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APPENDIX VIII

REPRINTS FROM EL MIRLO CANTA DE NOTICATLAN:
CARTA SOBRE ESTUDIOS CHICANOS
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A. (Part 1)

NACSS CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Conference of the National Association of Chicano Social Sciences was held at the University of Texas at Austin, on April 11, 12 & 13, 1975. Over 200 persons attended the conference. It was comprised of three sections: A preliminary meeting of the Association; 9 panels, their respective commentaries and discussions, and a final organizational meeting. The panels were composed of Foco members and other Chicano scholars throughout the nation. In this issue of *El Mirlo*, we present a partial summary of the conference. The May issue of *El Mirlo* will finish the summary of the conference.

1. *The Political Situation in the Southwest. Its Implications for Chicanos.* The panel was chaired by Hisauro Garza (UCB, Berkeley Foco) and Armando Gutiérrez (UTA, no Foco). The scope of the presentations varied from a generic Marxist conceptual and analytical approach, and an assessment of its applicability, to the Chicano Movement in "Ideological Trends in the Chicano Movement" by Tatcho Mendiola (U.H., no Foco) to an analysis of Lipsett's Theory on lower classes in "Non-rationality and Political Leftism: Chicanos in Crystal City" by José Cobas (UTA, no Foco). Hisauro Garza analyzed the emergence of political consciousness in "Parlier, Cal.: An Analysis of a Chicano Political Revolt." David Montejano (Yale, no Foco) presented "The Politicization of a Lumpenproletariat, a Case Study. An Analytical Report on Brown Berets in Southern Texas." Two additional papers were scheduled, but not presented. They were: "The Chicano Movement: A Framework for Analysis" by Carlos Muñoz (UCI, So. Cal. Foco) and "Chicanas in

Politics" by Evie Chapa (UTA, no Foco). Muñoz and José Angel Gutiérrez commented on the papers and also addressed themselves to the Chicano question. Due to the great interest in the Chicana question expressed by the audience, a Chicana panel was arranged for Saturday. Papers were read by Evie Chapa and Carmen Carrillo (UCB, Berkeley Foco).

2. *Chicano Nationalism: Inquiries Into Its Origin and Development.* This extremely important subject was presented for the first time this year. Luis Arroyo (UCLA, So. Cal. Foco) the organizer and scheduled Chairperson of the panel was unable to attend. Juan Gómez-Quíñones (UCLA, So. Cal. Foco) chaired and also read Cirilo Salazar's (UCLA, no Foco) paper entitled "The Social Origins of Chicano Nationalism: Class and Community in the Making of Aztlán, 1800-1920," an exploratory overview of Chicano Nationalism. Victor Nelson-Cisneros focused on Nationalism and Cultural conflict in the border area, in "Social Change and Nationalism: South Texas and the Plan de San Diego, 1890-1917." Fred Cervantes (USC, So. Cal. Foco) presented a critique of the internal colonial model, "Chicanos as a Post-Colonial Minority," and proposed an alternative model of post-colonialism. The commentators were Mario Barrera (USCD, So. Cal. Foco) and Tatcho Mendiola. The papers and comments stimulated a lively exchange with the audience which lasted two hours.

3. *Chicano Social History.* This session was shortened due to a time overlap with the Nationalism session. Gilberto Hinojosa (UTA, Texas Foco) was Chairperson. Due to a lack of time, the following papers were summarized: "Rise of Liberal Federalism in Coahuila and Texas, 1824-1834" by Andrés Tijerina (UTA, Texas Foco); "El Plan de San Diego: Its Origin and Development: An Historical Perspective," by Emilio Zamora (UTA, Texas Foco) and "Camimiro Barela, the Perpetual Senator of Colorado: 1876-1912" by Ray Burrola (CSU, Ft. Collins Foco).

4. *Chicano Sociolinguistics: Approaches and Problems in the Study of Chicano Language and Speech.* The panel was chaired by Reynaldo Macías (UCLA, So. Cal. Foco) and included the following papers: Raymond Castro's (Harvard, no Foco) "Untangling the Bi-Lingual Education Act: Patterns of Acculturation and Assimilation in U.S. Language Policy," read by Reynaldo Macías; Raymond Rocco's (UCLA, So. Cal. Foco) "Language as an Expression of Ideology: A View of Neo-Marxist Literature" read by Dan Moreno (UCI, So. Cal. Foco). Rocco's critique of Claus Mueller's *The Politics of Communication: A Study in the Political Sociology of Language Socialization and Legitimation* was particularly incisive. José Limón (UTA, Texas Foco) read a paper on "Expressive Speech and Its Social Uses in a Texas Chicano Youth Community." The paper was based on the UT Austin Chicano Student Community.

5. *Chicanos in the U.S. Labor Force.* Tomás Almaguer (UCB, Berkeley Foco) chaired the session and commented on the papers. The papers were: "The Chicano Working Class at Santa Bárbara" by Alberto Camarillo (Stanford, So. Cal. Foco); "Minority Workers and the Colonial Labor Principle" by Mario Barrera (UCSD, So. Cal. Foco); and "Proyecto de la investigación sobre las relaciones de producción en la región bi-lingual fronteriza" by Jorge Bustamante (Colegio de México, no Foco).

