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THE SHAM AND SHAME OF CARTER'S IMMIGRATION PLAN

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READING, 'RITING and RACISM...

Has anything changed?



110 Chicanos climb fences for Southwest walkout

Adults urge kids on; cite racist school attitudes

THE STAR-NEWS — Sunday, March 24, 1974

A coalition of Chicano and Black organizations are preparing and will soon be filing a lawsuit against the Sweetwater Union High School District in either Federal or State Court.

This action came about due to numerous complaints from parents and various organizations and also the district's failure to provide adequate educational opportunities of Black and Chicano students as required by Federal and State Law.

For example, the present minority student population is quickly approaching 50% (12,109), yet the school district employs only 102 minority teachers out of 1,018.

There are presently no programs that comply with Lau vs. Nichols, the U.S. Supreme Court decision holding that a child must be taught in the language he or she understands.

In meeting with the School District Superintendent, Earl Denton, the coalition discussed bilingual education, affirmative action, and the censorship of a Cinco de Mayo display by Sweetwater High School Principal William Darton. Rather than dealing with concrete solutions, Denton spoke in the abstract and continually laid the blame elsewhere.

Denton felt the large number of undocumented aliens in the district was one cause of the problem, yet under repeated questioning he could not substantiate his statement. He also cited the effort by a few teachers to learn Spanish yet totally discounted the cultural differences between Anglo society and the Chicano community -- differences which contribute strongly to a 25% drop-out rate.

The coalition also met with Palmer Jackson from the Office of Civil Rights when it was learned that his office would be investigating the school district. Jackson's response was exemplified when the organization requested information of his investigation and he responded with "I'm not your investigator" but he suggested that the coalition obtain what ever it needed by way of the Freedom of Information Act.

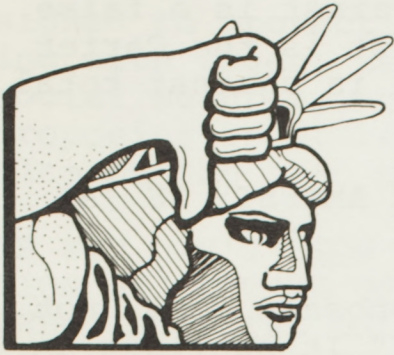
Since the meeting with Jackson, a letter has been sent to John Palomino of the Office of Civil Rights requesting an on-the-site full-fledged investigation. As of yet the coalition has not received a response.

The decision to file the suit came about due to the charges of failure to implement a workable affirmative action plan, violation of students constitutional rights including equal protection and due process, and inadequate assessment process for identifying non or limited English speaking national origin minority students. The district is also accused of deliberately failing to apply for Emergency School Assistance Act Funds (ESAA) which provide bilingual and special counseling programs to assist students relocated as part of desegregation effort. This resulted in the loss of \$600,000 for the school district and consequently a lower quality of education for minority students.

The cost of maintaining the lawsuit is estimated to be at least 3000 dollars according to Rafael Arreola, coordinating attorney for the case. He suggests that anyone wishing to contribute or having complaints against the school district, should contact the Committee on Chicano Rights Inc., at 474-8195.

"CARTER'S IMMIGRATION PLAN"

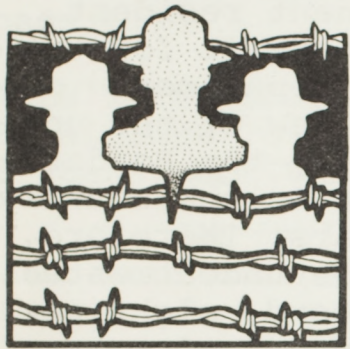
Adjustment of Status (Amnesty)



Adjusts the immigration status of undocumented aliens who have resided in the U.S. continuously from before JANUARY 1, 1970 to the present and who apply with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN STATUS; b). Creates a new immigration category of "TEMPORARY RESIDENT ALIEN" for undocumented aliens who have resided in the U.S. continuously prior to JANUARY 1, 1977; c). Makes no status change and enforces the immigration law against those undocumented aliens entering the United States after JANUARY 1, 1977.

Employer Sanctions

Makes unlawful the hiring of undocumented aliens, with enforcement by the Justice Department against those employers who engage in a "pattern or practice" of such hiring. Penalties would be civil--injunctions and fines of \$1,000 per undocumented alien hired.



Border Enforcement

Substantially increase resources available to control the Southern border; (2,000 additional border patrolmen) and other entry points, in order to prevent illegal immigration.

Cooperation With Source Countries

Promote continued cooperation with the governments which are major sources of undocumented aliens, in an effort to improve their economies and their controls over alien smuggling rings.

