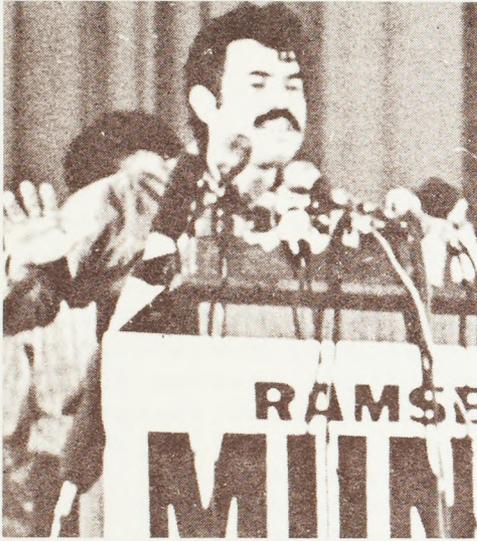
Presently in our communities there is a drain of energy taking place that no one is really able to contain. This drain is represented by the number of young Chicanos who wind up going to the "joint." What makes this important is that the so called "movement" was supposed to motivate and guide our youth so that they could contribute to the growth of the community. Unfortunately in many cases the community is neither growing nor is it providing guidance to our youth.

Common sense tells us that despite all the revolutionary rhetoric that has been expended and all the social service programs aimed at helping young people develop, nothing has really been accomplished. Throughout these last couple of years the only thing that has been consistent about our young people is the fact that they consistently go to the "joint." This observation is not intended to start a controversy.

The intention of this article is to make people look at a very serious problem. Perhaps in our efforts to develop leadership and fundable programs we have overlooked something very basic, to our communities, the so called "vato locos" who could care less about political strategy, or federal guidelines or gerrymandering, but who do care (in their unique way) about their lives and their future. So unless we address ourselves to this serious problem we will be guilty (by our apathy) of helping send more, so called "vato locos," to destroy people.



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CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE



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CEASAR CHAVEZ,
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FATHER OMANA



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IMMIGRATION PROTEST

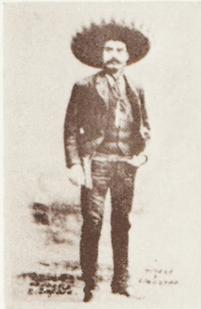


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SU-HI CHICANO EXPELLED

STUDENT EXPELLED
FOR STRIKING TEACHER

Joey Alvarez, who is 15 years old and a sophomore at Sweetwater High School, was suspended until mid June following a 2 1/2 hour public hearing by Sweetwater High School District Trustees.

The hearing was labeled a "premeditated farce" by Herman Baca, San Diego County Director of MAPA, in a presentation to the executive board January 21, 1973. After Mr. Baca's speech, a motion was made and passed unanimously, that MAPA support Mr. & Mrs. Jose Alvarez's fight for the reinstatement and right of their son to an education and due process of law.

The following is Mr. Baca's speech in support of the Alvarez family.

It has been approximately two months since the "Joey Alvarez incident" took place at Sweetwater High School. Since that time, MAPA after having been contacted by Mr. & Mrs. Jose Alvarez, has patiently waited by the sidelines and has watched a premeditated farce unfold before the eyes of the Chicano community.

The "Joey Alvarez incident" is but one of many incidents that has occurred over the past few years. The Sweetwater Union High School District would have the taxpayers and anyone who listens believe that all disruptive incidents are the fault of parents (who pay their salary) and students. It becomes apparent that the Sweetwater Union High School District is the only infallible school district which walks on water in the state of California. However upon examination of incidents over the past few years, one can see that the Sweetwater Union High School District has had more racial riots, walk outs, and disruptions, than any other school district in San Diego County. The causes are

very basic and have again been magnified in the "Joey Alvarez incident": the racist teachers, a racist dictatorship led by Supt. Joseph Rindone; and a spinless rubber stamp board of trustees which is more concerned with what Supt. Joseph Rindone thinks than the taxpayers who pay taxes, who elect them and who have to send their sons and daughters to those problem infested schools.

Mr. Alvarez, after serving 21 years in the service of his country (U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force) has seen how justice west of the pecos operates in the South Bay area for Chicanos. The Board of Trustees, it seems, is only concerned with punishment rather than justice by blatantly denying Mr. Alvarez's son due process of law by waiting two months. It seems that the only solution that our spinless Board of Trustees has and has always had is simply to sweep the problem under the rug. The growing number of incidents all bear this out, the casualties have been too many (the Vice-Principal incident at Sweetwater Hi High School is a prime example) and will continue to be with us as long as appropriate remedial action is not taken to rid our school of racist policies and attitudes. I am afraid that the Sweetwater Union High School District, Trustees, Administrators and Teachers have run out of excuses and are now reaping what they have sowed. There have been major riots at Sweetwater High, Mar Vista High, Castle Park High, Montgomery High, Southwest Junior High and other minor riots at Granger Junior High, National City Junior High etc. It appears that the only solution to this problem is to make our voices heard in the upcoming April elections.

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Traditionally, the Chicano has been affiliated with the Deomocratic Party but never have we been truly represented. The Democrats have never preoccupied themselves with the Chicano, our needs or problems. To see this, all one has to do is analyze the struggle of the Chicano and the way we have been kept out of this society. If the Democrats have not bothered to address themselves to these problems in 124 years, the time is here for Chicanos to move on these issues ourselves.

Strength is found in unity. We must unite so that our sons and daughters can live a life without the injustices and inequities that were prevelent to the advancement of their parents and grandparents.



REGISTER RAZA UNIDA

You can help us achieve our goal of 10,000 by January 1974 by doing one of the below things. Registering is our top priority, if you have fiends or relatives that wish to register please have them call **477-3620**

IMPORTANT

If you did not vote in the November 5, 1972 Presidential election you need to be re-registered please call **477-3620**

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT RAZA UNIDA BY HELPING WITH:

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GRAPE BOYCOTT BEGINS TEAMSTERS INVADE FIELDS

The United Farm Workers organizers of San Diego County are asking people not to purchase table grapes in support of their nation-wide grape boycott. The boycott began Sunday, the 15th of April, when 80% of the Coachella Valley farmers renewed their contracts with the competitive Teamsters Union. These "sweetheart contracts", as they are called by the United Farm Workers (UFW) are interpreted as a move in trying to destroy their union. Caesar Chavez, UFW Director, is charging that the Teamsters Union was payed off by the farmers in the valley and he has gone to Washington to ask for a Congressional investigation into this matter.

Meanwhile, current reports directly from Coachella Valley to our Raza Unida office has it that tempers are flaring as the situation worsens between the two unions. Thus far, in retaliation, Chavez has called for a huelga which has included massive field walkouts and demonstrations throughout the Coachella Valley.

