

Stop the Carter Curtain!

NATIONAL PROTEST MARCH

In recent weeks various media articles have announced that President Carter will be meeting with President Lopez Portillo in Mexico City on February 14, 15, and 16, 1979 to discuss the important issues of oil and immigration.

In the past, the Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc. has advocated a strong opposition to existing and current immigration policies which are affecting the human and constitutional rights of our people.

Now that both Presidents will be meeting, it is our organization's position that any decision or agreement reached will ultimately have an effect on the social, economic, and political progress of the Chicano Community in the United States. It is for these reasons that our organization is calling for a National Protest March on Sunday February 11, 1979, in San Ysidro, California.

It is important that you and your organization participate in making this march a success! The purpose of the march is to allow the Chicano Community to demonstrate a "United Front" on the following issues:

1. The strong opposition to the construction of the "Carter Curtain" in San Diego, Ca. and El Paso, Texas.
2. The opposition to the Carter Immigration Plan which is now before the U.S. Congress.
3. The opposition to the escalation of the Vietnam like militarization of the U.S. - Mexico border.
4. The massive violation of human and constitutional rights by the Border Patrol in the Chicano Community.

The march will begin at 12:00 noon from Larson Park, San Ysidro, to the International Border. There will be entertainment, speakers, and cultural presentations. Join us in protecting the rights of our people!

ORGANIZATE RAZA!



"CORTINA CARTER" REFLEXION DE RACISMO INSULTO A LA RAZA

El pasado mes de Octubre de 1978, la administracion del Presidente Carter y el servicio de inmigracion y naturalizacion en Estados Unidos anuncio sus planes para construir un muro de concreto y acero a lo largo de la frontera con Mexico. Este muro costara al publico aproximadamente 3.5 millones de dolares. El proposito de este muro es el de evitar la entrada a los llamados "illigal aliens" o extranjeros ilegales, trabajadores Mexicanos indocumentados que vienen a buscar trabajo en los Estados Unidos.

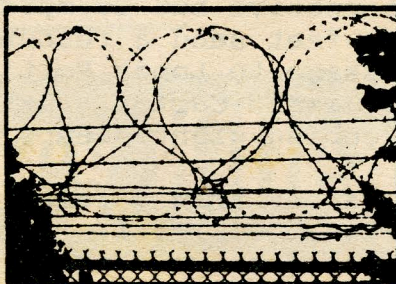
Oficiales del gobierno, politicos racistas, y periodistas le han dado ya el nombre de "Cortina De Tortilla" al dicho muro. Otra vez podemos ver el obio desinterés que esta gente tiene hacia los sentimientos de la Comunidad Chicana. A este problema de inmigracion se le ha dado repetidamente un enfoque unilateral que intenta deshu-

manizar al trabajador indocumentado. El hecho real de que los Estados Unidos domina la economia de Mexico esta siendo conscientemente negada.

En Octubre 23 1978, Vilma Martinez, Presidente del fondo de defensa legal para Mexico-Americanos dijo que la construccion del muro es un acto de hostilidad dirigido hacia Mexico y Mexico-Americanos. "Es esta la nueva medida de buen vecino?", pregunto Ms. Martinez, "Es esta la nueva proposicion para defender los derechos humanos...cercas de puas?".

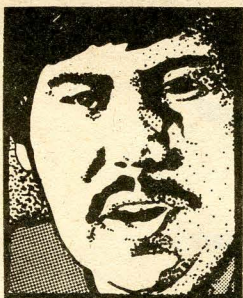
Salvador Reyes Nevares, legislador del gobierno Mexicano dijo, "Los planes para construir un nuevo muro en la frontera es una violacion directa hacia los derechos humanos y hacia la dignidad de todos". Asociaciones Mexicanas Nacionales de Trabajadores expresaron su oposicion al muro y pidieron que los Esta-

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Position Statement by Herman Baca, Committee on Chicano Rights

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We Make Our Stand In San Ysidro!

SAN DIEGO, Ca. - 117 years ago in Puebla, Mexico, our people raised their voices against tyranny, against oppression and in the process expressed their deep seated desires for freedom and dignity. Today it is significant that Pope John Paul II has chosen Puebla as the historical site for his first visitation with the Latin American Bishops.

Today, in 1979, we also raise our voices because of the immigration issue in a new cry of outrage and call for a National Protest March against the new tyranny of the spirit, the oppression of our civil rights, and the degradation that is being perpetuated daily against Americas 16 million Chicanos/Latinos. SAN YSIDRO, to la raza, is rapidly becoming the Puebla of the 70's.

"Gente del pueblo Mexicano, del pueblo Latino, del pueblo Chicano", our leaders have tried for years to bring solutions to our problems with dignity, respect, and honor to our people. Our leaders have sought to use the avenues of reason to resolve the manifold problems that confront our people and have found those avenues closed. We ask our people to now raise their voices, as they did in Puebla so long ago.