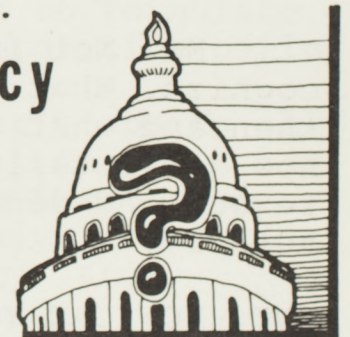


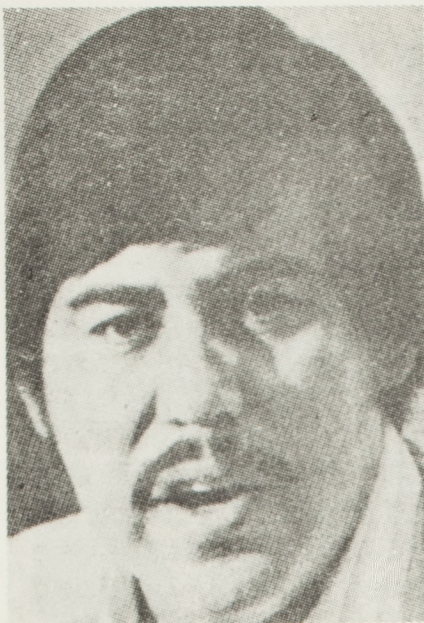
Temporary Foreign Workers

A comprehensive review of the current temporary foreign worker (H-2) certification program. To control the problem of undocumented aliens. It is possible to structure this program so that it responds to the legitimate needs of both employees, by protecting domestic employment opportunities, and of employers, by providing a needed work force.

Immigration Policy

A comprehensive review of existing immigration laws and policies by the Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Secretary of Labor. Support pending legislation to increase the annual legal limitation of Mexican and Canadian immigration to a total of 50,000 allocated between them according to demand.





HERMAN BACA
Chairperson

CCR INTERVIEW

**"WE ARE AGAINST
THE FALSE PROMISE
OF AMNESTY"**

On August 4th the Carter Administration announced it's long awaited "Comprehensive Immigration Plan."

Reaction by the Chicano Community and other Latino communities throughout the U.S. was that the proposed plan had nothing to offer and it should be politically defeated. Because of the numerous request for information by individuals and organizations, it was decided by the CCR membership that our Chairperson, Herman Baca, state our position on the proposals. (Editor)

WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE CARTER IMMIGRATION PLAN?

We feel that it is inhumane, unrealistic, unworkable and unenforceable. In essence, a reaction instead of an action. A sham and a shame.

THE LOCAL SAN DIEGO NEWS MEDIA REPORTED ON YOUR MAY TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.--DOESN'T THE CARTER PROPOSAL CONTAIN SOME OF THE VERY SAME RECOMMENDATIONS YOU MADE IN THE CAPITAL WHEN YOU MET INS COMMISSIONER LEONEL CASTILLO AND ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL?

No. Not in any form that we recognize. What we were recommending then and what they are talking about now are totally different things. We reject and denounce the Carter plan totally.

BUT, HOW CAN YOU BE AGAINST AMNESTY?

We are not against amnesty. In fact we were one of the first organ-

izations to propose it in the early 70's. What we are against is a false promise of amnesty. It is the Carter Administration which is against total amnesty.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE AMNESTY IS A "FALSE PROMISE"?

The Carter proposal does not talk about "amnesty." It outlines an "adjustment of status" for undocumented persons who entered the country before 1970. Such adjustment is not anything new--it already exists in the form of INS statute 8 USC 1254. This statute provides that an alien with seven years of continuous residency and equity (job, property, family, etc) can petition for permanent resident status. Very few will benefit for two reasons. First, a 1976 Department of Labor study found that few of the undocumented apprehended by the Border Patrol or INS have been in the country for longer than two years. Therefore, the vast majority of the undocumented will be unaffected. Second, right now the INS' incompetence and racism has resulted in a seven year waiting period. It will take years before anyone will benefit.

IN REGARDS TO THE EMPLOYER SANCTIONS PROPOSAL--HOW CAN THE CCR OPPOSE PUNISHING EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE AND EXPLOIT UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS?

That's easy. The proposal is phony as a three dollar bill. We don't oppose punishing employers, we oppose punishing our people. The result of the proposal would be that--punishment

The CCR is presently conducting a campaign. If you agree with our position, we urge you to:

- 1) Write you congressional representatives. If national hearings on immigration are conducted.
- 2) Spread the information about the proposal.
- 3) Support us in our efforts to organize and financial support.

