

San Diego County Central

Position paper on the League of Revolutionary Struggle

Our people's MOVIMIENTO was born from the reaction to anglo chauvenism and repression in the land of Aztlan. La Raza suffered the injustices of economic, educational, social, and political underrepresentation. Racism sought to sterilize us from our culture. Our Gente's struggle for dignity and respect grew into well organized challenges to the power brokers. ESTUDIANTIL organization blossomed and came together in 1969 to form what is now M.E.C.H.A. Presently our gente suffer the same injustices except that today it is more disguised.

Without illusions, a responsible brotherhood and sisterhood united to struggle for the progress of our beautiful raza. This is known as Chicanismo. The CHICANO symbolizes pride in our culture and heritage. Thought and actions are the directed toward the community but yet still acknowlage and accept the objectivity of knowing that Chicanos are a responsible part of the whole. To, "walk like you talk", is being a Chicano.

The ancient Aztec word Aztlan came to symbolize our destiny toward liberation. Self Determination first is control over your self, your organization, and lastly the Chicano Movement. We are the colonized people of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and our common bond as Chicanos is our national identity-

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We know who we are so, who is the League of Revolutionary Struggle? They consist of open and secret members. Thier excuse for secret membership is fear of the MCarthy Era's return. In the unlikely event of a comeback Mechistas would be black listed along with all the other democratic, liberal, progressive, socialist, and communists organizations. Mechistas are proud to say "Yo Soy Chicano" whereas others meakly state "I have friends in the league."

Although they espouse Chicanismo at every given opportunity they are missing the vital ingredient. The LRS as a whole has yet to directly help where it is most needed, in the Chicano community. They will preach a better life but as we all know, action speaks louder than words.

By their name they claim to be revolutionaries. When asked about the possibility of an armed revolution, an open members replied, "I don't see it happening in my lifetime". This seems to be the general consensus of all the league "friends". The ideals of saving the world, again without action, amounts to mental masturbation. What in fact we actually have is an army of arm chair generals.

The effects of the LRS activity are twofold. The "friend" of the LRS will not appear on your written agenda, but discussion about them will consume a major portion of your meeting time. Next are attempts to discredit the whole structured organization. After that fails, guerilla warfare is on, using rumors, accusations, and threats against individuals. These so called, "friends of the league" are quick to develop a friendship with unsuspecting members. They then spoon feed them with half truths and lies giving them a sense of distrust within our group. It's a pity to see the unknowing isolate themselves from the majority. The M.E.CH.A suffers along with the duped and fooled.

The secondary effects benefits our oppressors. Ex governor of California Ronald Reagan knows M.E.CH.A all too well for he was in office during the zenith of our Movimiento. He loves seeing the disunity Caused In Aztlan because he thinks we are Finally Being Ineffective. M.E.CH.A will overcome it's oppressors!

We the mechistas of San Diego, in the spirit of Chicanismo, with self determination as our goal, together with the pride and respect for our raza in Aztlan foremost in our hearts must take a stand. The unprincipled practices of the League of Revolutionary Struggle which undermines the moral, trust, and effectiveness of M.E.CH.A as a whole cannot and will not be tolerated. We call for a end to the League of Revolutionary Struggle participation within M.E.CH.A.. "YA BASTA!". All in all, we must also give thanks. Thank you for challenging us and opening our eyes as to who we are.