

San Diego

LA RAZA UNIDA FIRST REGULAR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

SAT., OCT. 6, 1973 at 11:00 A.M.

CHAPTERS PRESENT: (Each Chapter allowed 2 representatives)

East Los Angeles	Labor Committee
Lincoln-Boyle Heights	City Terrace
La Fuente	San Fernando
Orange County	Fresno

Next regular meeting: January 12, 1974, Orange Calif.

\* Next special meeting: November 3, 1973, East Los Angeles location to be determined by L.A. Central Committee  
11:00 A.M.

Meeting chaired by: Richard Santillan and Andres Torres

Agenda established included:

- (1) Report - Communication efforts by L.A. Central Committee by Yolanda Martinez
- (2) Definition of State Central Committee
- (3) Proposal for La Raza Unida State Constitutional Convention (Fresno)
- (4) Incorporation of E.L.A.
- (5) Report of East Chicago Congreso de Aztlan, Sept. 1-2 (Torres)
- (6) Organizational problems
- (7) MAPA Fresno Convention (Fresno)

I. Yolanda Martinez reported on communication efforts (L.A. Central Committee secretary) with various areas in state regarding this State Central Committee meeting. From San Diego: Herman Baca had hoped to attend. Have been very busy with "LA MIGRA"--taking all their time. Hence no registration lately.

NORTHERN AREA: One chapter re-couping in \_\_\_\_\_. Tried several previously active places.

CONCLUSION: Terribly difficult to make contact with anyone, even when able to get a number.

II. State Central Committee.  
Discussion on local chapters responsibilities regarding (implementation) organization and operation committees.

Suggestions: Each chapter develop expertise in each of various categories. Partido shouldn't become simply service oriented only without emphasis on political organization.

\* For location of next meeting, please call Yolanda Martinez at Cal State LA - Chicano Studies 224-2544 or phone numbers on page 2

Have to look at each area and local factors for each implementation.

Discussion dropped.

Jose Valenzuela and Ray Vallesa from Orange County arrived at 1:30 PM. Explained that Orange County was very disorganized. Many internal problems. Trying to re-establish organization.

M/S/C (La Fuente): That we recognize Orange County as a Central Committee and that they shall be committed to organize their area (Chapters, etc.)

M/S/C Next LRU State Central Committee meeting be held on January 12 in Orange County.

ELECTIONS: It was decided to combine the offices of secretary and treasurer until such time that need develops to have both offices. Andres Rodriguez Torres accepted after others declined.

M/S/C Rent P.O. Box (Will use San Fernando's)

M/S/C Dues per chapter per quarter at \$5.00. Try to mail to Torres by Jan. 12. Address: La Raza Unida State Central Committee  
C/O Andres R. Torres  
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2. Home - 361-4826  
3. Work- L.A. VALLEY COLLEGE  
(213) 781-1200 ext. 251 or Leave message at switchboard.

M/S/C: All members present pay \$5.00 today or mail later.

Discussion on resolutions (Convention) implementation:

M/S/C: Special meeting Nov. 3 in L.A. to discuss resolutions. All required to do home work: Study and come with answers. (see suggestion)

M/S/C: Each chapter instructed to bring answers to resolutions.

### III. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Catarino Hurtado (Fresno): Suggests LRU have a constitutional convention in 1974. Objective: Call for changes that will force Chicano politicians (establishment) to take positions with our people or be exposed. Example: Call constitutional changes to establish California as bi-lingual bi-cultural state. Suggestion: Start dealing with it at local chapters for future consideration.

### IV. INCORPORATION OF EAST LOS ANGELES.

Richard Santillan (E.LA) Incorporation drive has been led by TELACU (The East Los Angeles Community Union). Several organizations (PICA, MAPCA, COPA & AD HOC) that favor incorporation, but distrust TELACU, have approached LRU in ELA to lead a grass roots movement for incorporation. Possible benefits of incorporation: run own candidates with our ideology

could inspire other areas (L.I.A has about 78% Spanish-surname).  
E.I.A LRU has meeting scheduled with grass roots groups.

Want LRU State Central Committee to endorse incorporation.

### DISCUSSION

Incorporation contradiction against registration in the partido for own sake. No question of whether ideology will work.

Favor incorporation and oppose TELACU, etc. Registration important. People get directly involved in take over. E.L.A. will be 10th largest city in U.S.

Need broader analysis than on candidates only. Need to think of nation building. Need definition as class struggle. Must know what struggling for.

No action taken on incorporation.

#### V. Congreso de Aztlan report (Torres).

Report is in writing. Includes my notes and comments on the national question and subsequent communications from Jose Angel Gutierrez in which he (1) presents his reaction to the last congreso meeting.  
(2) presents proposals for national structure, and  
(3) announces congreso meeting for Jan. 1974.

All chapters are advised to begin deliberating our alternatives for a possible state position in the near future, before the date of the next Congreso meeting.

Suggestion: Try to resolve on Nov. 3.

M/S/DC On Congreso Reps.: Follow our past tacit agreement to select 3 representatives, one from each area.--North, Central and South.

M/S/C Each area selects own representatives.

M/S/C Each area have delegate to congreso and alternate selected by Nov. 3 meeting.

#### VI. ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS.

A. MAPA Front Convention, Fresno, Oct. 19-21. Interested in drumming support for politically ambitious MAPISTAS who are implying that LRU will participate in their convention. These people (Armando Rodriguez and Al Villa, etc.) have denounced LRU in the past.

Question: How to re-act?

Agreement: LRU in Fresno will try to expose them. Chapters in other parts of states agree to send help should Fresno request it.

B. Registration. (Hurtado) need to follow through on goal. Fresno having workshop Dec. 1.

Lincoln-Boyle (Rodriguez) raised question of whether registration not separate our people since non-documented workers can't register.

VII. OTHER

A. CODEL suit. Should get court's decision in November.

B. Chile. Encouraged to participate in any of several activities: marches, tech-ins, lectures, coalitions.

Adjourned: 6:30 PM

Suggestion: We agreed to discuss possible implementation answers to past partido resolutions of which we have dozens. Obviously, we shall be unable to deal with all of them at once. Perhaps each Chapter can select a couple of priorities and submit answers for discussion at meeting.

Submitted:

Andres Rodriguez Torres, Secretary-Treasurer  
IRU State Central Committee

Report (Minutes)

LRU SPECIAL STATE CENT. COMMITTEE MTG.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 1973  
at LRU City Terrace Chapter (LA RAZA)  
371 City Terrace Dr.  
East Los Angeles

TIME: 11:00 A.M. started 12:30 P.M.  
PURPOSE: Implementation of Fresno Resolutions  
CHAIR PERSON: Jaime Ungarte, City Terrace  
PROCEDURE: Decided to discuss resolutions workshop by workshop and consider possible action on specific resolutions for Implementation. Next Reg. meeting Saturday, January 12, 1974.  
CHAPTERS PRESENT: San Fernando, Labor Committee, City Terrace, Fresno Central, Lincoln-Boyle, Youth League (Fresno), Orange County (arrived late afternoon), Ontario (observers and discussant not voting. In process of re-grouping).

COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to going to factories, House meetings, Community meetings, etc. Point made to consider questions of communication within the partido membership and mass communication.

MASS

MOTION - City Terrace Second (Fresno) C - unanimous that LRU, on state-wide level, look into challenging licensing of network and local broadcast media with respect to whether serving local communities. NOTE: FCC requires service to Community interest, convenience, and necessity.

M- (La Puente) S-Labor C- UN

For purposes of implementing prior motion, the respective central committees appoint persons as are needed to implement the motion.

SUGGESTION: Will need to work in these areas: (1) See FCC Regulations, (2) stations proposed for license, (3) Evidence from station's log (including monitoring), (4) demographic data of community served by station, (5) legal counsel.

M \*- Fresno S.O.C. (?) C - 7-4-1

As method of organizing our membership, we start organization by precinct and regions. As method of accountability, each Cent. Comtee shall report. Quarterly to State Cent. Committee.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abs.</u>
Fresno	Labor	Lincoln-Boyle
youth League	La Puente	
San Fernando	East L.A.	
City Terrace		

REGISTRATION

M- Labor Sec- E.L.A. C\* 9-0-4

SINCE political organizations learn through mistakes, since LRU in California has not qualified as an official party on the ballot and the main tactic as far as qualification as an official party in Calif. is registration and since qualification through registrations has not occurred, we (LRU SCC) take the position that Central Committee analyze Registration in LRU.

NOTE: Intent of this motion is meant for analysis, criticism, and evaluation, not as a suggestion, etc. to discontinue registration.

## REGISTRATION (Cont'd)

M - San Fern. (Mendoza)      S - San Fern. Rodriguez)      C - 6-3-4

That Central Committees establish prime target areas for registration within regions (or areas?) that all local chapters send support by sending registrars to target areas.

MISC: Can Make 90¢/per book if order and sell LA RAZA UNIDA by Richard Santillan from TLAQUILO PUBLICATIONS

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Los Angeles 90022

## STRUCTURE

Discussion on question of chapters developing specialized expertise in given areas - finance, etc. - as opposed to becoming conversant in any given (all) necessary areas, no decision. Most seemed to favor latter while not denying more effective utilization of the expertise which we have thus far developed.

General consensus: Local chapters agree to provide LRU representatives to visit, help, etc. areas which express need or interest in LRU activity.

Rationale: New areas are communicating interest and previously active areas are re-grouping or are concerned about our status; they wish to be brought up to date.

## POLITICAL STRATEGY

Latent development on (Javier Rodriguez, Lincoln-Boyle) [REDACTED]. Appeal on trial has been under deliberations in U.S. court of Appeals since Feb. 5 (have a year to decide). Have been working on bail (something wasn't done right?). Original bail \$50,000. Yesterday deposited bail for Rudy S[REDACTED] and Juan Hernandez. Today deposited for Alberto Ortiz. Now awaiting the signatures fo Los Tres on a document which is to be returned to court before release. Wednesday, Oct. 24, attempted bail deposit. Court denied had set bail. Attorneys refuted. Free L.T. Committee mobilized 125 demonstrators. Another demonstration of about 250 people followed (last Tuesday). Wednesday, Oct. 30 - Court stated never denied bail. Accepted bail. Thurs, Nov. 2, Fed. prosecutor planning motion to raise bail to 40. Approximately \$250,000. By Friday about 300 demonstrated and press covered (has done daily) Prosecutor not introduce motion.

Have gathered approximately 10,000 signatures. Los Tres release should be forthcoming within days. *Note: Released Fri. Nov. 9, 1973.*

M - Lincoln-Boyle      S-C      3 abs.  
(on procedure) that all resolutions be read through first and then determine which are top priorities.

M - Lincoln-Boyle      S - O.C.      C - 13-0-1 (ELA)

That we organize statewide mass demonstrations to take place on the same day, a month or two from now, evolving around the Watergate issue and through the Watergate issue we encompass issues which we think are priorities.

Amend: Fresno M/S/C      In addition, we utilize churches, collect signatures on impeachment (against Richard), etc.

M - Fresno      Date: December 29, 1973 demonstration

M-San Fern. S-Fresno C 1 against (labor)

As soon as possible and as fast as possible, look into the possibility of conducting lawsuits against government agencies (or government officials) with respect to repressive (potentially criminal) activities used against LA RAZA in its struggle against oppression.

Amend - M/S -C

Send information (evidence) to Torres on any potentially relevant events harassment, plants, murders, agent provocateurs, damaging and false propaganda, etc.

M - San Fern. S C ~~1~~ 1 abs. (E.L.A.)

Send letters of our solidarity with struggles of Guinea-Bissau, Chile, Palestine, Puerto Rico.

Consensus: Letters will be written by Torres (Rodriquez, Lincoln-B; agreed to write on Puerto Rico), we will send to chapters for changes, approval, etc. Then copies will go to U.S. State Dept. and to other parties involved (e.g., Sadat, Meir and Palestinian Movement).

M/S/C - Next meeting (Jan12) in San Fernando (host) *551 So. MacLay, San Fern.*  
Note: Orange, at present, feels that their own internal problems militate against their hosting the state cent. committee meeting.

Submitted by:

Andres Rodriquez Torres, Secretary - treasurer.

November 1973

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NOTE: 3 chapters have dues paid. Bal. \$15.00.

NOTES ON STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Please note that some of the things passed at our last special meeting, November 3rd, need immediate attention from all of us if they are to have any meaning.
2. It is hoped that wherever there is activity- not necessarily RAZA UNIDA per se - that organizations can still make an effort to help us carry out our ideas effectively. Some of the most important things that we come up with are of widespread concern - the "Watergate" Demonstrations, the look into local broadcast media services, the possibility of lawsuits W.S. government agencies and government officials (for their crime-contributing or crime-fabricating activities). These are live issues today which we should exploit before they become trite.
3. I am including L.A. Cent. Committee's <sup>POSITION</sup> with respect to the National question and Jose Angel Gutierrez Communication. Please prepare your own positions which we can consider at our January meeting. If ~~any~~ chapter, etc. has an opinion which it would like communicated, send it to me, and I shall send it to others.
4. Vicente Gonzalez (Union City) says that he can get radio time. Will guarantee things in Spanish. Send him the material recorded on cassette (about 5 minutes). Good idea for publicity and communications.  
Says not have LRU organization, but lots of people and organizations working and raising hell - taking over 11 blocks of city, San Jose City Hall, fixing the streets of Hayward. Sal Candelaria and Brown Berets very strong.  
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Fremont 94560  
PHONE: Home (415) 796-9944
5. Solidarity letters. Please react to them and return immediately.
6. Please try to locate any previously LRU active organizations and any new people who are interested but with whom we are not communicating at present. Send addresses to me and I shall send them up to date data.
7. Please bring your copy of minutes to next meeting. What with shortages, etc., restricted (of paper, that is).
8. To out of L.A. people. I am sending some scoop on CODEL lawsuit vs California elections.