To the people in San Diego and the surrounding community, the United Farm Workers Union boycott of grapes, will not hinder the continuation of the lettuce boycott which is also still in effect. Organizers in San Diego say the union fight in Coachella is a death struggle in which one of the unions must go. The UFW claims to have the greater part of the farm-

workers, while the Teamsters are boasting of a petition which is said to have 4000 signatures in their support to control the rich fertile valley.

Since agriculture is California's leading industry and leads the nation in it, Chicano leaders speculate that the trouble caused by the Teamsters Union and the farm growers in the valley are seen as tactics to "stop the Mexicans" from organizing and taking control of the labor force in that area. "Stop the little brown man and you'll stop the Mexican" is the call of the Anglo-controlled teamsters and ranchers in trying to accomplish their immoral ends.

The Teamsters' hired goons and bikers, armed with baseball bats and chains, tried to provoke the strikers while law enforcement officials stood by watching. At the H & M ranch hired thugs "enforced" the Teamster contract by beating back workers who no longer wanted to scab and who tried to walk out of the fields to join the strike. The workers were forced to go back to work or face another beating.

But strikers picketed with even greater intensity and workers imported by the growers to break the strike kept leaving the fields.

On the legal front, Union lawyers got strikers released faster than the judges and the police could jail them.

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The Other Side of "ILLEGAL ALIEN" Story

This letter is in response to an article in the Evening Tribunes Opinion section, dated April 16, 1973, titled "U.S. Must Move to Halt Tide of Illegal Aliens." The writer of this article and those who side with it should take a profound look into what causes the economic disparity between not only our two countries (Mexico and United States) but of all the countries in the Western Hemisphere. The one economic system found in this continent is controlled by the "Colossus of the North," the United States!

In Mexico, for example, the Banco Nacional de Mexico reports that for every U.S. dollar invested in their country, a capital gain of four dollars is realized. U.S. investors control more than 50% of Mexico's major industries, not to mention their investments in other parts of the Americas. This exploitation of other countries is indicative of the history of this country. Capitalism, which is the economic system this country was founded under, is based on profit, not humanity; it is based on business, not brotherhood. The point is that the U.S. will not reduce the disparity between itself and other countries because it is not in its economic interest. The writer and the people who side with his opinion must realize that this is a basic law of economics. It is very idealistic for anyone to think contrary to this principle.

Mexico, since the War of 1848, has been assigned the role of providing a cheap labor source for this country. The history of the Southwest and how the "illegal alien" served as the arms and backbone of this countries economic system has become all too obvious. The U.S. International border serves as a reservoir for labor and is controlled by unscrupulous ranchers and other employers who always manage to get their cheap labor force while immigration officers look the other

way. The Mexican labor force is an essential part of this country's pocket book, it can't be stopped.

Such pending laws as the Dixon-Arnett and Rodino Bill can only serve to amplify the tension between the people in this region. Laws are made for all people. These laws in mention are unconstitutional because they do not offer due process of the law or equal protection under the law to all its citizens, legal or illegal residents as it is stated in the Constitution of the United States. To a Mexican citizen or Mexicans who are born in this country, these laws can only mean "get Mexicans!" It is obvious for those of us that have experience and have knowledge of these laws and their ramifications, that these laws are very discriminatory.

The forger, the smuggler, the unscrupulous immigration officer, and other people who deal in this kind of business can only profit from these kinds of unconstitutional laws. These laws deal with the symptoms and not the cause of this so-called problem. These laws place the burden of guilt on millions of Mexicans in this country, citizens or not. An employer cannot distinguish one Mexican from another. Why blame the victims and let the criminal go free?



CONSOLIDATION OF EOP OPPOSED

"Once again the state of California has tossed out the bones for its minorities to fight over," expressed the administrators of the Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) at California State University, San Diego, at the order from state officials to consolidate their programs.

EOP records show that in the spring semester of 1967 when it was established, 78 students were enrolled through EOP--38 Blacks and 20 Chicanos. Recruitment of potential EOP students until April, 1969 was done through one EOP component. Since the fall semester of 1969, EOP records show that the department has been working as two separate components--Chicanos and Blacks, with both components being the umbrella for Asians, Native Americans, Filipinos, Guamanians, and poor whites.

This arrangement, it was found, made recruitment much more effective and efficient, simply because recruiters could relate with students they were recruiting. EOP statistics show that out of an enrollment of 1400 Chicano students these past two semesters, we are expecting 125 Chicano students to graduate with a four year degree or Masters Degree. The statistics also show that last year 104 Chicano students graduated from California State University, San Diego with B.A., B.S., or Master Degrees.

According to some EOP administrators, the state government while realizing that too many minorities were getting educated, decided to put a halt to this by sending down a directive for EOP to consolidate. The reason for consolidation, a spokesman for the government stated, is that EOP has operated as two racially separate and distinct programs. It was noted that the programs carry the label of Black and Chicano EOP. Furthermore, the programs are housed in separate quarters, maintain exclusive, racially, identifiable student enrollments, and administrative staffs, and that each program maintains a separate budget.

However, an EOP administrator stated that the actual reason for EOP consolidation would be to cut-back the

staffing and administration within EOP. This tactic by the state would cause disputes over positions causing personal conflicts within the minority population on campus and even in the community.

Recruitment would be and is being hindered by consolidation. For example, sometimes all workshops have to be held in auditoriums or cafeterias making it difficult to concentrate and recruit students, thus delaying the forward movement of minorities.

An EOP administrator stated that "Chicanos, and other minorities have to realize that the oppressor is out to keep us oppressed and as long as we are aware of this, the harder we'll make it on the system to oppress all ethnic minorities."

Treasurer's Report

February 1 thru April 1, 1973

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Funds remaining last report	\$ 27.34
Total deposits	390.00

Expenditures:

Postmaster	83.00
Pacific Telephone	22.07
Printing	184.80
C.A.S.A. Justicia	25.00
Reimbursement for Film	15.00
Total	<u>\$329.87</u>

Balance	\$ 87.47
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PETTY CASH FUND

Funds remaining last report	\$ 1.61
Deposits	0.00
Expenditures	0.00

Balance	\$ 1.61
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NOTE: The Finance Committee wishes to thank all persons registered in La Raza Unida Party for their patience. Due to a lack of sufficient donations we were unable to publish the newsletter. In the past we have been operating at a \$100.00 a month deficit. For obvious reasons we were unable to continue publication of our newsletter. If you wish to donate, please send check or money order to the main office of La Raza Unida Party.



ON IMMIGRATION:

I would like to make one more point before I finish speaking today. I have given a great deal of thought lately to the whole question of the border between Mexico and the United States. Along with many others, I used to think that Mexicans crossing the border were depriving other Mexicans of jobs. I also believed that the border should be closed.

