

CONFERENCE

BARRIO YOUTH CONFERENCE
CONFEFENCIA DE LOS JOVENES DEL BARRIO

Horace Mann Jr. High School
4130 Navajo Street

Denver, Colorado
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July 9, 1981

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



BARRIO YOUTH CONFERENCE/CONFERENCIA DE LOS JOVENES DEL BARRIO

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- 9:00-9:30 Pre-registration
Main entrance
- 9:30-10:00 Introduction
Judy Hinojosa Montero
Ernesto Vigil
- 10:15-11:15 First Workshop Session
- 11:30-12:30 Lunch
(free lunch served in lunchroom)
- 12:30-1:30 Second Workshop Session
- 1:30-2:00 Youth Needs Survey
(meet in auditorium)
Youth Leadership Group
(meet in lunchroom)
- 2:00-3:00 Youth Leadership Group Presentation
(Auditorium)

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You are to attend one workshop of your choice during the first workshop session (10:15-11:15).

You then are to attend another workshop of your choice during the second workshop session (12:30-1:30).

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*****WORKSHOPS*****

BARRIO UNITY - Identifying Our Brothers and Sisters

Knowing our real friends and enemies in our Barrio, Why do they call our clubs--gangs? WHO is calling us a gang?

Facilitators - Bill Martinez, Joaquin Gonzales
Room - Choir Room

WHAT IF THERE'S A WAR--AND NOBODY COMES?

In the VietNam War, nearly 20% of the casualties were Chicano or other Latinos, yet we are not even 10% of the population in this country.

The war was supposed to be about democracy, **but what** democracy do we have when the police break up peaceful gatherings in the parks?

Can you be sent to a place like El Salvador to kill or be killed? How will the draft affect you?

Facilitators: Nita Gonzales
Ernesto Vigil

Room - Lunchroom

GETTING YOUR ACT TOGETHER--Thinking about getting a better job or higher education

What are you going to do with your life? Have you thought about your future? Do you want to get caught in a dead-end job, or do you want to get your act together? Check this workshop out.

Facilitators: Judy Hinojosa Montero
Mike Miera

Room - 121

YOUTH SURVIVAL--Stop the Murders!

Know your legal and civil rights, and what to do when they are ignored. How many people expected to be tear gased, maced and beaten during the La Raza Park Grand Opening? Chemical and biological warfare has now come to our parks, this brings fear to our people!!!

Know your rights on the streets, and in school. Know your rights when you are dealing with teachers and police learn personal and community survival skills in the place of police warfare.

Facilitators: Roberto Salas
Jose Sandoval

Room 108

HISTORY OF THE CHICANO MOVEMENT--Over a Decade of Struggle

Where is the Chicano Movement going in the 80's? The birth of the Chicano Movement in Colorado will be discussed. (Also the effect of contributions and our gains on a local and national level.) What role have Chicano youth played in the movement,

Facilitators - Reba Garcia Yepes
Elaine Ulibarri

Room - 109

Special Thanks to Escuela Tlatelolco

IS THIS REALLY ME???!?! Drugs/Alcohol/Mental Health

This workshop will attempt to give you a clearer picture about using and abusing Drugs & Alcohol. Also, how the abuse is directly related to the well-being of the individual in dealing with everyday pressures.

Participants of the workshop can then make their own decision on Drugs/Alcohol/Mental Health. Do we or don't we?

Facilitators: Ursula Garcia
Santiago Chavez
Mario Rodriguez

Room - 110

! YOUTH NEWS!

! YA BASTA!

Each one of you has either had some personal experience or have heard of some experience that your friends have gone through, the day in the Park when the Officers of the Law sprayed the park patrons and the surrounding neighborhood with tear gas, and then went on beating any young person they could get their hands upon.

Most of you are still shocked about these happenings, because most of you have never experienced the brute force of these men, who are protected by the Law. Most of you are still commenting that "no one was doing anything except having a good time." We weren't bothering any one." Some of us are even using a lot of energy to curse at Buster Snyder and even shoot off phrases about getting back at him. But the lesson that all of us had to learn is that we were not prepared.

First of all, if we were prepared, we would know that Buster Snyder is the point man for the complete Police Department, is supported by his fellow workers, approved by his superiors, and is even encouraged by the Police Chief, Mr. Art Dill, and Mr. Alvin Caldwell, Manager of Public Safety. Snyder is put in our streets to intimidate us and make us take our minds off the fact that the whole Police Department is responsible for abusing us.

The Second lesson we should learn from not being prepared, is that if we are willing to call the Officers of the Law "pigs" then let us understand that a pig in a pen has no idea about what is proper behavior, much less what is legal behavior. All we have to do is to throw a pig to garbage. If we are willing to call a Police Officer a pig, expect no quarter from him/her, and know that these so called Officers are willing to do anything to please themselves, and to show their superiors that they are doing a good job. They break the law to enforce it. Remember, the pigs work for the Denver Police Department and are supported by everyone in the Police Department and in general the business and white communities in and around Denver. Some of us may even have a Police Officer for friend, but what the police did at La Raza Park was not done to you as an individual. It was done to you because you are a member of a non-white group and are some how less than a human being. And if you don't believe this, then put this in your heart and ponder----the pigs tear gassed BABIES!

