

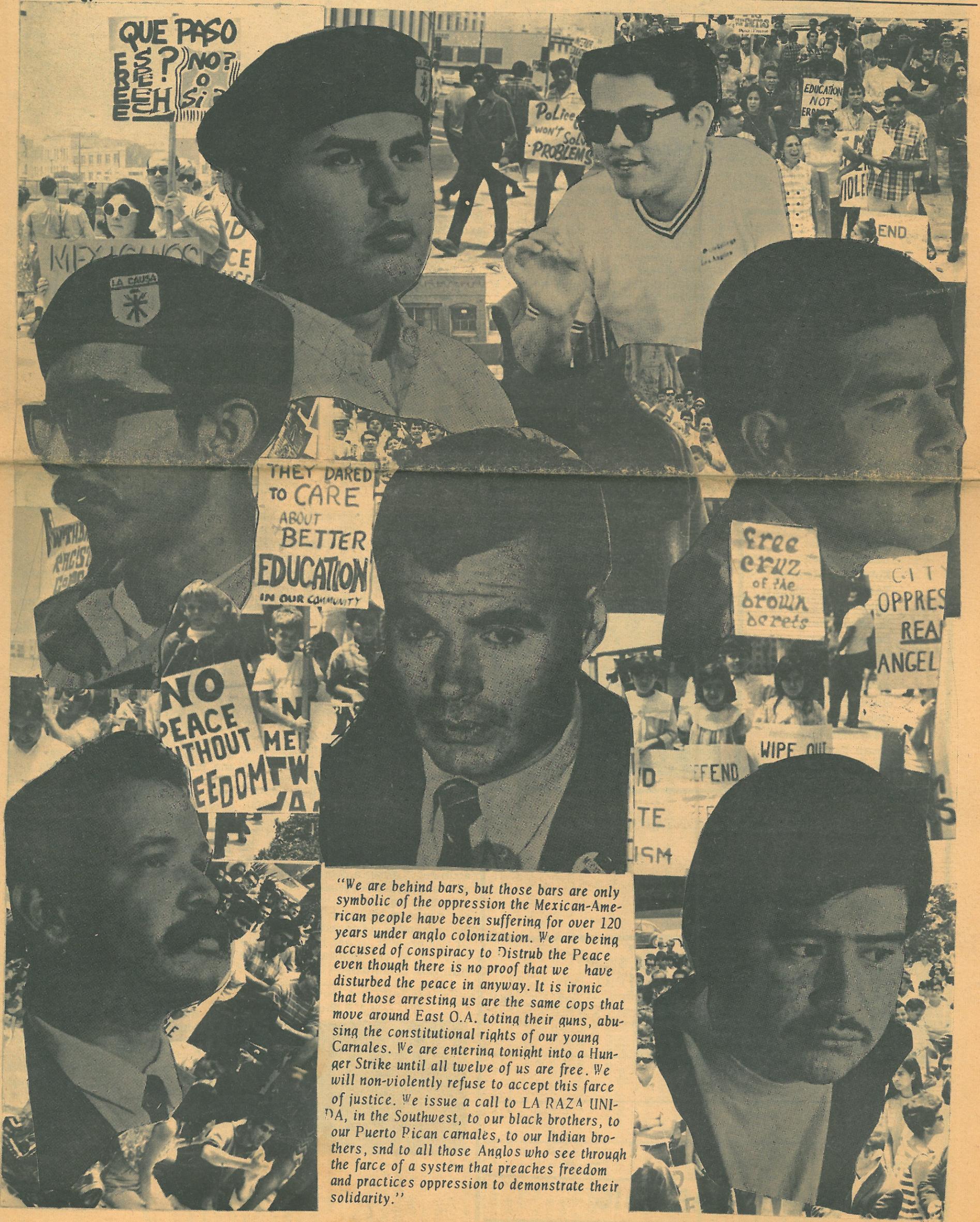


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"We are behind bars, but those bars are only symbolic of the oppression the Mexican-American people have been suffering for over 120 years under anglo colonization. We are being accused of conspiracy to Disturb the Peace even though there is no proof that we have disturbed the peace in anyway. It is ironic that those arresting us are the same cops that move around East O.A. toting their guns, abusing the constitutional rights of our young Carnales. We are entering tonight into a Hunger Strike until all twelve of us are free. We will non-violently refuse to accept this farce of justice. We issue a call to LA RAZA UNIDA, in the Southwest, to our black brothers, to our Puerto Rican carnales, to our Indian brothers, and to all those Anglos who see through the farce of a system that preaches freedom and practices oppression to demonstrate their solidarity."