We ask that they raise their voices once again to the heavens against the tyranny, oppression, loss of individual freedom and dignity, that is now being occasioned against la raza by the immigration issue. Let us raise our voices, from the most humble individual to the highest of

approach to the human problems that confront the two nations.

... Rather than an immigration policy which plants the future seeds of hatred and antagonisms, and fear, let us work for a policy of mutual reciprocity.

... Rather than the continued maintenance of a border patrol which can only justify its existence through terror, oppression, and denial of human and civil rights, let us seek instead to place along our borders, representatives of a just and righteous policy rather than establish a reign of terror, corruption, and brutality.

Our people have been ignored in the councils of government which have proposed the current policies and prepared the accords for President Carter to discuss with President Portillo. Let us make it clear that our peoples' dignity, honor, and pride, will not be sacrificed upon a barrel of oil or the almighty dollar.

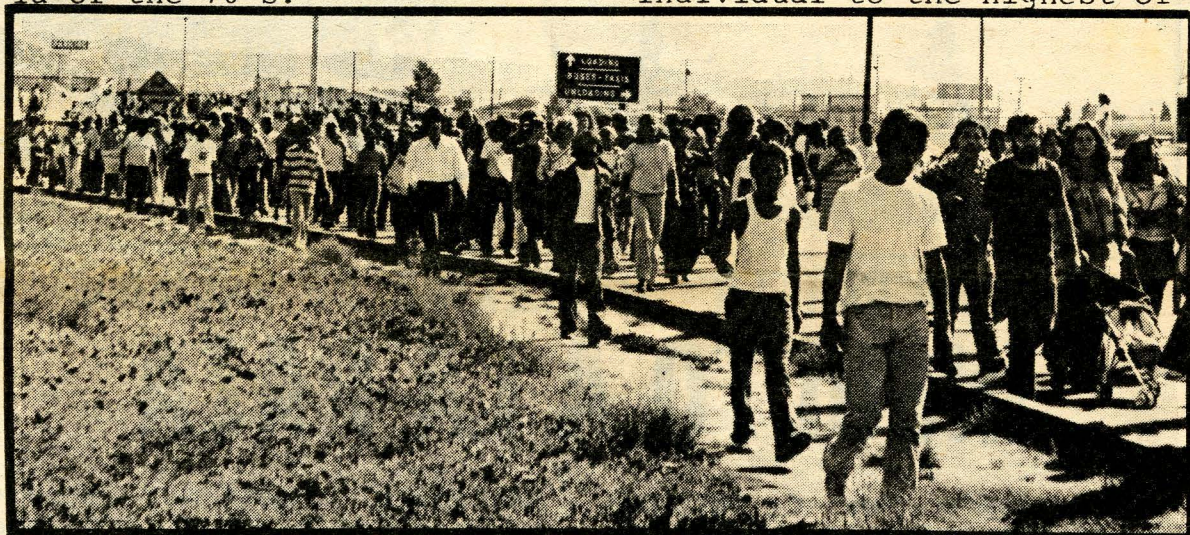
Instead of confrontations, we propose national hearings in every city with a significant Chicano/Latino population. In this manner, those who stand to be affected by future immigration policy may have a say in determining their future.

... Instead of constructing a barbaric fence, we ask that those funds be used to provide tools to effectively establish a just, fair and humane immigration policy, and to eliminate the main instrument of incompetence rampant throughout the INS.

... Instead of pseudo paramilitary policemen manning border patrol stations or policy making offices of the INS, we ask that professional competent administrators be hired and utilized. Vietnam has demonstrated the stupidity of "General Chapman-type" policies which currently hold sway within the INS.

... Finally, we ask that Congress enjoin President Carter from creating international policy, adhoc, without the advice and consent of Congress... for President Carter to consider the establishment of treaties with Mexico when his Congress is so totally uninformed of the problems and ramifications constitutes an act of political expediency rather than of reasoned policy making.

Today we make our stand in San Ysidro and raise our voices to the world community to hear.



San Ysidro - 1977 - March Against the KKK

We have implored, petitioned and requested that the government not construct the proposed "Curtain of Hatred" between Mexico and the U.S., between Anglo-Americans and Chicanos/Latinos. Our people, in concert with our national leaders, have attempted to make the government understand the offensive nature of this fence. To America's Chicanos/Latinos it represents a monumental failure to the intolerable racism existent within our country. There is no further recourse. We have tried, but found all doors to reason locked.

... We have spoken eloquently before every tribunal... and found disdain.

... We have sent our most respected leaders to speak for us... and they have been turned out.

... We have trod the path of reason and found fences blocking our way.

We have no recourse but to bring our message to the people of the United States and Mexico in the only way left... on the streets!

our leaders, in justifiable outrage, at the continued insistence of the Carter administration to construct their infamous "Carter Curtain". A fence which stops nothing and stands as a constant reminder of America's insensitivity to its largest growing minority-the Chicano/Latino.

