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June 8, 1977

**CHAIRMAN EMERITUS**  
VERNON SUKUMU

Dear Friend:

Nia Cultural Organization would like to thank you for supporting the Malcolm X African Liberation March and participating in furthering the effort for human liberation and equality. We are pleased that so many of you were able to attend the March personally, and are equally appreciative of all the other types of support that was given us in sponsoring this event.

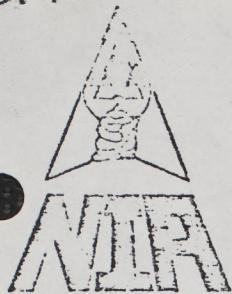
We feel this was an historical, landmark occasion for San Diego and the nation as well, to have citizens from all walks of life and all ethnic and racial backgrounds to speak out in harmony to commemorate the birth of a great leader and to voice support for human freedom across the globe. We feel especially proud in having participated in this and share this feeling with you.

Nia continues to promote the concerns of humans struggling against oppression in all areas of life. We thank you again for sharing in this important social event and look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,

*Ken Msemaji*  
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June 9, 1977

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS  
VERNON SUKUMU

Peter Chacon  
Assemblyman, 79th District  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Pete:

We at Nia are shaken by your decision to support the death penalty. We feel there is no basis for this action and that you have in fact committed a serious breach of your responsibility to represent the interests and needs of your total constituency.

With regard to the survey you implemented to assess the district's opinions on this issue, we have not come across one person who participated in it. Obviously, we don't have contact with every person in the district. However, the apparant disparity in the population makeup of the respondents raises serious questions about the validity of the survey. We feel your decision then, is a gross misrepresentation of the district, with the possible exception of Coronado.

Concerning some of the more basic issues related to the death penalty, it has been statistically shown time and time again that the death penalty is not a deterrent to crime. The only measures that will serve as real deterrents are those which attack crime at its roots, not its surface. The majority of crimes committed today are the result of the ineffectiveness and unwillingness of government, industry and big business to provide adequate employment, housing, education and health care to a large portion of the population; and these same institutions creating and perpetuating a severe alienation among and between people which destroys the basic fiber of which productive, social relationships are made and maintained. So then, killing people cannot be the answer, nor any responsible approach, to this very serious and pervasive social problem.

There is another very important factor regarding the death penalty which should be of even more concern to you

because of the characteristics of your district. That is traditionally, notwithstanding all of the statutory and judicial attempts to enforce this sentence uniformly, the bare fact is that those in the higher economic classes have escaped being subjected to the death penalty while poorer defendants, who don't have access to the top legal expertise that people like C. Arnholt Smith, Patty Hearst and Claudine Longet can afford, are consistently having their lives threatened or taken away in disproportionate numbers. Further illustrating the judicial system's propensity toward discriminatory enforcement and application, and even questionable principles is the situation of Watergate and the recent exposures of FBI and CIA activities in this country. These are not isolated examples of uncondoned, socially deviant behavior, but rather a series of incidents which reflect the moral character of our judicial system.

In conclusion, because of the above reasons, this action taken by you makes it very difficult to continue our working relationship, which to this point has been mutually beneficial and productive. We won't always agree on issues and in many instances agreement won't even be necessary to continue a principled and productive union. However, because of the nature of this issue and the far reaching consequences it will have primarily on poor people and people of color, unless you do refrain from participating in the effort to override the Governor's veto, we will have no other choice but to sever our relationship with you.

Sincerely,

*Ken Msemaji*  
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cc: Governor Edmund G. Brown  
Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally  
Senator Bill Green  
Senator James Mills  
Assemblywoman Teresa Hughes  
Assemblyman Richard Alatorre  
Assemblyman Art Torres  
Assemblyman Waddie Deddah  
Assemblyman Larry Kapiloff  
Cesar Chavez  
Tom Hayden  
Dennis Banks  
Sylvester Herring, Delancy Street, San Francisco

cc: cont.

Leon Williams, Councilman, City of San Diego  
Jess Haro, Councilman, City of San Diego  
Jim Bates, Supervisor, County of San Diego  
George Smith, President, Board of Education, County  
of San Diego  
Charles Reid, Board of Trustees, Community College  
District, County of San Diego  
Vernon Sukumu, Director, Black Federation of San  
Diego County  
Jesse Ramirez, Director, Chicano Federation of  
San Diego County  
Herman Baca, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano  
Rights  
Greg Knoll, Director, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
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George Williams, Director, Human Relations Commission  
of San Diego County



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July 19, 1977

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS  
VERNON SUKUMU

Dear Friend:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter we addressed to Assemblyman Peter Chacon, our representative in the State Assembly, regarding his supporting the Death Penalty Bill.

We ask that you examine the arguments in our letter and those of your own and hopefully you will join us in expressing by letter or telegram to Chacon your feelings against his position on this issue.

The State Legislature will be concluding it's recess and resuming work in the beginning of August. As you know the Senate voted to over-ride the Governor's veto of the Death Penalty Bill before their recess. When the Senate sessions begin there will be an attempt to get the Assembly to also vote to over-ride the veto.

We must stop the over-ride by persuading Chacon and others not to vote for it. Additionally we need to express our concern to Chacon regarding his apparent sell-out of us in order to pay off his political debts and to appease his Coronado interests.

In conclusion you may find it interesting to know that both Assemblymen Kapiloff and Deddah of neighboring and considerably more conservative districts were able to display more principle and strength by voting against the Death Penalty Bill than our own Peter Chacon.

Sincerely,

Ken Msemaji

P.S. This action must be taken now because the Assembly will have its vote in the beginning of August.



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January 9, 1978

**CHAIRMAN EMERITUS**  
VERNON SUKUMU

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

Dear Herman:

We would like to personally thank you for attending the press conference, last Friday, January 6th at the El Cortez Hotel, and for supporting our efforts to help defend the most essential rights of Indian people in the United States.

By attending this press conference and by over the years consistently supporting the many efforts of people struggling to achieve their rightful place in our society, you have helped us to once again demonstrate the importance and effectiveness of all people, who embrace the basic principles of human justice, working together to effect positive change. Further, let us always remember that although an event such as a press conference, a meeting, a workshop, or other similar activity in isolation, may not seem to have a major impact on our overall struggle, in fact, these kinds of activities and the work and follow-up needed to make them happen are an integral part in developing a real base of support and social consciousness essential to realizing our goals.

Again, we thank you for attending and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,  
In Love and Struggle,

*Dennis J. Banks*

Dennis Banks

*Ken Msemaji*

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January 31, 1978

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Dear Friend:

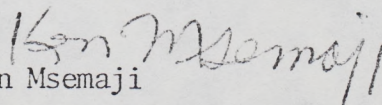
We are inviting you to attend a very special reception that Nia is having for several Southern African dignitaries who are Representatives to the United Nations. The reception will be held on Monday, February 6, 1978 at the offices of Nia, 5053 Churchward Street at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Callistus Ndlovu of the Patriotic Front and the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union - ZAPU; Thami Mhlambiso of the African National Congress of South Africa - ANC; Ben Gurirub of the SouthWest African Peoples Organization - SWAPO; and Tiri Kangai of the Patriotic Front and the Zimbabwe African National Union - ZANU, will be visiting San Diego to meet with leaders of the San Diego community and embark on a series of speaking engagements, lectures and interviews to further inform the American public, and in particular their brothers and sisters over here, about the situations in their respective African countries.

It is extremely important that all of us become more aware and involved at some level with the survival and future of our African counterparts. Afroamericans, or Black Americans are the sole force that can be activated to help free our brothers and sisters in Southern Africa and support their liberation efforts. We can do this through self and mass education, effective lobbying, and developing our political presence here in America.

We know you share with us the importance of welcoming these African dignitaries and supporting their efforts. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

  
Ken Msemaji

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March 8, 1978

Dear Friend:

On Thursday March 16, 1978 at 5:00 p.m. Nia is helping to coordinate a fundraising benefit for the San Diego Newsline Newspaper. The affair will be a reception with Tom Hayden, Jules Feiffer and Bob Scheer at 2055 Sunset Blvd in Mission Hills. We cannot find strong enough words to express the need and value of San Diego Newsline. The kind of hard hitting investigative reporting, political commentary and earth shaking revelations produced in newsline play a tremendous role in our struggle to change society.

Recent articles such as the story of Eddie Edward's Art Center, City and County Retirement Monies Being Invested in Southern Africa, Stopping The Construction of Freeway #252 and Downtown Redevelopment are just a few of the many stories that give us a more accurate look at issues which have a large impact on our lives.

We urge you to attend the benefit, subscribe to newline, and call in your ideas, stories and concerns to Larry or Maria at (714) 295-2134

Supporting a balanced alternative weekly news paper like San Diego Newsline is one more way we can speed-up the process of justice and make a social contribution.

Sincerely

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3-30-78

**CHAIRMAN EMERITUS**  
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Dear Friend

On Sunday April 2, 1978 at 8:00 a.m. on channel 39 T.V. Greg Akili, our vice chairman and Tom Johnson a member of Nia and the president of C.I.T.I.E.S. ( a group of black telephone co. employees) will be appearing on the San Diego Horizons show being hosted by Hal Gray.

Akili and Tom will be discussing the recently discovered problem of the City and County of San Diego investing its pension and retirement funds in South Africa, and by doing so City and County employees without knowing are supporting the most criminal, racist and repressive apartheid regime in the world, worse even than Hitler Germany.

They will also be talking about local efforts to divest all monies invested in South Africa and how if those monies were invested in San Diego it could create jobs for San Diegans.

Plesae write or call us and give us your feelings on this issue. Perhaps you may want to assist in some way, if so we are eager to communicate with you.

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PRESS STATEMENT

3-14-78

**CHAIRMAN EMERITUS**  
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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC MONIES USED TO PROP UP APARTHEID

It has recently come to our attention through an article in San Diego Newslite and subsequent statements in other newspapers that the City and County's retirement funds are being invested in corporations and banks who are doing business in South Africa - to the tune of more than 75 million dollars.

The morality of this action supercedes the arrogance of Watergate or the genocide of Nazi Germany. Public officials are taking the money of unaware and unsuspecting City and County employees and using it to support and uphold apartheid in South Africa. And by doing so, these officials are supporting murder, mayhem, and repression of the worst kind in world history.

It is our understanding that the law requires the City and County treasurers and respective retirement boards to make safe and secure investments with employees' retirement funds. How then do they justify these large investments in countries who are engaging in armed revolution and where any day or any month these countries will win their freedom and the American and multi-national corporation's industries and other operations will be nationalized and invested monies lost? Have we forgotten what happened in Chile and Cuba? Have we forgotten that when revolutions caused the corporations to lose money the U.S. Government paid them reparations? The U.S. Government paid the corporations with taxpayers money for their losses.

We are calling for the complete withdrawal and divesting of all San Diego public monies from corporations and banks with holdings in South Africa, and that the monies be brought back home to San Diego where it can create jobs for Americans, increase our tax base and alleviate some of our social problems. Additionally, we are asking the City/County Re-investment Task Force to further investigate this matter and come up with recommendations of alternative local labor intensive investment possibilities.

We question the irresponsible statements made by the retirement boards and City and County officials. Any official, be they elected or appointed, that can say they don't care about social implications but only sound financial investments is unqualified to manage public money. What is more social than retirement funds for that the money in question is Public i.e, social. And what happened to the motto of "Public Monies for the Public Good"? Is that not social? In fact everything in society has socio-political implications. We just can't go around paying for whole sale murder and repression and using public monies to profiteer from the exploitation of Black labor in South Africa.

In conclusion, we ask the Civil Service employees of the City and County to let their feelings be known regarding how their monies are being mis-used to support a Hitler Germany-styled regime in South Africa. We will be side by side with them informing people in the churches and the schools, in the market places and the workplaces and we will confront the County and it's retirement boards and their irresponsible officials and bring a halt to these immoral, indecent and insecure investment practices.

San Diego Union

Tuesday March 14, 1978

## City, County Hit Over Fund Tie To S. Africa

The city and county have been criticized for investing in corporations doing business with South Africa.

A spokesman for a coalition of minority and religious groups which has scheduled a news conference this morning in Southeast San Diego, said the investments which total about \$75 million should be poured into local housing projects and economic development.

"San Diego money is being used to prop up a racist regime," said Greg Akili, vice chairman of NIA, a black cultural organization. "We feel there are alternatives that are just as productive."

In addition to NIA, the coalition comprises the San Diego Human Relations Commission, Black Federation, Committee on Chicano Rights, St. Stephen's Church, Southeast Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and Campaign for Economic Democracy.

The complaints focus on records showing that \$19.7 million of the county's \$230 million employee pension fund and \$25.9 million of the city's \$171 million retirement fund are invested in corporations doing business in South Africa.

Another \$20 million in county treasury funds and \$9 million in city funds are on deposit in two banks — the Bank of America and Wells Fargo — operating in the white minority-ruled republic.

Akili said the coalition plans to petition the City Council and Board of Supervisors for resolutions urging the city and county retirement boards to reinvest the South African-linked money.

He said support from the City-County Reinvestment Task Force, a panel originally formed to investigate redlining (the practice of denying home loans in minority neighborhoods), also will be sought.





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May 3, 1978

**CHAIRMAN EMERITUS**  
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Dear Friend:

On Friday, May 19, 1978 Nia Cultural Organization will be sponsoring the 'Malcolm X Jobs March'. For the past eleven years we have been celebrating the birth and contributions of Malcolm X. This year, in addition to commemorating Malcolm we are having a march to demonstrate the necessity and urgency of full employment in San Diego and the entire country.

We feel it is extremely important for persons of your contribution, stature and visibility to participate in events of social significance. We know you share this view because of all the work you have done for social causes and humanity over the years. We are calling on you to again take time from your schedule to participate in this March around the most important issue facing America today, the lack of jobs.