Contact us at the CCR, 1837 Highland Ave.,

by discrimination at the hands of employers who will simply refuse to hire any person of Mexican or Latin ancestry. If Carter and Castillo were sincere about penalizing employers they would enforce all existing laws designed to protect workers, laws dealing with wages, health and safety, social security, etc. What Carter is proposing is at best nothing but a slap on the hand of big business.

IF YOU DON'T STOP THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION BY CUTTING OFF THE SOURCE OF JOBS THEN ISN'T THE ONLY RECOURSE TO INCREASE THE BORDER PATROL?

Isn't that rather simplistic. Everyone agrees that the immigration problem is caused by social, economic and political factors. The solution is not to be found in law enforcement. On top of this the Border Patrol has worked with business interests. (see page 6.)

AREN'T THE UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN WHO WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. FOR 5 YEARS RECEIVING A KIND OF AMNESTY?

No! We feel that the cruelest and most contradictory part of the Carter plan is the creation of a "temporary resident alien" status. Individuals who entered the United States between 1970 and 1976 will be allowed to remain and work and required to pay taxes. They will not be allowed to receive the social services they have paid for. They will have no vote and no political voice. This is "taxation without representation." The inhumaneness of this proposal is that it forbids the "temporary resident alien" to be reunited with their families while within the U.S. borders. After five years they will be subject to deportation.

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ational City, CA 92050, (714) 474-8195.

WHAT WILL BE THE EFFECT OF CARTER'S ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS PROPOSALS?

The result will be the creation of a captive labor force that will work hard, cheap and scared. It is our feeling that the real motive behind the so-called amnesty program is to entice people without proper documentation to step forward in order that they can be targeted for later deportation proceedings. When these workers are no longer profitable they will be discarded with minimum effort by the INS.

YOU ATTACKED THE PRESIDIO ACTION AS A RETURN TO A BRACERO PROGRAM. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION DENIES ANY PLANS FOR SUCH A PROGRAM. ISN'T THAT AN ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC FACTOR?

This raises more questions than answers. We can't even resolve the unemployment problem in this country let alone other countries. The Carter proposal suggest MILLIONS of dollars in foreign aid to these countries to improve their economy, but nothing is mentioned of the BILLIONS of profit monies the Multi-National Corporations are taking out of these same countries.

WHAT ABOUT THE IMMIGRATION POLICY CHANGES BEING PROPOSED?

It has very little to offer in substance. It appears that instead of performing the major surgery which is needed the proposal is applying a band-aid.

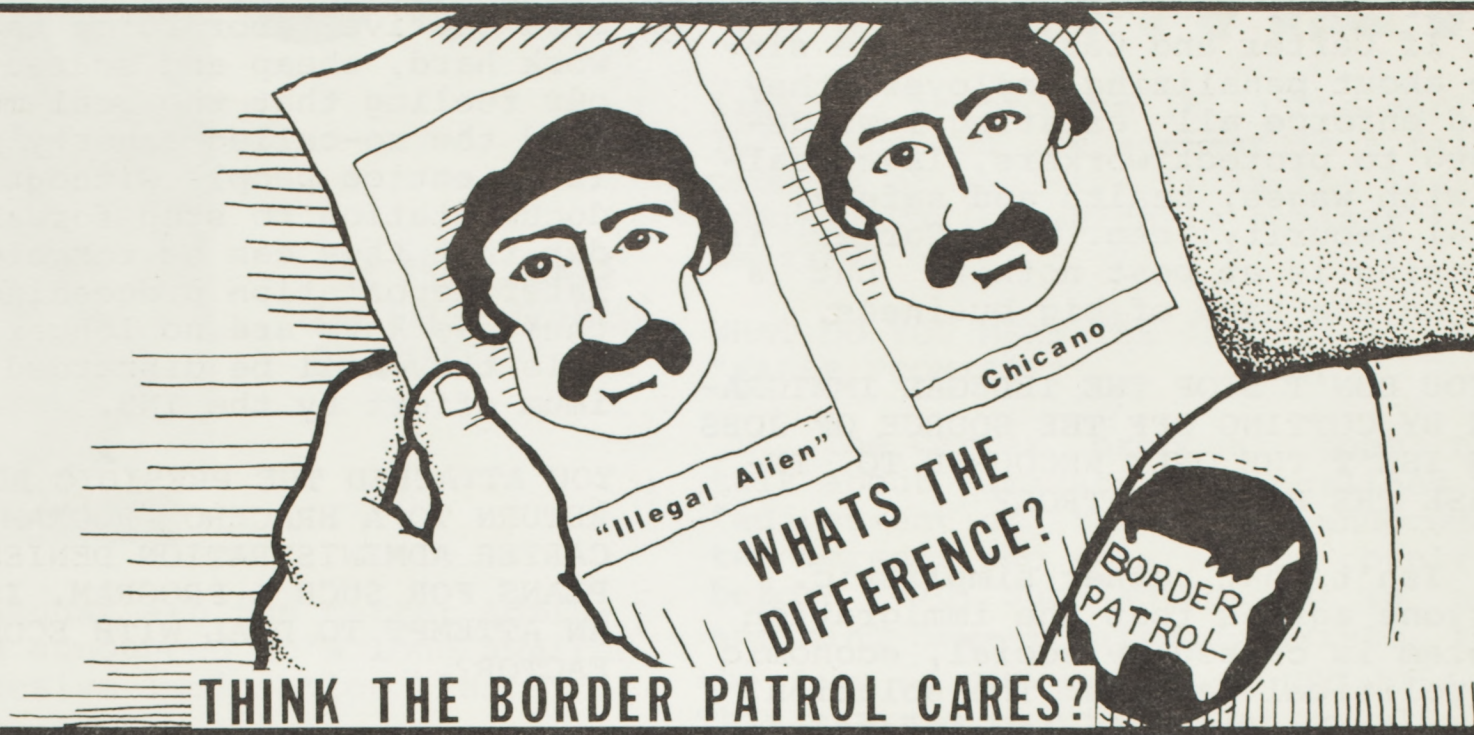
WHAT DOES THE CCR PROPOSE?