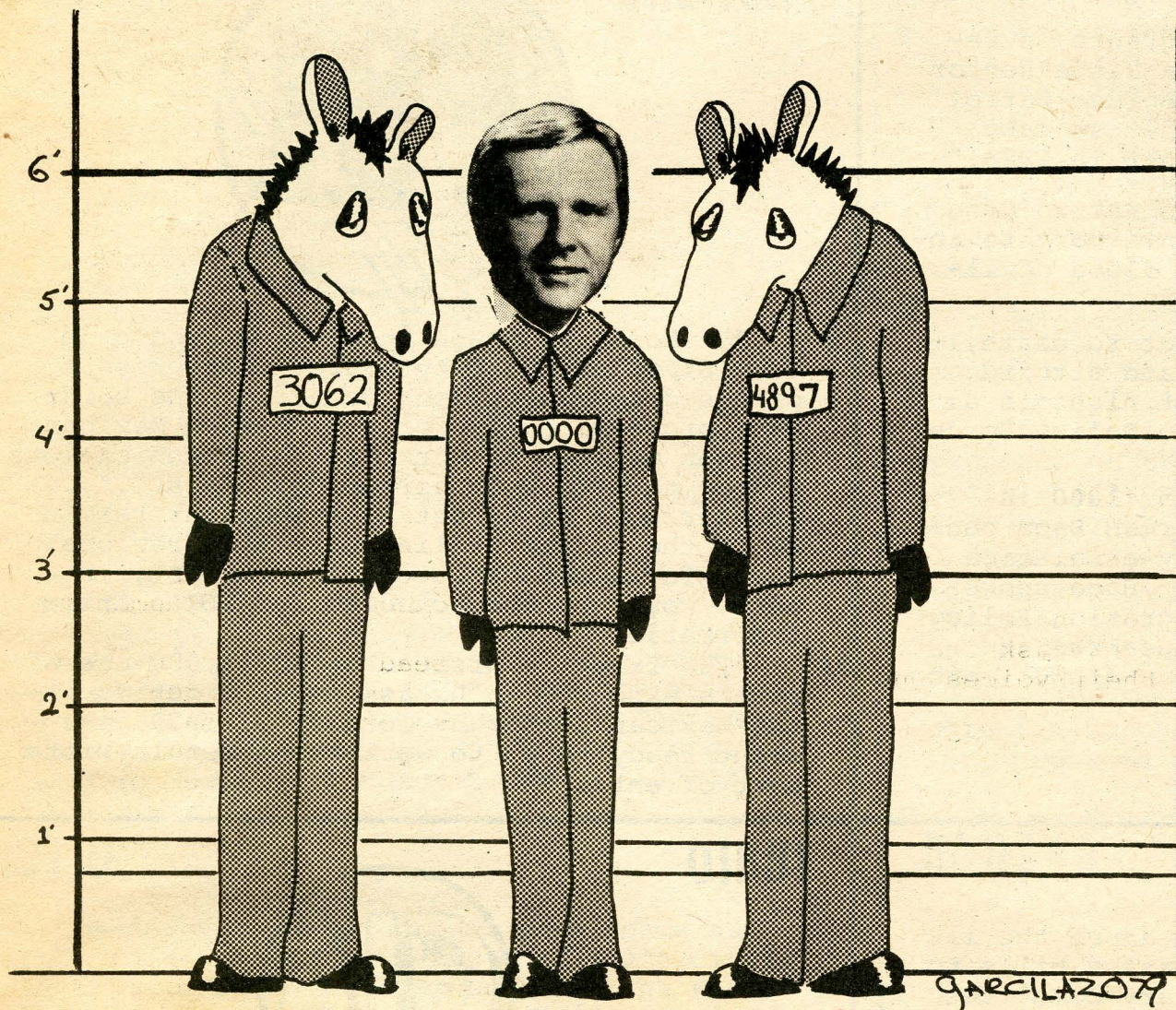
... Let us raise our voices in opposition to the continued treatment of the Mexican and American border as a "Militarized no mans land" rather than as a boundary between brothers.

... Let us raise our voices against the continued massive civil, constitutional and human rights violations which continue to be perpetrated against the Chicano/Latino population by the border patrol.

The government has left us no alternative but to march. Let our feet send a resounding message to Lopez Portillo and to Jimmie Carter... that the sleeping giant sleeps no more.

... Rather than a fence and a continued militarization of the border, we seek a social, economic, and humane

BURRO OF THE YEAR - 1978



Mayor Pete Wilson

The "El Tiempo Chicano's" distinguished "Burro" award which is, a token of our recognition of these individuals and organizations who have trampled on the respect, dignity and interest of the Chicano Community will be awarded to someone special this year.

Recipients of this award in the past include Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin for thanking the INS (after inviting the KKK) as well as the KKK themselves.

Now that 1979 is upon us we have researched our newspaper file to see who, of all individuals and organizations, have trampled on the Chicano Community the most.