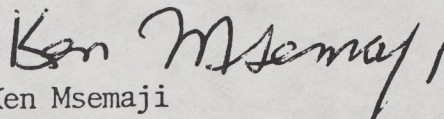
The March will be attended by multitudes of people from all colors, ages, religions and professions. Among those who participated last year and who have been invited again this year are Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally, Cesar Chavez, Dennis Banks, Tom Hayden, Councilmen Leon Williams and Jess Haro, Rev. George McKinney, Rev. Grandison Phelps and many others. In addition to these fine people we have invited Governor Jerry Brown, Congressman Augustus Hawkins, actress Jane Fonda and several labor leaders, to share this year's program.

We are assembling the March on Friday, May 19, 1978 at the Student Center Complex of San Diego City College, on 16th and "B" Streets, at 11:00 a.m. This event will be a peaceful, non-violent, protest demonstration with a police escort, route permits, and all of the proper legal and civic arrangements.

Last year's March focused on supporting and linking human rights struggles in this country with those across the world, in particular Southern Africa. The March was a tremendous success and was attended by over 1,000 people. It was the first time anything of that nature and magnitude took place in San Diego.

We would like you to follow that precedent with us. Again, our goal is to dramatize the need for full employment and to pressure our decision makers to respond to the public will. We would be honored and our March would have tremendous impact if you would attend and participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Msemaji". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "K" and "M".

Ken Msemaji

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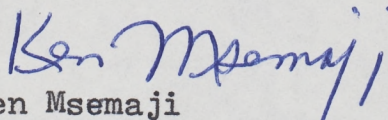
Herman Baca and the Committee on Chicano Rights represents our interest and concerns regarding the immigration issue and the Carter Immigration Plan.

Our organization, Nia is predominately a Black Organization working primarily in the black community in San Diego and through out California. Most of the Black Elected Officials in California including Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally join us in supporting the Committee on Chicano Rights position on immigration. Further we are extremely concerned about our brothers and sisters from the West Indies, Panama and Haiti etc. Who constantly are having their human rights violated by immigration officials.

We urge you to listen to Mr. Baca and our other representatives when they come to state our case. We have no choice but to continue to battle for a fair and human immigration policy in America. One that is free of racism and exploitation and South Africa styled anti-human practices.

Any assistance you are able to give us will be appreciated and long remembered

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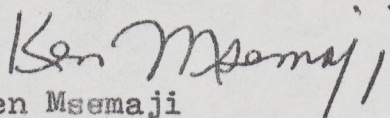
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June 1, 1978

**CHAIRMAN EMERITUS**  
VERNON SUKUMU

Dear Friend,

We want to thank you for helping to make our Malcolm X Full Employment March a success. Your assistance and participation did a lot to rekindle the movement's spirit which is vitally necessary in the continuation of our struggle. We also feel that this type of mass action exemplifies the methodology so often professed by Malcolm X and does a lot to wake up society and its institutions to the fact that we must change.

We also want to thank those who were unable to attend. We know you were with us in spirit and we look forward to being involved with you in the future.

We feel that the most important factor contributing to the overwhelming success of our effort was that together with you we were able to mobilize over 1500 people. In addition, 30 co-sponsoring organizations as well as 15 local and nationally known guests came together to pay tribute to Malcolm X and speak out on the issue of unemployment. Of the more than 1500 that participated Blacks were present; Browns were present; a variety of Pan-Asians were present; Indians from on and off reservations were present; political leaders attended; working class people were there; poor people were there; Whites were there; children and seniors were there; women and feminist groups were there; and handicapped people were there. This type of rainbow coalition in our view, reflects the kind of serious working movement which must be developed in this country if we are to see real social change and transformation of society.

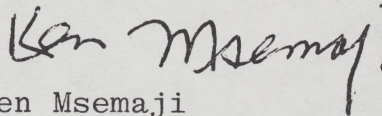
In order to make the transformation of society

and build the kind of coalition movement necessary to make that change it takes however, more than just marches, rallies and other similar demonstrations. Among the many things it takes is first a comprehensive analysis of American society in relationship to the rest of the world. Second, it takes the development of a substantial, but broad philosophy to give direction and purpose to our efforts. And finally, it takes the development of committed local organizations and coalitions to carry out the struggle before us. We strongly believe that in order for us to be successful we must have at least these three things.

We have enclosed for your information a copy of the article written by the Los Angeles Times, which of the establishment newspapers did the best job reporting on our march. Also enclosed is a copy of the proclamation issued by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors proclaiming May 19, 1978 "Malcolm X Full Employment Day" in the County of San Diego.

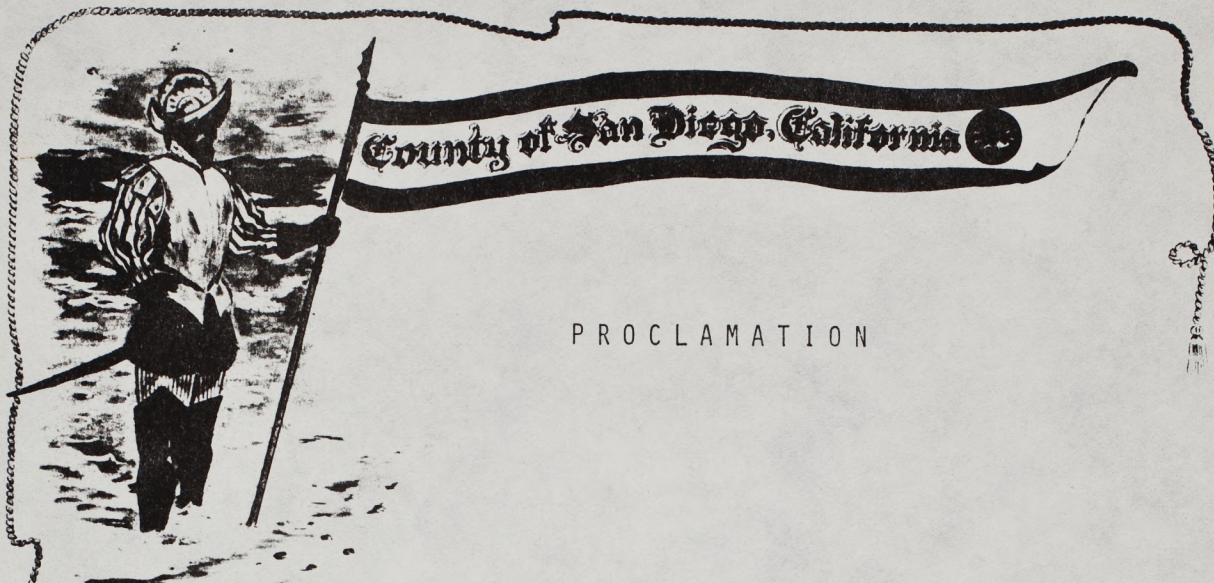
In closing, we would like to hear from you so that we can learn your feelings and ideas about our work and any other topics you would like to share with us.

In Love and Struggle,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Msemaji". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ken Msemaji

KM/fj



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, May 19 is a day to celebrate the birth and teachings of Malcolm X, a black man who lived and died fighting for all oppressed people; and

WHEREAS, Nia Cultural Organization and people throughout San Diego County will again be celebrating this great man's impact upon our society, and will be bringing attention to the struggle for full employment in San Diego, and the rest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this county has a history of denying persons the right to work because of race, color and creed; and

WHEREAS, many San Diegans and other people from throughout the state will be peacefully protesting in the Malcolm X Full Employment March because of the lack of a job for every person who is able and willing to work; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Lucille V. Moore and the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego on this 19th day of May, 1978, that they do hereby declare May 19, 1978, as MALCOLM X FULL EMPLOYMENT DAY throughout the County of San Diego; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors that they do hereby urge all citizens and organizations within the County of San Diego to support Full Employment.



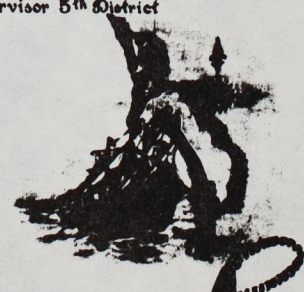
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Dear Friend:

On Sunday, July 9, 1978 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm Nia is helping to sponsor a fundraising benefit for the San Diego Newsline. The affair will be a mexican fiesta (with carne asada and vegetarian plates) and will be held at the home of Linda and Carlos Legerrette, 1359 Grove Street in Golden Hills.

We cannot find strong enough words to express the need and value of the Newsline. The kind of hard hitting investigative reporting, political commentary and earth-shaking revelations produced in Newsline play a tremendous role in our struggle to change society.

Recent articles such as the story of the Tyrone Thomas killing, City and County Retirement Monies being invested in Southern Africa, and Downtown Redevelopment are just a few of the many stories the Newsline has featured. Because of these and other items the Newsline helps provide us with a more accurate view of issues which have a large impact on our lives.

We urge you to attend the benefit, subscribe to Newsline, and call in your ideas, stories and concerns to Larry or Maria at (714) 295-2134. Supporting a balanced alternative weekly newspaper like San Diego Newsline is one more way we can speed up the process of justice and make a social contribution.

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Ken Msemaji

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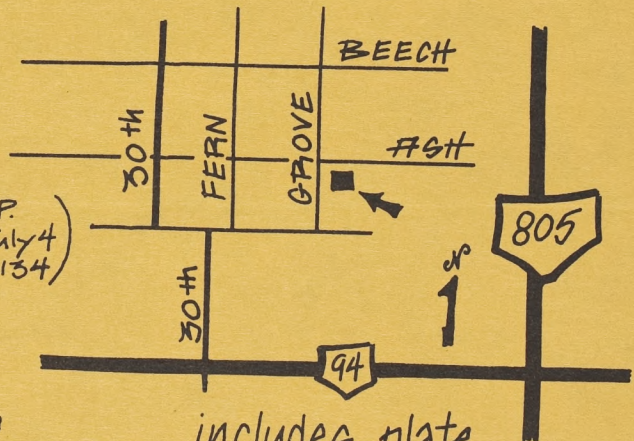
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June 29, 1978

Dear Friend:

We would like to inform you that this coming Sunday, July 2, 1978 at 10:00 a.m. on Channel 39 T.V.'s San Diego Inside Out Program, Rev. Robert C. Ard, President of the Southeast San Diego Ministerial Alliance and Nia's Ken Msemaji, will be discussing the facts and consequences of the Tyrone Thomas killing.

Tyrone Thomas was a 21 year old Black Youth who was shot down and murdered in cold blood by a San Diego City Policeman. Mr. Thomas was unarmed at the time and the incident took place in broad daylight. Over the years San Diego and most large cities have been the victims of police killings, beatings and other forms of brutality, primarily against black and brown minorities.

The majority of these incidents are concluded by the police investigating the police, and finding that it was justifiable homicide or an accident.

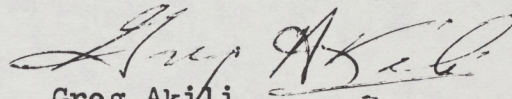
In San Diego over the last year alone there has been several shooting incidents including Tyrone Thomas, and Luis Tato Rivera who were killed, several others who were wounded and

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and several others who were beaten by police. It is time that we put a stop to this type of behavior allowing policemen being paid by taxpayers money, to run around and act like mad bandits.

In addition to the televeision show this Sunday, several groups including the Ministerial Alliance, the Association of Small Bussinesses, the Black Lawyers Association, the N.A.A.C.P., the Black Federation, the Urban League, Nia Cultural Organization, the World Community of Islam, Councilman Leon Williams and many, many others are calling a rally at Christ Church of San Diego 3060 54th Street on Wednesday, July 12, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in order to report to the community, the most recent information regarding the Thomas killing and to get direction from you as to where we should go from here.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Akili

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FROM GREG AKILI



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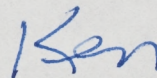
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Herman Baca  
Chairman  
Committee on Chicano Rights  
1837 Highland Ave.  
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Dear Brother Herman:

Sorry we missed your meeting of July 30, 1980, which was held at Lowell Elementary School, with regard to the Carter immigration plan. Our work has been extremely vigorous recently, and it was just impossible for us to make the meeting at that time. We would appreciate your continuing to invite us and be assured you have our support, even though sometimes we are unable to attend the meetings. Please express this to your staff and members for us.

Sí se puede,



Ken Seaton-Msemaji  
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# Fonda Stirs San Diego Job Rally

## Actress Denounces Multinational Corporations

BY ED SYLVESTER  
Times Staff Writer

Actress Jane Fonda denounced U.S. multinational corporations Friday as "the real illegal aliens" responsible for the lack of full employment in the United States.

Fonda told a San Diego rally honoring Malcolm X's birthday that major U.S. firms "go into Mexico, leaving thousands out of work here."

The firms exploit low wages and lack of union protection there, she said, and help create poor economic conditions that send Mexican workers north for jobs.

Fonda, the last speaker at the rally which also kicked off a jobs conference in San Diego this weekend, drew the biggest response of the day.

She said the Southern California Gas Co. recently "invested \$40 billion in Indonesia, a dictatorship whose prisons are full of those protesting lack of democracy," to develop liquefied natural gas.

She said the investment would create 42,000 jobs here, but that investment of an equal amount in "solarizing Southern California" would have created 3 million jobs.

Fonda's fiery speech concluded a march and rally that harked back to the protests of the Vietnam War era.

Before noon, between 1,000 and 1,500 people set out from San Diego City College on the "Malcolm X Full Employment March and Rally," carrying banners and chanting job slogans as they headed down Broadway, temporarily closed off for them by police.

The event was sponsored by the Nia Cultural Organization. Nia is the Swahili word for "purpose," according to an organizer.

There were children and old people, blacks, Chicanos, and Anglos. They also were organized, most carrying

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placards demanding work as "a right not a privilege." They chanted, "We want jobs NOW" and other slogans as they headed past lunch-hour strollers, in sunny downtown. It seemed like an earlier time.