*Herman Baca*

PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTION LAWS (CODEL)

SUIT vs CALIFORNIA ELECTION CODE

ISSUED BY: Andres Rodriguez Torres for LA RAZA UNIDA PARTY,  
Complainiffs at Greater Los Angeles Press Club, 7-10-73  
and

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Andres Torres at San Francisco Press Conference

IT IS GENERALLY ASSUMED THAT LAWS GOVERNING POLITICS IN CALIFORNIA ARE AMONG THE MOST JUST AND DEMOCRATIC IN THE UNITED STATES. ANOTHER WIDESPREAD ASSUMPTION IS THAT ONLY TWO POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS--THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES--ARE THE ONLY SOCIALLY, POLITICALLY, PHILOSOPHICALLY AND CONSTITUTIONALLY LEGITIMATE POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE STATE AND COUNTRY. SO INGRAINED IS THE NOTION OR MYTH OF THE ABSOLUTE LEGITIMACY TO GOVERN OF THESE TWO PARTIES THAT LAWS, THROUGHOUT THE LAND, HAVE BEEN ENACTED AT DIFFERENT INTERVALS TO EXCLUDE, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER PARTIES IN OUR POLITICAL LIFE. THE RESULT IN CALIFORNIA, AS IN MOST OTHER STATES, IS THAT PEOPLE WITH CONTROVERSIAL POSITIONS AND MILLIONS OF THE LARGEST RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY IN THE STATE HAVE BEEN STARVED OUT OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

NEITHER OF THESE TWO NOTIONS--THAT THE CALIFORNIA ELECTION LAWS ARE JUST AND DEMOCRATIC AND THAT ONLY THE ESTABLISHED MAJOR PARTIES MUST PLAY THE PRIMORDIAL ROLE IN THE GOVERNING ALL OUR PEOPLE--IS CORRECT, JUST NOR LEGAL (CONSTITUTIONAL). ON THE CONTRARY, CALIFORNIA HAS AMONG THE MOST REPRESSIVE ELECTION LAWS IN THE U.S. AND THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES ARE NOT SACRED. THUS WE HAVE ENTERED THIS SUIT, CONFIDENT THAT, AT LEAST FOR A START, CERTAIN SPECIFIED PARTS OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE WILL BE OVERTURNED, RESULTING IN A FAIRER OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TOWARD MORE SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL REPRESENTATION.

SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS--LA RAZA UNIDA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, THE PROHIBITION, THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY, THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY--AND SIX INDIVIDUALS HAVE FILED AS CO-PLAINTIFFS IN A CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT

AGAINST THE CALIFORNIA ELECTION CODE 6430 (e) (d) and 9600 - 9602. THIS SUIT IS TO BE HEARD BY THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA. I, ANDRES RODRIGUEZ TORRES, MEMBER OF LA RAZA UNIDA AND A FORMER CANDIDATE FOR THE 22nd STATE SENATE, AM LISTED AS ONE OF THE SIX INDIVIDUAL co-PLAINTIFFS, AND I AM HERE REPRESENTING LA RAZA UNIDA IN THIS NEWS CONFERENCE AND IN THE SUIT.

SOME KEY QUESTIONS WHICH YOU MIGHT HAVE TODAY MIGHT BE: WHY DID WE FILE SUIT? WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF CONCERN--THAT IS, THE LEGAL QUESTIONS, THE PARTS OF THE ELECTIONS CODE THAT ARE INVOLVED? WHAT IMPORTANCE DOES THIS SUIT HOLD FOR "NEW" OR YET UNQUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES? WHAT IMPORTANCE DOES THE SUIT HOLD FOR LA RAZA UNIDA? WHAT IMPORTANCE DOES IT HOLD FOR THE POLITICAL LIFE OF SIGNIFICANTLY, NUMERICALLY LARGE RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES SUCH AS THE BLACKS AND THE SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES? WHAT ARE OUR CHANCES OF WINNING? PARTIAL ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS TODAY SHOULD GIVE US INSIGHT AND PERSPECTIVE INTO THE LARGER PICTURE.

WHY DID WE FILE? THE THEORETICAL ANSWERS, I BELIEVE, WERE PROVIDED EARLIER--THE ILLEGITIMATE CLAIMS OR NOTIONS THAT ONLY THE MAJOR ESTABLISHED PARTIES MUST GOVERN OUR POLITICAL LIVES AND THE REPRESSIVE, DISCRIMINATORY NATURE OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE. THESE CONCLUSIONS ARE THE RESULT OF LONG AND HARD EXPERIENCES. MANY OF US IN THE CHICANO COMMUNITY HAVE LONG BEEN AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE MAJOR PARTIES LONG AGO--THROUGH GERRYMANDERING, UNRESPONSIVENESS TO OUR NEEDS, NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUR CANDIDATES, EXCLUSION FROM LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, ETC. ETC.--SYSTEMATICALLY DESIGNED AND EX-acerbated OUR POLITICAL DEPRIVATION. BUT IN OUR MORE RECENT EXPERIENCES, IN TRYING TO ORGANIZE OUR OWN POLITICAL PARTY WE CAME FACE TO FACE WITH THE UN- BELIEVEABLE, LEGALLY ESTABLISHED POLITICAL REPRESSION. EXAMPLES ABOUND:

QUALIFICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION (THAT IS, TO BE ACCEPTED AS A LEGALLY RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTY) MUST BE DONE DURING AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, A TIME WHEN POLITICAL ENTHUSIASM IS THE LOWEST. WE COULD TRY TO QUALIFY BY PETITION. BUT TODAY THAT WOULD REQUIRE CLOSE TO 800,000 SIGNATURES, THIS IN AN ERA WHEN NO OTHER STATE REQUIRES MORE THAN 100,000. FINANCING ALONE FOR SUCH A VENTURE IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US. INSTEAD WE TRIED TO QUALIFY THROUGH REGISTRATION OF VOTERS INTO LA RAZA UNIDA. BEFORE THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS THE LAW REQUIRED 66,340 REGISTRANTS IN A "NEW" PARTY. INCIDENTALLY, CALIFORNIA IS THE ONLY STATE THAT REQUIRES REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR PARTY QUALIFICATION. BY THE 1971 DEADLINE WE REGISTERED 20,543, NOT ENOUGH FOR QUALIFICATION FOR THE 1972 ELECTIONS. ANY ONE WE REGISTERED DURING 1972 --FROM JANUARY ON--COULD NOT BE COUNTED TO HELP US QUALIFY. AFTER NOVEMBER 7 THOSE WHO DID NOT VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS WERE PURGED FROM THE VOTING LISTS--THAT IS, THEY LOST THE RIGHT TO VOTE, UNLESS THEY RE-REGISTERED AND USED SOME OTHER FORM OF RE-INSTATEMENT. SINCE SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE FAILED TO VOTE, WE LOST OVER ONE-THIRD OF THE NEARLY 35,000 THAT HAD REGISTERED WITH LA RAZA UNIDA. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE NET EFFECT HAS BEEN ONE OF WIDESPREAD DEMORALIZATION, AND CONFUSION.

