



Jesus Martinez de Lubbock fue uno de los que se presento en la conferencia en Pueblo.

Philosophical debate, artistic expression mark Chicano conference

By RON MARTINEZ

Political opinion ranging from conservative approaches to strict Lenin-Marxist philosophies were among concepts analyzed Saturday by Chicanos ending a three-day congress here entitled "Education is Liberation."

But, noted Chicano poets, folkloric dancers, musicians, artists, teatro members and writers set the tone for the Congreso Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, sponsored by Chicanos Unidos For Action (CUFA) and held at the University of Southern Colorado Student Center.

Frank Arteaga, CUFA president, said the Denver Chicano Lenin-Marxists participating in the conference were allowed a freedom of expression as were the nearly 3,000 persons who participated in the congress.

However, working through the existing system seemed to be the over-all approach of congress participants who advocated wider Chicano expression in art, the media, folklore, civic and governmental affairs and in the corrections system.

Poets, writers and composers Abelardo Delgado, Ricardo Mora, Jesus Martinez and Ricardo Sanchez—representing Chicano

artistic expression from Colorado, New Mexico and Texas—held a lively session on song and poetry.

Although differing somewhat as to what constitutes true Chicano poetic expression, the Chicano poets and composers agreed on one point—"Liberty is creativity."

Controversy ruffled proceedings slightly when Joaquin "Jake" LeFebre, CUFA vice president, was escorted from the USC Belmont Campus by Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies Thursday, the first day of the congress.

LeFebre apparently had his appeal bond revoked while still a parolee from the Colorado State Penitentiary, where he was serving a term on an arson charge. Major activities, including a Friday cultural event, were dedicated to LeFebre.

Lorenzo Trujillo, director of Mexican and Southwest dance at the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center who performed with his folkloric dance group at the congress, took a stand in defense of his group, which was challenged by another community group.

The critics accused Trujillo of allegedly accepting Centennial-Bicentennial funds, but Trujillo pointed out that his group never has received such funds.

Trujillo prepared a written

resolution for presentation to the general congress expressing his concern about the need for a unified Chicano voice in favor of increased cultural expression.

"We challenge each of you to recognize the difference between politics and art—that an artist who mixes his work with politics is no longer an artist but a politician who can be bought and appeased and can be sold for political reasons," Trujillo said.

The congress rejected the resolution on the general consensus that art and politics cannot be separated.

Other workshops resulted in resolutions for action in areas of minority hiring and employment and toward the formation of a national working staff of Chicano writers and producers.

The congress concluded with the Chicano music of Al "Hurricane" Sanchez of Albuquerque, N.M.

Participants represented all major Colorado university and college campuses as well as the states of Colorado, Texas, California, Utah, Minnesota and New Mexico.

Carlos Alcalá, California director of all affirmative action (minority hiring) programs, addressed the Saturday closing session. □

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Los candidatos Neph-tali DeLeon y Carlos Lovato le dan las gracias a todas las personas que asistieron la lucha libre que se llevo a cabo en el Frontiero y muy especial gracias a Sr. Pete Guajardo y a todos los luchadores que participaron.

REYES NOMBRADO

El día 25 del presente mes, durante una de las juntas de la bien reconocida organización "League of United Latin American Citizens", o mas bien conocida por sus siglos.. L.U.L.A.C., las riendas de la presidencia pasaron de mano.

En una ceremonia simple, sin embargo alegórica e significativa, el Sr. Juan Antonio Reyes fue nombrado como el nuevo Presidente de dicha organización. El replazo al bien conocido Sr. Art Chavez, quien a concluido su termino como Presidente de L.U.L.A.C.

El Sr. Reyes, quien es empleado por la agencia de Urban Renewal, como Director de Relocacion y vive aquí en la ciudad de Lubbock en compañía de su familia, goza de calificaciones muy impresionantes para dicho puesto (Lea "Quien es Quien" en la edición de LA VOZ con fecha de día 9 de Enero de 1976 para una lista completa de sus múltiples intereses y talentos).

Entre sus múltiples intereses en organizaciones cuyas metas es el interés y desarrollo de la persona de origen mexicano, es su parte hyper-activa en la organización de COMA (Comerciantes Organizados Mexico-Americanos). Durante los últimos meses el ha servido como Director de Relaciones Publicas en dicha organización. En dicha posición el ha servido como el ancla para el progresivo e aclamado programa de Radio titulado "Actividades de COMA" (KWGO FM, Miercoles a las 10:00 PM).