But by their deliberate pace, order and purpose they showed that this was not, finally, one of those earlier protests.

Speakers at the rally in Newton Park at Columbia and F Sts., including Delores Huerta of the United Farm Workers Union and Dennis Banks, former head of the American Indian Movement, stressed full employment as the only avenue to complete dignity.

Latogun Adnan, a member of the San Diego Muslim community, recalled that Malcolm X had stressed to

his followers the vital importance of the "working mentality," citing how Jews had progressed socially and economically by working their way from menial jobs to owning their own stores and homes.

"Children should see their parents working, and those unemployed should get to the places of power and get those in power to get them jobs," he quoted Malcolm X as saying.

County Supervisor Jim Bates read a proclamation from the supervisors declaring Friday as Malcolm X Day throughout the county, honoring "the birth and teaching of . . . a black man who lived and died working for all people" and citing the need for full employment in a country with "a history of denying persons the right to work because of race, color and creed."

Bates' reading of the proclamation was followed by several speeches aimed at unifying minorities to push for full employment.

Banks said unemployment on Indian reservations can run anywhere from 60% to 90%.

"If unemployment was that high in the nation, there would be hundreds of thousands here now. Leaders tend to care only when its their people out of work," he said.

Fonda said she was speaking on behalf of the California Campaign for Economic Democracy, the political group that grew out of her husband Tom Hayden's unsuccessful campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1976.

The jobs conference, which begins at 9 a.m. today at the South Side YWCA, is sponsored by the Community Congress of San Diego. The congress represents about 50 service agencies.

The aim of today's workshops, a spokesman said, is to arrive at a coherent strategy among those pushing for full employment.

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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.

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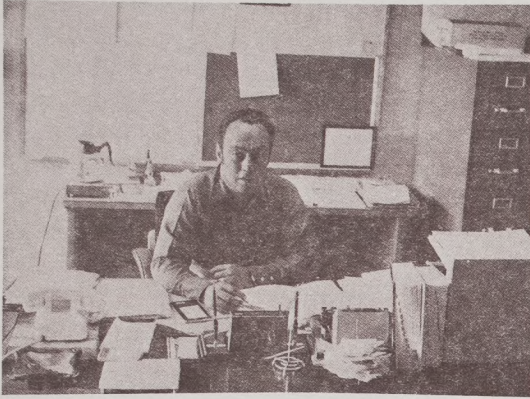
1. Only secret ballot elections are recognized as valid by the law (there is no mention of card check elections or other means of determining the will of the workers).
2. No worker can vote unless he has

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 predominantly 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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### 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 WITHHELD

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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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!

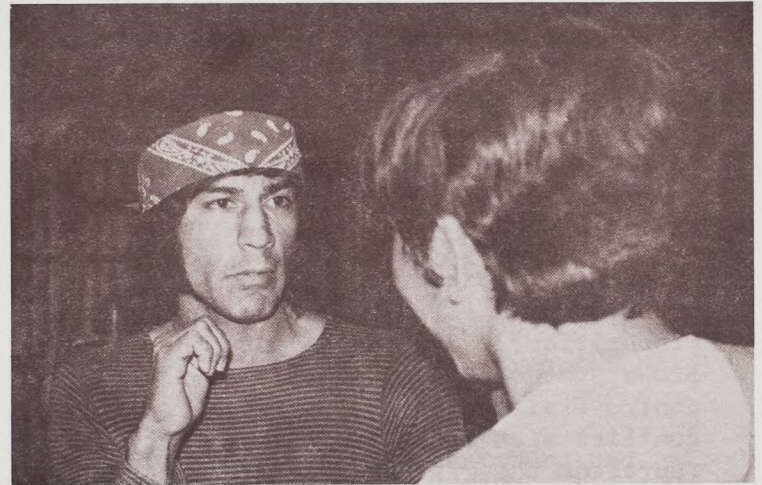
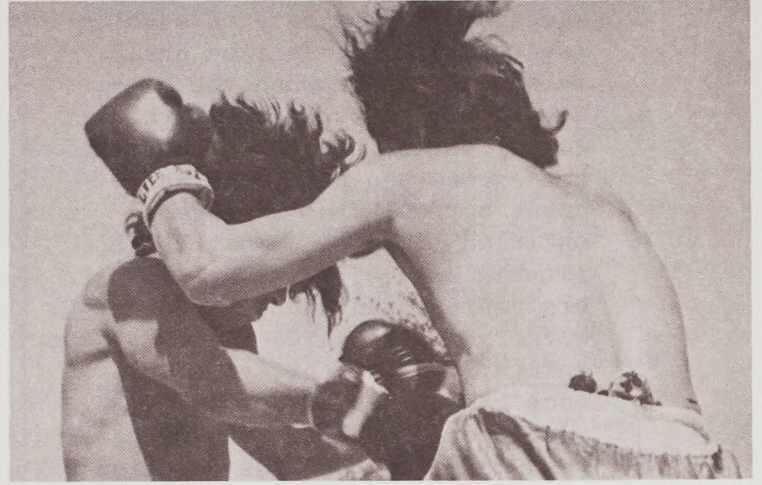
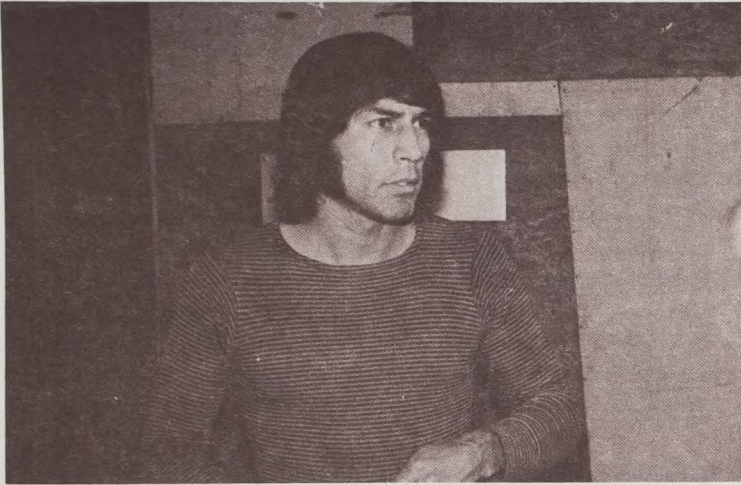
## LIBRARY PROGRAM

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 carnals y carnales 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 telli 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.



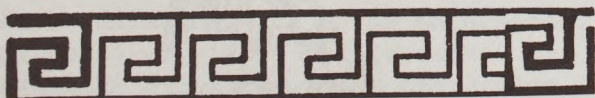
# BOXING COMPETITION



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 definitely 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	<u>\$243.65</u>

### Expenditures:

Pacific Telephone	52.88
Post Master	90.00
Printing	90.00
Total	<u>\$232.88</u>

Balance	10.77
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### PETTY CASH FUND

Funds remaining last report	4.34
Deposits	10.00
Total	<u>\$ 14.34</u>

### Expenditures:

Labels	3.99
Stamps	8.00
Total	<u>\$ 11.99</u>

Balance	2.35
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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 a subsistir. Asi que como puede ser posible que un pobre campesino pueda desempeñar 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*

Herman Baca  
Organizador del Condado

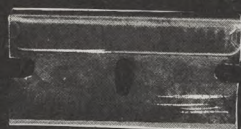
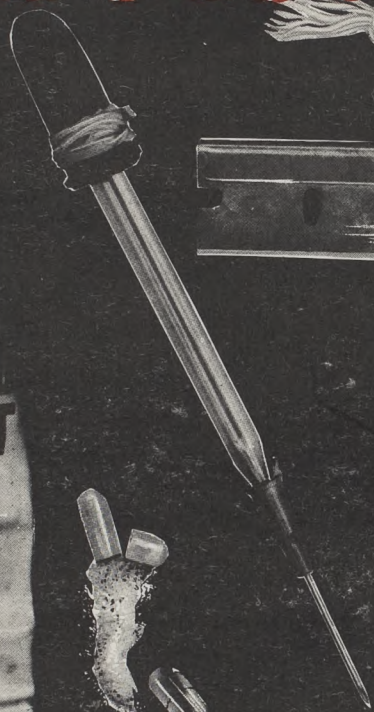


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The National City Police Department, through the cooperation of local merchants, is distributing these booklets to the residents of National City. It is our sincere hope that they will be useful in bringing more awareness and knowledge to our citizens, regarding the war we are engaged in right here at home — — — the war on illegal drugs.

We are soliciting your help. Join our side. Assist us in reducing the damage being done to our people through the illicit use of drugs and narcotics. Educate the unfortunate ones by showing the mental and physical damage they do to themselves. Escape through drugs accomplishes nothing. The problems are still there when reality returns. If you are not a part of the solution, then you must be part of the problem.

In an effort to reach all of our citizens these booklets are being printed in both Spanish and English. We hope everyone will become concerned about the problem. Read, use and pass on these booklets. They are being distributed for your use and information. We hope you take advantage of them.

**J. F. LIESMAN**  
Chief of Police

## COMISION DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS SOBRE SEGURIDAD Y DELINCUENCIA.

### MIEMBRO DE LA ASOCIACION INTERNACIONAL DE OFICIALES DE SANCION DE NARCOTICOS.

Estamos profundamente preocupados con la amenaza del desarrollo de narcóticos en nuestra Nación. El uso impropio de drogas por un gran número de la juventud es el problema principal para todos nosotros. En realidad, este problema, ha alcanzado tan enormes proporciones, que debemos hacer todo lo posible para corregirlo. Estos pasos deben ser hechos a través de legislación y sanción de ley, guía de padres, y lo más importante, por medio de la educación. Para tener mejor resultado, todas las fuerzas deben actuar juntas y cada una de ellos debe moverse enérgicamente.

Las drogas ofrecen nuevas emociones y un escape a de la monótona realidad. Además, las drogas actuan como balanza para aquellos individuos desafortunados, quienes, después de haberse salido a la ventura lejos de la protección paternal, no pueden decidirse a una carrera o crear un lugar para ellos mismos en la estructura social. Es este, el estado de indecisión y desatisfacción que se refleja en trastornos emocionales, los cuales son aliviados, cuando menos temporalmente, por las drogas.

La característica de la juventud, es buscar aventura, excitación, nuevas emociones, cualquier cosa, menos amoldarse a la realidad del trabajo diario y sus problemas. El experimentar con heroína en individuos jóvenes, generalmente sigue a períodos de haber fumado cigarrillos de marihuana. Por lo general a los jóvenes, les dan marihuana en la escuela, bailes o fiestas. Algunos fuman por primera vez a los 10 ó a los 11 años de edad. La mayoría de los menores de edad que son adictos, tienen 18, 19, ó 20 años de edad, pero muchos muchachos y muchachas, tan jóvenes como 13 años, son frecuentemente tratados en esta nación, como verdaderos adictos.

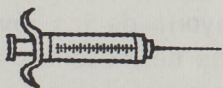
El adicto a drogas narcóticas, está directamente relacionado con el crimen y la delincuencia. La mayoría de los jóvenes adictos a los narcóticos, tienen historias delincuentes antes de ser adictos y casi todos ellos se comprometen en actividades criminales, mientras continuen siendo adictos. Hay muy pocas maneras legales para que un joven, pueda mantener su hábito, el cual cuesta hasta \$50.00 por día.

## MI HIJO NO!

“Los adictos a las drogas empiezan jóvenes” nos dice la policía. Usted dirá, “Pero yo les he dado a mis hijos una casa buena . . . mucho cariño . . . diversiones sanas. Ellos saben la diferencia de lo que es bueno o malo. Ellos no toman ninguna droga.”

Un psiquiatra diría “La juventud busca nuevas experiencias. Cada una de ellas son en cierta forma las cosas prohibidas. Fumar cigarrillos. Robar algo del mercado. Manejar el auto a alta velocidad. Ellos quieren aprender las cosas de la vida. Buscan nuevas emociones. Ellos probarán todo alguna vez. Pero lo malo es que no siempre estarán contentos haciendo estas mismas cosas malas. Ellos irán a experimentar con algo más.” Ningún jovencito querrá quedarse fuera del círculo de sus amigos por no ser “cuate” (square). Ya sea una mujer o un hombre, hará por un reto lo que no hubiera hecho normalmente. Será solamente la idea de hacerlo únicamente una vez y el deseo de ser un buen “cuate” lo que le ocasione el problema—así podrán caer también los jóvenes de hogares buenos y honestos.

¿Qué es lo que usted podrá hacer? Lo primero será ponerse al tanto de todo. Debe usted de conocer el problema del cual estamos hablando. Después podrá hablar con todo conocimiento a su hijo o hija. Deseamos que este folleto le ayude. No deje este asunto olvidado. Empezar a usar narcóticos es algo diferente a algún mal comportamiento. Una vez que la persona llega a ser adicto, no podrá controlar sus necesidades.



El hábito

de la droga lo controlará a él.