But the more I analyzed the true economic, social, and political structure of the border, I came to realize that Mexicans who have come here are not replacing any jobs on this side of the border. If we Mexican Americans want jobs, then let's get the jobs the gabachos have.

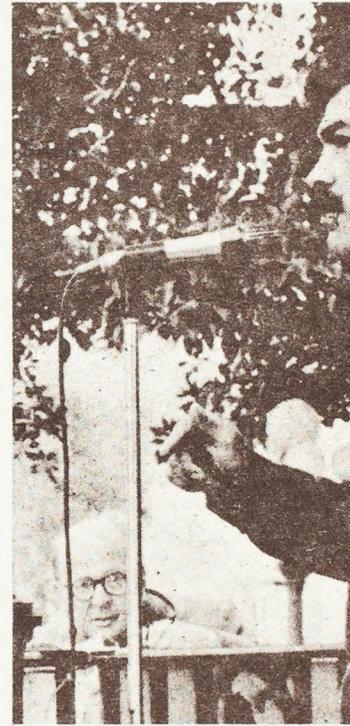
Mexicans without documents are not replacing any jobs occupied by people on this side of the border. Let's put the Man straight. He is using us to fight and kill each other and become divided. If I were to say: "Keep out Mexicans without documents," then I would be putting a knife into my father's heart. He came from Chihuahua. Some say, "it's all right for my jefito (father) to come, because he was my jefito, but nobody else's jefito or son can come now." What kind of a person would say this? Yes, some want to eat steak, while their brothers and sisters eat arroz and frijoles without meat.

The economic structure which destroys our people is created right here. It is created in Nixon's own back yard. It is created by the millionaires who use him as their puppet. This is where the enemy is--the enemy is not our own people! For us to say today, "No more Mexicans should come in here," is to be a racist as those who wrote the immigration laws so that people like the Japanese and Chinese, Indians, Blacks and Mexicans could no longer come into this country.

For us to try to prevent Mexicans from coming across to a land which is theirs by historical right is to become part of murderers. They do not only murder with bombs and napalm, but they are also murdering our people by



CORKY GONZALES SPOKE



their destructive economic policies. Our people have been through rough times. They have had to learn to beat the system. Our families have held together because they have character and principle. This is what holds us together. But we have to get our heads together and radicalize our people if we are going to survive. We don't have to act tough. But we have to be visible and we have to support each other.

ON DRUGS:

I speak about drugs because there are many different means used to drug the masses of the people. We are all drugged. Some of the tecatos (drug addicts) are drugged with the needle, and hard stuff and smack. And some of the people are drugged with religion and fatalism. And others are drugged by pacification programs, OEO programs, and work-training programs funded by the U.S. Department of Labor which prepare people for dead-end jobs that pay below the poverty level. Students

ales Speaks



T LA PLACITA FOR LOS TRES

Manuel Quiroz



say that they are working for the people until they get their high paying jobs. They are the ex-militants who are now working for the OEO. Last year they were leading marches. Last year they were organizing our people, but now they have just enough of the tortilla to be satisfied. Now they are in no position to take any real action for their own people.

Maybe I could illustrate my point with an example. Before they developed newer methods in the meat packing houses to slaughter the bulls and the cows, they used oxen. The ox would lead the fighting bulls onto the filling floor. He looked like a brother to the other bulls, but he was really not. You all know what they did to him to make him docile. He was a slave who was working for his food. We have this kind of ox among our own people. They are posing for pictures with Mr. Nixon and Mr. Reagan, and they are working for HEW and other federal programs. In reality, they are eating the crumbs from the master's table.

ON EDUCATION:

I get tired with people in the movement who talk about nationalism and internationalism and do not even realize how their own barrios are colonized. Let's face it. We are a conquered people in the colonized Southwest of this country.

We have to change our country's educational system, too. We need real education, not the brainwashing that goes on in our institutions. They are nothing but cookie making machines. They turn out robots who will work in their factories, and clerks who will work as their state service employees. They turn out flunkies and make them feel important by giving them a uniform and a badge. We don't want our people to become robots, but human beings who can laugh and sing and create--and who can be part of a struggle. We don't want our people to become scouts for the white man.

on some of our university and college campuses are drugged with Chicano Studies programs that lead them to believe that they are really getting somewhere.

We are drugged from a variety of levels. We are drugged when they hire more Chicano policemen who become worse than many Anglo policemen. They become the enemy, the colonizer. They are increasingly being used to infiltrate the movement as provocateurs--to pit our brothers against each other. It was the same kind of agent that was posing as a drug pusher to entrap Los Tres.

THE SELLOUTS:

Apaches, the Sioux and the other tribes--they were not defeated by the white man but by the Indian scouts serving the white man. We are often defeated by Chicano scouts who are selected to portray the image of success for us. Don't forget that Anglo society does not have the corner on the market when it comes to sellouts. Let me tell you that we have Chicano sellouts. We have individuals who

GESTAPO TACTICS USED BY BORDER PATROL



Daniel Magana, 42, of 105 W. Connecticut, Vista, California, reported to M.A.P.A. representatives that his home had been ransacked by two plainclothes border patrol officers. Mr. Magana said that on March 7th, at 2:30 a.m. a man came to his door and said he was from immigration. Mr. Magana was afraid because the man did not show a search warrant and wore civilian clothes; yet, he let him and a companion enter. The companion came in through the rear door.

Mr. Magana, who is of slight built, said he was afraid the pair were not whom they said they were and he ran for help, finally flagging down a Sheriff's patrol car. Neither of the "qualified deputies" spoke Spanish and Mr. Magana speaks very little English.

When they returned to his home, Magana found it in a shambles. When the deputies asked no questions of the men he became frightened and ran again but was subdued by the deputies. He was brought back to the apartment and ask-

ed to produce his identification. Mr. Magana did so and the deputies removed his handcuffs and left. The two plainclothesmen, however, kept insisting that four illegal aliens were, or had been, on the premises. After about an hour the two men left and Magana examined his apartment. Mr. Magana said books were cut apart, food thrown on the floor, and holes had been punched in cans of food. He also said he was threatened with deportation and urged not to make public details of the incident. He moved out of the house and left it as it was in case a follow-up investigation was to be made, but none was.

Border Patrol officials met Mr. Magana at the sheriff's substation in Vista and told him they would replace everything destroyed and that he would have no further problems. He said they asked him not to publicize anything that happened.

Mr. Magana, through M.A.P.A., is asking for a Grand Jury investigation into the matter.

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Every night the strikers gathered in front of the county jail to hold solidarity rallies. Every striker who was released from jail received a hero's welcome.

On Tuesday April 17, Union Director Cesar Chavez held a press conference in Washington, D.C. calling for a federal investigation of the Teamster-grower conspiracy to destroy the Union and charged that some of the growers paid off Teamster officials during the Salinas Strike in 1970.