Ademas ha servido como miembro de la mesa directiva, es miembro activo del comite para ingresar nuevos miembros, y es uno de los representantes oficiales de COMA para la asociación de Camaras de Comercio Mexico Americanas, TAMACC.

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MARCHA

Gilberto Herrera, presidente de los Brown Berets de Lubbock y una delegación de miembros de los Brown Berets viajaron a Lovington este fin de semana para participar en una marcha en protesta de las injusticias que están sufriendo los ciudadanos de Lovington.

Mas de 300 personas participaron en la marcha que se llevo a cabo el domingo pasado y cubrio mas de dos millas de distancia. Una de las principales cosas que estaban protestando los miembros de los Brown Berets de Lovington fue eso de el tratamiento de prisioneros en las carceles de Lovington.

Se logro una junta despues de la marcha donde el lider de los Brown Berets Bolo Soto y Gilbert Herera se juntaron con el Sherife del condado. Durante la junta con el Sherife tambien se logro una inspeccion de las facilidades de la carcel. Dijo Gilbert Herrera que habia muchas personas incluyendo personas de raza negra y anglo quienes estaban sufriendo injusticias y que se expresaron durante la inspeccion de la carcel. Dio un ejemplo de una persona que no le habian dado un cambio de ropa por 52 dias y otras personas que necesitaban ayuda medica y no se le habia dado.

ESTE PERIODICO SE LLEVA HASTA SU CASA POR CORTESIA DE NUESTROS PATROSINADORES APOYELOS

Dear Editor:

Recently Senator Lloyd Bentsen was in Lubbock campaigning for his second term to Congress. After he gave his platform, etc., there was the usual handshaking and mingling with the candidate. A Mexican-American politician (a Democrat of course) stated that Raza Unida Party was endorsing Senator Bentsen for re-election.

As a committeeman on the Raza Unida State Executive Committee, I would like to refute that statement. Raza Unida Party does not endorse or corroborate with candidates running under the banner of other parties. To do so would be contrary to the principles that we stand and believe in.

If this political novice would stay home long enough to do his homework, he would realize that it is because of the Democratic Party's failure that we Chicanos are in the condition that we are now in. If the Democratic Party was indeed "el partido de nuestra gente" may I ask why is it that we are always underemployed or unemployed, miseducated, and always lowest on the economic ladder? Too many times we fail to see the ocean because of the water.

Texas has been a one-party state since 1876. Since that time all rules regulations, and statutes which have our lives have been passed by a Democrat controlled legislature. In the political arena, for example, laws such as those that follow have been passed which have been detrimental to Chicanos participation in the political process:

1. The Democratic Party was at one time a "club". You could not participate in the primaries unless you were a member of the club. (Overruled by U.S. Supreme Court.)
2. One had to pay a poll tax to exercise your right to vote. (Overruled by U.S. Supreme Court.)
3. The requirement to register by January to be able to vote in May (recently changed)

4. Primaries being held in May when most Chicanos have gone North to work the fields, thus not having a choice in the General Election in November. (Still exists)

5. The requirement (aimed primarily at Raza Unida since third parties have always existed in Texas) that a party has to acquire at least 20% of the gubernatorial votes to be eligible to have its primaries financed by the state. (Overruled by U.S. Supreme Court.)

6. With the emergence of Raza Unida, the legislature has passed two laws which affected the re-registration voters.

To add insult to injury, the testimony that Secretary of State Mark White gave before Congress in his attempt to keep the Civil Rights Act from being extended to Texas because it was not needed is beyond reproach.

Yet, despite what history has recorded (its there to read), there are Chicanos Democrats who will not criticize Democrat officials whom have been exposed for corruption and scandals but very quickly point the finger at Chicanos trying to form their own party.

An organization serves those who create it. Chicanos did not give live to the Democratic Party and thus, it never has and probably never will serve the needs of Chicanos. To surmise otherwise, is neglecting the last 100 years of our history.

Finally, if a Mexican American wants to affiliate himself with the Democratic Party, that is, indeed, his privilege and prerogative. We, as Chicanos, will compete with him in the political arena (and anywhere else) where the burden of defending the accomplishments for Chicanos by the Democratic Party will be with the individual.