The CCR proposes the following:

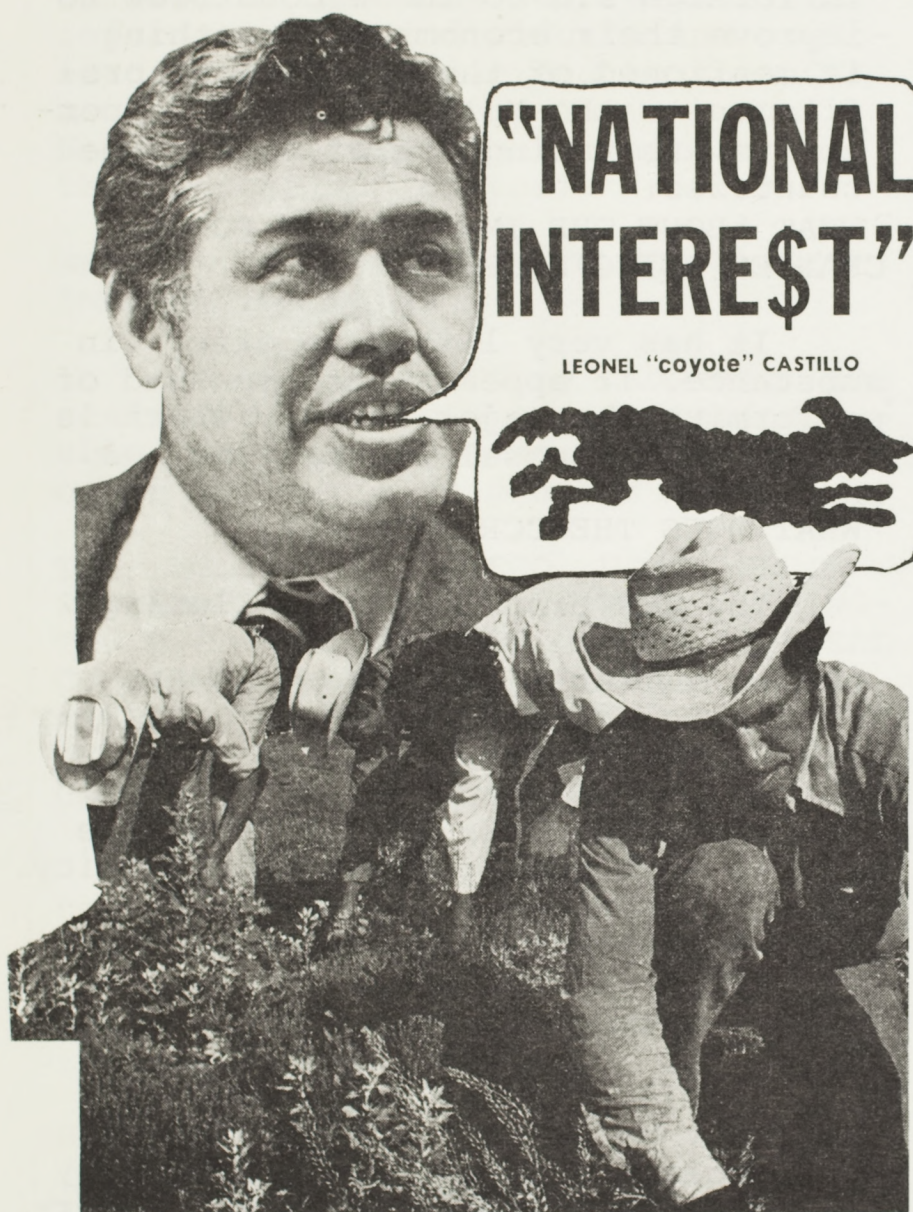
- 1.) A workable and humane amnesty program, with emphasis on family reunification.
- 2.) National Hearings to formulate a just humane immigration policy.
- 3.) An executive order stopping all deportations until Congress has developed through National hearings a comprehensive realistic immigration policy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

we propose that the Chicano Community organize itself to defeat this dangerous proposal.

