CCR POSITION ON THE DRAFT

OUR EXPIRIENCES IN THE CHICANO MOVEMENT AND OUR BELIEF THAT CHICANOS MUST SELF-DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE HAS LED US TO AN ESSENTIAL AND IRREVOCABLE CONCLUSION: FOR THE U.S. TO RESUME THE DRAFT WOULD MEAN MORE CRIMES OF U.S. AGGRESSION AND MANY MORE DEATHS OF YOUNG CHICANOS.

"STAND-BY REGISTRATION" (WHERE YOUTH MUST REGISTER FOR A DRAFT THAT COULD BE RE-ENACTED) IS A KEY STEP TOWARDS RE-ENACTING THE DRAFT ITSELF. RESUMPTION OF THE DRAFT WOULD NOT MEAN SELF-DEFENSE OF THE U.S., BUT A MOVE TONARDS THE PRE-MEDITATED MURDER OF OTHER COUNTRIES' RIGHTS AND PEOPLES. THE U.S. HAS NO RIGHT TO ECONOMIC CONTROL IN OTHER COUNTRIES, OR RIGHTS TO THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES EXCEPT WHERE SUCH PRIVILEGES HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY A GOVERNMENT TRULY REPRESENTING THAT NATION'S PEOPLE. RESUMPTION OF THE DRAFT WOULD BRING THE U.S. ONE PRECARIOUS STEP CLOSER TO FURTHER FORCING IT'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WILL ON OTHER COUNTRIES. IT WOULD MEAN U.S. INTERVENTIONS AROUND THE WORLD AND, SPECIFICALLY, IN LATIN-AMERICA IT WOULD MEAN THE MURDER OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

HISTORY HAS SHOWN US THAT THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGES OF DRAFTEES (PER POPULATION) HAVE BEEN PEOPLE OF COLOUR AND THE POOR. THESE ARE THE EXPENDABLE TROOPS, THE HUMAN TARGETS THAT BUY GENERALS EXTRA STRATEGIZING TIME. IN VIETNAM, A MAJORITY OF FRONT-LINE TROOPS WERE CHICANOS/LATINOS AND BLACKS. BOTH GROUPS WERE KILLED IN MUCH HIGHER PERCENTAGES THAN THEY REPRESENTED WITHIN THE TOTAL U.S. POPULATION. U.S. AGGRESSIONS ARE BROUGHT ON TO BENEFIT THE RICH, WHILE POOR PEOPLE DO MOST OF THE DYING.

IMPERIALIST POWERS/NATIONS HAVE ALWAYS USE COLONIZED PEOPLE TO FIGHT THEIR WARS. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE INTENT BEHIND THE 1846 U.S. INVASION OF MEXICO AND A POTENTIAL INVASION WITHIN THE MIDDLE EAST OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD TODAY. WE MUST REALIZE OUR FIGHT IS RIGHT HERE IN AZTLÁN. OUR WAR IS TO DESTROY DISCRIMINATION, POVERTY, AND COLONIALISM. OUR SELF-DEFENSE MUST BE DEFENDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS CHILDREN, PRISONS, AND MEN AT THE BORDER, IN THE FIELDS, IN THE PRISONS, AND IN OUR BARRIOS. OUR FIGHT IS AGAINST THE CRIPPLING OF OUR MINDS BY DRUGS, ALCOHOL, MATERIALISM, AND NEGLIGIENT EDUCATION. OUR PEOPLE HAVE NO BUSINESS FIGHTING ANY OTHER BATTLES UNTIL WE HAVE WON OUR STRUGGLE FOR CHICANO LIBERATION. WE MUST FIGHT AGAINST THE RESUMPTION OF THE DRAFT BECAUSE AS CONSCIOUS CHICANOS WE CANNOT CONDONE FURTHER U.S. AGGRESSIONS THROUGH THE WORLD. WE MUST FIGHT AGAINST THE DRAFTING AND MURDER OF YOUNG CHICANOS, FOR OUR YOUTH ARE THE WEALTH AND FUTURE OF LA RAZA.

ERNESTO B.
JUAN P.