YOU CAN HELP! Farmworkers Need:

Food for strikers in Coachella
Picketing at Safeway (281-4013)
BOYCOTT Safeway lettuce & grapes

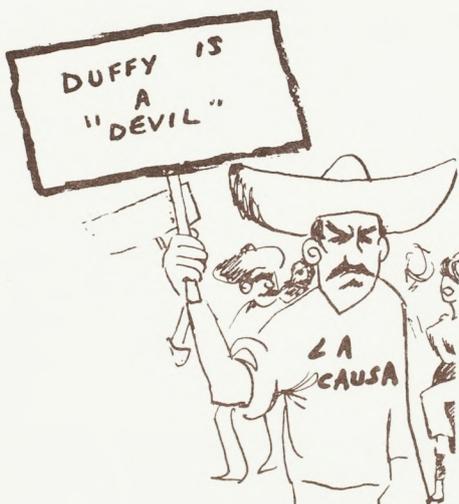
C.A.S.A. Needs:

Volunteer time
Donations
Leafleting against Rodino Bill
Letters against Rodino Bill

Raza Unida Needs:

Registrars
Donations
Volunteers

Phone 477-3620



Chicano Federation

Opposes Cannery

Earlier this year the Van Camp Corporation attempted to build a cannery in National City. Officials representing the company met with a M.A.P.A. Ad Hoc Committee on three separate occasions to discuss the pro's and con's involved in establishing such a facility.

After lengthy negotiating the Van Camp representatives and M.A.P.A. came to an agreement which insured that Chicano's would be hired in proportionate numbers at all job levels from entry level to top management positions. M.A.P.A. representatives also requested that Ralston-Purina, the parent corporation, implement a transitional program for the purpose of placing the current employees who would be displaced by the shut-down of the Van Camp Cannery in San Pedro, California.

Shortly thereafter, when M.A.P.A. drew up a position paper in legal wording, the Van Camp representatives reneged on the agreement. Consequently M.A.P.A. went on record opposing the cannery and the issue was defeated in the National City Council chambers.

At the general meeting of the Chicano Federation Board on March 14, 1973, the issue regarding the establishment of the Van Camp Cannery in the Logan Heights area was again presented. After discussions on the companies past record in negotiations with M.A.P.A. and pollution factor the general body voted to go on record opposing the idea of a cannery in San Diego.





*Ricardo Chavez-Ortiz was re-sentenced
November 22 to 20 years in federal prison*

Comite Libertad RICARDO CHAVEZ ORTIZ
P.O. Box 33255 needs your help!
Los Angeles, California 90033

EMPADRONASE LA RAZA UNIDA PARTY

Dear Raza Unida Member,

Our organizers and our office are daily bombarded with the questions—what is El Partido de La Raza Unida and what does it hope to accomplish in San Diego County?

El Partido is a concept that organizers are trying to build into a political force to deal with the massive problems that we as Chicanos face. The answer to the second question is the position taken by Raza Unida organizers on January of 1973. The position is as follows:

- (1) We are an organizing committee
- (2) Our goal is solely to register 10,000 people by December 1973
- (3) Having no mandate on the people we have registered, we have agreed not to run candidates or take positions on issues
- (4) On attaining our goal of 10,000 a county convention will be held in San Diego to allow registered members to elect spokesman and plan future political strategy

Only you can help build this concept into a reality. If you wish to help or have any questions concerning Raza Unida, feel free to call our office at 477-3620.

Sinceramente,

Herman Baca

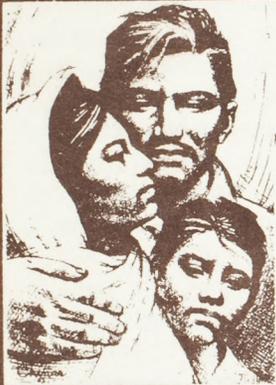
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FIRE HOOBLER

(CHICANO AD HOC DEMANDS IT)

The harrassment, interrogation, and detention of persons of Mexican Ancestry, under the guise of hunting for "Illegal Aliens", has prompted the AD HOC Committee on Chicano Rights (twelve major Chicano organizations) to demand that San Diego chief of police Ray Hoobler be fired. Spokesmen from the AD HOC Committee on Chicano Rights have charged that San Diego Chief of police Ray Hoobler is acting in an illegal and unconstitutional manner by involving himself in an area of law enforcement which he has no jurisdiction.

Committee Chairman Herman Baca stated, "Immigration is a federal matter totally a responsibility of the Federal Government. The practice of untrained policemen stopping persons of Mexican ancestry solely on the basis of color and culture is a gross violation of the Fourth amendment which prohibits illegal search and seizure and the Fourteenth amendment which provides all persons (even Mexicans) due process and equal protection under the law. If there is going to be such a policy, then apply it equally and see how long other groups will tolerate it."

Pleas for redress from the AD HOC Committee on Chicano Rights to the City Council on this grave issue have been met with a Texas Ranger type mentality.

The attitude of our "Elected Officials" can best be summarized by Mayor Pete Wilson's statement after a formal presentation was made by the AD HOC Committee. "Frankly I think it's a BUMMER".

Plans to have Chief of Police Ray Hoobler fired have been met with heavy opposition. On June 29th, two men working with the Committee were harrassed by San Diego police officer, Luis Velasquez in National City as they attempted to erect a 4 x 8 foot sign which read, "Stop Crime, Not Aliens. Fire Hoobler."

In a sworn statement Nick Inzunza stated that he and co-worker were acousted. When they asked Velasquez what laws they were breaking, the officer replied that he was not sure, but would find out!

Efforts to resolve the issue have reacted the critical stage. On July 13th Chicano Federation director Luis Natividad informed Chief of police Ray Hoobler that the Federation was breaking relations with his department until the issue of the Hoobler memo was resolved.

A July 6th letter from Mayor Pete Wilson inviting selected individuals to a meeting was interpreted by the committee as an effort by the Mayor to divide the committee. It was met with a strong reply that the Committee

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BAKER EXPOSES COLVIN

Community leaders are applauding the stand taken by the National Elementary School Board of Trustees in their efforts to question the renewal of Superintendent Sidney J. Colvin's employment contract.

The dispute came to the public's attention when the board on a three to two vote moved not to renew Mr. Colvin's four year contract until a procedure could be established to make an accurate evaluation of his performance. The move was a tactic to delay approval so that community groups who have long suspected Mr. Colvin as a prime enemy of community interest could give public testimony about his insensitivity towards Chicanos.