WHY SHOULD THE CHICANO COMMUNITY BE CONCERNED?



Double Talk in Texas



The Carter Administration has once again shown what the "National Interest" is in intervening on behalf of the Presidio, Texas growers by importing 881 Mexican Nationals to this country to harvest the growers' 6 million dollar onion and cantaloupe crop.

The U.S. Department of Labor in refusing to certify the Mexican workers stated that the action was taken because the growers had not complied with regulations requiring that they provide housing for the workers and pay the \$2.89 an hour minimum wage which the Department of Labor had determined would not have an "adverse" effect on the wage level of U.S. citizens.

I.N.S. Commissioner Leonel Castillo stated that the action was taken in the "National Interest." The fact is that Castillo thru his action has now become a "coyote" for the growers in Presidio.

This return to a Bracero type program with its substandard wages and housing proves that the Carter Administration is not interested in solving the Immigration problem, that is effecting our communities, but instead continues the traditional policy of preserving the "status quo" for those in agribusiness and other economic interest which are profiting from the immigration situation.

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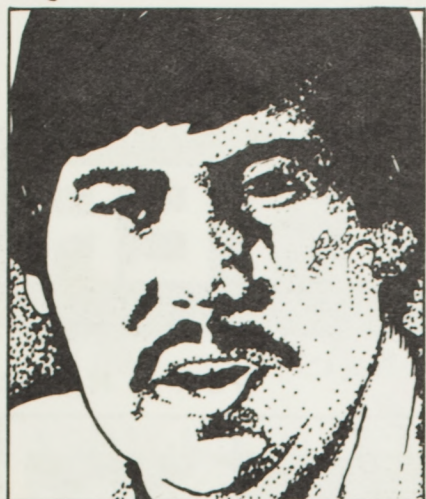
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Community Unites In San Diego



Stop the Carter Plan!

Position Statement by Herman Baca, Committee on Chicano Rights

On October 29, 1977 the community joined by Chicano leaders from throughout the nation, marched to demonstrate their anger and ran the KKK out of the Chicano community. Since that day no public appearances or statements have been made by the KKK. But the threat posed by the immigration crisis still exists.

During the last seven years, we have struggled against the systematic violation of the liberties of the Chicano community. We have seen law enforcement agents come into our homes, our churches, and our schools looking for "illegal aliens." Our people have been harassed in parks and airports, and on the streets. Our rights have been challenged when we register to vote or apply for social services. We are blamed for everything from unemployment and high taxes to forest fires and social diseases. Whether we were born here or in Mexico, we are all, or will soon be victims of the Carter Administration's approach to the so called "illegal alien" problem. And, now to make a bad situation even worse, the Carter Administration is proposing to sanctify these illegal and unconstitutional acts by making them laws.

Fifteen million Chicano/Latino/Mexicanos in the U.S. must now understand that the "Carter Immigration Proposal" is in fact a loaded gun pointed at our heads. Statements by the Carter Administration that so called "illegal aliens" will get amnesty, that employers will be fined and that positive changes in the Immigration policy will be proposed are false.

In our opinion the three most dangerous proposals in the Carter package are:

(A) The establishment of a para-military solution in the border area. The proposal would call for more fences, sensors, dogs, and helicopters and a tripling of the border patrol to 6,000 personnel! (B) The establishment of a semi-slave class of people under the sugar-coated title of "temporary resident alien." This is part of the so-called amnesty program which will allow persons to adjust their status. Persons who have entered the U.S. between January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1976 will be allowed to remain in the U.S., work and pay taxes under INS surveillance, but they will not be allowed to unite with their families, or to collect any of the services which their taxes have paid for. (C) The establishment of punishment for employers who hire so-called "illegal aliens", this proposal will in fact increase the unemployment in the Chicano/Latino/Mexicano community because employers will simply refuse to hire any persons of Mexican or Latin ancestry. This proposal doesn't punish employers, it punishes our people.