SINCE THE PARTY NAME COULD NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, WE HAVE TRIED TO RUN CANDIDATES AS INDEPENDENTS. IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA RAUL RUIZ RAN FOR THE 48th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT IN A SPECIAL ELECTION IN 1971 AND FOR THE 40th ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER 1972, MRS. GUADALUPE RAMIREZ RAN FOR THE 41st ASSEMBLY, I RAN FOR THE 22nd STATE SENATE SPECIAL ELECTION IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. WHETHER IN A SPECIAL OR REGULAR ELECTION, AS CONTRASTED WITH ESTABLISHED PARTIES, OUR DISADVANTAGES APPEAR LUDICROUS. THE NUMBER OF ENDORSING SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR QUALIFICATION--NORMALLY GATHERED WITHIN A 15 to 22 DAY PERIOD-- HAS PROVED, IN REGULAR ELECTIONS TO BE A VIRTUAL IMPOSSIBILITY. RAUL RUIZ, IN HIS RACE FOR THE 40th ASSEMBLY, IS THE ONLY INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE IN CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY TO HAVE RECEIVED THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES TO QUALIFY TO HAVE HIS NAME PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION, GUADALUPE RAMIREZ RECEIVED OVER

4,000 ENDORSEMENTS, BUT SHE WAS DENIED A PLACE ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE MANY OF HER ENDORSERS, WHO DID NOT KNOW IN THE SPRING THAT SHE WOULD SEEK AN OFFICE, IN NOVEMBER VOTED IN THE PRIMARY; THEREBY LOSING THE RIGHT, ACCORDING TO CALIFORNIA LAW, OF ENDORSING ANY OTHER CANDIDATE BETWEEN THE PRIMARY AND THE GENERAL ELECTION--THAT IS, IF ONE VOTES IN THE PRIMARY, HE CANNOT SIGN THE PETITION FOR A CANDIDATE WHO WISHES TO RUN IN THE GENERAL ELECTION BUT WHO DID NOT (OR COULD <sup>NOT</sup> PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIMARY. IN A SPECIAL ELECTION, SUCH AS MY OWN, AN ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATE IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT 40 to 60 VALID SIGNATURES FROM MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY. THE "INDEPENDENT" IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT 500-1,000 ENDORSEMENT, A LESSER BURDEN THAN IN A GENERAL ELECTION BUT CONSIDERABLY HARSHER THAN FOR AN ESTABLISHED PARTY MEMBER. YET THERE ARE DISTRICTS IN WHICH LA RAZA UNIDA HAS MORE REGISTERED VOTING MEMBERS. THAN SOME OF THE ESTABLISHED PARTIES. LET'S SEE THE OTHER QUESTIONS.

WHAT PART OF THE LAW IS BEING CHALLENGED?

BASICALLY, THEY ARE THE SECTIONS THAT DEAL WITH PARTY QUALIFICATION, WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING LEGAL STATUS FOR POLITICAL PARTIES, AND WITH THE RIGHT OF A VOTER FOR FREE AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN VOTING FOR CANDIDATES OF HIS CHOICE IN ANY ELECTION.

WHAT DOES THE SUIT MEAN FOR NON-MAJOR PARTIES OR "NEW" PARTIES?

It means THAT, IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL, THE STATE LEGISLATURE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REVISE THE STATE ELECTION CODE. THIS SHOULD OPEN SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR A FREER EXPRESSION OF A WIDER RANGE OF POLITICAL IDEAS. IT WILL MEAN THAT BEING DIFFERENT WILL NOT RESULT IN POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION.

WHAT IMPORTANCE DOES THE SUIT HOLD FOR LA RAZA UNIDA?

IF SUCCESSFUL, THIS WILL MEAN THE REMOVAL OF THE MOST DEBILITATING SHACKLES THAT HAVE KEPT THE SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY OUT OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION.

THE LEGITIMACY OF THE LA RAZA UNIDA SHOULD DRASTICALLY REDUCE THE VOTE-GETTING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MAJOR PARTIES, PARTICULARLY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. IN ADDITION, IT WILL FREE US (LA RAZA UNIDA) TO FULFILL OUR MOST IMPORTANT GOALS: DIRECT, EVERYDAY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EDUCATION OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN ORGANIZATION OF OUR PEOPLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISIONS THAT GOVERN THEIR LIVES.

WHAT IS IN STORE FOR LARGE RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES?

MOST OBVIOUSLY NO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY WILL BE ABLE TO ASSUME THEM AS HIP POCKET VOTES. IF A PARTY CANNOT OR WILL NOT SERVE THE NEEDS OF A SIGNIFICANTLY LARGE GROUP, THAT GROUP SHALL BE ABLE TO EFFECT ITS OWN FUTURE MORE EFFECTIVELY, IN SOME INSTANCES, BY FORMING SEPARATE POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE MORE IN KEEPING WITH THEIR INTERESTS AND NEEDS.

WHAT ARE OUR CHANCES OF WINNING?

RIGHT NOW I THINK SUBSTANTIALLY GOOD, A VERY HIGH PROBABILITY. THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HAS PREVIOUSLY INVALIDATED PARALLEL STATUTES IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

CONCLUSION

IN CLOSING I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO VIEW OUR PRESENT JUDICIAL EFFORTS WITH UNDERSTANDING AND OBJECTIVITY. OUR ENDEAVORS ARE NOT BENT ON TAKING ANY ONE'S RIGHTS AWAY FROM HIM BUT ON EXTENDING ALL RIGHTS TO ALL PEOPLE, HOWEVER WEAK. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST DIVEST SPECIAL PRIVILEGE FROM ANY GROUP, HOWEVER STRONG.

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DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1974

TO: CALIFAS RAZA UNIDA CHAPTERS

FROM: ANDRES RODRIGUEZ TORRES, SEC.-TREAS.