After searching extensively "El Tiempo Chicano" has decided that this award should be presented to no other than San Diego's Mayor Pete Wilson. In presenting the "Burro of the Year" award "El Tiempo Chicano" has taken into consideration all that Mayor Pete Wilson has done to the Chicano Community since he first became mayor in 1971. His infamous deeds which have endeared him to the community include his support of the "Hoobler Memorandum" which

allowed San Diego's finest to stop any and all persons of Mexican ancestry whom they thought to be "illegal

aliens", his few appointments of Chicanos to city government, the infiltration of Chicano organizations by the San Diego Police Department and of course, the final insult: the political and legal robbery of the Chicano Community's only political representation in San Diego in the last 100 years. Furthermore, to add insult to injury Mayor Pete Wilson appointed his hand-picked candidate, Lucy Killea, an ex-CIA agent to represent the largest Chicano district (the 8th Councilmatic District) in San Diego.

Mayor Pete, we present you with this award with full knowledge that we have searched far and wide and found no one more qualified for this award than you.

Wear it well for it will remind you that you are not forgotten and that we will continue to spread the word about you--as we did when you previously ran your embarrassing campaign for governor last year.

Boycott Lucy Killea

etc

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The CCR in 1978

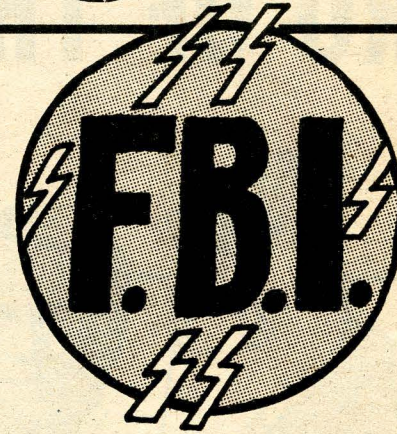
BORDER VIOLENCE EXPLODES

(quoted passages are from local newspaper stories).

ENERO

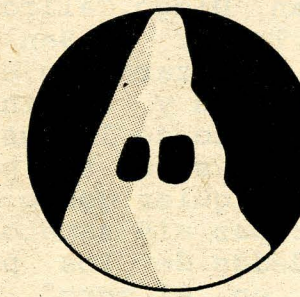
- 1 "Nearly 350,000 illegal immigrants, a record, were captured in the Chula Vista sector (San Diego County) of the U.S. Border Patrol in 1977 and officials predict that as many as 400,000 illegals will be caught in 1978."
- 24 "The Carter administration is asking Congress to spend millions of dollars more to increase U.S. efforts to stem the flood of illegal aliens entering the country."
- 26 "One Mexican national was shot to death, another was critically wounded and a third suffered superficial wounds last night in a confrontation with the San Diego Police Border Crime Task Force."
- 29 Speaking before a gathering of 1000 in Los Angeles, CCR Chairperson Herman Baca condemned the Vietnam-like military escalation in the southwest border region. Baca spoke to the Committee for a New Immigration Policy at their "Banquet 78." Other speakers included: Bert Corona, James Herman (ILWU), and Jane Fonda.

FEBRERO



- 2 "A short paragraph in Mayor Wilson's recent State of the City address supported a proposed communications center on the border: 'The proposal calls for a full-time Mexican liaison officer to work in the communications center to help U.S. border officials...'... another goal is to set up a computer terminal in the center to link up with a regional law enforcement computer network that, in turn, would be connected to the FBI's Crime Information Center."
- 14 "The first 78 of a potential 1,050 new officers expected to be assigned to duties at the Mexican border by October 1, 1979, are about ready to go to work at the Chula Vista port of entry."

MARZO



- 9 "A federal judge has denied a motion by five San Ysidro residents and three civil rights groups asking the court to prevent armed Ku Klux Klansmen from patrolling the border or from apprehending illegal aliens."
 - 31 "The United States must deal with the illegal alien problem or 'build fences such as this country has never seen,' Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner Leonel Castillo said yesterday."
- Herman Baca of the CCR spoke to 150 students at UCSD on the 13th, 250 citizens in San Diego on the 15th, and 500 activists in Denver on the 17th (Crusade for Justice's National Conference). Everywhere the message was the same: Carter's Immigration Plan must be stopped because of the threat to the civil, constitutional, and human rights of La Raza.

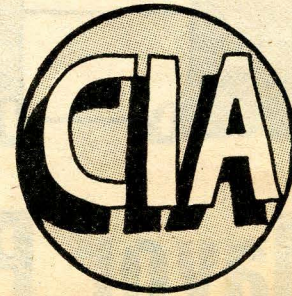
ABRIL

- 3 Four self-proclaimed members of the Ku Klux Klan drove up to the San Clumente Border Patrol Checkpoint with what they claimed was an "illegal alien." The KKK members had taken the documents of a legal resident Mexican and forced him into their van. Border Patrol agents considered the incident a possible kidnapping but allowed the KKK to leave immediately.
 - 7 "Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner Leonel Castillo has asked Justice Department approval for short term action to stem the flow of illegal aliens in the face of congressional inaction on President Carter's proposal on the problem..."among the key elements - Increase the Border Patrol by 500 persons per year for three years."
- The CCR chairperson spoke to 200 activists and undocumented workers in Washington D.C. on the 8th, to 200 students at U.C. Santa Barbara on the 19th, and to 2,000 in San Diego on the 22nd. The emphasis was on the need to find a solution to the economic, political and social problems of the border.