In an unprecedented move the three Mexican American trustees voted as a block to delay renewal, this immediately made these three trustees the target of a community backlash. Trustee Bob Baker, in particular became the subject of a recall effort headed by a Mrs. Simmons who has long been recognized as a supporter of Colvin. The recall group claimed that Mr. Baker acted in an unprofessional manner by criticizing Mr. Colvin. They felt his criticism was also intimidating to the district employees who have supported Colvin throughout the year. The major contention raised by trustee Bob Baker dealt with Mr. Colvin's insensitivity towards the needs of the Chicano community. One particular complaint centered around the failure to implement an affirmative action hiring program and the inability to keep pace with the new direction in compensatory education.

According to Dr. Canedo, whatever basis Baker had for deferring action on Colvin's contract are his and this does not include other members of the board. He said there are things to discuss yet, like the accountability of every employee in the district to the board, the financial forecast for the district and the possible elimination of positions and Mr. Colvin's future retirement plans.

Canedo also stated that he felt there were a couple of items that should be discussed with Mr. Colvin in private, rather than in public to protect his reputation.

Community organizations and programs that have publicly supported the board action are the following: National City M.A.P.A., Casa Justicia, National City Community Action Council, M.A.A.C. Project and the Parents Advisory Board for the Bilingual program at Kimball School.

It is a mutual feeling among these organizations that Mr. Colvin has been around too long and cannot adjust to the new ideas and attitudes in a changing community.



Treasurer's Report

May 31, 1973 thru September 1, 1973

Remaining last report 1.65
Funds received contributions 425.00

EXPENDITURES:
Pacific Telephone 125.42
Payment on printing 18.59
Film processing 10.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 154.01

BALANCE 272.64

NOTE:
Petty cash fund has been kept in status quo.

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would not meet with his office under those conditions. A further effort to discredit the elected leadership of the AD HOC Committee on Chicano rights by Mayor Pete Wilson also met an unprecedented reply by six respected Chicano elected officials. In a July 31st letter, Trustee Ben Moreno, Ernest Azhocar, A.Y. Casillas, Robert Baker, Oscar Canedeo, and Roy Parra advised Mayor Wilson that he stick to the issue at hand and divorce himself from petty individual attacks.

AD HOC Committe members are pursing their goal of stopping these illegal and unconstitutional memorandums being issued by local law agencies, and trying to bring about Congressional hearings on this serious matter.

NO. COUNTY SHERIFFS RIOT

Over 30 signed affidavits (ages 9 to 65 years) were recieved by Chicano organizations, from community residents who attended a birthday party Aug. 11, 1973 in North County. Individuals at a community meeting stated that they were beaten and arrested by San Diego county Sheriffs: (enclosed is an affidavits from 9 yr. old Michele Medina, describing the incident. Ed.)

I saw a trup of cops come toward, like a line of army coming toward the house, and the last thing I saw the was the guys and the girls were yelling. I saw all this in back of my cousins wired fence. I heard the sound of the clubs against the peoples bodies. My aunt rushed me to the house for me not to see anymore. Then my cousin ran in to his house. I saw blood on his shirt.

The cops only lying about everything that they said. Don't belive them. I even know there lying. And I am only 9.

Michele Medina

**¿ TIENE PROBLEMAS
DE IMMIGRACION?
LLAME CASA 477-3155**

12 YR OLD CHICANO MURDERED WHY?

At 2:45 A.M. in the morning twelve year old Santos Rodriguez was shot in the head while he sat handcuffed in a police car on a suspected burglary charge. His brother David Rodriguez who was sitting in the front seat of the car, said a police officer was playing a form of Russian Roulett with Santos, in an attempt to force information out of him. According to David Rodriguez "He (the police officer) rolled the chamber around, and then he opened it and there were twoor three bullets in it." He snapped it closed and then rolled it again. "Tell the truth " the officer told Santos. "Santos told the officer we did not burglarized the gas station. " The gun clicked, but it didn't fire!" The officer said, "This time it has a bullet in it." He clicked it and it fired. "The bullet went through my brothers head and blew the other side of his face off."

The officer D. L. Cain, 30, a five year department veteran, claimed the incident was a accident. To add insult to injury to the Chicano Community, a local resident stated 'justice of the peace,' Tom Naylor released Cain on a \$5,000.00 bond. A further investigation of the burglarized i gas station revealed that finger-prints did not match those of twelve year old Santos Rodriguez.

Chicanos angered by the senseless killing reacted by demonstrating and picketing. Authorites in Dallas reported that bands of Chicanos smashed windows and attacked police-officers during the demostration.

The reaction in the Chicano communities thru-out the Southwest is, "when, when will it stop!"



3 BOYCOTT SAFEWAY

Civil Disobedience Threatened

(ON YOUNGER'S OPINION)

California State Attorney General Evele Younger, in an eight page legal opinion issued by Assemblyman Peter R. Chacon, D-San Diego, ruled that any local law enforcement officer may detain for questioning a person he suspects of being an "illegal alien."

In doing so Younger gave his stamp of approval to San Diego Chief of Police Ray Hoobler's policy of detaining suspected "illegal aliens".

Younger in his opinion also stated that local law enforcement officials may ask private individuals such as taxicabs drivers to assist in the detection of "illegal aliens." Assemblyman Chacon said the Attorney General's report appeared "conclusive that the local law enforcement officials are in fact within statutory authority to stop and to apprehend people that they think are "illegal aliens." He said that if police and sheriffs deputies "plan to make a concerted effort to apprehend "illegal aliens", they ought to employ Americans of Mexican descent to assist them, perhaps as special aides."

At a press conference the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights strongly protested the eight page opinion. Spokesman from the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights expressed dissatisfaction and disagreement with the opinion. The spokesman pointed out that it was still their position that immigration is a federal matter totally preempted by the federal government, and as such, the issue still had to be resolved at the federal level.

It was also felt by the Ad Hoc Committee that the Attorney General failed to address himself to the Chicano community greatest concern, the safeguarding of the civil and constitutional rights of the three million persons of Mexican ancestry in the state of California.

The green light opinion by Attorney Younger to local law enforcement officers is viewed by many in the Chicano community as the start of a campaign to initiate massive deportations such as the ones that occurred in 1930 (400,000) and 1950-54 where over four and a half million persons of Mexican ancestry were deported.

With gestapo tactics being used against the Chicano community by zealous law enforcement agencies it is feared that the busting in of churches, breaking in of homes and the random stopping of persons of Mexican ancestry indiscriminately may provoke a confrontation between police officers and the Chicano community. Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Herman Baca in outlining the committee's position in advocating civil disobedience to the Chicano community stated that, "If the state is going to institute the victimization of our community by applying laws that are illegal, unconstitutional, immoral and racist. We then feel that the only solution left to us in protecting our civil and constitutional rights is for us, 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."

Spokesmen have pointed out that solutions are complex but that the answer is not in the victimization of the Chicano community or in the violation of the constitutional rights that we are guaranteed to us all by the United States Constitution.