CCR POSITION ON THE DRAFT

OUR EXPIRIENCES IN THE CHICANO MOVEMENT AND OUR BELIEF THAT CHICANOS MUST SELF-DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE HAS LED US TO AN ESSENTIAL AND IRREVOCABLE CONCLUSION: FOR THE U.S. TO RESUME THE DRAFT WOULD MEAN MORE CRIMES OF U.S. AGGRESSION AND MANY MORE DEATHS OF YOUNG CHICANOS.

STAND-BY REGISTRATION (WHERE YOUTH MUST REGISTER FOR A DRAFT THAT COULD BE RE-ENACTED) IS A KEY STEP TOWARDS RE-ENACTING THE DRAFT ITSELF. RESUMPTION OF THE DRAFT WOULD NOT MEAN SELF-DEFENSE OF THE U.S., BUT A MOVE TOWARDS THE PRE-MEDITATED MURDER OF OTHER COUNTRIES' RIGHTS AND PEOPLES. THE U.S. HAS NO Right to Rule "ECONOMIC INTERESTS" IN OTHER COUNTRIES OR RIGHTS TO THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES EXCEPT WHERE SUCH PRIVILEGES HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY A GOVERNMENT TRULY REPRESENTING THAT NATION'S PEOPLE. RESUMPTION OF THE DRAFT WOULD BRING THE U.S. ONE PRECARIOUS STEP CLOSER TO FURTHER ~~TRYING~~ TO FORCE IT'S ECONOMIC And Political WILL ON OTHER COUNTRIES. IT WOULD MEAN U.S. INTERVENTIONS AROUND THE WORLD AND, SPECIFICALLY, IN LATINAMERICA; IT WOULD MEAN THE MURDER OF OUR ~~THIRDWORLD~~ BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

HISTORY HAS SHOWN US THAT THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGES OF DRAFTEES (PER POPULATION) HAVE BEEN PEOPLE OF COLOR AND THE POOR. THESE ARE THE EXPENDABLE TROOPS, THE HUMAN TARGETS THAT BUY GENERALS EXTRA STRATEGIZING TIME. IN VIETNAM, A MAJORITY OF FRONT-LINE TROOPS WERE CHICANO/LATINOS AND BLACKS. BOTH RACES WERE KILLED IN MUCH HIGHER PERCENTAGES THAN THEY REPRESENTED WITHIN THE TOTAL U.S. POPULATION. U.S. AGGRESSIONS ARE BROUGHT ON TO BENEFIT THE RICH, BUT POOR PEOPLE DO MOST OF THE DYING. while

IMPERIALIST POWERS/NATIONS HAVE ALWAYS USED COLONIZED PEOPLES TO FIGHT THEIR WARS. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE INTENT BEHIND THE 1846 U.S. INVASION ~~AND RIP-OFF OF~~ OR MEXICO, ~~THE VIETNAM WAR~~ AND A POTENTIAL INVASION ~~OF~~ WITHIN THE MIDDLE EAST. ~~AS CHICANOS WE MUST FIGHT AGAINST AN INVASION IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, JUST AS OUR~~ on any part of the world today ANCESTORS FOUGHT AGAINST THE U.S. INVASION OF MEXICO. WE MUST REALIZE OUR FIGHT IS RIGHT HERE IN AZTLÁN. OUR WAR IS TO DESTROY DISCRIMINATION, SERVITUDE, AND ~~POVERTY~~ colonism. OUR SELF-DEFENSE MUST BE DEFENDING ~~BABIES~~ children, WOMEN, AND MEN AT THE BORDER, IN THE FIELDS, IN THE PRISONS, AND IN OUR BARRIOS. OUR FIGHT IS AGAINST THE CRIPPLING OF OUR MINDS BY DRUGS, ALCOHOL, MATERIALISM, AND NEGLIGIENT EDUCATION. ~~WE~~ our people HAVE NO BUSINESS FIGHTING ANY OTHER BATTLES UNTIL WE HAVE won THIS struggle ~~WAR~~. WE MUST FIGHT AGAINST THE RESUMPTION OF THE DRAFT BECAUSE WE HAVE BROTHERS AND SISTER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO SUFFER FROM THE SAME OPPRESSION THAT WE DO.

ERNESTO BUSTILLOS
JUAN PARRINO