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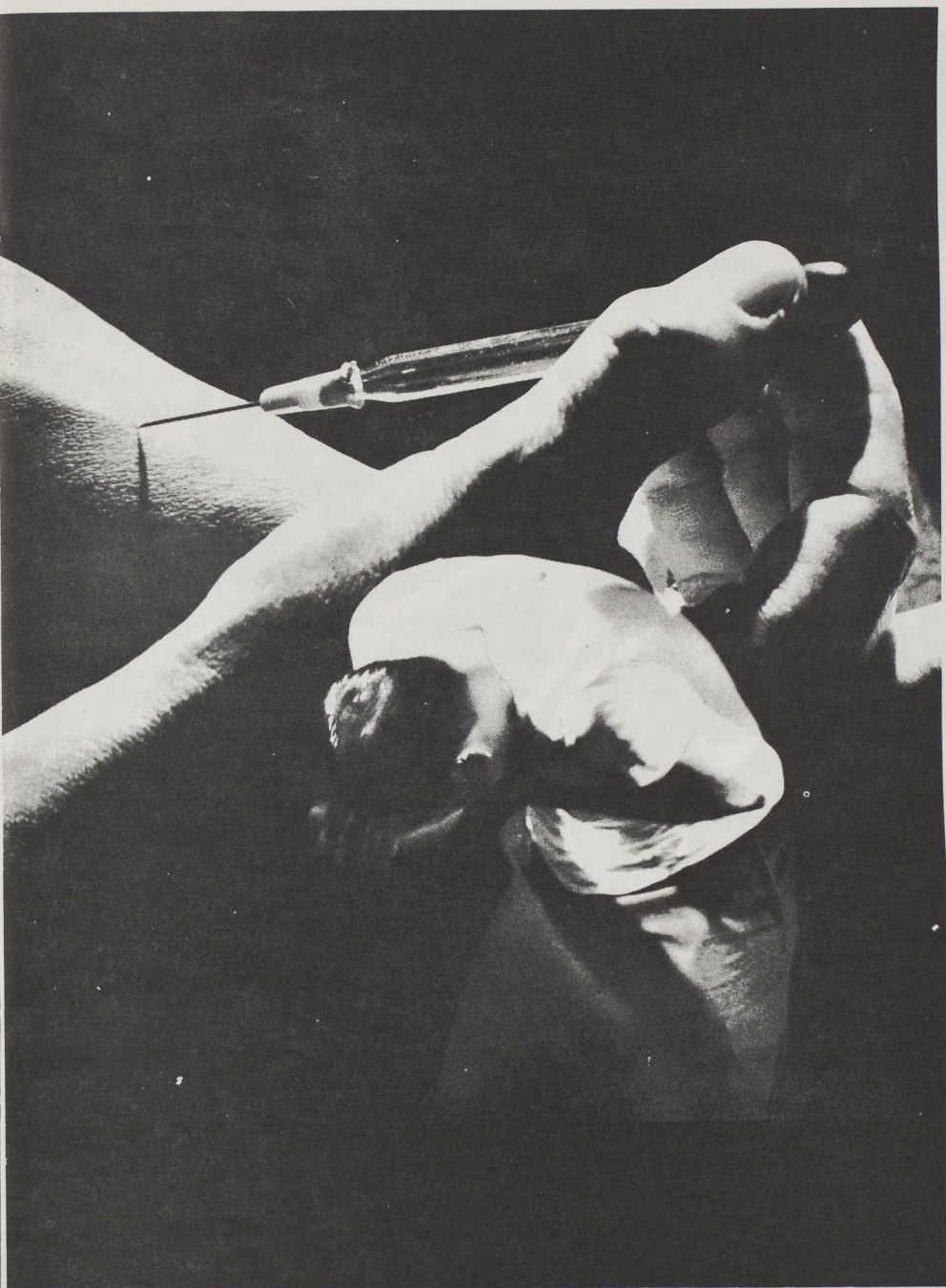
## LOS DROGA ADICTOS IRAN AL FRACASO

La persona que toma alguna droga entra a un mundo lleno de peligros. Su salud mental y física estará corriendo gran riesgo. Se separará de sus amigos y de su familia, para estar con extraños que le podrán ayudar a conseguir los narcóticos para llenar sus necesidades.

Las drogas que él tomó la primera vez como una diversión, son ahora una necesidad emocional. El estará ahora asociado, con adictos y traficantes de drogas, los que estarán asociados con personas fuera de la ley y criminales en general. En este ambiente, aprenderá y conocerá nuevos narcóticos. El traficante le enseñará cómo se enreda un cigarrillo de marihuana. El podrá ver cómo se preparan las inyecciones de heroína. Será posible que el traficante le facilite la primera dosis gratis.

Todas las drogas forman un hábito, pero algunas crean una necesidad urgente. La persona que emplea éstas, encontrará que cada vez tendrá que tomar mayores cantidades para su satisfacción. El cuerpo llega a tener tolerancia por la droga y cambia al contacto con la misma. Una vez que el cambio se ha efectuado, los tejidos de su cuerpo continuarán exigiéndole mayores dosis. Así será que la víctima caerá definitivamente entre los adictos a las drogas. La persona estará bajo su dependencia. Si no toma drogas, la agonía y desfallecimiento empezarán: vómito, calambres, desdicha.

Su curación será dudosa. La víctima pasará por la zozobra y la agonía de dejar las drogas, no podrá verse libre fácilmente. Cuando tenga que afrontar un problema difícil resucitará la tentación de tomar drogas otra vez. Nunca podrá estar seguro de no volver a hacerlo.



*El podrá estar física y emocionalmente bajo la dependencia de las drogas.*

## **LOS JOVENES ADICTOS SE VUELVEN CRIMINALES**

Testimonio presentado ante un subcomisión del Senado del Estado de California, nos indica que los robos causados por los adictos a las drogas, cuestan a los ciudadanos de Los Angeles \$200,000 diariamente. Otro testimonio nos dice, que los adictos a las drogas cuestan a los contribuyentes de impuestos del Estado de California, más de \$66,000,000 al año. El muchacho o muchacha que consume drogas, necesitará siempre dinero, las drogas son caras. Algunas veces buscará y encontrará trabajo, pero generalmente será difícil que lo pueda conservar. Sus hábitos por las drogas le harán necesitar mayores cantidades de dinero.

Entonces el adicto a las drogas tratará de robar. Primero empezará robando cosas de su casa. Generalmente, tomará algo de la bolsa de su madre. Un muchacho podrá volverse fácilmente un ladrón y asaltante. Una muchacha robará en las tiendas. También estará a un paso de la prostitución.

Muchos muchachos tendrán miedo de robar, pues de ser cogidos por la policía, tendrán que permanecer donde no puedan conseguir drogas. Será más fácil volverse un traficante o vendedor de drogas. Los consumidores de drogas siempre lo tendrán a salvo de denunciarlo.

Los traficantes de drogas, no pueden desde luego, vivir vendiendo drogas entre ellos mismos. Cada uno de ellos, deberá iniciar personas en el vicio, para que consuman las drogas que vende. El cliente de hoy puede llegar a ser el competidor de mañana. Víctima por víctima de este mundo de adictos a las drogas, invadirá rápidamente la comunidad entera.





Entonces tratará de robar.

## SENALES DE PELIGRO QUE LOS PADRES DEBEN CUIDAR

Muchos padres podrán ver que sus hijos e hijas están perfectamente bien. Pero algunos querrán saber y conocer cuáles son las señales de peligro cuando se ha hecho mal uso de las drogas. Para ellos estas señales de disturbación se detallan a continuación:

*¿Actúa su hijo en forma misteriosa respecto a sus amigos y actividades? ¿Aparenta estar asociado en algún negocio privado? ¿Haciendo citas? ¿Conociendo personas? ¿Saliéndose del hogar sin avisar? ¿Da excusas poco razonables al respecto? ¿Empieza en su lenguaje algunos términos de los adictos a las drogas, —"stash, connection, fix, weed, hay, yellow jackets, red devils, reefers sticks", etc.?*

*¿Está cambiando su forma de actuar? ¿Se burla de sus padres, maestros, agentes policíacos? ¿Se burla de las personas de buena conducta, que anteriormente apreciaba?*

*¿Está perdiendo interés en la escuela? ¿Ha dejado de participar en los deportes que eran de su gusto? ¿Ha dejado de asistir a clubs y de hacer vida social? ¿Ha disminuído su interés por el sexo opuesto, en lugar de aumentar?*

*¿Ha notado usted que su hijo está soñoliento durante el día? ¿Le ha costado a usted más trabajo despertarlo que anteriormente? ¿Parece que está privado del sentido, más que soñoliento?*

*¿Pasa él por períodos de excitación indebido? ¿Parece que algunas veces "está volando sobre las nubes?" ¿Parece que está borracho? ¿Huelen sus ropas a algún solvente? ¿Ha notado que tenga rozaduras en la nariz y boca, que pueden venir de inhalar alguna sustancia?*

*¿Tiene una necesidad siempre urgente por dinero? ¿Está siempre en busca de nuevos empleos, perdiendo su trabajo, cambiando de ocupación? ¿Ha hablado de dejar la escuela, para poder ganar más dinero? ¿Han desaparecido algunas cosas de su hogar? ¿Se le ha perdido dinero de su bolsa o cartera? ¿Qué, a pesar de lo anterior, parece que gasta tan poco dinero*

y usted no se puede imaginar qué hace con el resto?

*¿Le gusta ahora usar siempre mangas largas que puedan ocultar las señales y cicatrices que dejan las inyecciones? ¿Tiene llagas, inflamación y esconaciones en alguna parte de la piel o estreñimiento severo que le causarían algunas drogas al usarse?*

*¿Tiene su hijo algún lugar secreto . . . una colección de píldoras o polvos . . . algún instrumento con que pueda inyectarse . . . algún paquete que contenga hierbas olorosas, hojas y tallos?*



*¿Actúa su hijo en una forma misteriosa respecto a sus amigos y actividades?*

## OBTENCION DE LAS DROGAS

¿Cómo pueden hacerse los jóvenes de drogas? ¿Cómo se pueden conseguir generalmente? Se pueden conseguir en una forma más fácil de lo que usted piensa. El botiquín familiar tiene existencias de alguna de ellas. ¿Ha revisado usted el botiquín últimamente, para ver lo que su hijo o hija pueda encontrar? Puede haber algún frasco con píldoras para dormir, pues papá necesita píldoras algunas veces. También puede haber alguna medicina, que mamá ha estado tomando para bajar de peso, que contiene benzedrina. Allí está un sobre, que contiene las píldoras que el dentista le dió a uno de sus hijos, cuando le extrajeron un diente. Nadie se acuerda de quién es la botella de jarabe para la tos.

Una leída minuciosa a todas las etiquetas de las medicinas y preguntarse lo que contiene aquella medicina o receta, es una buena idea. La etiqueta que diga, "Esta receta no deberá volverse a surtir" será suficiente para que su contenido necesite un cuidado muy especial. Encontrarán, sin embargo, que muchas medicinas carecen de esta etiqueta.

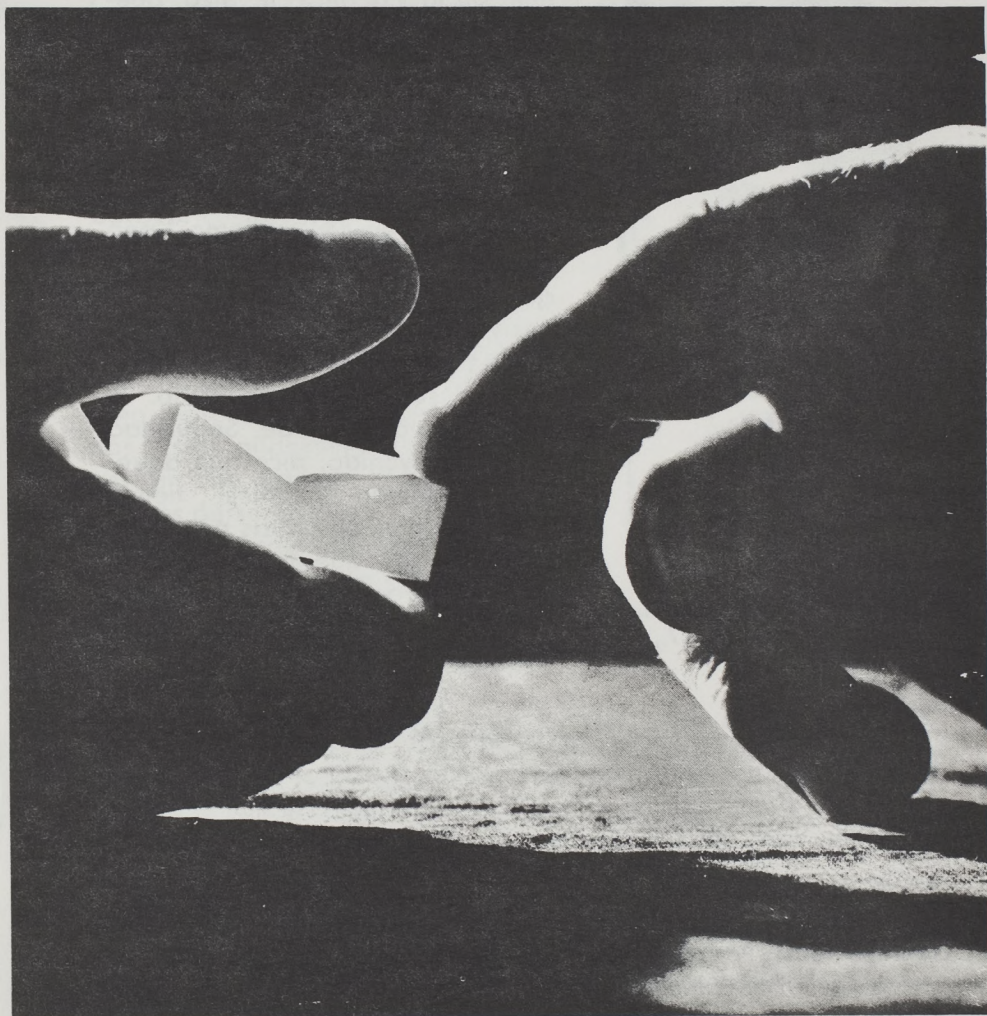
Deshacerse de las medicinas peligrosas tan pronto como no las necesite, es una idea magnífica. Muchos cambios ocurren después de algún tiempo en las materias químicas de las medicinas de todas maneras. Estas no deberán volverse a tomar, después de haberlas guardado por algún tiempo. Una segunda buena idea, es la de guardar la medicina peligrosa donde únicamente el dueño la pueda usar.