It should be obvious by now that we have no one to turn to for solutions except ourselves. It is for these reasons that we are now unifying a national campaign to stop the Carter Immigration Proposal. Failure to act now will ultimately effect our basic right to exist as a people. The proposals are now before Congress and hearings will commence next February. We must act now! Stop the Carter Plan!

"YOU CAN HELP" SEE PAGE 9

Community Unites In San Diego

On October 29, 1977, 2000 men, women and children of all races marched at the international border in San Diego to demonstrate their unity in the face of recent racist attacks on the undocumented worker.

The peaceful march and rally was a controlled show of anger at the recent activities of right-wing vigilante groups along the U.S. Mexican border. But, the real target of the demonstrators was the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and the Carter Immigration Plan.

"La Migra is just as guilty, just as racist as the KKK," said rally speaker Corky Gonzales of Denver's Crusade for Justice. "They are twins dressed in different uniforms who mistreat, terrorize and brutalize our people."

Another speaker, Bert Corona of the National Immigration Coalition called right-wing terrorists, "a pimple on the body of a decaying system" and attacked the Carter Plan as systematic and legalized racism.

The peaceful march and rally was organized by the San Diego Ad-Hoc Coalition for Human Rights made up of over fifty community, professional, student, labor and religious groups.

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

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



On the right, Allen Clayton, the officer in charge at the U.S. Immigration's port of entry at San Ysidro, explains operations to David Duke, head clown of the KaKaKlan.

When the KKK and the INS are on the same side...

On October 16, 1977 the National Director of the KKK was given a tour of the San Diego INS Office at San Ysidro by immigration agent Allen Clayton. Clayton described the tour as a "matter of courtesy". The KKK chief announced the start of the Klan Border Watch which would help spot "Illegal Aliens" for the INS. James O'Keefe, District Director of the INS, stated "as far as receiving information from them, we welcome information from any citizen."

The KKK National Director claims that Klan members are employed by the INS, serving on the Border Patrol.

Who's Side Are You On?

PERROS de la FRONTERA

a cartoon based on an act written by **TEATRO MESTIZO**



HOWDY FOLKS, INS CHIEF JAMES O'KREEPO HERE! YA KNOW FOLKS THERES ONLY ONE SOLUTION TO THE ILLEGAL ALIEN PROBLEM - MORE GUNS & BARBED WIRE. JIMMY CARTER WANTS TO GIVE THOSE MESICANS WHAT THEY DESERVE. I'M ALL FOR THAT. SO, HAVE NO FEAR THE INS IS HERE!

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 WE MUST BE UNIFIED AND FIGHT TOGETHER, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AGAINST THESE ABUSES. TODOS UNIDOS, UNITED WE STAND, UNIDOS VENCEREMOS.





Corky Gonzales

Abe Tapia

Mario Cantu

Bert Corona

Herman Baca

Jesse Ramirez

Chicano Leaders Support Declaration of... Self-Determination!

The national Chicano leaders who participated in the San Diego Unity March agree completely that it must be the Chicano/Mexicano community that will decide the tactics for stopping the Carter Immigration Plan. These leaders have worked with the issue of immigration long before it became a fashionable topic of national attention. But now that it is a national issue, opportunistic organizations and certain naive leaders have attempted to use the concerns of the Chicano community to further their own hidden agendas.

They have created confusion and division at a time when our very survival is at stake. But they have now been exposed.

Throughout its history the Chicano people have produced the type of leadership that is willing to fight to protect the community's civil, constitutional and human rights. These legitimate leaders who have dedicated their lives to establishing a political voice for our people have united in their denunciation of opportunistic organizations and individuals. They have stated firmly that our sacred right to self-determination will not be violated by anyone.

DECLARATION OF CHICANO SELF-DETERMINATION SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

When it becomes self-evident over SWP of using devious actions a long period of time that certain designed to attempt to discredit and specific individuals, groups, or subvert the local Chicano leadership of organizations become detrimental to the progress and principles of our violent, reactionary, and revisionist. (4) We accuse the SWP of continually becomes not only our responsibility ignoring the request of the Chicano but our duty to publicly confront and denounce the perpetrators who have committed these acts against the best interest and welfare of our community.

We the undersigned of this declaration which comprise the major Chicano organizations of San Diego County hereby declare to our communities and our people that: (1) We accuse the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) of violating the Chicano Community's sacred principle of "self determination" by: (a) Disrespecting the political positions of Chicano Community Organizations. (b) Calling Chicano individuals and organizations to a community meeting under false pretense. (c) Using Chicano individuals and organizational names under false pretense and without their permission. (2) We accuse the SWP of attempting to undermine the confidence of the Chicano Community to further their own aims at the expense of our people by the above acts. (3) We accuse the

to cease in their attempts at manipulation and co-optation of issues which effect our communities. (5) We accuse the SWP of acting in a patronizing, opportunistic manner, and with a colonialist mentality which presumes that the Chicano Community is incompetent and incapable of determining its' own destiny.