RE: REMINDER OF REGULAR CALIF. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, SAT., JAN. 12, 1974

1. MEETING IS SCHEDULED AT: LA RAZA UNIDA OFFICE, SAN FERNANDO (NOT AT L.A. VALLEY COLLEGE)  
551 Sol Maclay  
Tel. 361-7341 or 361-7342 or  
My home: 361-4826  
Time: 11:00 A.M.  
SAT: Jan. 12, 1974

Directions:

1. Coming South on Golden State Fwy (Interstate 5): Off on San Fernando Mission Blvd. Left on Laurel Canyon (first light), Right at Laurel Canyon to Maclay (about 1 block). Left at Maclay to LRU Office.
  2. Coming North same route: Off on Brand Blvd., Right to Laurel Canyon. Left at Laurel Canyon to Maclay. Right on Maclay to LRU Office.
2. Agenda
- a. Check minutes of last meeting which I sent you in December to determine what was left pending.
  - b. National Congresses- Need consider positions and representatives and alternates for the state (Califas is entitled to 3 reps).
    1. Jose Angel Gutierrez has called for two Congreso meetings between January and April
      - a. January 19 & 20 at Crystal, Texas: To deal with party structure and strategies for 74 elections.
      - b. April 20 & 21 in San Antonio or San Diego: To deal strictly with Congreso business (????).
  - c. L.A. Central Committee is interested in beginning statewide working forums to develop much needed partido philosophy, goals, structure, etc. Bring your ideas.
  - d. N.B. DUES ARE DUE FOR THE LAST QUARTER (\$5.00 per chapter)
3. Any new (or old Chapters) are encouraged to participate. Two votes per chapter.
4. Haven't received response regarding letters of solidarity. Shall go ahead and mail as originally planned.
5. "DUMP NIXON" Coalition in L.A. planning rally and march on January 20. The rally for Dec. 29 was postponed. If you feel you can make any contribution of any kind or suggestion contact City Terrace Chapter at: 3591 City Terrace Drive, L.A. 90063. Tel. (213) 261-0128.

The spirit has been waning in many areas. Let's start its revival with good meeting Saturday.

RUP- San Fern.  
Jan 12, 1974  
11:00 AM

PARA SERVIRLES,

Andrés R. Torres  
ANDRES R. TORRES

*Andrés R. Torres*



# RAZA UNIDA PARTY

NATIONAL PARTY HEADQUARTERS  
519 EAST CROCKETT STREET  
CRISTAL, TEJAS 78839

Congreso de Aztlan Workshop  
January 18, 19, 20, 1974  
Crystal City, Texas 78839

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the National Chairman Jose Angel Gutierrez at 10:20 am January 19, 1974 in the High School cafeteria of the Crystal City High School. State delegations from six states and numerous visitors were present. (Names attached).

Action was taken after lengthy discussion on the proposed structure of the National Party. Several amendments and corrections were made.

The following projects were approved by the vote of individual states:

1. Open immigration centers and fight for the protection of our undocumented people. (6 states for)
2. Seek to establish unity and promotes understanding among the major organizations and leaders of our people. (6 for)
3. Seek a vehicle to carry out voter registration among our people. State delegations will write letters to the Committee for Rural Democracy urging the formulation of such programs.
4. Implement an organizing campaign in California. (5 states for, Illinois abstained)
5. Establish a publishing house and proceed to copyright national publication. Approval to copyright A Gingo Manual on How to handle Mexicans will be sent to the National Office as soon as possible. (6 states for)
6. Sponsor a National Youth Conference in San Antonio during Easter. The theme will be education. (6 states for)
7. Begin organizing materials submitted by the states on the rise and development of the Partido across the United States. (6 states for)
8. Initiate a campaign to urge tax payers to contribute a tax deductible dollar to the National Raza Unida Party. Additionally our National Office will join with the Committee on Democratic Election Laws (Code) to fight for declaring the Presidential Campaign Fund Act unconstititutional.



Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The evening of January 18, the delegates were hosted by the Barrio Club of Cristal to a beer and carne asada party. Tours of Cristal were conducted throughout the weekend. On Sunday, the delegations attended a regular meeting of the local party organization, Ciudadanos Unidos. The States gave reports of Party activity in their area.



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## Congreso De Aztlan

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The Congreso will meet at least three times a year-during the Labor Day weekend, January and May. Each Congreso meeting site shall be selected at the previous meeting.

A Special session shall be called by no less than five states provided the call is in writing, signed by the respective delegates and sixty (60) days in advance.

Delegates to the Congreso will be elected at a State Convention. Each state will set the length of service for their delegates. Each delegation should include a woman. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected and removed by similiar methods.

From the Congreso membership, three delegates from three different states shall form a Consejo to the chairperson. These Consejo members will assist the chairperson at the meetings of the Congreso and National Convention and represent the National Party for the Chairperson. Each state must support the National Office with a monthly contribution of eighty (\$80) dollars or a volunteer from that state.

## Conventions

There should be two conventions every four years. The site of the conventions shall be chosen by the Congreso in May preceding the event provided the host states accepts the convention. The host state will pay all expenses. The states should hold regional conferences regularly.

## Finance

All states will hold annual fund raisers for the National Party. All monies collected in the name of the National Party must be turned over to the National Office for deposit to the National Raza Unida Party, West Side State Bank, San Antonio, Texas 78285, account number 181-4623.

## Communication

The National office will publish a monthly newsletter. Each state must submit regularly items of relevance and interest. The Chairman will report at every Congreso meeting the activities of the chair and status of the party in the respective States. The national office will maintain a central address file of membership.

Major documents produced by the National office or any member as official National Party publications will be approved by the Congreso. Fund raising or popular literature and materials will be copyrighted and distributed by the National office.

## Committees

The Congreso delegates will serve as committee members. Each state cannot serve on more than 2. Membership to a committee is solicited the chairman who appoints with approval of the Congreso, turn of service shall be two years.

## Chairman

The National Chairman shall be responsible to the National convention, Congreso, and his state. There can be no re-election, after 2 terms The Chairman serves for 2 years. He can be removed prior to this time by a 2/3 vote of all members states.

The National office shall coordinate all national activities and maintain the National Office.

## Voting

All Congreso meetings and conventions (local, state, regional, or national) shall pass on issues by a majority vote. All states have the following voting strength:

Washington 13	Michigan 23	California 66	Nebraska 13
Oregon 13	Arizona 34	Indiana 13	Illinois 21
Missouri 13	Colorado 39	Iowa 13	Kansas 13
Utah 13	New Mexico 40	Ohio 13	Minnesota 13
Wisconsin 13	Texas 65	Florida 13	Dist. of Columbia 13
Maryland 13	Nevada 13	Wyoming 13	North Dakota 13
South Dakota 13			Idaho 13

At Congreso meeting each state shall cast its entire votes provided all 3 Congreso members are present. Upon written notice to the National Chairman at least 10 days prior to any Congreso

meeting or presenting a signed statement of appointment from the state chairperson a Congreso member can appoint another delegate to vote a proxy. Each Congreso member present can only vote 1/3 of all the votes, except those holding proxies for others.

#### Certification

All states must hold a state convention annually. Each state shall notify the National Chairman in writing of the agenda, election of directors, actions taken, and financial status of the Party. Only those states that hold annual conventions, hold elections of officers, inform the National Office of actions taken, and submit financial statements will be considered as states in good standing and entitled to vote in all national meetings.

Each state Party will maintain and submit semi-annually (Jan 30 and July 30) a list of all party activist, organizers officers, and members to the National office. No State Party may vote or participate at any party meeting if the membership list has not been submitted. All questions of certification will be decided by majority vote of the Congreso

#### Consejo

The National Chairman with the approval of the Congreso shall select 3 Congreso members from different states to serve as a policy making and administrative body between Congreso meetings. The elected head of the Consejo shall preside over Congreso meeting and conventions in the absence of the chairman.