Los productos que se usan para inhalar son de un uso tan general, que difícilmente se puede prohibir su venta por la ley. Se pueden comprar en cualquier parte en el supermercado más cercano, la tienda de cinco y diez, etc. La enseñanza que se proporcione en el hogar y en la escuela, deberá prevenir su mal empleo.

La primera experiencia que un joven tiene con alguna droga peligrosa, viene casi siempre cuando algún amigo le regala una muestra. Una vez que el hábito se ha establecido, la comprará al traficante. Probablemente está usted pensando, el traficante es una persona de apariencia siniestra y que podrá reconocerlo fácilmente. Muchos traficantes son muy jóvenes ellos mismos y pueden frecuentar fácilmente los centros donde los jovencitos

suelen agrupar sin ser notados.

Productos derivados del opio pueden ser comprados por conducto de dichos traficantes. La heroína cuesta alrededor de \$3 la cápsula, en la calle. Otros derivados del opio, en forma de tableta y para ser tomados como cápsula, cuestan tan poco como 50¢. El uso de estas tabletas ha crecido hasta llegar a ser un problema muy serio.



*Las drogas son más fáciles de conseguir de lo que usted imagina.*

## ESTAS SON LAS DROGAS PELIGROSAS



¿Cuáles son las drogas de las que se hace generalmente mal uso? La mayoría de ellas son buenos productos, pero estas se han usado para fines equivocados. La mayoría es vendida únicamente bajo receta médica. Cuando se consumen sin la vigilancia médica, pueden llegar a ser extremadamente dañinas.

"BENNIES" deben su nombre por el sulfato de anfetamina que contienen algunas píldoras. Algunas veces también se les llama "pep pills". Una de estas píldoras, es la que toman los choferes de camiones y coches para mantenerse despiertos cuando manejan. Lo anterior, es sumamente peligroso. El Concilio Nacional de Seguridad nos ha prevenido, dice que aquellos que toman "bennies", tienen más accidentes que otras personas. Las personas que hacen uso de estas píldoras, llegan a tener alucinaciones, donde realmente no hay nada.

Los atletas algunas veces toman píldoras "pep" para concursar mejor en algún evento. Ellos desconocen que la anfetamina baja el poder de controlar los músculos. Podrán sentirse con el ánimo muy alto, pero sus resultados serán peores.

Algún estudiante podrá tomar algo parecido, queriendo hacer un esfuerzo para mejorar su trabajo en algún examen. Podrá sentirse fuerte y con la mente despejada. Pero desde luego, su coordinación disminuirá, al extremo de que tal vez no pueda escribir en una forma organizada.

Muchas tabletas que son tomadas con el propósito de bajar de

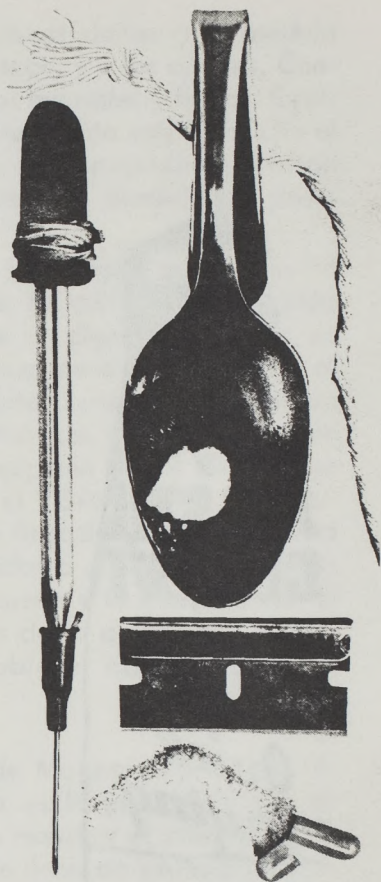
peso, contienen también anfetamina. Las personas que las emplean estarán pensando por qué se sienten tan nerviosas, pues se debe a esta sustancia.

Algunos muchachos o muchachas tomarán las "bennies" para levantarse los ánimos. Algunas veces hacen la combinación de revolverlas con píldoras para dormir. Esta revoltura los pondrá borrachos. Una dosis mayor los pondrá en el camino de una enfermedad mental y muchas veces la muerte.

**PILDORAS PARA DORMIR** — Son barbitúricos. Los adictos a las drogas les llaman "reds", "yellows" o "blues" (rojas, amarillas o azules) por los colores en que se presentan. Se pueden comprar al menos una docena, que son vendidas bajo marcas ampliamente conocidas. Estas píldoras son tan comunes en los Estados Unidos, que muchas personas tienen la creencia de que son completamente inofensivas. No obstante, la Oficina Nacional de Estadísticas sobre las muertes ocurridas, reporta que los barbitúricos encabezan las drogas, que han sido la causa de muertes accidentales.

El pasado año se hizo el mayor número de arrestos de jóvenes que hacían mal empleo de barbitúricos que por alguna otra droga. Algunos tienen la idea de que las píldoras para dormir, son una forma para sentirse rápidamente bien. Los llaman "goof-balls". Cuando un joven toma "goof-ball", se siente descansado. Puede quedarse dormido. Pero si toma una dosis grande, puede permanecer inconsciente por muchas horas. En una ocasión un joven permaneció privado por nueve días, en uno de los hospitales de California, como resultado de haber tomado píldoras para dormir.

Hasta pequeñas dosis de barbitúricos son dañosas. Si se toman en períodos largos, se hará o formará el hábito. Los traficantes





venderán las píldoras "rojas" por 20¢ cada una.

**PASTILLAS TRANQUILIZADORAS**, estas son conocidas como una cosa ligera. Pero éstas también están causando trastornos. Los jóvenes muchas veces combinan, pastillas tranquilizadoras, "bennies" o "goof-balls" con refrescos o con alcohol, en su busca de nuevas emociones. La droga más inofensiva usada en esta forma se convierte en peligrosa.

**PILDORAS PARA QUITAR EL DOLOR Y JARABES PARA LA TOS** también se consideran ahora un problema.

En su mayoría contienen opio, en una forma u otra. Pueden tener en alguna forma, sustitutos sintéticos de morfina, que tiene más o menos los mismos efectos. Algunos jóvenes se beben varias botellas de este jarabe para la tos en un solo día. Este es un asunto muy serio. Las drogas derivadas del opio forman también un hábito. La víctima tiene siempre necesidad de dosis mayores. Si no puede conseguir las drogas, se sentirá miserable o terriblemente enfermo.

**LA INHALACION DE PEGADURAS** es otra fuente de emociones para algunos. La inhalación o respiración de estos productos, generalmente se hará en algún trapo mojado en el líquido. Para este fin se emplea goma que generalmente se usa para pegar y juntar los modelos de aeroplanos y deslizadores. Bencina, gasolina y solventes, son otras sustancias que se emplean para inhalar. Con éstas se consigue una breve sensación de andar volando en las nubes. Se correrá también el riesgo de sufrir terribles alucinaciones y esto creará situaciones peligrosas. Alguien creerá que ve elefantes. Otro tratará de pelear con un tren que viene, etc.



La inhalación de pegaduras podrá causar daños a la médula de los huesos, al hígado, cerebro, corazón, y a los riñones. Conducirá a largos períodos de sufrimientos mentales y físicos. Cualquiera que sostenga un person que este hábito sufrirá mucho el hábito enfermará mucho. Los inhaladores de pegaduras sufriran de náuseas irritabilidad, sueño constante y pérdida de peso.

MARIGUANA es la oveja negra entre las drogas, porque no ha podido usarse nunca con fines buenos. Su cultivo y distribución es contra la ley. Se usa generalmente en cigarrillos hechos en casa. Similar a la planta de sisal o baca, pero más parecida al tabaco. Por su parecido con este último, será muy favorecida por los jóvenes que han probado fumar. Los muchachos deben saber que la marihuana destruye percepción en tal forma, que creerán ser capaces de cruzar sobre el "Gran Cañón de Colorado". Debe hacerseles saber, que los fumadores de marihuana les gusta formar pleitos e inferirse heridas a ellos mismos u otras personas. Siempre irán en busca de pleito y lo encontrarán. El sentimiento de ser importantes que les da la droga, es completamente falso. El valor que parecen obtener es una trampa. El fumar marihuana, es una estupidez.

HEROINA que se parece al Sulfato de Magnesia o Sal de Higuera, es un derivado del opio. Esta es la más poderosa de todas las drogas. La que causa hábito mayor y el más peligroso de todos. Es terrible, todo el cuerpo se llena de granos, hinchazones, absesos. Su fabricación es contra la ley, lo mismo su importación, o venta. Únicamente podrá encontrarse y comprarse con los traficantes.

Generalmente se inyecta en la vena con una aguja y jeringa de inyecciones. El uso de la aguja por si misma, es peligrosa, aparte de ser usada con la heroína. El uso de una aguja sucia puede transmitir enfermedades venereas, hepatitis, tétanus (mal de arco) y otras enfermedades. Si en la aguja hay alguna burbuja de aire, podrá causar un infarto y la muerte de la persona.

OXICODENA un narcótico barato en forma de tableta, se obtiene legalmente y ahora también es ofrecida por los traficantes. Los jóvenes que tienen miedo a inyectarse y a las señales que éstas dejan o la forma en que las venas se lastiman, se podrán hacer adictos a este narcótico.

## USTED PUEDE AYUDAR

Su hijo o hija necesita saber el daño que el uso de las drogas pueden causarle. Las escuelas secundarias ahora enseñan la realidad de los hechos. Las iglesias y agencias del gobierno, tienen programas al respecto. Pero estos varían en forma y contenido. Un buen padre tiene gran influencia en su familia, tanta como ninguna otra persona puede tenerla. Lo que usted diga, ayudará en una forma definitiva.

¿Cómo se deberá hablar a un joven acerca de esto?

Sea *franco*. El necesita saber que el mal uso de las drogas es más serio que cualquier cosa. El necesita entender los resultados que le causarían tomar solamente una muestra.

Sea *honesto*. Su hijo o hija le dirán, "Pero los doctores dan a las personas, drogas! Una dosis de vez en cuando es nada!" El necesita saber que una sola dosis, podrá ser demasiado. Que nunca se experimente con drogas. El efecto de una droga en una persona saludable, es diferente que el efecto que causa en una persona enferma. Cada persona reacciona diferente respecto a las drogas. No se puede anticipar o creer el resultado de cómo reaccionará en usted.

Sea *veraz*. El necesita saber cuáles drogas son peligrosas. El debe saber cuáles medicinas se deben tomar únicamente bajo la vigilancia médica. Las personas inteligentes nunca prueban las medicinas de otras gentes. También los dulces y chicles contienen drogas algunas veces. Si se comen no sabrán bien, desde luego. Nunca deberá tragarse algo que tenga un sabor extraño.

Sea *preciso*. Las amonestaciones pueden ser dudosas. Pueden hacer el tema sonar como una cosa emocionante. Diga a su hijo la verdad, que las drogas lo degeneran mentalmente . . . reducen su coordinación muscular . . . hacen que la gente tenga alucinaciones, que ven y oyen cosas que no existen . . . dañan el corazón y otros órganos . . . el sistema nervioso sufre un tremendo colapso. Las drogas arruinan su reputación y terminarán amistades también.

*Cómo se debe proceder*. Las familias juiciosas deben entender que existe la posibilidad de que a los jóvenes se les puede ofrecer una droga. Usted necesitará preparar a sus hijos por si este caso se llega a presentar. La persona que ofrece drogas o narcóticos está cometiendo un crimen. Deberá ser reportado. Las autoridades en los centros recreativos y en las escuelas, restaurantes y teatros, deberán ser avisados al respecto.



*Lo que usted diga, ayudará en una forma definitiva.*

## **SI LA AMENAZA LLEGA A LAS PUERTAS DE SU HOGAR**

Si tiene usted alguna duda sobre su hijo o hija, no se espere. Para su propia tranquilidad y seguridad, vaya en busca de ayuda inmediatamente. Dejar ésto para después solo sería la causa de que la salud de su hijo se perjudicara más y fuera causa de mayores desgracias para su familia. Su médico podrá confirmar o aclarar sus sospechas. El le dejará ver cuán seria es la situación y darle la ayuda que necesite.

Otras personas podrán ayudarle—la escuela a la que asiste su hijo, su iglesia, trabajadores sociales y autoridades juveniles. Se ha progresado mucho en los tratamientos para adictos a las drogas. Cuando los mismos se han identificado en su primera etapa —antes de que ellos sean adictos— estos se beneficiarán con tratamientos más adecuados. Lo más importante será empezar los tratamientos cuanto antes.

La Corte Juvenil tiene planes y programas para tratamientos y rehabilitación para jóvenes que empiezan el uso de las drogas. Se les puede arreglar un programa de rehabilitación sobre la base de un examen y algunos otros factores relacionados con su situación. La Corte siempre trata de que el joven regrese a su hogar con sus padres, siempre que el padre esté de acuerdo en cooperar. No se le maneja como un criminal. No hay ninguna publicidad en lo que se refiera a asuntos de jóvenes y que lo perjudiquen.

Una persona considerada como adicta a las drogas en forma, necesita la ayuda de personal preparado y él generalmente tendrá que ser llevado a alguna institución para su tratamiento. Programas nuevos en este estado procuran el control y tratamiento de las personas adictas a las drogas en una institución llamada Centro de Rehabilitación y no se les considera como criminales. El Fiscal (District Attorney) será el que de los primeros pasos para encomendar una persona en este Centro de Rehabilitación, su oficina deberá ser consultada, para dar sus instrucciones y opinión. La edad mínima en que una persona puede ser internada al Centro de Rehabilitación, es de dieciocho años. Si es de su conocimiento, que algún joven quien crea es un adicto, ya sea de esa edad u otra, puede ir en busca de consejo con el Fiscal (District Attorney) o a su departamento local de policía.