Question: What is the difference between a man in a blue uniform gassing our children and a man in the Black SS Nazi uniform gassing Jewish children?

Answer: None!.

The third Lesson is we should learn not being prepared is how to deal with actual physical force, and the abuse of the force. If a man is pointing a gun at your head, the only right you have at that point is what the man wishes you to have. In other words, unless you are willing and able to match the force used against you, get the hell out of the situation and remember everything. Then join a self-defense club, learn a martial art, and begin to talk with your partners about the who's, what's, why's and where's of police abuse. Become smarter than the legalized criminal (police) and remember everything!!!! Organize!

So in conclusion, there are a lot more lessons to be learned, and if we are prepared, we'd still have these lessons to learn. The most important point is that we have the right to our destiny and duty to insure it is safety and success. We have the right to our public facilities, and the duty to insure access--free and safe from police intimidation. Be kind with yourself and love your neighbor--they were gassed too!!!

STOP POLICE ASSAULT NOW!!!!

Youth Component
SERVICIOS DE LA RAZA

Tear Gasses

There are five different tear gasses: CS tear gas, CN gas, Nausea gas, Blister gas, and Mace. The gas that was used at La Raza was most likely CS tear gas--and the effects of the gas, some of you know. Basically, the symptoms are coughing, a running nose and eyes, burning of the eyes, reddening of the exposed areas of the skin (such as arms, legs, face, etc.), nausea, and in some instances, dizziness. When this gas is delivered, it hovers and moves only after a time lapse, or when the wind is blowing. Generally, you cannot lie on the ground to avoid this gas, and if you have a warning about it going to be used, get out of the area.

If you are effected with this gas, wash your eyes out with one part boric acid, (a crystal you buy at the store) and three parts water. If there is no boric acid around, wash your eyes out with regular tap water, and then use eye drops in your eyes. Never put anything in your eyes unless you are given specific instructions to do so.

If you get CS tear gas on your skin, get some mineral oil and rub the exposed skin. If you don't have any mineral oil, you can wash the exposed areas with water, and then immediately wipe the entire area with alcohol. Never put alcohol in your eyes. The alcohol (used only after a water wash) relieves the stinging sensation, and cuts the time of pain from three hours to just a few minutes. One of the most basic defenses against CS tear gas is a gas mask, or a wet paper towel or cloth. If Nausea gas is used, (you will know this is being used because it has no color or smell, but still has to be delivered by canister or grenade) get out of the area immediately and take your gas mask off. This gas is dangerous and causes you to vomit very badly. If you are wearing a gas mask, it is possible that you can throw up in your mask, and choke yourself. Use of this gas is very limited, but if you should be exposed to this gas, get to a doctor.

Mace is a liquid made up of 10% CS tear gas, 70% sodium bicarbonate, and 20% kerosene, which causes the burning sensation. The symptoms are burning eyeballs, impaired ability to react normally (such as running), and convulsions. If you are maced, treat your eyes and skin the same way you would if you were attacked with CS tear gas. If you are at an event where it is possible that mace may be used, wear ski goggles, and put vaseline on the exposed areas of the skin, including the face. Then if you are maced, take the vaseline off immediately. If you are going to an event where it is possible that a confrontation may take place, do not carry drugs, cherry bombs, stink bombs, spray paint, or any object that might be considered a "concealed weapon." These include pen knives and nail files. Do not wear jewelry. Also, women should not wear skirts.

LEGALITY

The best advice possible on any legal matter is; (1) maintain your cool and temper, (2) keep your mouth shut, (3) get a good lawyer and call your family and (4) never forget what you have been through. Allow the fear and loneliness and hatred to build inside you, rather than diminish with time. Allow your passion to fertilize the seeds of organized long term scientific revolution. Allow your love of freedom to lead you towards the understanding that the only way to communicate with the enemy is to speak the language he understands. Freedom is based on respect and respect will be earned by those who will organize themselves for struggle and education.

"Learn from the past, Organize for the future"

The cop is part of the larger system that keeps rich people in power and insures that poor and non-white people have little or no power. He is the enforcer for those people who own and control a lot of the worlds wealth. He or she is someone who thinks more highly of themselves than most of the people they come in contact with. He or she can be one who loves to inflict pain. He or she can be vicious and cruel. He or she will be nice and sweet when they want something. He or she can break the laws they pretend to enforce very easily and often. He or she is very sensitive to being called names and will react accordingly. The cop is armed to the teeth, with clubs, chemicals, gases and firearms. The cop tends to be stupid and uneducated, travels in packs or gangs and feels a certain degree of security when they are with their own kind. The word of the cop is taken without question in most courts and he relies on this. Whenever you come into contact with this person you should be aware that this person does not have your interests at heart and that in the long run this person will take your rights from you. In any encounter with this individual, be polite and concise but do not talk about any more than is asked of you.