Note: The following states were in attendance at the Cristal Congreso workshop and approved the preceding document: Arizona, California, Illinois, New Mexico, Texas, and Wisconsin. It is subject to approval at the next Congreso meeting to be held in San Antonio during the Easter holidays.



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## Conventions

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Hermano de Raza:

Hace un año tuvimos la junta nacional en El Paso donde em-  
pesamos un movimiento nacional bajo el Partido Raza Unida. En  
noviembre del '72 llamé al Congreso de Aztlán a una junta en Al-  
buquerque. El primero de septiembre volví a llamar al Congreso  
de Aztlán otra vez en East Chicago, Indiana. Desgraciadamente  
las reuniones del Congreso han sido fracasos. En Albuquerque  
nos enredamos con pleitos de ideología y estructura. Yo terminé  
la junta en Albuquerque y cinco estados- Illinois, Nebraska,  
Colorado, Nuevo México, California-siguieron en capricho a esta-  
blecer una estructura burocrática, odiosa, y reaccionaria. Por  
ejemplo, los cinco estados votaron poner la oficina nacional en  
Nuevo México. Yo vivo y trabajo en Cristal, Tejas. ¿Como vamos  
a operar una organización si la cabeza está en un estado y el  
cuerpo en otro? Igualmente, votaron los cinco estados un proceso  
detallado para eliminar miembros. En lugar de preocuparse en  
como atraer membrecilla gastan tiempo elaborando planes reaccion-  
arios que manifiestan sus complejos de inferioridad.

La última junta en East Chicago fue igual. En lugar de resol-  
ver diferencias y desarrollar el programa del Partido salieron con  
sonseras. Primero encaprichados que ellos tomarían el Partido o  
se saldrían. Después que un comité coordinador sería mejor que un  
Chairman. La tarea es de organizar a nuestra gente. Organizarlos  
en grupos localmente bajo el Partido para defender el interés Chi-  
cano y que propongan el punto de vista nuestro. En meses pasados  
hemos visto declaraciones de California y Colorado donde defienden  
la lucha para un Puerto Rico libre, a Lucio Cabañas, a Angela Davis,  
a Cuba, a Africa y otros más. Está bien. Más bien estuviera de-  
fender lo de uno primero. La realidad es que nuestra gente poco com-  
prende y mucho menos les importa de Cuba, Cabañas, Africa o Puerto  
Rico. Nuestra gente quiere alivio aquí y ahorita. El sistema capi-  
talista empieza su proceso deshumanizador aquí con nosotros. Al  
luchar nosotros aquí ayudaremos más a los movimientos en otras partes.  
Al hacernos fuertes aquí, debilitamos más al enemigo allá.

Ya organizando grupos la siguiente tarea es mobilizarnos hacia  
ciertas luchas: las escuelas, la política, los sueldos, la salud,  
etc. Estas luchas se ganarán con mucho trabajo y sudor. La retórica  
del marxismo; del socialismo servirá de calor para unos, pero los  
grandes números serán atraídos a nuestra lucha por hechos y no pa-  
labras. Todo individuo puede ser revolucionario de saliva; pero pocos  
individuos son luchadores por su Raza día tras día. Todo individuo  
puede hacerse estudiante de Marx y Lenin, pero; pocos individuos  
desarrollan la teoría en practica. Existe una nación entre varios

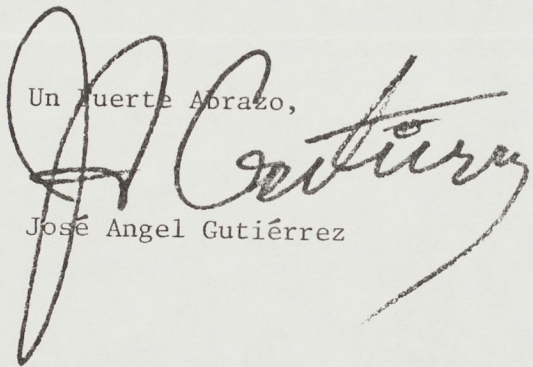
individuos en el Congreso que nuestro Partido debía ser un Partido revolucionario. Se propone que todo dinero del gobierno no se use para nuestras luchas y beneficios. Esto es una estupidez e hipocrecia. Toda organización en el movimiento Chicano usa dinero federal. ¿Y por qué no? El dinero es de nosotros también. Bastante bien que trabajamos duro a salarios bajos e impuestos altos. A últimas cuenta todo dinero y todo servicio está manchado por estos infelices gringos.

La Raza Unida de Colorado bien que se mantienen con dinero del gobierno-Ernie Vigil y José Calderon son VISTAS, José Gonzales lo mantienen el Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation. Las iglesias les dan dinero-el Campaign for Human Development. Las fundaciones les dan dinero- IFCO. El mismo Corky publicó su libro con una impre-  
sa de gringos en lugar de Chicanos. Las clinicas en el norte de Nuevo México son del gobierno-OEO. Los estudiantes de California son mantenidos con programas de ayuda-EOP. ¿Que es importante? ¿De donde viene el dinero o que hace uno con el dinero? Es hipocrecia hacer declaraciones y no vivir por ellas. Lo mismo es hipocrecia hacer declaraciones en pro del pueblo y ni siquiera contar con la gente para ver si estan de acuerdo.

Mis palabras seran inútiles para los de esos estados. Pero al fin, si ellos quieren un Partido revolucionario que lo formen. Si ellos quieren un Partido socialista que se junten con otros que existen. Si ellos quieren un movimiento internacional que sigan metiendose en asuntos por todo el mundo. De mi parte no tengo necesidad de batallar más con ellos. Yo buscaré con quien trabajar en estos mismos estados para ver quien tiene mas éxito. El que es buen gallo donde quiera canta.

Mis compañeros por los otros estados, espero trabajar con ustedes. Hay que emprender la lucha. Ajunto mi plan general para empezar a darle vida al Partido. Les pido que me manden por escrito sus comentarios cuanto antes. Al juntar todos los puntos de vista llamaré otra junta del Congreso por enero para tomar acción sobre esos acuerdos.

Un fuerte Abrazo,

  
José Angel Gutiérrez



① introduction  
OCR.

② issue of Immigration  
you heard H.B. speak of  
the issue ~~already~~ this  
morning. He spoke in  
general of the problem  
we as citizens face  
with regard to the "undocumented  
alien".

③ I will briefly cover different  
areas where the issue has  
an affect on us as citizens  
or students as well as those  
who come from the barrios.

④ What can we do as Community  
organizers and as Members and  
Students.

Dep't  
undocumented

YOLANDA M. LÓPEZ

Yolanda M. López is an artist whose work has appeared in many statewide exhibits on Chicano Art. Her drawings, paintings, and photographs deal with the many aspects of Chicano/Latino life. She consciously deals with her life in her work as a woman and as a Chicana dedicated to her people.

Her subjects have been her mother, grandmother, friends and herself. She has taught seminars on the technique of mural painting and contemporary Chicano art.