Las personas encomendadas a la custodia de este Centro, ten-



*Un joven afectado puede empezar una nueva vida, con la ayuda y consideración de otros.*

drán que permanecer allí, cuando menos seis meses, pues este tiempo se considera como el tiempo mínimo para que pueda tener nuevamente control sobre su persona y negarse definitivamente al consumo de narcóticos. Después de pasados los seis meses o más en esta Institución, la persona que empleaba narcóticos podrá regresar a su hogar. A su regreso a casa, necesitará de su ayuda. Tendrá que aprender a enfrentarse con los problemas sin tomar droga alguna. Necesita sentir que sus padres tienen fe en él, lo mismo que los demás que le rodean. El requiere todavía ayuda de fuera de su persona y será por lo mismo, puesto bajo la supervisión de un personal especializado y entrenado; necesitando pruebas regularmente contra el uso de narcóticos. Las sentencias para el Centro de Rehabilitación son por un período de 5 años, pero ésto es un plan para que la mayoría del tiempo viva en su comunidad gozando de libertad bajo palabra. Mucho se sabe de cómo ayudar personas que sean completamente adictas a las drogas, para su control personal y esta ayuda puede ser obtenida por aquellos que la busquen. Algunos padres intentarán esconder que sus hijos hacen consumo de alguna droga. Cuando ellos llegan a hacer ésto, el abuso de la droga continuará. El problema será peor y mayor. Así, ellos les fomentarán a llevar una vida terrible y de miseria.

El departamento de policía se enfrenta con muchos problemas para poner en ejecución las leyes sobre drogas. La víctima de un traficante nunca lo denuncia. Alguna otra persona tendrá que reportarlo. En algunas localidades, la policía tiene poco personal. Solamente pocas poblaciones cuentan con oficiales especializados en el manejo de las personas que han caído en el vicio.

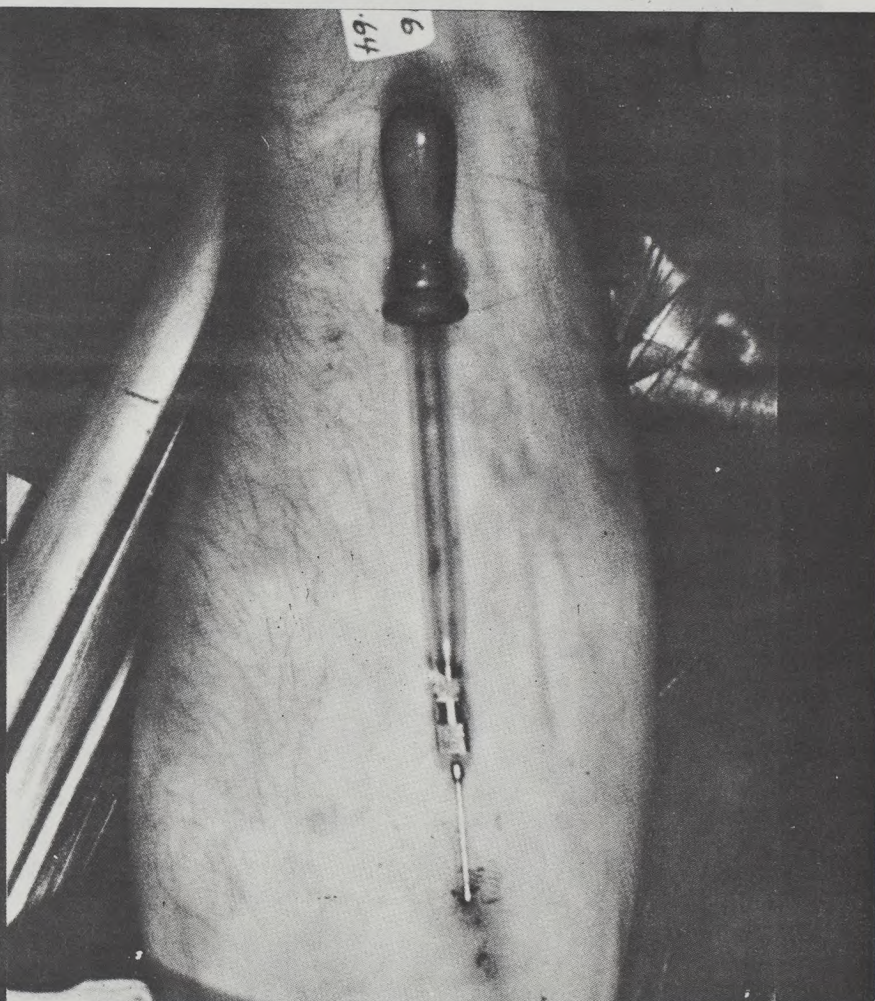
Ayude cuando vea que algún joven está consiguiendo drogas, repórtelo a la policía —aunque no sepa quién es el traficante que le vende. Siempre trate de proteger a los jóvenes.

El abuso de las drogas es uno de los muchos problemas que causan la delincuencia juvenil. Cooperará a disminuir estos problemas con su unión a la de otros padres, para emprender y soportar proyectos por la juventud . . . buenos programas de recreo y diversiones . . . servicios de empleo para jóvenes . . . educación en higiene social . . . sesiones de consejo personal y familiar . . . moral, ética y desarrollo espiritual.

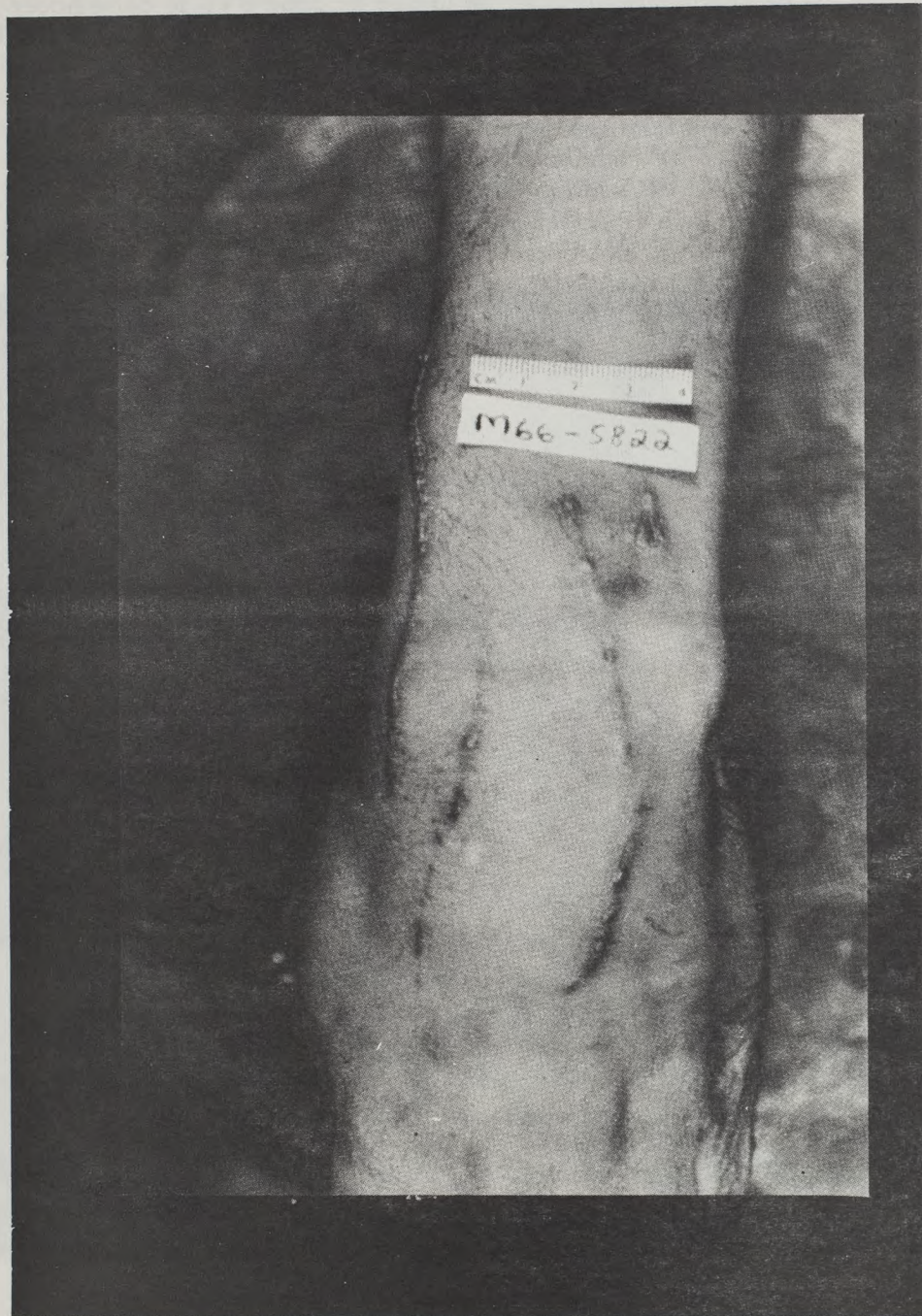
Su ayuda se verá cuando trabaje con otros padres, para ponerse de acuerdo sobre las reglas de conducta para los jóvenes del barrio. Usted cooperará cuando sostenga estas reglas dentro de

su hogar. Estará también haciendo bien cuando su familia llegue a un entendimiento claro de lo que se debe o no se debe hacer y este reglamento afecte también, a los muchachos y muchachas que visiten su hogar.

Usted puede trabajar con otros para terminar con la delincuencia. Si usted no pertenece a ninguna organización para ayudar, inscribese de inmediato. Su Concilio Coordinativo de la Comunidad está ayudando y hay también otros grupos. Asóciese con aquellos que trabajan por el bien de su comunidad. Ayude y vea . . . ya no existe la amenaza a las puertas de su hogar!

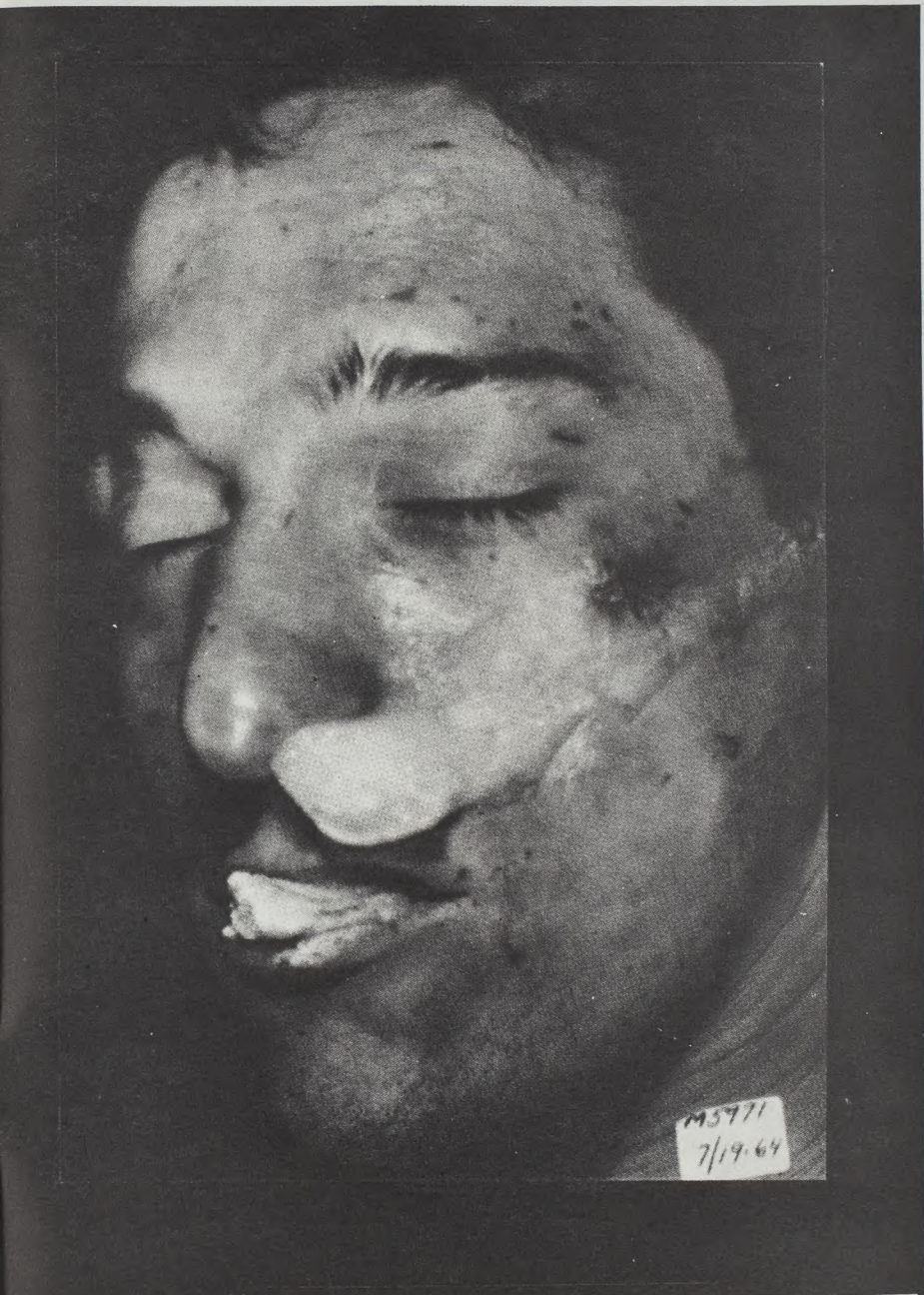


*En el suelo de su cuarto fue encontrado muerto un adicto a narcóticos intravenosos. La jeringa fue improvisada por un cuentagotas y la aguja hypodérmica se hallaba clavada en su vena.*



*Marcas en la pigmentación de las venas de un adicto a heroína.*





*Trágica muerte debido a una inyección de narcóticos (mezcla con heroína). Cantidad de espuma se desprendía de su nariz y boca. Fue hallado muerto con los instrumentos de inyección a su lado.*



*Gran cantidad de llagas, marcas y abscesos en las piernas de un adicto a narcóticos. Las inyecciones, muchas veces, las hacen a través de las ropas.*

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# La Voz de MAPA

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## LA RAZA UNIDA PARTY DISRUPTS FIRST NATIONAL CHICANO CAUCUS IN SAN JOSE

The First National Chicano Caucus opened in San Jose California on April 21st with the sponsor's of the caucus, the Mexican-American Political Association (MAPA) intentions to run for three days.