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The Real Prison

ARTICLE BY JOE MANRIQUEZ

This is the second part of last weeks column by Joe Manriquez.

A QUESTION OF REHABILITATION

According to the experts, if you put more men in prison for committing crimes, it is only natural that the crime rate will decrease right? Wrong! Statistis recently released by Washington shows an increase in prisons population of over 17% in the last year. By the same token, the increase in crime was almost double. It is evident here that prison is not the answer. So Mr. expert, what do you do now? You have over 200,000 men in prisons in America and if the present rate of recidivism continues, by the end of the year there will be an increase to approximately 300,000.

To continue the practice of warehouseing men in prison can only mean the continued waste of Tax payers MONEY. To claim that rehabilitation programs have not worked to curb the prison dilemma is only another bald faced lie. How many prisons have used the money allotted to them for rehabilitation programs? Most prisons use this monies for other purposes and some prison officials even go so far as to stuff it in their pockets. It is no wonder rehabilitation programs have not worked, there have not been any! The prison who have had the program were unsuccessful simply because the persons running the programs had no knowledge of what they were supposed to be doing.

It is my opinion that rehabilitation program have not been given a fair shake. If the

poor conditions prevalent in most prisons could be improved, the potential of rehabilitative programs might be greatly improved. As a convict who has served over ten (10) year in prison in two states, I can truthfully say that in this length of time I have not as yet seen or heard of any prison so much as make an attempt to try and rehabilitate any convict.

Granted that men in prison are not top quality citizens but are we really to blame? Is it not about time someone stopped to see if the shoe will fit on the other foot, putting men in prison does not solve the problem, it only creates a larger one. For to long now the "away syndrome" has been used to no noticeable effect the problem keeps coming back. I surely do not have the answers But, then, I am not an expert. Then too, the experts do not have the answers either, but they won't admit it. They just keep thinking up new excuses to cover up for thier fumbling ineffectiveness and using up tax payers money.

Next week we will talk a little about the Bicentennial.

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- BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF ALL TAXPAYERS—NOT JUST SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
- ESTABLISH POLICY OF EVENING MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL WHEN ITEMS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED SO THE WORKING MAN CAN ATTEND AND BE HEARD
- ENCOURAGE THE LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS TO MORE EXTENSIVELY TELEVISION SESSIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND IMPORTANT MEETINGS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND BROADCAST SO THE PUBLIC CAN SEE WHAT'S BEING DONE AT CITY HALL—YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW
- PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE RESPECT FOR CITY GOVERNMENT
- CITY COUNCIL MUST BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT PASSING MORE ORDINANCES THAN THE CITY STAFF CAN REASONABLY ENFORCE
- THE OPERATIONS OF CITY HALL SHOULD SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE CITIZENS

COOPERATION WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

- IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
- INVOLVE STUDENTS IN CITY GOVERNMENT
- SUPPORT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

TAXES

TAXES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- WITH CONSTANT INFLATION, THE CITY MUST STRIVE FOR OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES AND GAINS IN PRODUCTIVITY IN ORDER TO PREVENT INCREASED PROPERTY TAXES
- TRIM THE "FAT" FROM CITY OPERATIONS YET PROVIDE THE KINDS OF SERVICES THE CITIZENS ARE ENTITLED TO AT THE LEAST POSSIBLE COST
- TAKE A VERY CRITICAL LOOK AT ANY PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE CITY'S LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS
- ENCOURAGE MORE EQUITABLE TAX VALUATION

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

- THE SMALL BUSINESSMAN NEEDS MORE REPRESENTATION ON THE CITY COUNCIL—WE PAY THE BULK OF THE TAX LOAD AND PROVIDE MOST OF THE JOBS IN THE CITY
- ATTITUDE AT CITY HALL SHOULD BE PRO-BUSINESS
- THERE NEED TO BE FEWER RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER

- MUST BE MADE SELF-SUPPORTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- BE AGGRESSIVELY PROMOTED TO OBTAIN OUR SHARE OF CONVENTION BUSINESS
- PROMOTE CONSTANT USE OF FACILITIES BY ALL TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

CITY-COUNTY RELATIONS

- PROMOTE A MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE ON SHARED SERVICES
- IMPROVED RELATIONS THROUGH EQUITABLE COMPROMISE

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