She is currently at the University of California, San Diego where she teaches an Introduction to art Making Course that utilizes the everyday experiences of life as a valid and viable subject matter for art.

Yolanda M. López

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① We can do nothing  
act as students. and only  
appear concerned when  
term papers, reports,  
projects or even when  
gradual work in course  
up - as so many times  
in the past - or

② Volunteer some time to  
a community based organization  
such as CEP. etc.

③ ~~contact~~ begin a unit  
of communication by developing  
an advisory committee - keep  
other members informed etc.

MARCOS A. CONTRERAS

Active in Teatro Chicano since 1972. Artistic director of Teatro Mestizo, San Diego. Mr. Contreras has also served as a secretary for the National Chicano Theatre Organization TENAZ (Teatro Nacional de Aztlán).

Mr. Contreras was responsible for organizing one of the most outstanding Chicano Theatre festivals. (The eighth Annual Chicano Theatre festival, San Diego, 1977).

Presently Mr. Contreras is still working with the Teatro Mestizo at the Centro Cultural de la Raza.

"Por un arte que represente las realidades económicas, políticas, culturales y sociales de nuestro Pueblo."

Marcos A. Contreras c/s

News paper

undocumented pay for child health  
attempt to pay by installments  
Hospital force you to go on welfare  
1946 - Hill Burton fee hospital care  
unemployment benefits.  
SSI - disability etc.

Dingon arrested Bill  
employment discrimination. — surrender to deportation

Raids on jobs for "illegal aliens"  
How many — not expected  
why didn't they move into  
minor valleys — but what  
happens to the workers.

trust from worker plan.  
did not affect — forums  
because they were not  
hobby or transparency, no  
were the hiring —

refugees / limit of quotas to 20,000  
Cubans, Jews, Russians / 120,000 to  
Vietnam etc. / 20,000

Sherry S.O.P.D. - younger state act.  
opinion

College caps - Worker policies welfare  
Schools - etc. Voter registration

Reyes Soremy!

- ① Type of Bills
- ② Stats of why the bills are needed!
- ③ 2 examples of violation  
low Suits -  
Sweet water  
Welfare, Hosp.  
SSI - onions to...
- ④ Heers worker program  
Anxiety!
- ⑤ Rules  
More the employment to  
merge

VICTOR OCHOA

Victor is a Visual Artist. He is currently working in Barrio Logan. As a coordinator for the Chicano Park Muralthon 1978.

Victor now is open to facilitate any person, group or barrio to create murals, posters or publications.

"El Arte es la expresión del Pueblo

Las escuelas tienen que acercarse más al pueblo."

DATE: March 17, 1974

TO: CALIFAS LA RAZA UNIDA CHAPTERS

FROM: ANDRÉS RODRÍGUES TORRES, SEC-TRES.

RE: STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

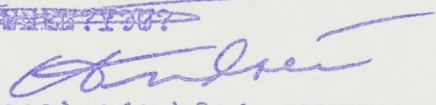
DUE TO THE CALLING OF A CONGRESO MEETING DURING THE  
EASTER HOLIDAYS BY JOSÉ ÁNGEL GUTIÉRREZ, WE'VE HAD TO SET OUR  
MEETING DATE FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1974, AT 12:00 AM. (NOON).

WE SHALL MEET IN SANTA ANA AT 1601 WEST SANTA ANA BL.  
GOING SOUTH ON SANTA ANA FWY, GET OFF ON SANTA ANA BL. AND GO  
WEST (RIGHT) ACROSS TOWN (TO WEST SIDE). GOING NORTH, GET OFF  
ON SAME STREET AND GO WEST (LEFT).

IF NEED HELP THERE, CALL CASA (714) 836-1551. ASK FOR  
JOE VALENZUELA OR ALEX GARZA.

I'LL BE SENDING YOU THE MINUTES, ETC FROM THE LAST  
MEETING EARLY NEXT WEEK (I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CONGRESO  
REPORT FROM OUR REPS TO THE LAST CONGRESO; PERHAPS WE CAN  
GET IT FROM THEM AT THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING).

PLEASE CALL ME OR WRITE IF HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WHATEVER  
UNABLE  
(SUCH BEING UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WIHS SOMETHING TO BE DISCUSSED, ETC.).

~~714-71707~~  
  
(213)-361-4826 HOME

361-7341 LRUP OFFICE

P.O. BOX 905  
SAN FERNANDO 91341

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F.B.I

Agent

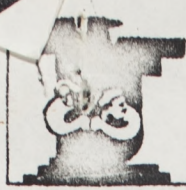
297-3361

9-13-74

10:00 - 10:30

Wanted to meet & communicate. Asked about L.R.U Party. Stated that I was a leader & if I heard about any illegal activities to contact them. I stated that we had plenty on the mug. he didn't like that. <sup>asked me</sup> left  
I stated that I would talk to A.F.C. or C.R. Called Peter Schey about





# Partido La Raza Unida

*Baca*

551 SOUTH MACLAY SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340 Ph. 361-7341

To: Partido Raza Unida Chapters

## MINUTES OF STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Julio 9, 1977

San Fernando

Started at 2:30 P.M.

Meeting called for 12:00 A.M.

Notes taken by Andres R. Torres, in absence of Secretary

Present: Norwalk--Juanita Gonzales and Debbie Escalera; Ventura--Gabriela Serrano; La Puente--Jenny Estrada; San Fernando--Miguel Perez and Guera Perez; Chairp--Andres R. Torres

Guests: Gabino Aguirre de Santa Paula 1008 Hillside, 93060, 525-6969; Ray Amaro de El Rio

This was a working meeting to deal with the planning for the State Conference 1977 which is to be held in Ventura on September 3. All items "passed" at this meeting are to be considered as suggestions which individual chapters are to express their views at the next meeting, at which time some final decisions will be made concerning the conference.

### DISCUSSION

#### I. Purposes of Conference:

1. This conference will be a call for unity within IRUP existing chapters to build the Partido, based on the principle of organizational self-determination within the ideology and principles of IRUP calling for self-determination of La Raza Community.

Clarification: This means that the suggested workshop on Labor-Community Issues entails inviting NONPARTIDO ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS to participate in this workshop directly and in the General Assembly.

Decision-making would follow thusly: (1) In Workshops decisions made by general consensus. (2) In General Assembly: (a) Discussion, including recommendations, open to all in attendance. (b) Motions and voting limited to 2 delegates from each certified Partido chapter.

NOTE: The announcement of the conference will be introduced by (with) a statement on the Partido ideology, principles and goals.

#### II. Suggested Schedule

##### A. Friday

Registration--4-8 p.m.

##### B. Saturday

Registration--8-9:30 a.m.

Mendo--8-9 a.m.

Gen. Assembly (Orientation)--9:30-10:00

Workshop--10-12:30

Lunch--12:30-1:30

Workshop--1:30-3:30

Cont'd

B. S

W. Saturday (cont'd)

Break--3:30-4:00

Gen. Assembly, including Elections--4--8p.m.