6. *Chicano Folklore: Expressive Responses to Domination.* The panel was organized and chaired by Alurista. The first paper, "Música Tejana and Cultural Nationalism" by José Reyna, focused on broder corridos as a conscious expression of Chicano cultural nationalism. A demonstration of various corridos recorded by Reyna accompanied the presentation. José Limón applied the anthropological-sociological concept of differential identity to the UT Austin and A&I Chicano Student communities, in "Agringado Joking in Texas-Mexican Society: Differential Identity and Folklore Communications." Limón emphasized the utilization of the folkloric genre jokes based on text and performance, by the students as an internally cohesive social response to external domination. Juan Chavira (Pan American, no Foco) gave a visual presentation on curanderismo in Eagle Pass, Texas, entitled "Chicano Folk Medicine: An Alternative to the Health System." He noted the important socio-cultural role curanderos perform within the Chicano Community. According to Chavira, the curandero's homeopathic approach is an invaluable contribution to social medicine. Dr. Américo Paredes (UTA, Texas Foco) commented briefly on all three papers. He emphasized the importance of a holistic approach to folklore.

B. (Part 2)
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NACSS CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Conference and Business Meeting of the National Association of Chicano Social Science was held at the University of Texas at Austin, on April 11-12, 1975. In this issue of *El Mirlo*, we finish the summary of the conference which appeared in the May issue.

7. *Chicano Communities in the Midwest.* Two papers were presented and discussed in the panel on the Midwest, chaired by Miguel Carranza. Carlos Arce (Univ. of Michigan, Midwest Foco) analyzed schooling problems in "Chicano Participation in Michigan Higher Education." Albert Mata (Univ. of Notre Dame, Midwest Foco) and Carmen Ayala (Midwest Foco) co-authored a paper on "Chicano Resettlement in the Midwest: A Steelworker's Perspective." The paper was based on oral interviews of

industrial workers, some of whom had migrated in the early part of the century. Gilbert Cárdenas (Midwest Foco) and Steve Flores (Midwest Foco) were commentators.

8. *Chicanas*. As previously mentioned, this panel was established in response to participant and audience interest. Lydia Espinoza (Univ. of Notre Dame, Midwest Foco) was selected as the Chairperson. Two papers were delivered, "Chicanas in Politics" by Evie Chapa and Armando Gutiérrez, read by Gutiérrez, and "Raza Mental Health: Perspectivas Femeninas" by Carmen Carrillo. The latter presentation evolved from a survey conducted by students in Psychology, Public Health, and Social Welfare at a San Francisco Bay area Chicana Mental Health Clinic. The ensuing question and answer period centered upon cultural sensitivity in Mental Health problems.

9. *Chicano Social Science: The Ethics and Politics of Research*. The ninth and last panel was chaired by Felipe González (UCB, Berkeley Foco). It was conducted in an informal, round table format, rather than a formal panel in order to maximize discussion. The following topics were discussed: research and its political relevance; covert and overt data collecting; the researcher's role and responsibility to informants; the researcher's responsibility to assess the jurisdictionalness of publishing certain types of information and for which audiences; and the necessity and feasibility of establishing a "Chicano Ethics Committee." A variety of viewpoints on these topics were discussed and debated.

Organizational and Business Meeting. The conference then moved into an extensive business meeting. First order of business were Foco reports: Ray Burrola reported on the Ft. Collins, Colorado Foco; Tomás Almaguer reported for the No. California Foco; Reynaldo Macías reported for the So. California Foco; Belinda Herrera reported on the Central Texas Foco; Homero Galicia, Oscar Martínez, Rodolfo de la Garza and Carina Ramírez reported on the University of Texas, El Paso Foco, and David Montejano reported on organizational activities in the Northeast. Organizational activity this year was highlighted by the establishment of a foco at Stanford and reestablishment of the University of Texas, El Paso Foco.

The activities of the NACSS during the upcoming academic year were then discussed. Particularly important was the discussion on publication of the *Proceedings* of the 3rd Annual Meetings. Requests were made to have members explore institutional sponsorship and/or donation for their publication. The *Proceedings* should be out by end of Summer 1975.

A special thanks was unanimously given to José Limón, Belinda Herrera and Armando Gutierrez for organizing the annual meeting.

Several concrete suggestions were also made and accepted by Chicanos y Chicanas about being more conscious that there be "fair and equally visible" participation of Chicanas on panels as Chairpersons, commentators, and presenters of papers. Focos, the basis of the Association and the foundation of the program organizing for the Annual Meetings were to keep this in mind.

Formal steps were also outlined for declaration of focos and their affiliation with the Association. The minimum criteria is: (1) declaration of foco existence; (2) listing of foco membership and addresses (including a contact person); and (3) a description of interests and projected activities. New focos, it was suggested, should do this through the National Coordinating Committee.

Proposed sites for next year, in order of priority, are University of Texas, El Paso, UCLA, and U.C. Berkeley. UTEP foco will submit their outline of proposed resources to the National Coordinating Committee for final confirmation.

It was also suggested that the Southern Califas foco take responsibility for Newsletter communications for the coming year. (Since then the So. Califas Foco has decided it will contribute association news to *El Mirlo Canta* to meet this responsibility.)

This year it was suggested and accepted that membership dues be established at \$5.00 for faculty and \$2.00 for students and others. Responsibility for collection and forwarding money to the Coordinating Committee are at the foco level.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m. and was continued to the next morning. On Sunday the meeting began at 9:30 a.m. and closed at 2:00 p.m. with approximately 25 members present.

Several items were discussed including the NACSS relationship to other Associations and a possible name change. The name change issue was recommended "to Committee" for a position presentation at next year's annual meeting for discussion and decision.

After several alternatives for selection of the Coordinating Committee, the members for Academic Year 1974-75 were unanimously reelected for another year. The new Chairperson of the National Coordinating Committee is Reynaldo Macías (UCLA, Southern Califas Foco). The administrative base for the National Association for Academic Year 1975-76 will be c/o Chicano Studies Center, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. 90024, (213) 825-2363. The 3rd Annual Meeting closed at 2:00 p.m.

APPENDIX IX

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