Approximately 1,200 delegates from about 13 states, representing various Chicano organizations were in attendance as early as Friday afternoon. The delegates were met by picketing members of La Raza Unida Party, claiming that the organizers of the caucus had "sold out" to the Democratic Party.

The caucus was split open early on Saturday morning, April 23rd, soon after the opening remarks by the State President of MAPA, Armando Rodriguez, when a member of the Illinois delegation challenged the planning, purposes, the representation, and the location of the caucus. With the help and support of some of the members of La Raza Unida Party, the Illinois delegation was able to pass through a special resolution calling for the restructuring of the caucus and opening the vote for all comers.

After the election of a steering committee and while they were meeting to set up rules for the balance of the sessions, some 100 young supporters of La Raza Unida Party entered the conference hall at the Hyatt House, seized the podium and commenced with approximately two hours of speeches. At this point, Mr. Reis Lopez Tejerina, of New Mexico, came forth to speak. In a speech that lasted for about 50 minutes, he brought the crowd gathered in the conference room to the verge of tears at times, and to their feet in a standing ovation more than once. He lashed out at both the Democratic and the Republican parties, however, urging all Chicanos and Latinos to unite in a common cause. He called for the need to set aside jealousies and envy amongst Chicano. "After the triumph, after the victory, then we can discuss our differences", he said in Spanish.

A steady stream of speakers approached the podium and another motion was made that Bert Corona be made chairman of the conference. By the end of those two hours, Armando Rodriguez was unseated and Corona was declared chairman of the conference. Mr. Corona and his followers then moved to Lee Madsen Junior High School (in the barrios) where they met for the rest of the day.

In one of the smaller Hyatt House conference rooms, the delegates who chose not to follow the group of about 200 that went to the Lee Madsen Junior High School, met and decided to try to continue with the conference as originally planned and to continue with the workshops. After the banquet that evening, at which several speakers such as Ricardo Rome, Reis Lopez Tijerina and Armando Rodriguez expressed their disappointment in the outcome of the conference also expressed the desire to continue in the work, several workshops were set up and did come up with some resolutions.

Sunday, April 24th, started with a Mass for Ruben Salazar, which was followed by an attempt by Armando Rodriguez to present at a news conference an explanation of what had occurred the previous two days. The news media, and Mr. Rodriguez were then harrassed by some members of that younger group of the Raza Unida Party and very little was accomplished.

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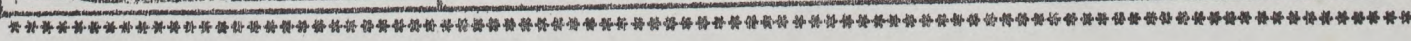
RAZA UNIDA PICKETS



REIS LOPEZ TEJERINA



RAZA UNIDA TAKES CONFERENCE



The state president of MAPA has called the takeover of the caucus as a "temporary set back". He said that he felt that Mexican American organizations can still achieve a political coalition despite the collapse of the caucus. He stated, "Many of the goals, perhaps 90 to 95 per cent of the goals of La Raza Unida concur with those of the Mexican American Political Association. It is in the methods of procedures, however, and tactics of approaching answers to those goals which we aspire to, in which we differ."

SENATORS TUNNY AND CRANSTON CO-SPONSOR LEGISLATION FOR D.Q.U. AID

Senators Tunny and Cranston have cosponsored legislation which would authorize Federal grants to Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University.

The purpose of this act is to provide grants for the construction facilities and the development and improvement of the curriculum of the Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University so that D.Q. University will be fitted to assume a role as a national learning and cultural center for Indian and Chicano students, as well as for others having special interest on matters affecting Indian and Chicano people and communities.

Section 2 of this act authorizes the Commission of Education to make grants during the period beginning with the date of enactment of this act and ending June 30, 1977, to the Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University to be used for its development and improvement, including the construction of facilities, employment and instructional and administrative personnel, and provision of student services. Such grants shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Commissioner may prescribe.

Section 3 authorizes \$35 million for making grants under this act.

In December, 1970, Senator Tunney initiated a letter to Secretary Richardson of HEW, among members of the House of Representatives requesting that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare grant 650 acres of Federal surplus property to the trustees of DQU. On April, 1971, HEW presented to the trustees a land deed to the property located near Davis, California which was formerly a U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command Facility.

In July, 1971, the DQU campus began its summer session.

The Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University is an Indian-Chicano educational institution that offers a liberal arts education, vocational training, and cultural perspective to meet the modern needs of these people. Current programs to include Indians and Chicanos in other educational institution have been very limited or unsatisfactory for various reasons. Many potentially good students have been disheartened or discouraged by insensitivity to their cultural background or by course programs that have little relationship to their interests or needs of their community.

Although any qualified individual would be admitted, this university provides an educational program from the perspective of the Indian or Chicano community. In addition, it also contributes to a better understanding of these cultures and the part they have played in American heritage and the contribution they can make to current American life. The most distinguishable and unique characteristic of DQU is that it is a result of the combined efforts and concern and Chicanos and Indians regarding the higher educational needs of their people.

CHICANOS IN ARIZONA MAKE HISTORY

(Mano en Mano- Washington D.C)

In a state where 12 years ago one man chose the entire delegation to the National Convention and only four years ago a handful of people made the decision, this year 35,000 voters participated in the delegate selection process.

The 1968 Democratic National Convention adopted a resolution requiring that all Democratic voters be given a "full, meaningful and timely" opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and authorized the creation of a commission to "aid the state parties" in meeting this requirement. A total of 18 guidelines for selecting delegates were established which totally revised the process in most states.

In Arizona this meant that Chicanos in the low income barrios had the opportunity to go to the polls and vote for the person they wanted to send as delegate, first to the state convention and then to the National Convention.

Chicanos in Arizona tested the new reform rules and they worked. Fifteen out of the 48 delegates chosen from Arizona to attend the Democratic National Convention in Miami Beach are Mexican-Americans.

Chicanos throughout the state took advantage of these new party reform measures and filed candidates for state delegate in almost every legislative district in the state. With key Chicanos in every presidential candidate's camp, each candidate's slate of national convention delegates included Chicanos.

The average age of the Chicano delegation is 32.8 years. Not one of them has ever served as a delegate to a Democratic National Convention in the past. Four of the delegates are women, one of whom is a full delegate under 30, and another who is a farm-worker. IT CAN BE DONE!!!

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The results at the recent National Chicano Political Caucus held in San Jose on April 21, 22 and 23, has had differing responses throughout the membership of MAPA. The statement released by your President regarding the position of MAPA arises directly out of the legal document that creates the organization: the articles of incorporation, and it's by-laws.

The Mexican American Political Association is a corporation established for the specific and primary purpose of creating a non-partisan organization for the social, economic, cultural and civic betterment of Mexican-Americans and all other Spanish speaking people through political action. While the conference was called under the auspices of MAPA, it was not a MAPA Conference for MAPA members alone. Many efforts were made to invite people from throughout the State of California as well as the rest of the United States. In this, the local chapter of MAPA in San Jose was extremely successful in that many people responded to the call. The call issued was simply one of bringing together Mexican American and other Spanish surnamed individuals, in an effort to create platform issues that would be deemed relevant to the Spanish speaking community of this country. It was hoped that these platform statements could then be presented to each of the major parties at their forthcoming conventions and essentially for a follow-up step to the Washington Conference held in Washington, D. C. in October, 1971.

The actions of individuals from the La Raza Unida Party in taking over the conference left the organizations participating, little choice but to say that they were not, could not, and did not endorse the Raza Unida Party -- as a Party.

Each of the major organizations attending and participating in the conference, have their respective By-Laws, jurisdiction, and autonomy. For anyone to try to usurp that autonomy and say that they are speaking for those organizations, or that they represent all of the memberships of those organizations, is erroneous, wrongful, and simply not possible.

Many of the goals, perhaps 90 to 95 per cent of the goals, of La Raza Unida Party concur with those of the Mexican American Political Association. It is in the methods of procedure, however, and tactics of approaching answers to those goals which we aspire to, in which we differ.

The position of this organization will continue to be one of a non-partisan organization. We have our own autonomy. We do not belong to any party, whether it be Mexican-American Republican or Democratic. Those individuals who say that the Mexican American Political Association must be one and the same as La Raza Unida Party are in error. MAPA has no quarrel with the establishment of La Raza Unida as a party, but cannot surrender it's autonomy and jurisdiction to any party.

Many of the resolutions that were prepared by various of the workshops that occurred in San Jose are available and are in need of reproduction. These resolutions were never returned to the body for ratification, and are simply the work of individuals who came to San Jose to work, and despite the incidents that occurred, proceeded to do the work that they came there to do and accomplished and perfected those resolutions.

The Mexican-American Political Association will continue to have it's conferences, meetings, and other activities as it always has. The membership of MAPA must decide for itself whether it will continue to sponsor and participate in conferences that have to do with others, other than its own membership. A business-endorsing convention is planned for the month of August in 1972. The executive board will be meeting prior to that convention and notices will be mailed to all members of the executive board for dissemination to their respective members. In another part of this Newsletter, attention is called to the By-Laws which set out specific procedures and requirements for choosing delegates to the endorsing convention. I would urge everyone in MAPA to become acquainted and familiar with those requirements so that we will be prepared to select delegates according to the rules, to avoid and minimize the hang-ups and arguments that can arise as a result of not being familiar with the regulations and By-Laws. Legal questions concerning interpretations of the By-Laws should be addressed to our Legal Counsel; Primo Ruiz.

BOOKS

PENSAMIENTOS, a collection of essays on Chicanos, by Eliu Carranza has been published by California Book Company. This second edition by Carranza evolved from discussions and conversations with students and colleagues. The theme of the book is Education and the Mexican American. Each essay approaches the theme differently and attemos to arrive at a different answer to the question: What is the significance of education for the Mexican American in terms of the Mexican American experience?

The book sells for \$2.50 plus 25¢ mailing charge. (California residents must add 14¢ tax.) It may be ordered from:

California Book Co.  
 2310 Telegraph Avenue  
 Berkeley, California 94704

LEGISLATION continued

Under a bill approved by the Assembly it will be required to appoint Spanish speaking election officers in precincts where there is a large number of Spanish speaking voters.

The bill by Assemblyman Alex Garcia, Democrat of Los Angeles now goes to the Senate.

"This is a top priority bill for the Mexican American community" said Assemblyman Peter Chacon, Democrat from San Diego. "This bill goes a long way towards bringing these people into the political process", he said. It is AB 4.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Economic Opportunity: This federal government agency has a need for bilingual (Spanish-English) typists and stenographers. The grades of employment are from GS-3 to GS-7 (with annual salary from \$5,828 to \$9,053). The applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Please write Miss Estella Montes de Oca, Room 215A, 1200 19th Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20506.

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Two internship positions in the Assembly of the California Legislature are still available for Chicanos this year. These positions will be with committees or individual members of the Assembly.

Interns will function as regular full-time staff members and participate in a whole range of legislative and political activities which relate to public policy formation in California. Salaries will be \$650.00 per month for a ten-month period from September through June, 1973.

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Candidates must have earned a bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university by September, 1972 and be California residents. They must also be available for the full ten-month period in Sacramento

Interested persons should submit their application, two letters of recommendation, transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, and as a sample of their writing to indicate analytical and writing ability by June 7, 1972. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Mail to: Legislative Internships - Room 4017

State Capital  
Sacramento, California 95814

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MAPA ENDORSING CONVENTION

It has been decided through a vote by the Exeucitive Board members of MAPA that there will be no Pre-Primary Endorsing Convention. However, we will be hosting an Endorsing Convention. Therefore, we have pulled out a few pages from the MAPA By-Laws that are pertinent to the forthcoming convention:

ENDORISING CONVENTIONS: (Page 25) There shall be an endorsing convention to be denominated State Endorsing Convention, which shall be held when called by the State Executive Board within sixty (60) days after the State primary Election. The State Executive Board may call a pre-Primary Convention for the purpose of endorsing candidates as hereinafter set forth.

1. The members of said convention shall be composed of delegates chosen by each chartered organization and there shall be one delegate for each FIVE (5) active members or fraction thereof as may appear on the books of the Membership Committee. The cut-off date for ALL members voting shall be sixty (60) days prior to the convening of said Endorsement Convention.
2. The maximum number of convention delegates which any chartered organization may have for voting purposes at said State Endorsing Convention, shall be twenty (20).
3. Each delegate or his alternate to be entitled to vote must be personally present and no proxy vote shall be permitted.
4. Each Chartered Chapter would have had to pay their dues for the forthcoming fiscal year in order to be eligible to vote through its delegates.

STATE MEMBERSHIP DUES: (page 2)

1. Membership dues shall be \$10.00 per member per calendar year commencing January 1, 1972. A member's spouse may become a member upon the payment of an additional \$5.00 per calendar year. (\$15.00, for husband and wife memberships per calendar year.) All dues are payable every January 1.

(a) Those persons designated as "low income" by the local chapter, and certified as same by the local treasurer may pay \$3.00 per member per calendar year. Such "low income" member must pay an additional \$2.00 for his spouse's membership. ("Low-income" husband and wife memberships shall cost \$5.00 per calendar year).