MAYO

- 4 "Congress needs to know more about the illegal alien problem before it passes bills to deal with it, the Senate Judiciary Committee was told yesterday..."We are making policy in a vacuum," Rep. James Scheur, D-N.Y., testified before the Senate committee yesterday. "Schever, chairman of the House Select Committee on Population, said nobody knows to what degree illegal aliens help or hurt the U.S. economy."
- 16 "Sheriff's investigators were continuing a probe today into the death of a Ku Klux Klan member whose decomposed body was found in an open area near Descanso on Sunday."
- 19 The CCR's Herman Baca was a special guest at San Diego's Malcolm X Full Employment March and Rally. Baca told the crowd of 1500 that there was a need for unity to achieve full employment and full human dignity. Other guest included Dennis Banks and Jane Fonda.

JUNIO

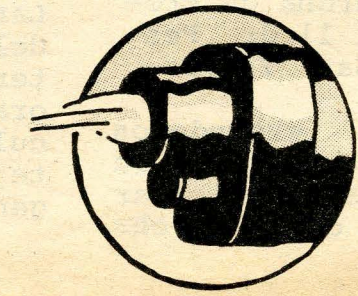


- 6 "The swelling population of Mexico, driving millions of illegal aliens over the border is a greater threat to the future of the United States than the Soviet Union, former CIA Director William E. Colby said yesterday."
- 16 "Felix Gutierrez of California State University, Northridge, said he conducted a 14-month survey of news coverage about illegal aliens by California newspapers and found that most news stories on the subject could be summarized as, 'anglos quoting anglos about Mexicans.'"
- 26 Appearing before an advisory panel of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Herman Baca criticized President Carter's immigration plan. He denounced the provision calling for a "temporary resident alien" status as the creation of a semi-slave class of aliens.

JULIO

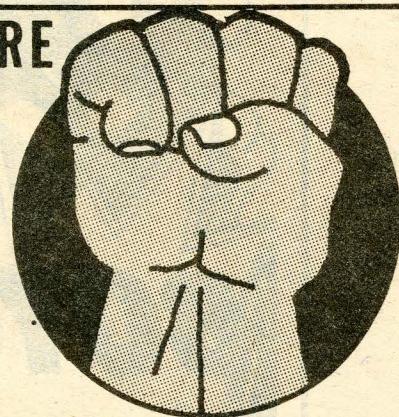
- 9 "A renewed investigation by Alabama authorities into murders during the 1960's civil rights movement has indicated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation's chief paid informant in the Ku Klux Klan might have been an agent provocateur who participated in and helped plan the incidents that the FBI hired him to monitor."
- 18 "Former U.S. Customs Service inspector Alexander Ralston Trench was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in prison for accepting bribes to allow illegal aliens to pass through his inspection gate at the San Ysidro border crossing. 'The eight year veteran of the Customs Service had been accused of accepting bribes ranging from \$50 to \$500.'"
- 23 "Illegal aliens rarely obtain federal welfare benefits..."This is the conclusion of a study by the Social Security Administration that conducted a statistical analysis of the agency's two biggest welfare programs..."The primary reason is the illegal aliens' aversion to official contact with the government, whose immigration agents they have spent much effort avoiding."

AGOSTO



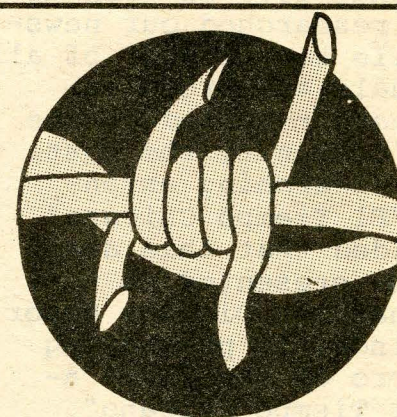
- 4 "The State Judicial Police in Mexico has charged a U.S. border patrolman in the Calexico area with wounding a Mexican citizen who illegally crossed the border last Sunday night. '(Officer William V.) Elliott, according to the charge, fired his gun, wounding Jose Rodriguez-Gomez, 30, in the left knee. 'According to the Mexican investigators, Elliott then returned Rodriguez-Gomez to the border, sending him back into Mexico without medical attention.'"
- 5 "U.S. Labor Secretary Ray Marshall said yesterday the urban Northwest can no longer ignore the illegal influx of millions of unauthorized foreign workers who come into the United States through the Southwest."