Cease Deportation

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A Historical Perspective

PART ONE The Chicano In California Politics

An illusion is before us, one that should by all circumstances be destroyed; that La Raza is born equal. Not true, La Raza is a conquered people living under an illusion of equality and liberty. To be both conquered and free is a contradiction in terms.

It takes courage to tell the truth about oneself, about one's own defeat. Many of the persecuted lose their capacity to stare into the eyes of history and discern the realities it renders. History of a people cannot be denied-it follows like a shadow. The history of the Southwest points to the ways and means of tyrannical rule; it also gives inspiration and hope. For history has shown that a defeated people should not always be defeated, that the only direction is up.

It is an illusion to think that time mends all. False. The very same policies that wrested land and people from Mexico with subversion, fraud and deceit is evident today. Over one-hundred and twenty years ago that policy was called Manifest Destiny. Today the "domino theory" or "the threat to freedom" are the excuse. Such policies made La Raza wards of the United States with "protection" of civil and property rights under international law of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, 1848. What should be and what is are two different and distant worlds. The real world is one thing; the theory of freedom and liberty under the "law of the land" another. Laws that seek to promote the aggrandizement of property in the interest of the few in practice, and the ideal that social justice exists have made, for La Raza, the American Dream a nightmare of farces. Think of the theory and look at the reality in the Southwest. Read history and feel the yearn for liberty.

The California Constitutions of 1849 and 1879 underscore fact and fiction. In 1848, 48 delegates met at Monterey to consider a constitution for California. Eight of that number had Spanish surnames. The native Californians were in the decided minority. But even so a decent document was drafted and adopted. The Constitution decreed that all future laws were to be translated in both Spanish and English; it wedded the prevailing Mexican civil law to the increasing influence of the English common law; and the document was compact and brief and in accordance to the spirit of the law of the Land-Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

In just thirty years all this ended. In 1879, a Constitutional Convention was called and its results were all to clear. Of the 152 delegates only one bears any hint of being a Spanish surname. This Constitution ended the bilingual state; it ripped apart Mexican civil law, and the English common law dominated; the new Constitution became bulky with new language-"no person who shall not be able to read the Constitution in the English language and write his or her name, shall ever exercise the privileges of an elector in this State." -people needed Anglo lawyers for legal interpretation; by its exclusive character the new Constitution of 1879 violated the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

In 1879, the practice of racism and oppression became a legal institution in the State of California.

If the experience of these two Constitutions provide the theory of exclusion, history provides yet a profusion of real and practical examples. PART TWO, NEXT ISSUE

**SI NO VOTAMOS
NO VALEMOS**

EL PARTIDO DE LA RAZA UNIDA

ESCUELA DEL BARRIO

Escuela Del Barrio es un Proyecto que existe con la ayuda de la comunidad desde Enero de 1972. La meta principal de este proyecto es la de proporcionar una educacion apropiada a las necesidades de los residentes del sudeste de San Diego. La escuela ofrece clases bilingues para adultos en los cuales se ensena a hablar ingles de una manera practica y adecuada para la vida diaria de los residentes de esta area. Tambien tenemos un centro de ninos, La Escuelita, para las personas que tienen necesidad de este servicio a la vez que reciben su educacion.

Los fondos necesarios para que exista escuela se recaudan por medio de ventas en el "swap-meet", comidas, venta de botones, posters y banderitas Mexicanas. El dinero que se junta por medio de estos proyectos se utilidades para pagar la renta y las stitidades de la escuela. Los trabajadores de la escuela son voluntarios ye no reciben beneficios economicos. El Barrio tendra su primera Kermes; anual. Este Kermes se llevara a cabo en el corazon del barrio: Chicano Park; y empezara a medio dia. Uno de los eventos mas importantes de este dia sera la ceremonia para dedicar los murales de la calle Logan. Muchas de las actividades del dia tendran lugar alrededor de los murales los cuales formaran parte de la exprecion de nuestra cultura y nuestra RAZA.

Durante el dia habra actos, musica, y juegos para los ninos y para los adultos, comida, bebidas y varias rifas. Los premios mayores son: una pintura al oleo por el artista Chicano Mario Acevedo; un juego de sala; y una bicicleta de 10 velocidades. Tambien se rifaran entre 15 y 20 premios mas.. Los premios han sido donados por varios comerciantes de la localidad.



TO THE FARMWORKERS

Our backs are tired and racked with pain

Stooping, bending through-out the day

Heat and sun and dry from thirst
Work...Work...Work.

We toil and sweat in the orchards and fields

What do we earn for all that we yield?

Starting at sunrise we're made to work late

Take it or leave; it's the "going rate."

Fate, Fate, Fate.

We help to feed and nourish so many
Constantly filling "The Horn of Plenty"

We lack the money to share in this richness

Sickness, Sickness, Sickness.

The dreams of improving our life of the past are clouded with turmoil when all that we ask are the Rights of Equality in earning our share
Fair, Fair, Fair.

Our pleas are ignored by the powers that be,

What's next?

Of the treatment we get from the law
That justice prevails in the "land of the free?"

Liberty, Liberty, Liberty.

Our children need schooling and medical care

We need transportation for them to get there so they can grow up knowing that they haven't a chance

Ignorance, Ignorance, Ignorance.

We exist in shacks where we drink and cry

We can't help ourselves, however we try.

Our sons are drafted to fight and die
Why, Why, Why?

The cycle of poverty and all of it's grievings will be overcome by the ones we are leaving

Onward Chicanos! Y Vayan con Dios-
Adios, Adios, Adios.

The glow from the sunset is fading away

The light from the stars will guide our way to the peaceful bosom of Mother Earth who will cover our bodies with clover and dirt

Dust, Dust, Dust.



SALUTE TO SRA JIMENEZ

One word describes Senora Eulalia "Lala" Jimenez's performance as a senior citizen aid while at the MAAC Project the last three years, that word is "exceptional!" Senora Jimenez is sixty-three years old, she was born in Luguillo, Puerto Rico on June 29, 1910 and by her energetic activity and aspiring devotion toward her job, one might not guess she could be classified as a senior citizen.

During an interview with a Raza Unida correspondent, "Lala" stated, "I am very happy working with people, before, I was not aware of the many problems confronting us; I consider myself as one of the people I am able to help, both young and old." At first she considered herself very shy, but not any longer as she stated, "a boca callada no entra mosca."

Last May she was awarded the Senior Citizen of the year award for San Diego County. The award honored her for her devotion to her community, coordinating a very successful summer youth program, organizing senior citizen activities, and successfully performing her duties on a voluntary basis without regard for her personal gain.

La Raza Unida salutes a devoted and capable member of our community. Felicitadas a la Senora Jimenez y a todas las mas que no fueron mencionadas.



MORENO WALKS OUT

The refusal by members of the Southwestern College Board of Trustees to live up to their affirmative action program designed to increase minority employment caused Board Member Trustee Ben Moreno to walk out of the board meeting in protest of their lack of commitment to the ideals of the affirmative action program.