Therefore, let it be known here and now and by all, that we the undersigned condemn the Socialist Workers Party and their affiliate the Young Socialist Alliance, not for their philosophy or ideology, which they have a right to, but for the unprincipled political acts which have been carried out against the San Diego County Chicano Community. We hereby, also declare that because of these acts we will not work with, support or will we allow the SWP or the YSA to participate officially with our organizations or with any of our activities here in San Diego County.

On September 27, 1977 all major Chicano/Mexicano organizations in San Diego County took part in denouncing the involvement of the SWP and YSA in the political concerns of the Chicano community. All of the Chicano leaders pictured above have signed the Declaration of Self-Determination.



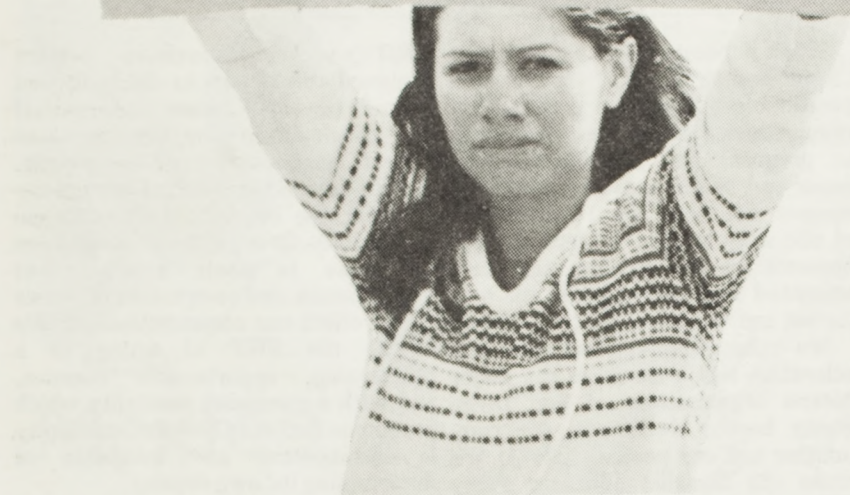
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PROGRESS REPORT

Legal Action Against Sweetwater District Moves Forward

A coalition of Chicano and Black organizations, which was formed during the summer of '77, is continuing to organize and raise funds in an effort to force the Sweetwater Union High School District to provide adequate educational opportunities for Black and Chicano students. The action results from the school district's failure to implement a workable affirmative action plan. The present minority student population is quickly approaching 50% (12,105), yet the school district employs only 102 minority teachers out of 1,018. The district is also accused of deliberately failing to apply for Emergency School Assistance Act Funds which provide bilingual and special counseling programs. The district's failures contribute strongly to a 25% drop-out rate among Chicano Students.

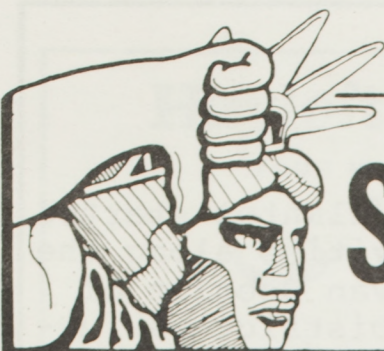
Right now the Legal Aid Society Attorneys working with the coalition are awaiting the results of an investigation of the school district by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). When the results are made public the attorneys will file a lawsuit against the district. If the OCR investigation supports the school district the lawsuit will also be filed against the OCR.

Legal expenses are expected to be more than \$3,000. A series of fund raisers sponsored by coalition members (G.I. Forum, San Diego chapter of LULAC, California Democratic Association, California Chicano Caucus and Mesa College MECHA) has contributed \$1,100 to the legal fund. According to a CCR spokesman who is coordinating the coalition, the fundraisers provide an atmosphere for spreading information about the issue. "The organizations and individuals involved are prepared to make the sacrifices necessary to insure justice for their children." It is expected that the effort will continue well into next year. Five more fundraisers are scheduled in the near future.

National City — \$1,000,000 For Developers, Potholes For Residents

The Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc, has filed a complaint with the U.S. Treasury Department because of National City's proposed use of \$1.3 million of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. The City, (which is 40% Spanish-surnamed) is proposing to use \$1,000,000 of the funds to prepare a site for a commercial enterprise--the Bonita Plaza Regional Shopping Center. Only \$5,500 is being set aside to provide for the needs of National City's West Side--the Chicano Barrio. Revenue sharing funds are designed to improve a community's living conditions. The residents of the West Side could use the funds for housing rehabilitation, street improvements, building of a min-park and expansion of social services, Instead, the City wants to use taxpayer's money to benefit commercial developers.