CHICANO INDIAN
CULTURAL UNITY
MANY NATIONS ONE PEOPLE

In the first issue of "YOUTH News" we wrote the initials "V.U.C." and found out that not only did these initials mean "Varrrios Unidos Chicanos," but that they were the same initials of a Northside social group. As the different groups of the community decide to get together, and deal with the bigger problems of police abuse, school discrimination, and racism on the job, Servicios will also join with this united effort. Already there is movement towards uniting the different groups and we encourage each and every one of you to get involved and bring the different factions together. Because as we begin the process of joining together, we will find that the police, the school administrator, and the employers will take a second to think about whether they wish to abuse us, our parents, and our younger brothers and sisters.

UNITY THROUGH COMMUNICATION!!!!!!

--THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE--

I'M SITTING IN MY HISTORY CLASS,
THE INSTRUCTOR COMMENCES RAPPING,
I'M IN MY U.S. HISTORY CLASS,
AND I'M ON THE VERGE OF NAPPING.

THE MAYFLOW LANDED ON PLYMOUTH ROCK.
TELL ME MORE! TELL ME MORE!
THIRTEEN COLONIES WERE SETTLED.
I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE.

WHAT DID HE SAY?
DARE I ASK HIM TO REITERATE?
OH WHY BOTHER
IT SOUNDED LIKE HE SAID,
GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MY FATHER.

I'M RELUCTANT TO BELIEVE IT,
I SUDDENLY RAISE MY MANO.
IF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MY FATHER,
WHY WASN'T HE CHICANO?

---Richard Olivas

I AM GREEN, LUSH AND GROWING
I AM ARID, SANDY AND BARREN
I AM THE MOUNTAINS, TOWERING, LOFTY AND CRAGGY
I AM THE VALLEYS, VALES, DELLS AND LOWLANDS
I AM THE RIVERS, MESSENGERS OF LIFE
I EMBRACE MANY METALS, MINERALS AND GEMS

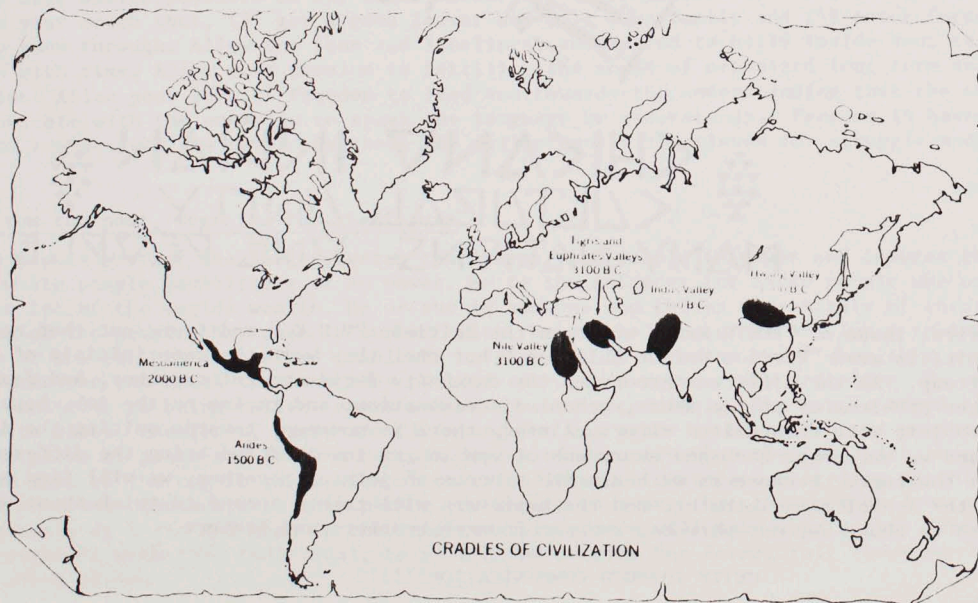
I AM THE LAND
I HARBOR THE ELAND, KUDU AND BONGO
I INCORPORATE THE LEOPARD, HYENA AND CHEETAH
I EMOBDY THE ELEPHANT, GIRAFFE AND RHINOCEROS
I SUSTAIN THE OSTRICH, BUSTARD AND STORK

I AM THE LAND
I AM DOMICILE TO MANKIND, EDIFICATION, AND CULTURE
I AM THE BEGINNING AND THE FUTURE
JUSTICE AND STRUGGLE SHALL LIBERATE AND INSURE ME

I AM THE LAND
I AM THE ANIMALS
I AM THE WEALTH
I AM THE PEOPLE
I AM ONE
I AM AFRICA

- Rene Rabouin -

The traditional presentation of the "cradles of civilization" ignores the equally old and, from the Mexican point of view, equally important cradle in Mesoamerica.



VARRIO YOUTH CONFERENCE

HORACE MANN 4130 NAVATO

JULY 9, 1981 9:00AM - 3:00PM

* ~ WORKSHOPS ~ *

- VARRIO UNITY
- CHICANO MOVEMENT
- DRAFT / EL SALVADOR
- EMPLOYMENT / EDUCATION
- ALCOHOL / DRUG ABUSE
MENTAL HEALTH
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
- YOUTH STUDENT CIVIL RIGHTS

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