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Three months ago something took place in East Los Angeles. March 1st was the awakening of our being. Mexicans were aroused, we were mad, and we helped mothers and fathers to understand. Lawyers and clergymen helped our young people, most important Sal helped us all.

To the Man, Sal was just part of the game. He filled his slot and kept his mouth shut. Then, on March 1st, he stood behind us and the Man turned Sal into a "communist conspirator".

When Superchief Reddin said that the leaders of the people who blew out would be prosecuted for conspiracy, we all laughed. What a joke! All the other people in the peace movement walk out of their schools every year. How could our leaders be prosecuted for helping our people to come alive? It happened. We say, "How could such a thing happen in the United States

of America where our country was built on dissent and a new awakening?" We forget that the Establishment chooses its "liberties" and delivers its own "justice."

So Sal Castro and five more of our brothers were thrown in jail. They are threats to the Establishment's security and must be put out of commission before they can liberate themselves with the laws that were drawn by our honored forefathers. Sorry, whiteman: Castro, Risco, Sanchez, Munoz, Esparza, and Razo are La Raza, and La Raza has had enough.

Ruben Gutierrez
Wilson High

Dear Editor:

statement from
carlos munoz

from the moment of my arrest I was treated like a hardened criminal. We innocent men were made to undergo an ordeal which can only be described as fit for a sub-human creature. It was not even fit for a dog. Our three day ordeal is an excellent example of man's inhumanity to man.

The arrest can only be described as a terror tactic by our honorable law enforcement representatives. The "invasion" of my home caused my family great emotional strain. My wife suffered traumatic shock as did my children. My wife could only offer resistance by muttering, "Is there no freedom in this country anymore?" The answer is obvious.

The action by the District Attorney can only be described as an act of fascism, political intimidation and harassment of innocent citizens whose only crime is being concerned about the plight of our people and who share a fervent desire to bring about better education for our young people.



Dear Editor:

The above picture shows exactly what they want you to do in Vietnam. The reason for printing this picture is not to put down G.I.'s but just to point out the fact that the Army can mess up your mind if you let it.

LISTEN TO THIS. When 3% OF THE PEOPLE IN THE U.S. are Chicano, yet over 20% of those dying in Vietnam are our brothers--well, you know something is wrong.

When 30% of those dying in Vietnam are Anglos and yet they are 87% of the population in this country, SOMETHING IS WRONG. When the Anglos support the war almost 100% then do everything to see that their sons avoid being drafted by sending them to universities, thus

getting a deferment, WE KNOW SOMETHING IS WRONG.

When we are told that we are in Vietnam for our national interest, yet we are never told what this NATIONAL (200 U.S. corporations) INTERESTS ARE, then we know SOMETHING IS WRONG.

CHICANOS, THE WAR IN VIETNAM is not our war. support OUR STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION AND PEACE HERE AT HOME.

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Dear Editor:

The principals of Garfield, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Wilson, Belmont, and Belvedere Jr. High are not Mexican American. The principal the two boys' vice principals and the girls' vice principal, at Garfield, are not Mexican American. There is one Mexican American department chairman.

In the last eleven years Garfield has had four permanent principals. One would fall asleep in his chair during a conversation. Another came just before his retirement and remained removed from the school problems. Another was so rigid that the teachers demanded his transfer. Our present principal lives in Altadena and arrived at Garfield without principalship experience. He has a military background and runs a chain of command institution. He has yet to state his educational program. Part of his educational philosophy, to paraphrase him, consists in this attitude: "After a decision is made and a teacher continues to criticize that decision it would be better for him to seek a transfer." He recently appointed a work coordinator who is not bilingual. His task is to get students jobs in a bilingual community.