SEPTIEMBRE



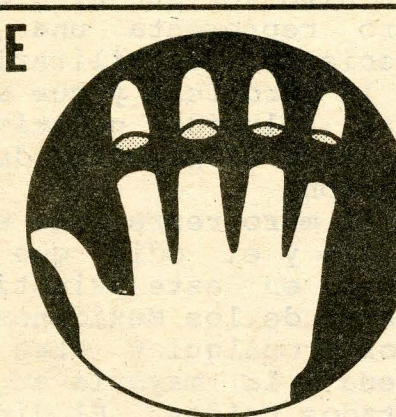
- 22 "Since May, approximately 20 Border Patrol officers have been injured by rock throwers and 30 windshields have been knocked out of the officers' vehicles, Border Patrol officials said. Seven shooting have been reported since July, but no one has been hurt, they said. "Earlier this year a patrol officer was attacked by several Mexicans and had his head smashed in by a boulder. Early last Sunday morning, at about 3 a.m., about 70 Mexicans threw rocks at Border Patrol officers near the San Ysidro crossing."
- 27 "Five U.S. officers were pinned down for nearly three hours yesterday by rifle shots fired from across the Mexican border near the San Ysidro port of entry."

OCTUBRE



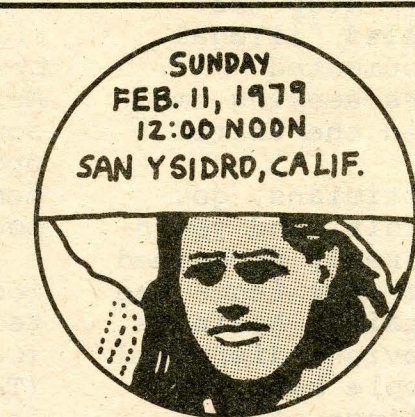
- 27 "The Committee on Chicano Rights here has protested to President Carter over plans of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to build 12 additional miles of fences along the U.S. - Mexican border to help curb the illegal alien flow. "The INS announced earlier this week plans to spend \$2 million to erect six miles of 10-foot high fence both at San Diego and El Paso border crossings. "Herman Baca, in his letter to the president, said the proposed fence 'represents an escalation of the militarization of the border and is an affront to Mexico and the Chicano community.'"

NOVIEMBRE



- 4 "Two men identified by investigators as former members of the Lakeside den of the California Ku Klux Klan are being held on a murder charge in the slaying of KKK member Everett Michael Henson."
- 25 "Engineers are modifying plans for the controversial fence to be build along the U.S. - Mexican border that have been criticized as dangerous, an immigration agency official said today. "Mexican-American organizations had charged that the fence, as designed by the Army Corps of Engineers, could maim the fingers and toes of people trying to scale it."

DICIEMBRE



- 6 "The body of a Mexican field hand was discovered yesterday in a shallow grave in a field east of Del Mar, said San Diego police homicide Lt. Winston Yetta. "At least 12 other persons killed in the North County this year were believed to be illegal aliens."
- 16 "Tougher U.S. measures to keep illegal aliens from crossing the border from Mexico into the United States are being recommended by a congressional committee. "Concerned about the unknown impact of illegal immigrants on U.S. population growth, the committee says "stricter U.S. - Mexico border enforcement should receive the highest priority."

Marcha de Protesta Nacional

En recientes semanas varios articulos de prensa han anunciado que el Presidente Carter se reunira con el Presidente Jose Lopez Portillo en la Ciudad de Mexico del 14 al 16 de Febrero de 1979, para discutir los importantes puntos sobre el petroleo y la inmigracion.

En el pasado, el Comité Sobre Derechos Chicanos Incorporado, ha sostenido una fuerte oposicion a las normas existentes y actuales de inmigracion que afectan a los derechos humanos y constitucionales de nuestra gente. Ahora que ambos Presidentes se reuniran, la posicion de nuestra organizacion es la de que cualquier decision o acuerdo tomada finalmente tendra un efecto en el progreso social, economico y politico de la Comunidad Chicana en los Estados Unidos. Por estas razones es que nuestra organizacion esta haciendo un llamado para una Marcha de Protesta Nacional el 11 de Febrero de 1979 en San Ysidro, California.

Por lo tanto, extendemos una invitacion a usted y a su organizacion para participar y hacer un exito de la marcha.

El proposito de la marcha es permitir a la Comunidad Chicana que demuestre un "Frente Unido" en los siguientes puntos:

1. la fuerte oposicion a la construccion de la "Cortina Carter" en San Diego y en El Paso Texas.
2. la oposicion al plan Carter de inmigracion que esta en este momento ante el congreso de los Estados Unidos.
3. la oposicion a la escalacion de la militarizacion tipo Vietnam en la frontera de Mexico y Estados Unidos
4. la violacion masiva de los derechos humanos y constitucionales cometida por la Patrulla Fronteriza de los Estados Unidos a la Comunidad Chicana.