The main objection raised by Ben Moreno dealt with the fact that in February 1972 the board passed on a four to one vote in favor of the affirmative action program with a specific time line in which it would increase its minority staff. However, in 1973 in its annual staff report the college administration reported a marked decrease in minority hiring, this immediately caused the Chicano population on campus to suspect the administration of systematic discrimination against Chicanos.

According to Manuel Osuna, MECHA Chairman at Southwestern, "the college administration is intent on making the affirmative action program fail because it has not lived up to the directive issued by the board. It seems that the college administration is only concerned with maintaining the status quo rather than achieving ethnic parity in employment."

Moreno stated in addressing the audience that, "throughout my four years in office I have worked to make ethnic parity in employment a reality; however, if this lack of concern continues then perhaps I should consider resigning my position." He further pointed out that the college has not experienced any major Chicano difficulties since his election to the board but he will no longer hold back the students who are interested in immediate change.

Moreno Walks Out

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As the meeting progressed it became very evident that Ben Moreno had no intention of being the "house Mexican" on the Board of Trustees. In his final remarks Moreno claimed that Southwestern College according to the Student Handbook, "is committed to providing quality collegiate instruction for all people within the limitation of their ability to profit by instruction, "however if this is not the case then we should place an asterick after all people and footnote it with an explanation, "except Mexicans."

In subsequent meetings the Board of Trustees because of the various concerns expressed by the community, reaffirmed its commitment to seriously implementing its affirmative action program.



MANO A MANO

REGISTER RAZA UNIDA

In unity there is strength,
In strength there is power,

With power we can correct the problems that we as a people face.

If you have members of your family or friends that wish to register or help the effort, call: **477-3155**

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Dear Raza Unida Member,

On behalf of the La Raza Unida organizing committee, please accept our humblest apologies for the lack of activity and the delay on publishing our newsletter.

The reason our efforts have been low keyed these last months is because we have been facing a serious attack on the Civil and Constitutional Rights of the Chicano Community by Chief of Police Ray Hoobler and Mayor Pete Wilson who seem intent on victimizing our communities by illegally enforcing federal immigration laws.

The danger of their memorandum is that it applies the law only to our community and violates the civil and constitutional rights of every Mexican (Chicano, Mexican-American, Hispano, etc.) because the only criteria being used is one based on color and culture.

Evidently Chief of Police Ray Hoobler and Mayor Pete Wilson feel Chicanos are fair game. We urge anyone who has been asked for their papers by any local law enforcement agencies, (sheriff, harbor police, policemen, etc.) or public agencies, (hospitals, welfare office, schools, etc.) to please notify our office.

Sinceremente,

Herman Baca

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Reemboloso Bajo Acto de Alivio

Si usted es dueño o esta comprando su casa, puede ser eligible para recibir dinero o parte de su dinero por su propiedad en taxes. El reembolso es hecho posible para las personas mayores por proviciones en el acto de ayuda de taxes de propiedad de los ciudadanos mayores, decretado en 1971. Hizo que se extendiera la ley existente de los ciudadanos mayores sobre asistencias de taxes de propiedad.

Para calificar necesitan los siguientes requisitos:

1. debera tener mas de 62 anos desde 1 de Enero, 1972
2. debera ser residente de California desde 1 de Enero, 1972
3. debera de haber poseido y ocupado la casa entre 1 de Julio y 30 de Junio del ano corriente
4. debera haber pagado taxes de propiedad del ano corriente
5. debera tener un ingreso que no sea mas de \$10,000 para el ano anterior.

La cantidad de reembolso sera el porcentaje de los taxes de propiedad que usted pago. Este porcentaje puede ser desde 96% para ciudadanos mayores que no tienen mas de \$1,000 de ingresos para la familia hasta un bajo 4% por ingreso familiar de no mas de \$10,000.

Por ejemplo, si usted tiene un ingreso total familiar de \$4,450 y ha pagado taxes de propiedad de \$300, su porcentaje de reembolso de taxes seria 52% de \$300. El reembolso seria \$156.

Todas las reclamaciones de ingresos de propiedad pueden ser archivados entre 16 de Mayo y 15 de Octubre, 1972. Esos que desean relamar formas o informacion adicional deberan ir o llamar por telefono a las siguientes oficinas:

Asistencia de Ingresos de Propiedad
1350 Front Street
San Diego, CA 239-2215

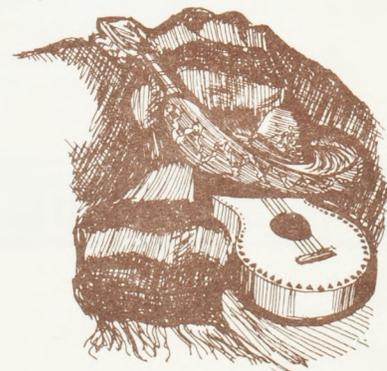
M.A.A.C. Project
827 "A" Avenue
National City, CA 474-2247

D.V.I. Inmate Clears Bad Publicity

An inmate at Duel Vocational Institution in Tracy, California has reported to the Raza Unida Party staff that within the past six months the news media of that area has created a fictitious war that is supposedly being waged among the greater majority of Chicano inmates in that institution. The false and sensationalist reporting is apparently designed to create mistrust among the Chicano population of that institution.

According to this inmate, part of this bias reporting was caused by a prison official who's sensitivity for Chicanos leaves much to be desired. Nonetheless, this D.V.I. inmate feels that his image along with that of his fellow Chicano prisoners, is being threatened by the comment and attitude shown by this particular prison official. Thus, writes our reporter, "I feel it as a duty to the Chicano, to voice my views on this matter."

The inmate admits that two Chicanos have died from knife wounds within the last half year, however, he denies that there is a split in the Chicano population of that prison and frankly he rejects the possibility of gang war activities. To support his statements, this D.V.I. inmate said that Chicanos are organizing a self help group and have managed to stay together because of their persistence in combating the many obstacles the administration has put forth. Another indication of Chicano unity was the \$384.00 that was collected between all of the 170 Chicanos and a few individuals from other groups to send to the families of the deceased. This is a considerable amount due to the fact that prisoners at D.V.I. receive no salaries.



Youth Speaks



El Neighborhood Youth Corp fue creado por la acta de oportunidad economica de 1964, para proporcionar experiencia de trabajos para juventud de pocos recursos economicos, para que ellos puedan superar sus colocaciones y continuar o resumir su educacion. La razon por la cual el N.Y.C. ayuda a la juventud es porque de esa manera, continuan sus estudios sin aburrirse y sin meterse en problemas y aprendiendo para su futuro, les ensena el valor del dinero. Solo tiene que estar interesado en trabajar, como llegando a tiempo; llevandola bien con los otros empleados; haciendo todo lo que su patron le pide; y haciendolo lo mejor que pueda.