Richard Dubois

Dear Editor:

This club has been the target of recent police harassment in the Pico-Aliso area. The latest incident occurred Wednesday night. A police car passed by the "Bachelors" meeting place, a home of one of the members, and called one of the youths over to their car. We don't mind being called. What we object to is the manner in which these racist cops call us. We do not answer to "hey, boy, come here." The days of the Chicano answering to the patrones or to the placas with their mordida system are over. We are not asking for respect, we are demanding it!

Needless to say, the young Chicano did not respond to their call and went into the "Bachelors" meeting place. The "mad dogs", foaming at the mouth, followed with a shotgun in their hands. They walked right into the house without a search warrant and searched the premises. Several of the "Bachelors" questioned their presence, but were pushed against the wall or waved off with the shotgun. Fortunately, they couldn't find the young Chicano and left, but not before their badge numbers 766 and 403, and their car number 191919 were recorded.

The answer to the "Bachelors, Inc." complaints have been more police cars with more shotguns patrolling the area and constant harassment of the members. Police have stopped members as much as three times in a period of five minutes on the same block! One of our members was worked-over by the police and then set free!

The Bachelors

TEACHERS BLOWOUT



They said that L.A. teachers couldn't strike but they were wrong! Friday May 31, the American Federation of Teachers called a one-day Blowout.

About 4,000 L.A. teachers were absent from school that day. 1000 converged on the Board of Education to tell Crowther personally that they were through with being thrown scraps, and that urban schools could not survive on these token crumbs.

Crowther did not even bother to make the party nor did he even bother to send his regrets, quite possibly because he didn't think that teachers' grievances had anything to do with education. This kind of attitude quite possibly due to the fact that Crowther himself has little to do with education.

But teachers will be heard as the Blow-out kids were heard in the common fight for better education. AFT will be pushing a School Reconstruction Program this fall in which local community people, students, and teachers will have more to say about what goes on in E.L.A. community schools.

Students led the way to show teachers in L.A. how to get the attention of the people in power. Now the teachers want more attention to be put on the educational problems.

Both want the Board to come around to seeing them as people worthy of respect. Both want special emphasis on Brown and Black pride by teaching real history in which all peoples, not just anglos, are recognized for their contributions.

Both teachers and students want the Board to really educate everyone with dignity and democracy in all phases and sectors of life in this nation.

Together, teachers and students will open all the doors.

Crowther, don't stand by the doorway--step back and let the world go by.

"These smut sheets are today's Molotov cocktails thrown at respectability and decency in our nation...They encourage depravity and irresponsibility, and they nurture a breakdown in the continued capacity of the government to conduct an orderly and constitutional society."

-Representative Joe Pool, well-known drunk on the House Un-American Activities Committee, discouraging on the underground newspapers.

The world is coming to an end. For further information contact the CIA and the Pentagon. If you receive no reply, send for information with a self-addressed envelope to the White House.



To them its just a waste of time to put a chicano into an academic course.

So that's where we're at when it's graduation time (those of us who aren't among the 50% that get disgusted and drop out). We've seen so many closed doors that we wouldn't know what to do with an open one if we saw it.

But they're telling us about all the "opportunities" waiting for us. If there are so many, why is it that less than 1% of the college students in California are chicanos? Why is it that there are so few chicanos that are doctors, lawyers, or teachers? Why is it that we are the poorest minority group in this country?

About the only door that is wide open to us is the one that leads to Vietnam, and that's where too many chicanos end up. 42% of the men who die over there are chicanos. That's the kind of "opportunity" we can do without.

Anglos have been telling us for years that we are in this situation because we are lazy, because we don't try hard enough. But the blow-outs told them that we refuse to accept these racist lies any longer. The blow-outs told them that we have realized that the sub-standard education they reserve specially for East L.A. schools.

As long as the doors are held shut by Anglo society, chicanos will never find those "opportunities" they keep telling us are waiting when we graduate. And the only way we can force those doors open is by uniting for better education.

At schools like Lincoln, Belmont, Wilson, Garfield, Roosevelt; chicanos are the majority. If we get ourselves together they're going to have to listen. The first blow-outs made them listen, only we're going to need more action to let them know that there better be some changes.

And those changes better happen fast, because we're tired of waiting.

It's around this time of the year, around graduation time, that we begin to get lectures about how we should be preparing for our future, thinking about what we are going to do with ourselves when we leave high school. The school papers carry advice from former graduates who have "made it", and inspiring messages from the principal about all the opportunities we have waiting for us.