Legal Aid filed the complaint on behalf of West Side individuals and the CCR. The city claims that an attempt is being made to cut-off the funds. But Ignacio Cota, coordinating attorney from Legal Aid, states that, "We are not bad guys. The City refuses to spend the money equitably. It refuses to establish programs for the benefit of all persons". The community has waited for 2 years for an answer from the Department of Treasury. CCR attorneys have stated that a law suit will soon be filed not only against the city of National City, but also the Treasury Department to stop the discrimination.



STOP THE CARTER PLAN!

Things you or your group can do to help STOP THE CARTER PLAN.

1. Start a STOP THE CARTER PLAN committee in your community.
2. Write or send a telegram to your Senator or Congressman stating your opposition to the Carter Plan.
3. Add your name (individual or organization) to the list of endorsers to STOP THE CARTER PLAN.
4. If you have a news publication please give a prominent play to the STOP THE CARTER PLAN to inform your members of the issues involved.
5. Donate paper and office supplies.
6. Cash donations, large or small are urgently needed.

If you are interested and need further information, or wish to donate, please write or contact us at the **Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc.**

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Van Deerlin Compliments INS

Dear Mr. Rains:

The Ku Klux Klan's visit to the San Ysidro border has received far more attention than most of us would like to have seen given them. I think your assessment was quite correct when you stated that they came for publicity and received just that.

Your letter to the Mayor gives a detailed account of the action that was incorrectly interpreted by some as a friendly gesture to the Ku Klux Klan by the Border Patrol. I don't blame you one bit for being angry about what happened.

The entire staff at the San Ysidro Port of Entry has my respect in the way the matter was handled, including a careful watch on the protest march held on Saturday. The skill of your offices was most certainly demonstrated in dealing with this group clearly harboring some hostility to your agency. Please accept my compliments and thanks.

Sincerely,

Lionel Van Deerlin
Lionel Van Deerlin
Member of Congress

Mr. Ruben R. Rains
Supervisory Immigration Inspector
San Ysidro Port of Entry
San Ysidro, California 92173

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Enclosure

When right-wing vigilantes started their anti-Mexican activities along the border, Representative Van Deerlin of the 42nd Congressional District was unconcerned. He did nothing. When concerned people marched peaceably, Van Deerlin saw them as hostile and needing a "careful watch" by a law enforcement agency. It is clear from his letter that Van Deerlin sees the marchers as more of a threat than the KKK.

Even though the congressman's district, which includes the border area, is 37% Chicano, Van Deerlin has for years supported anti-Chicano measures such as employer sanctions (Rodino-Type bills) and increases in the number of Border Patrolmen.

Since Van Deerlin will not come to the defense of our people he should not expect us to support him in the '78 elections. With representatives like this, who needs enemies?

This Our Lady of Guadalupe parishioner was search and asked for identification after mass by Immigration Patrol Unit which has been accused by local residents of harrassing anyone who looks "Mexican." Local community and church leaders have issued strong statements of concern over this practice which have taken place in Ontario.

Statement of Concern



EL CHICANO
San Bernardino

As members of the Statement of Concern Committee of the Ontario Ministers Association, we strongly object to the alleged actions of immigration officials in choosing the setting of divine workshop as a place to enforce immigration laws. We recognize the complexities of the issues involved and the difficulties encountered by law enforcement officials. However, such harrassment of worshipers, including some American citizens and legal aliens as well as undocumented persons, places burdens and injustices upon one segment of our population not inflicted on others.

A government agency, which through its actions intimidates worshipers, deals a potential threat to our entire society. The rights of all are at stake when the rights of some are abused.

The freedom of worship is a basic principle which is to be guarded zealously. Denying the right to worship without in-

terference to one person or to one congregation - threatens the rights of all. Thus, even though the intentions of government agents and agencies may have been most honorable, we consider the means employed most unfortunate, in the light of the First Amendment's warning against anything "prohibiting the free exercise" of religion, and urge the discontinuance of such practices.

(State released by Dr. Ralph H. Lightbody, President, Ontario Ministers Assoc. and Pastor of First Baptist Church, Ontario, and endorsed by the following: Rev. Ellsworth Benedict, Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church; Rev. Carl Hoppman, Pastor, First Lutheran Church; Rev. Barbara Stout, Assistant Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Rev. Delwin Thigpen, Pastor, First United Methodist Church; Capt. Ronald Wendt, Salvation Army; and Rev. Norman Williams, Pastor, First Christian Church. 10-11-77)

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