La Marcha partira del parque Larson en San Ysidro a las 12 del dia, hacia la linea internacional. Habra musica, oradores y presentaciones culturales. Unamonos a proteger los derechos de nuestra gente.

ADELANTE RAZA!

"CARTER CURTAIN" REFLECTS U.S. RACISM INSULT TO LA RAZA

Last October 1978, the Carter Administration and the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) announced plans to construct a concrete and steel fence along parts of the U.S.-Mexican border. The fence will cost the public an estimated 3.5 million dollars. The stated purpose behind the fence is to stop the flow of so-called "illegal aliens", undocumented Mexican workers seeking employment within the United States.

Racist politicians, government officials, and journalists have already nicknamed the proposed border fence the "Tortilla Curtain". Again we can see the obvious disregard that these people have towards the feelings of the Chicano Community. The immigration issue is repeatedly given tunnel-vision coverage which attempts to dehumanize the undocumented worker. The overriding fact that the U.S. dominates Mexican economics is consciously buried.

On October 23, 1978, Vilma Martinez, president of the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF) announced that the building of the border fence is an act of unwarranted, stepped-up hostility directed both towards Mexico

and Mexican-Americans. "Is this the Administration's new Good Neighbor policy?", questioned Mrs. Martinez. "Is this the new proposal to defend human rights - a barbed wire fence?"

Salvador Reyes-Neves, Mexican government legislator, stated, "the plans to construct a new border fence are a direct violation of human rights and against the dignity of all Mexicans. Several Mexican national worker associations expressed their opposition to the fence and demanded that the U.S. respect human rights.

Six miles of the 10 foot fence will be erected at the San Diego (Calif.) and El Paso (Tex.) border crossings. In San Ysidro the fence will begin at Border Park Beach and will end at Airport Mesa. Sections of the fence are so sharp that if anybody tries to climb it in bare feet "you can leave your toes permanently imbedded in the fence", said G. Norris, manager of the firm that will build the fence.

The INS said that construction of the fence would begin within two months after Carter's trip to Mexico. Concerned efforts by Mex-

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dos Unidos respete los derechos humanos.

Seis millas del muro que medira diez pies de alto se construira en las fronteras de San Diego, California y El Paso, Texas. En San Ysidro el muro empezara en el Border Park Beach y terminara en el aeropuerto de la Mesa. "Partes del muro seran tan peligrosos que cualquier gente que trate de trepar sin zapatos degara los dedos de los pies clavados en el muro", dijo G. Norris, manejador de la compania que construira el muro.

El servicio de inmigracion y naturalizacion dijo que la construccion del muro empezaria en dos meses despues del viaje de Carter a Mexico. Esfuerzos de Chicanos y de Mexicanos han detenido la construccion de esta barrera. Este muro sera muy parecido al que existe entre Berlin Oriental y Berlin Occidental un simbolo entre dos paises. "Que mas podemos decir?" dijo Gaston De Bayone, director de Relaciones Internacionales en Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.



"El propuesto muro no detendra la entrada de los llamados 'iligales' y sera un desperdicio total del dinero de los que pagamos impuestos" dijo Herman Baca director del Comité de Derechos para Chicanos (CCR). En una carta dirigida al Presidente Carter el CCR hizo ver que el propuesto muro representa una medida creciente de militarizacion de la frontera y que esta es una solucion negativa para resolver el problema de inmigracion.

El muro representa el prejuicio y el odio que alguna gente en este pais tiene en contra de los Mexicanos, Chicanos o cualquier otra gente ajena a la mayoria anglo de Estados Unidos. El director del Servicio de Inmigracion y Naturalizacion pretende proyectar una imagen humanitaria sin embargo apoya una barrera en la frontera que sera costosa, inefectiva, y racista. El Presidente Carter predica paz mundial y derechos humanos, pero planea construir un muro de Berlin en la frontera Suroeste. Entre todas estas ironias las normas racistas de los Estados Unidos se continuan amazando y la cortina de Carter avanza pulgada a pulgada hacia su construccion final.

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icans and Chicanos have stalled the building of the border barrier. "The fence will be very much like the fence that exists between East and West Berlin, a symbol between two countries. What can we say?", said Gastone de Bayone, director of international relations for Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

The proposed fence will not stem the flow of so-called illegal aliens and will prove to be "a total waste of taxpayers monies" according to Herman Baca, chairperson of the Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc. (CCR). In a letter to President Carter, the CCR points out that the proposed fence represents an escalation of the militarization of the border and that the barrier is another simplistic, negative solution in resolving the Immigration issue.

The fence represents the prejudice and hate that people in this country have against Mexicans, Chicanos or anyone considered alien to the majority anglo society of the United States. INS director, Leonel Castillo, attempts to project a humanistic image, yet endorses a costly, ineffective and racist border barrier. President Carter preaches world-wide peace and human rights, but plans to build a Berlin wall on this Southwest border. Amid these ironies U.S. racist policy grinds on and the Carter Curtain inches towards completion.