The general message is clear. They're trying to convince us that life in this country is full of opportunity for those who work hard, that if we try hard we can overcome any barrier.

But what kind of meaning can this little message have for chicanos? All that we can see in this "land of opportunity" is an endless series of closed doors.

The first door closes on us when we first start school. Those chicanos who enter knowing little or no English have to face a teacher who can't communicate with them, books in a strange language about blond, blueyed strangers named Dick and Jane, and a complete lack of understanding of their problems. Because the schools in Los Angeles have not yet accepted the fact that a child should learn to read in his native language first and then in the new language, many chicanos never learn to read in either English or Spanish. This first school experience is so strange and frightening that many chicanos develop a hostility towards education that they can never get rid of. Even chicanos who do know English must face teachers who at worst have contempt for our culture and at best have no understanding of it.

By the time we get into high school, we are convinced that we can't make it. Behind us are years of discouragement and substandard education. Then in high school we are programmed into industrial arts courses almost automatically. We are "advised" to take ROTC because they figure that we'll be drafted as soon as we graduate.

The community is in the process of compiling a tremendous amount of evidence which seems to indicate that Chief Reddin, D.A. Younger and the Grand Jury have willfully and maliciously conspired to undermine the civil rights of the Chicano community.

The community feels that such dangerous felons as those cited above should not and will not be allowed to roam the streets of our fair city endangering the physical, moral and spiritual well being of the people, especially the Black Brothers of South L.A. and the Chicanos of E.L.A.

Conspiracy to commit a felony is a heinous crime and certainly must not be tolerated by any self-respecting citizen of this law abiding society.

The chicano community issues a mandate to all organizations which have dedicated themselves to the preservation of the American way of life, such as the John Birch

Society, Minute Mne, Klu KluxKlan, George Putnam and KTLA, The Pentagon, the FBI and CIA to respond and rally round the flag like good boys to insure that democracy does in fact have a right to exist in this society.

To the Chicano and Black community at large take and learn that the Man is a creature of evil and injustice and that he "serves and protects" only those which feed its interest above the table but most usually under the table.

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On March 31st the police swept through the barrios picking off Chicano community leaders who were suspected of attempting to improve the education in E.L.A. Schools.

Moctezuma Esparza and Cruz Olmeda were arrested while exercising their constitutional rights in front Hollenbeck Police Station. They had been protesting police brutality (old story in the barrios) toward the Bachelors, a young Chicano club.

Eliezer Risco and Joe Razo were arrested at the newspaper office of LA RAZA and CHICANO STUDENT. They were handcuffed and taken away and the office was ransacked of "subversive" materials such as subscription lists, newspaper copy, photographs, U.S. mail both opened and unopened, money, stamps, pencils and erasers.

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS



BLACK & BROWN

Over 2000 Chicanos completely encircled the Central Jail and forced the clowns to realize that ultimately, as in all democracies, the power rests with the people, especially an aroused and angry people.

At the Placita, Walt Bremond of the Black Congress and Maulana Ron Karenga of US expressed the sympathy, support and commitment of the Black brothers for the cause of the Chicano. Black and Brown Together! The oppression is the same! The cause is the same! We cannot lose. The man is alone and he knows it. That's why he acts so paranoid but the Black-Brown fist looms overhead and someday it will drop on all badge heavy honkie racist cops, D.A.'s and Grand Juries.

Well the man got the message and released the heroes on Monday on \$250 bail rather than the original ridiculous sum of \$12,500.

The crime of the men was officially listed as "conspiracy to disturb the peace" but in actuality their only crime was that of being Chicanos! Proud Chicanos!