Empleados del N.Y.C. son colocados por toda la ciudad de San Diego con la mayoria de nosotros en MAAC Centers, Barrio Station, C.A.S.A. Justicia, San Diego County Administration Building, y centros de recreacion. Aunque haiga un gran numero de juventud empleada ahora, todavia hay muchos colocados en las listas esperando ofrecimientos para la oportunidad de trabajar. Cualquier oportunidad de empleo del gobierno o asociaciones de beneficencia, para un decioso y merecedor trabajador del N.Y.C., estara muy agradecido.

Ramon Vasquez
Linda Aragon
Patricia Stopier



“Teleservicio” de Seguro Social

La oficina del Seguro Social de San Diego a establecido un nuevo servicio llamado "Teleservice", para la conveniencia de beneficiarios del Seguro Social y el publico en general.

El Sr. Arlyn B. Carr, gerente del Seguro Social de este distrito, indica que residentes de la area de San Diego pueden hablar por telefono para obtener informacion y tambien pueden llenar su aplicacion para recibir beneficios del Seguro Social sin tener que tomar un paso fuera de su casa.

El senor Carr explico que en muchos casos toda informacion necesaria para llenar la aplicacion puede ser obtenida por telefono. Despues, esta aplicacion es enviada por correo a la oficina del Seguro Social junto con otros documentos necesarios como comprobantes, tal como el certificado de nacimiento, etc. El tambien indico que si alguien quiere someter una aplicacion para recibir beneficios del Seguro Social, debe llamar por telefono primero. Posiblemente esta llamada telefonica es todo lo que se requiera. La oficina del Seguro Social esta ubicada en el 232 W. Ash Street, San Diego. El numero de telefono de "Teleservice" es 293-5550 en San Diego y 427-6612 en Chula Vista. Hay personas de habla Espanol que estan listos para servirle.



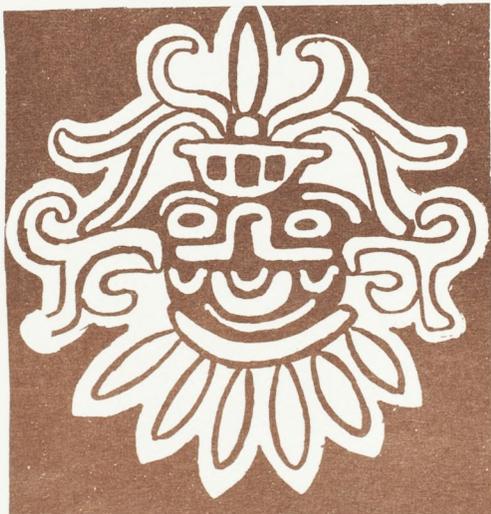
Registration Drive Continues



Raza Unida organizers are continuing their summer registration and want to remind the people that September 14th is the last day they can register. In the picture above Ricardo Campos, Raza Unida worker, adds to the roster of Raza Unida Party members another of the many people he has registered this summer.

Ricardo along with other Raza Unida Party workers are encouraging people throughout the county to register. "It is important," Ricardo said, "that we get as many of our people registered as possible if we are to have a voice in this government. We must express our feelings by way of the ballot. This can only be done if our people are registered and consolidated in their vote."

"We realize," Ricardo continues, "that the road to building a political party is a difficult one and will not be accomplished by rhetoric and words of bravado."



ACCUSED BORDER PATROLMAN IDENTIFIED

The alleged assailant in a three month old border rape case has been named in a law suit as Kenneth Cock, a border patrol officer at the San Ysidro port of entry. Submitting the damage suit on behalf of his clients, who are Martha Lopez, Maria Sandoval and Teresa Castelleno, was Attorney Fred Hetter, who stated he is certain Cock is the border patrolman responsible for the May 31st incident in which his three clients were allegedly abducted. Of the three, one, Mrs. Martha Lopez, was allegedly raped.

Because of a court gag order on the case, the identity of the border officer was withheld so that the possibility of any civil rights violation against the victims could be investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This court action was interpreted by community leaders as a delay tactic and it was suggested to Hetter that he file a civil suit naming "John Doe" as the accused. However, during the interim of this F.B.I. investigation, Hetter came across the alleged patrolman's name on numerous occasions, one of which he claimed was a "reliable" San Diego newsman. This information was reinforced by Hetter's law clerk who happened to see the defendants name on some F.B.I. reports being used by the Grand Jury. Other leakage came when Hetter mentioned Cock's name to the defending Attorney Howard Frank's secretary and she replied to Hetter, "oh, that's the name I'm supposed to never have heard," Hetter said.

According to Hetter the lawsuit will total \$255,000; \$200,000 for the alleged rape of Mrs. Lopez and the remainder for the assault and battery of her two women companions.



NATIONAL MAPA ORGANIZER



ABE TAPIA

Abe Tapia, National Chicano leader, recently visited our Raza Unida office at which time we decided to introduce Mr. Tapia to our party members by way of our Newsletter. Mr. Tapia has long been recognized as a key figure in the area of Chicano political development.

Upon completing his military duty in the late 1950's, he began a long and difficult road of community organizing. At that time, his efforts proved fruitless because people were not ready to except the realities of Chicano problems. Nonetheless, Age Tapia continued to strive for political representation for the Chicano community and gradually the people began to realize the importance of his efforts. It was not until the middle 60's that the Chicano movement began to attract masses of people into the struggle.

During the early 60's, Abe Tapia was employed in the Postal Service until he received an appointment to the federal E.E.O.C. as a hearing officer for job discrimination cases.

As the decade progressed, Abe Tapia developed into a statewide Chicano political leader. Finally in 1968, Abe Tapia was elected State President of M.A.P.A. where he immediately launched a campaign to bring about a new relevancy for M.A.P.A., which had in recent years lost its grassroots appeal.

During his term as State President of M.A.P.A., Abe Tapia was instrumental in establishing a legislative lobbyist in Sacramento for M.A.P.A. He also served on a statewide committee that changed the election laws to provide a Bilingual election ballot. He pointed out that in the early stages of the movement, M.A.P.A. played an important part in bringing about statewide support for Ceasar Chavez and his UFWOC.

At the height of his political activism, Abe Tapia was asked to run for the 45th Assembly seat against an established incumbent D-Wally Karabian. The importance of the 45th Assembly race forced the Democrats to use all their resources to defeat Tapia. Even though Tapia lost, he represented a new breed of Chicano political activism.

Presently, Abe Tapia is involved in a business venture called Aztlan Insurance Brokers in the Los Angeles area, and form all indications, the future of his business is very promising. Along with working to establish La Raza Unida, Tapia is serving as M.A.P.A.'s National Organizer.



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original: Rubén Estrella