\*ELECTIONS AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (page 13) \*This committee has not been appointed yet.

A. A committee known as Elections and Credentials Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President and two members from each regional area appointed by the Regional Director of the respective area and they shall meet at a time and place to be designated in writing by the President. Said Committee shall meet at least thirty days prior to the date of the holding of the Statewide Election Convention.

B. DUTIES OF ELECTIONS AND CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

1. Supervise the elections and matters called to a vote at conventions upon a Statewide basis.
2. Ascertain that only members whose dues are fully paid up shall vote. A receipt from the Treasurer attesting to the same shall constitute proof of eligibility. Duplicate receipts may be issued by the Treasuere at the meeting of the general assembly in the event original receipts have been lost or misplaced by attending members.
3. The members of said Committee shall maintain the peace and order, under the direction of the General Chairman of any convention, or special or emergency assembly meetings and at his request cause to be removed any persons from said assembly who may occasion breaches tending to disorderly conduct and the disruption of peaceful assemblage.
4. It be the duty of said Committee to ascertain and determine that only elegeible voters cast ballots. It shall submit its report to the convention for approval.
5. The Election and Credentials Committee shall cause to be prepared and supervise balloting at State Assembly Meetings and the Statewide Elections Convention.

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NOTE:

For clarification on any of the above by-laws contact:

Mr. Primo Ruiz, Legal Counsel, 3840 Railroad Avenue, Pittsburg, C. 94565

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Under a resolution introduced by Assemblyman Peter Chacon (San Diego) the week of April 30 through May 6th, was officially declared by the California Legislature as "Mexican-American Week".

"This week is set to coincide with the 110th Anniversary of Cinco de Mayo," Chacon said.

Recalling that on May 5, 1862, an outnumbered and untrained Mexican force defeated an invading European army, the Legislature's resolution compares the date of Mexican independence to the Fourth of July and Bastille Day. It calls Cinco de Mayo "... one of the great days in the advancement of human liberty and self-government..."

The resolution "...further urges the California public schools to sponsor appropriate programs during this week and urges all the people of this state to take advantage of this opportunity to learn the role that the Mexican culture has played in the development of the United States and the State of California..."

"As one of only two Mexican-Americans in the Legislature", Chacon stated, "I'm especially happy at the adoption of this resolution."

COMPTON CALIFORNIA

MAPA #38

Ruperto Soto Juarez

The City Council of Compton, California and Mayor Dollarhide proclaimed the 5th of May a Legal Holliday. This was made possible through the efforts of numerous Chicano organizations, including MAPA #38, LULAC and others.

The celebration in Compton was highlighted with a parade.

EDUCATION

Legislation requiring employment of a bilingual person in the main offices of public schools has been introduced by Assemblymen Peter R. Chacon, Democrat from San Diego. Assembly Bill 2285 would apply to schools in which 10 percent or more of the students speak a language other than English as their primary language. Employment of a person who speaks that language would then be required in the main offices.

"Such a person would serve two important functions," Chacon stated, "communication with students and parents in a language in which they would express themselves comfortably and completely."

Chacon pointed out that non-English speaking parents have been left out of the educational process of their children. "With no one in the schools to provide information in a language they can understand, these parents are at a disadvantage in getting the best education for their children."

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The Senate has unanimously passed Senator Cranston's Bilingual Education amendment to the Higher Education Act. The Act is now before a Senate-House Conference.

This amendment was carefully worded to make sure that the money for bilingual education (\$35 million now, hopefully as much as \$100 million in the future) doesn't get drained away by other worthwhile programs - which often happens. The amendment also creates a new division within the Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education responsible for bilingual education.

This piece of legislation is particularly important to Californians where 15.6 percent of the population is Spanish-surnamed. The amendment was co-sponsored by Senators Tunney, Kennedy, Montoya, and Williams.

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STATE SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT WILSON RILES WILL APPOINT TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF CHICANOS.

In a news conference held in Sacramento last month, State Schools Superintendent Wilson Riles announced that he would appoint an "action-oriented" task force to improve the educational achievement of Mexican American children. Riles stated that this task force will be instructed to prepare quickly a "comprehensive program" to provide better educational opportunities for children with Spanish surnames.

The state's school chief said he would take "affirmative action" to see that all ethnic minorities, including Chicanos are properly represented in his department.

Riles appeared at the news conference with three educators of Mexican descent; Dr. Julian Nava, Manuel Banda, and Robert Ponce.

"The Chicano community has become disenchantated," Nava said, "because the process of delay in improving education has gone on year after year." He stated that while the Chicano population in California increased from 1.4 million in 1960 to 3.1 million in 1970 "there has been a steady deterioration in the quality of education".

Riles said the task force and another working on bilingual-bicultural programs would report this year in time to introduce legislation for the 1973 session.

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MAPA #38 Compton Chapter

7th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS FOR MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS  
By the EDUARDO QUEVEDO SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Place: Regina Caeli High School  
823 E. Compton Blvd.  
Compton, California

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Date: Saturday, June 3, 1972

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MAPA PRE-PRIMARY ENDORSING CONVENTION

MAPA will not have a Pre-Primary Endorsing Convention. A vote was taken by mail by all the executive board members and resulted in a decisive no. The chief reasons for calling off the convention were: too many members were working in all the campaigns, time was too short before election to be meaningful to any candidate or to MAPA, chances of getting 60% of the members to go for endorsement was small, and it was too costly to individuals to make a second convention.

A note of thanks goes to Mr. Raul Loya, Southern Region Director, who was in the process of making arrangements for this convention.

LEGISLATION

Legislation (Assembly Bill 1748) providing a 10 percent pay hike for state employees required to use a foreign language in the performance of their duties has been introduced by Assemblyman Peter R. Chacon of San Diego.

"Most businesses and federal agencies pay a premium for employees who speak more than one language. It is only fair that the state do the same", he said. "Besides, we need this incentive to attract more bilinguals. The success of many important state and community programs depends on it." "The welfare program is a good example. Though it serves many Spanish-speaking people, it has relatively few Spanish-speaking employees that can communicate with the Spanish-speaking welfare recipient. This puts an unnecessary stumbling block where there need not be one. Neither the recipients nor the taxpayers are well-served by this situation," Chacon said. The legislator pointed out that employees are normally compensated for special skills gained through experience or advanced education. "Ability to speak a foreign language is such a special skill. If an employee uses it in his work, his salary should be increased accordingly."

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The Assembly Education Committee has passed Assembly Bill #437 which requires that the psychological examination used to determine placement of a minor in a class for the mentally retarded be given in the primary language of the minor by a person fluent in that language. The measure is presently before the Assembly where hopefully it will pass and go on to the Senate.

This measure will go a long way to ensure that our Spanish-surnamed pupils will never again be wrongly placed in EMR classes and that those placed there receive every consideration and assistance to ensure legitimate placement.

Your letters of support for this measure should go to Senator Clair Burgener, member of the Senate Education Committee, and to the Governor for his eventual signature.

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The Bilingual-Bicultural Education Act of 1972, Assembly Bill 2284, co-authored by Speaker of the Assembly, Bob Moretti, Peter Chacon, Leon Ralph, March Fong, Jack Fenton, Wadie Deddeh, and Bob Wilson.

AB 2284 would appropriate \$5,000,000 for comprehensive bilingual-bicultural education programs throughout the State. Virtually all students who do speak English as a primary language would be affected.

For them it would mean instruction in their mother tongue for all regular courses like social studies, arithmetic, etc. Simultaneously, English lessons would be given each child until he achieved the ability to benefit from regular classes conducted in English. Up to 7 years participation in the program would be provided these students to achieve mastery in the two languages.

Significantly, parents would play a vital role in this project. They would help evaluate and define program content and would be invited to join special advisory committees to help guide the program.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Madam:

It's interesting to note how many words are so overused and abused that they lose their emphasis. For example; such words as love, happiness and peace, -- and let's not forget unity. I'm sure you've heard them as often if not more than I. They're beginning to sound empty and meaningless, perhaps as empty and meaningless as those who utter them ever so freely.

The weekend of the much anticipated National Chicano Political Caucus, I witnessed just how empty and meaningless words have become. For example there's Partido La Raza Unida -- the very name would indicate that here is a body who organized for the purpose of uniting La Raza. How sad that their actions are inconsistent and contradict their name. I observed at this conference that La Raza Unida's concept of unity is "you play my way or we don't play at all", that rather than respect "el ajeno" and allow for freedom of choice they chose to disrupt and dis-unite.

Perhaps Raza Unida should seriously consider making some changes. They have two alternatives - either change their tactics to conform with their name or change their name to conform with their tactics. Of course I overlooked the third alternative, which is to make no changes and remain inconsistent and contradictory.

Josie Mena  
Central Region Treasurer

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Dear Editor:

Two women who were harlots came before King Solomon, each claiming to be the mother of the same child. After much bickering and no apparent progress, the King said, "Divide the child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other."

The first woman, dismayed by the King's decision said, "O my lord, give her the child and in no wise slay it."

But the other said, "Let it be neither mine nor thing, but divide it."

Permit me to analogize the above with some observations on the unfortunate incident we experienced in San Jose at the National Chicano Political Caucus. (N.C.P.C.) The child in this case is the Movement, two women are first, the various Chicano organizations who joined for the purpose of participating at the the National Chicano Political Caucus, and the second being La Raza Unida Party.

Two bodies came before the National Chicano Political Caucus in San Jose, each claiming to be the leader of the same Movement. After much bickering and no apparent progress, circumstances decided "to divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other."

The first body, dismayed by this decision was saying, "Spare the child, in no wise slay it". But the other was saying, "Let it be neither mine nor thing, but divide it."

The time for serious and careful introspection individually and collectively is long overdue. We can no longer continue without some honest answers to some difficult questions that may determine whether that child will be slayed and divided or whether it will be spared and allowed to live and grow.

Sinceramente,

Sarah Mascarenas  
Central Region Director

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EDITORS NOTE:

I would like to thank those persons who write to the Newsletter, to those who send me news articles and news clippings and information about their local chapter. I would especially like to thank Luis Hernandez of Los Angeles.

In meeting people throughout the state, I am always happy to hear the interest that people express about the Newsletter. I also find that some people are not receiving the Newsletter. My only explanation is that I don't have the correct address and zip code number, or that the local or State Treasurer have not sent me the names and addresses. Only \$15.00 dues paying members (\$10.00 single persons) should be receiving the Newsletter, so that also may be an answer to the questions.

If you are not receiving your Letter, check first with your local chapter treasurer and have her write me, maybe we can get a Letter out to you.

Gracias.

Angela Cisneros

Dear Sir or Madam:

At the National Political Caucus in San Jose the past week-end of April 23 and 24, the word Unity was bounced around, stomped on, chewed up and finally spit out and now is to the point that the word has become empty and meaningless to the Chicanos of all the U.S.

If ever in all the history of the Chicanos there has been a demonstration of disunity, divideness and disagreement, it was at this convention. If ever in the history of the Chicano there was a reason for the Anglos and the Blacks to laugh and ridicule our efforts, it was at this convention. If ever in the history of the Chicano there was reason for all of us to hang our heads or to feel full of shame, it was at this convention. The damage done at this conference, in my opinion, is so great that it will take years to repair, if ever.

Those of us who were there, witnessed a very painful scene; Chicano brothers stabbing Chicano brothers in the back.

This "self-appointed Messiah", Bert Corona and his disciples of the La Raza Unida Party; are they supposed to be the saviors of the Chicanos? If I were to be more realistic, I would assume that he was sent by the Republican Party to create a third party. Who would benefit more? The Democratic Party would loose many of it's party members, and yet the Raza Unida Party in it's infant stages would have no power. Between the President and his "tokenism" appointments of Chicanos, and the tactics being used by the Raza Unida Party, it will be easy to keep the present Nixon Administration and the war in Viet Nam in for another four years, and after that they will think of something new to keep the Chicanos "in their place".

This conference was sponsored by MAPA and all Chicano organizations were invited to participate, including the Raza Unida Party. For the purpose of expediency and because two days is hardly enough time to really set up a strong platform, some ground work had to be laid for weeks, even months ahead of time. This conference was not called to support any one party, or any one candidate. There were no political candidates invited as speakers or even as guests. Mr. Reies Tijerina spoke to the body on Saturday morning, and he may as well have spoken in an empty field because it seems that his words hardly touched anyone, but he said that Chicanos will never be united nor be able to work towards a common goal, unless we rid ourselves of our "celos" and "embidia" of one another. Does the fact that I saved \$5.00 to go to this conference make me a "vendido"? No! I don't think so!

The concepts and goals of the Raza Unida Party are nothing new. This is what all Chicanos want and have wanted for so many years, but just as I heard one woman say; "I don't want it shoved down my throat". Again, as Mr. Tijerina related to us the story of the fly that could not bother or hurt the lion, until he got into his ear, then he drove the lion crazy from within. Someday we will all realize that we will have to get into the "system" in order to be able to do anything. We can yell, demand, boycott, picket, fight all we want, the Anglo has his way of going around us, and he can put cotton in his ears in order not hear us, because these things have not done the job yet. We must get in, and we must do it together, as one body; united as Hermanos!

Sinceramente,

Un Mapista

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

April 25, 1972

Dear Sir:

Chavez-Ortiz is the first conscientious objector since Jesus Christ with whom I have complete empathy, and the only one for whom I would recommend complete amnesty.

This country's social, educational, cultural, political, financial, governmental, media, religious and business institutions are the guilty parties in this action.

Institutions are mules. To get their attention they must be hit between the eyes, except in this case where they will not listen after being struck. I expect, and the public deserves a complete interpretation of the Chavez-Ortiz communique by all parties to this action.

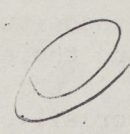
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