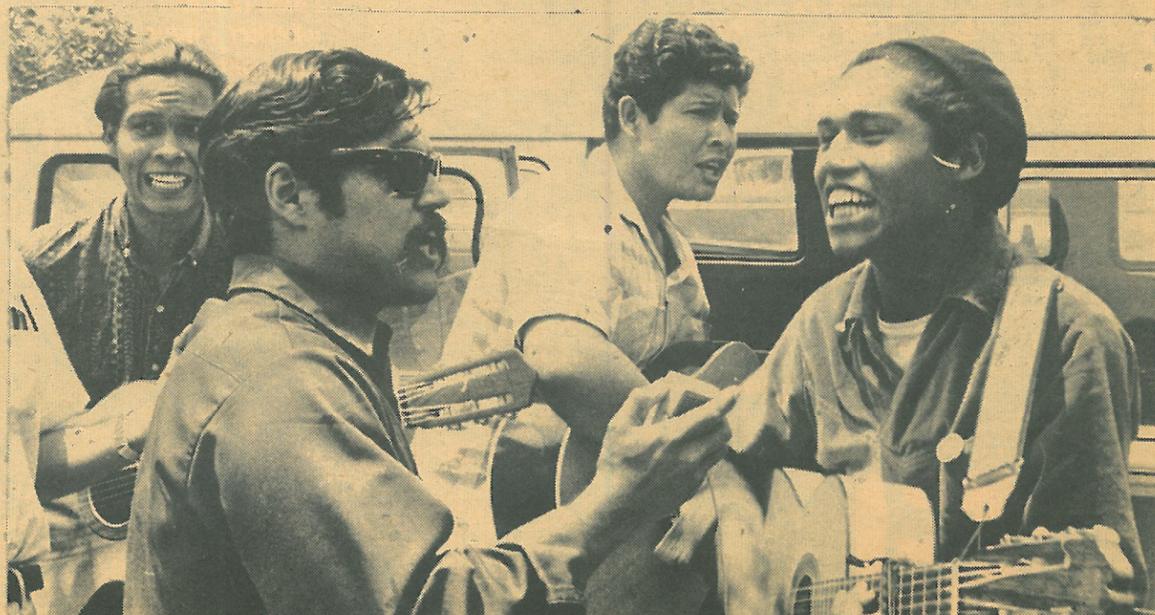
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TOGETHER

CHICANO DEFENSE FUND

There is a tremendous need for financial support to help the E.L.A. 13 and their legal fight against racism and the Establishment Conspiracy against the Chicano. Send all contributions care of Chicano Defense Fund, 2445 Gates St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90031.



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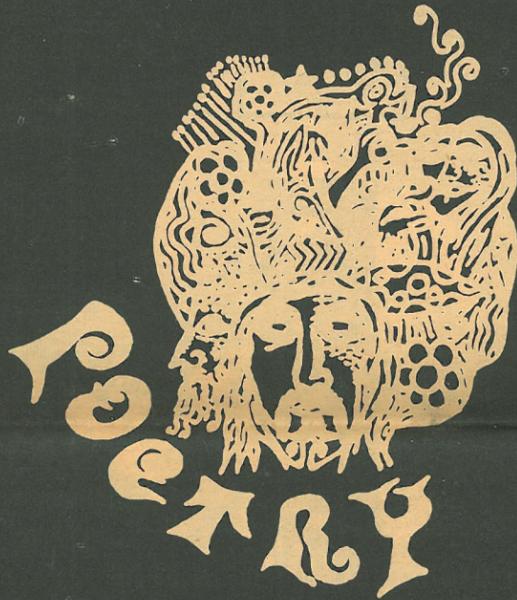
by saavedra
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 helping each other,
 to arrive from the earth
 as a single being,
 with the pleasure it is born,
 of looking at each other;
 of seeing each other.
 it is concluded
 with the impossibility
 of separation.



One day I will go--I mustn't plan--for when I go there'll
 be no turning back.
 I have to leave--I can't explain why--yet I know I'm forced
 to stay.
 I am grasping for something so hard to reach--for I am
 caged like a wild animal to live content with my existence.
 I eventually will go mad--I know--for this longing to be free--
 which I'll never have--so no use to shed emotion and tears--
 yet I wonder how long will it take before I can reach
 that something?
 One day I will go--I mustn't plan
 by Joanne Chavez



"Expression - Absurdity"
 She said she loved me. And right away
 That feeling of falling
 Over the North, I wasn't sure
 What in hell she was saying
 In bed . . . maybe?
 So I asked her, smiling and poking her side-
 You fool!
 So over the side, my dreams coming true
 But hell, it felt good
 The union of me.
 She was an artist, she hammered me out
 Hung me for view
 "Expression - Absurdity"
 She knew what she said
 But hell, so did I.
 Lazaro Q.