"Oh, let 'em stay for a while. What possible harm can they do?"



Committee on Chicano Rights

The CCR is a non-funded, non-profit community based membership organization which was founded in 1970. The CCR was organized to fight for the human, civil, and constitutional rights of our people through education and self determination. Since its inception, the CCR has been involved with the issues of immigration, education, police brutality, voting rights, re-zoning, housing, and others affecting the interest and welfare of our people. The CCR is funded solely by membership dues and community contributions.

CHICANO ACTIVIST VICTIMIZED

JUAN HARO JAILED!

At present Juan Haro is confined at Leavenworth Federal penitentiary, Kansas, serving a 6 year sentence. Juan Haro has been framed. He is being victimized because of his political beliefs and community activism.



JUAN HARO GIVES STATEMENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE.

Raised in Denver's East Side Barrio, Juan Haro felt compelled to help his people. Juan is a long time member of the Crusade for Justice. He has played an essential role in the Crusade's seeking of social justice for chicanos and in their development of an alternative school, community center, housing project, and several recreation parks.

Juan Haro has been convicted of possession of explosive devices. A family man who was seeking custody of his two grandchildren at the time of his arrest. Juan was convicted on the word of a known informant. The informant faced a potential attempted murder charge. Juan, a local businessman was completely exonerated in his state trial after a few hours of jury deliberation. In Juan's Federal trial Judge Fine Silver railroaded a conviction through though the Federal Officer did not corroborate the informants testimony. Yet, Juan Haro was found guilty in 1975 and given concurrent 6 year sentences. After 3 years of appeal Juan has been denied a new court trial.

San Diego's chicano community can help Juan Haro. Write letters to Judge Fine Silver. It is within the judges' authority to grant Juan an immediate reduction of sentence within 120 days of Juan's first day of confinement. (Nov. 1, 1978)

Letters must be sent now to Judge Fine Silver. Please send your letters to the Denver Chicano Liberation Defense Committee. D.C.L.D.C. c/o Ernesto Vigil 1567 Downing St. Denver, Colorado 80218.

AGAINST THE FENCE El Paso Coalition

A coalition consisting of eighteen Mexican-American organizations and prominent individuals have organized themselves to oppose the construction of a steel curtain or "Carter Curtain" at the U.S. - Mexican border.

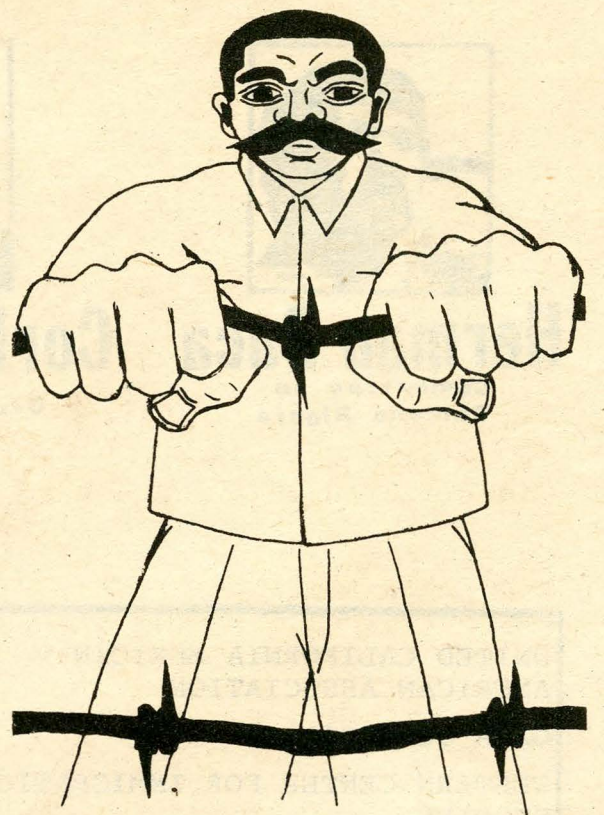
The "El Paso Coalition Against the Fence" (EPCAF) as put forth a call for unity with other Raza organizations who also oppose the border fence.

Carlos Lleguer, spokesman for EPCAF, stated that government investigations have proven that "the undocumented workers have never been a cause of unemployment, crime, or welfare problems in the U.S.". In addition, the current "anti-immigration hysteria will effect the lives of Mexican people not just in El Paso but everywhere else as well".

EPCAF announced that pressure from the coalition has temporarily stopped the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) from building the "Carter Curtain". However, the INS and their racist supporters have "started their own campaign of anti-Mexican hysteria and are trying to push through legislation (now pending in Congress) that is directed against our undocumented brothers.

EPCAF is seeking information from organizations or individuals who are currently working in opposition to the steel fence. For more information contact:

The El Paso Coalition
Against the Fence
P.O. Box 9751
El Paso, Texas 79987



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