Baile Till.....?

III. WORKSHOP AREAS M/X/C The following are suggested worksho areas for chapters to discuss, accept, reject, prioritize and to present resluts at next State Central Committee meeting.

A. Structure(of State Partido)

B. Ideology and Principles --Suggest to have extended workshop

C. La Federacion

D. Strategy

~~D.~~ Labor-Community Issues--Allow Non Raza Unida, non Chicanos, etc. to participate, to bring issues to Partido

F. Education

IV. OTHER

A. Minutes of last meeting corrected and accepted

Pres Torres Corrected Chp

Armando Navarro(p. 3 ) corrected Southern Californai Steering Committee

B. Andrés sent Ruben Botello \$50.00 deposit for conference hall. Treasury to reimburse Andrés .

V. Next meeting: Sat., July 30, 1977, at 2 p.m. at San Fernando

Reminders: (1) Bring your \$20.00 per chapter for conferance expenses.

)2) Conference location changed to Ventura College

REACTION: San Fernando Chapter has asked me to include their recommendation on conference. (1) Only chapter members vote in workshops. (2) Others can suggest but only delegates vote in assembly. (3) *only include Ed + job-con - workshop*

For you Further CONSIDERA TION: We still owe a share of costs for CODEL lawsuit (Does not include any attorney's fees). (2) Monetary outlays for 1976 edcctions by myself and others have not been fully recovered. Many thanks to La Federacion for a great effort here( I was able to buy my horses some hay).

Submitted by :

*Andres R. Torres*  
Andres R. Torres, En La Lucha Siempre



# Partido La Raza Unida

551 SOUTH MACLAY SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340 Ph. 361-7341

August 1, 1977

To: Partido Raza Unida California Chapters and Members

From: Andrés Rodríguez Torres, State Chairp

Subject: Partido La Raza Unida State Conference, September 3 & 4, 1977, at Ventura College, Ventura

NOTE: NEXT STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING; AUGUST 27, 1977.

### Introduction

For the past several weeks, The State Central Committee has been meeting to develop plans for a long-overdue state partido conference (Our last one was held at Arvin in September 1975). One more meeting is planned for August 27, 1977 at either City Terrace or at Lamont if City Terrace cannot host the meeting. The purpose of the August 27 meeting will be to finalized any items that have not been considered so far, including the final acceptance of those chapters which will be participating in the conference and their delegates. It has been recommended that, due to economic hardships, manpower shortages, etc., ~~the~~ the certification date be extended to this date to participating chapters or to new chapters that are currently being formed. This recommendation is in keeping with the purpose of the state conference: A call for unity within the LRUP existing chapters to build the Partido... Therefore, new forming chapters are encouraged to attend this meeting and to submit the names and addresses of at least the minimum requirement of five (5) members. Include, in addition, a telephone number and address for an "office."

Following is the conference programmed which is planned for September 3 & 4.

### I. Purpose of Conference:

A. This conference will be a call for unity within El Partido La Raza Unida to build the Partido in California, based on the principle of organizational self-determination within the ideology and principles of LRUP calling for self-determination of La Raza Community.

The announcement and invitation to the conference will be introduced with a statement on the Partido ideology, principles and goals. This is particularly important to Nonpartido organizations and individuals who may wish to attend and participate at the conference, as everyone is expected to adhere to the call for unity to build the Partido and to respect the organizational integrity of the Partido. In short, THE CONFERENCE IS OPEN TO ANYONE SINCERELY INTERESTED IN THIS GOAL AND PRINCIPLE.

### II. Decision-Making

A. In Workshops decisions will be made by general consensus. Voting may not be necessary. The important question is that there be consensus to recommend an item to the plenary session for the conference delegates (two from each chapter) to vote on.

B. Plenary Session General Assembly:

1. Discussion, including recommendations, open to all attending
2. Motions and voting limited to 2 delegates from ea. certified chapter.

Important  
Note: please pass on  
New release to all  
local media - radio,  
papers, TV - and  
to groups +  
individuals

III. Schedule

A. Friday, September 2, 1977

- 1. Early Registration 4:00 to 8:00 P.M.

B. SATURDAY

- 1. 8--9 a.m. Menudo
- 2. 8--9:30 Registration
- 3. 9:30--10:30 Orientation and Speakers

NOTE: Speakers may address the conference at another time should scheduling make it necessary. The following persons are being invited for the possible participation in this regard: Olga Talamante, Dennis Banks (AIM), Dolores Huerta (UFW), Ernestina García (Confederacion de La Raza Unida, San Jose), Vicente Gonzales (Rza Unida organizer, Union City), Jose Angel Gutierrez (among founders of La Raza Unida in Cristal, Tex, Zavala County Judge), Raul Ruiz (City Terrace Chapter, organizer, candidate, editor La Raza Magazine, Chicano Studies Prof, CSUN), Richard Winger (Political Scientist, Expert on Election laws, has done most of legal research involving IRUP and other parties against California election laws--It is preferred that he present the conference a written analysis of the place and possibilities of the Partido with respect to present California election laws), Fidel Castro or representative. Note Note: Questions have also been raised about interested persons in the Southern areas--San Diego, San Bernardino, etc. LET US HEAR IF YOU ARE THERE OR IF YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE WILLING AND ABLE. Remember the objective is to build...

- 4. 10:30--11:00 Break. Perhaps Entertainment.
- 5. 11:00--12:30 Two Workshops:
  - a. Ideology and Principles (Morning Session): Suggested Chairs: Jennie Aguilar and Raul Ruiz
  - b. Structure (Morning Session): Suggested Chairs: Ruth Banda and Fred Aguilar
- 6. 12:30--1:30 LUNCH
- 7. 1:30--3:00 Two Workshops
  - A. Ideology and Principles (Afternoon Session)
  - b. Structure (Afternoon Session)
- 8. 3:00--5:00 La Federacion: Chairps
- 9. 5:00--6:00 Dinner
- 10. 6:00--8:00 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Chairps: Jose Gonzales and Guera (Evangelina) Pérez
- 11. 8--9 Reports of Workshops Recommendations and Nominations for State Offices
- 12. (9:00 ON BAILE Y DIVERSION

C. SUNDAY

- 1. 9:00--12:00
  - a. Plenary Sesseion: Delegates Vote on Recommendations
    - (1) Principles: No major changes of concepts. Deletions are permitted. Minor amandements are permitted. Corfection of working, etc.
  - b. Elections

2. Adjourn

E. Speakers: Andrés

IV. Need people committed to carry out operational duties.

- A. Security: Ventura will coordinate
- B. Publicity: Coordinated by Ventura. All must contribute.
- C. Typing and Duplication: Buben Botello
- D. Translate: Abel Mendoza, Xenero Ayala, Andrés R. Torres

*Andrés R. Torres*

P.S. Herman -

If you are unable to attend, etc.,  
can you please forward to any one else  
who might be able to. We also need  
a speaker from southern area. Would  
you be interested?

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