7th Street
 When I walk down
 our street
 I am afraid
 I am afraid
 not of the meager lights
 or of the boys
 grown old before their time---
 But of the white helmets
 that hold lead-weighted night sticks
 that prod and pole and irritate
 till a red film runs over my eye
 until I am forced to strike---

Too late, too late to stop
 for now I will wake up
 hurt and bruised all over
 leaving a spasm of pain
 not through my body
 but through my soul---

Where in a Chicano
 it hurts most of all

For now
 when I go down the street
 I will no longer be afraid
 for when I go down
 one will be below me
 and another above---

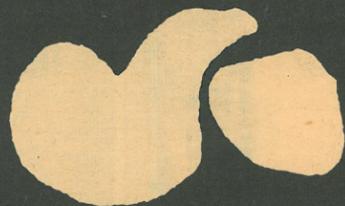
Only then, in the other land
 will I stand
 and be counted
 among the people
 LA RAZA

Graffiti

by David Saucedo
 where will all this . . .
 this hate come,
 come when it's placed.
 what will it take
 til we meet
 face to face.
 where . . .
 but on earth could I . . .
 i find such faith.
 i find such faith.
 how will it end?
 in disgrace?
 such time i stare,
 i stare in a daze, i find
 the world in a maze.
 its not in this time that . . .
 i take my revenge, but . . .
 but,
 in the way,
 i can say you're the same,
 the same.

by saavedra

i
 i kill
 i kill . . . a fly.
 in anguish
 in anguish i begin
 to argue with my
 conscience
 whether i have
 the right to kill.



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 AND BECOMING A PART OF A THEATER
 GROUP, CONTACT:
 Guadalupe de Saavedra, phone 225-5982

Daily Bruin

Mexicans insulted by flag desecration

Editor:

This is a letter to Chancellor Murphy.

Dear Chancellor Murphy:

We the undersigned, citizens of Mexico and students of this University are deeply insulted by the symbolic desecration of our flag done by a University living group. We realize that prevention of such things is almost impossible; nevertheless, we feel that some punitive action be taken, if nothing more than as an example in order to prevent further action of this type.

We are confident that you will act in a fair and just way.

Jose Schwarz, Antonio Nemer, Salvador Alvarez, Moises Luna, Enrique Notowicz, Jaime Pfister, Jose Dobernig, Fernando Quezada, Eduardo de la Mora, David Cherem, Ramses Noriega, Armando Lopez, Carlos Chavez, Roberto Flores, Adolfo Zamora, Rodolfo Maya, Fermin Herrera, Estela Nieto, Ricardo Carmona, Arcelia Romo, Alejandra Herrera, Dora Elia Valdez, Luis Ortiz, Ernesto Cordova.



On Sturday May 18, Phi Kappa Psi, a UCLA fraternity, had a party. As a part of their decorations they exhibited a facsimile of the Mexican National Flag. In the center bar of the tri-color they painted a hand giving the finger. Nearby a sign read "closed party" followed by a list of obscenities and exlusions such as "No Negros", "No Japs", "No Zapata", "No Zorros", "No Dogs", etc.

Confronted by this situation, UMAS took immediate action along with other minority students on campus in a direct confrontation with the graternities and the administration. UMAS demanded and received:

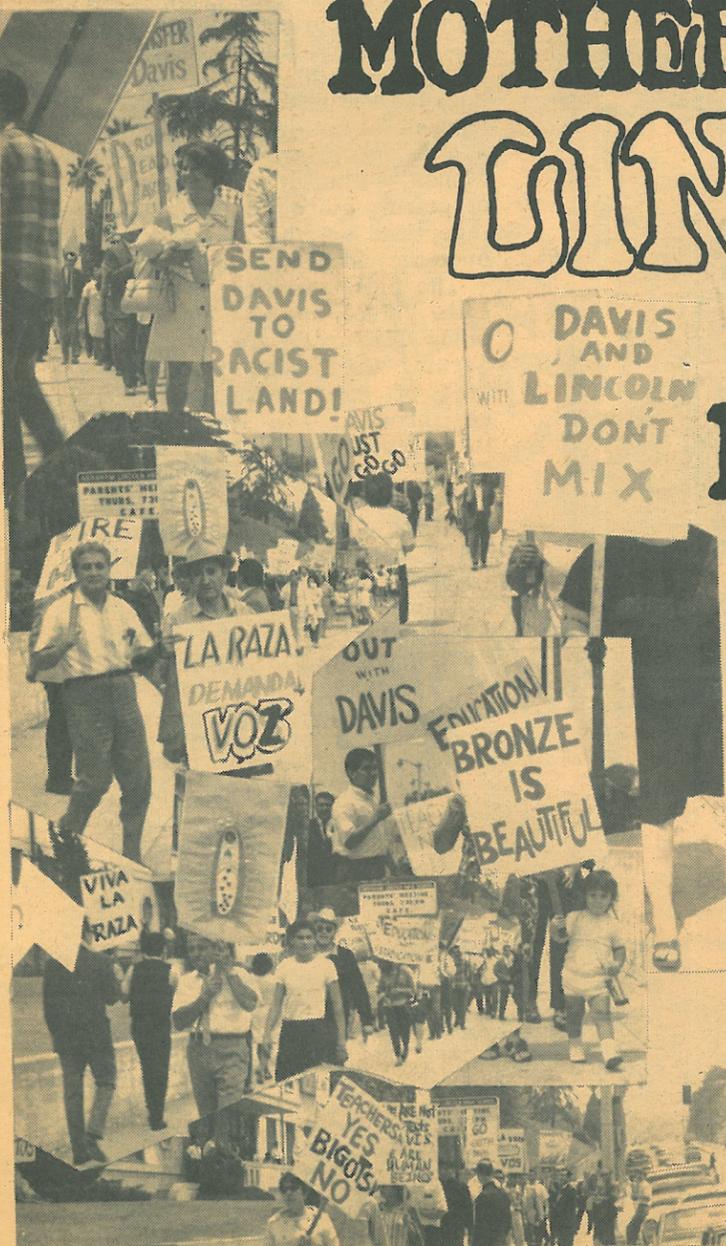
* That Phi Kappa Psi be suspended until September 1, 1969.

* That Phi Kappa Psi and the University apologize to the Mexican American community through UMAS and also to the Consul of the Republic of Mexico.

The fact that racism exists within our society is clearly evident. This incident confirms the fact that "La Raza Nueva" will no longer tolerate these insults and that only by firm retaliation will we succeed.

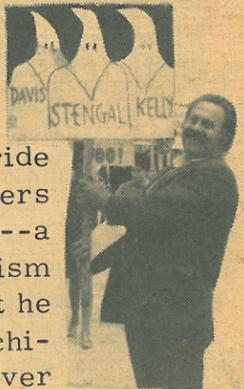
UMAS asks suspension of Phi Kappa Psi charter

MOTHERS PICKET LINCOLN WHILE PRISONERS LOOK ON



I as a prisoner of Lincoln High School had the pride to see more than 200 of our chicano mothers and fathers march in front of my so-called beloved high school--a school where Richard Davis is allowed to preach racism and, up to now, get away with it. According to what he wrote in his reply to Richard McKnight's article, chicanos are "Indians grubbing in the soil" who "never had it so good."

As Mr. Richard Davis gave his personal opinion, I shall also give mine about him. I believe that if he feels this way about us, he should just pack up and move out of our school. This is the reason why chicano parents marched in front of Lincoln High School. They also felt that if Richard Davis thinks we are "Indians grubbing in the soil" he should just split.



TO COMMUNITY DAY ON CAMPUS



At "Community Day" on May 18, sponsored by UMAS, a small incident occurred that indicates the attitude of the administration toward the brown students of this campus.

Throughout the entire event, which lasted about six or seven hours, an extraordinary amount of campus policemen were on duty. This amount exceeded the number usually on duty for any other campus event.

Furthermore, rather than having the policemen patrolling the track meet, which was going on at the same time, they patrolled the area in which the UMAS event was taking place. I use the word "patrol" very mildly because there is no other word to describe the way the campus police handled themselves.

One was stationed at the inside of the gym throughout the entire program, while his "friends" patrolled the outside on a motorcycle or in a car.

And when the people were served dinner in the cafeteria, the one on the motorcycle continued to ride his "bike" through the crowd that was walking over to eat or would just intimidate the people by cruising around the building.

So what does this all mean? Simply that even though the administration opened all doors of the campus to the surrounding community, they were prepared for the possibility of disorders by the people of East Los Angeles. They didn't have enough confidence in the members of UMAS to control the crowd, even though they did.

Also, when the crowd was a bit smaller than what was expected, the force on duty wasn't reduced or reassigned.

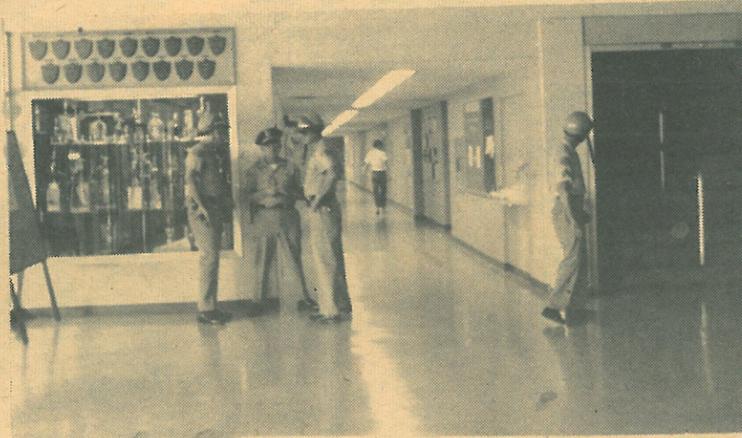
Well, does the administration feel the same way when the white fraternities of this campus hold an event? Do they send out an entire police force just for the possibility of violence? Hell, no!!! So what they did on Saturday was a gesture of a racist institution and an insult to the ELA community.

People living in barrios and ghettos have their community patrolled heavily by the police. The idea behind this is to oppress the people by any "means" so they won't get out of hand and rebel against the establishment. Well, when the ELA community came on the campus and saw the turnout by the law enforcers, helmets and all, it made the people realize that there wasn't any difference between Cal State L.A. and ELA on how minorities are treated. The power structure always has the ideas that the brown or black people can't be civilized, so some force must keep them in place.

Probably the administration will fall back and say that the community was wholeheartedly welcomed and what happened was a mistake. But, being realistic, was it a mistake by the administration or a "slip" by them?

The people in power on this campus must understand that they have failed in reacting to the minorities' communities and what they have done or implemented in these communities has been tokenism to impress the white society so as not to have a guilty conscience for not doing anything.

Carlos Jackson



The first "Community Day on Campus," sponsored by Cal State L.A. UMAS, drew 1000 Mexican Americans, mostly high school students, onto the campus on Saturday May 18. The group was treated to an outstanding program which included Luis Valdez and El Teatro Campesino. The purpose behind the UMAS program was to inform the East Los Angeles high school students about college and to encourage them to further their education.

"Community Day on Campus" was totally different from any of the college information days which are usually provided at East L.A. high schools. Rather than giving all the different kinds of "bull," the speakers on Saturday didn't jive around but got down to the nitty gritty about college. Cal State UMAS president, Carlos Munoz, emphasized the need for Chicano unity and the fact that the problems of the chicanos can't be solved by the gabacho but only by Chicanos. And to start solving the problems it is necessary to get more Chicanos into college. The speech that most of the audience liked was by UMAS secretary, Erlinda Quintero, because she spoke to them directly, not as a college student, but as a Chicano college student. She, like Munoz, centered on the importance of getting more Chicanos into college, and on what they can expect once they are in college.

The highlight of the program was Luis Valdez and El Teatro Campesino. The group put on skits concerning the Delano Strike and the kind of harassment the strikers go through. The skit that drew the biggest applause was "Los Vendidos". Then Luis Valdez, as he always does, caught and held the audience's attention throughout his entire speech.

One of the interesting things that took place throughout the day was that Rene Nunez of Educational Clearinghouse for Central Los Angeles (a college information center) took names of students and guaranteed them that they will get into college.

All in all, the program was a success, for the students were informed about the need for college and for Chicano unity. At the end, the students were treated to dinner and danced to the "Village Callers."

