

MARCHA PARA LA JUSTICIA

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Estimados compañeras y compañeros:

This is to inform you that on Saturday, August 7, 1976, there will be a statewide march and rally in San Antonio to protest the court decision regarding the Hays trial. As you probably know, in September of 1975, Castroville police chief Frank Hays murdered un compañero chicano, Ricardo Morales. Morales had already cleared his record, so he was not even arrested legally. After being taken into custody, he was taken by Hays and several others to a secluded area where he was shot and killed. At the trial in San Angelo, Hays was found guilty only of aggravated assault and sentenced to a mere ten years in prison, which means that he will be out soon on parole. This incident is but one in a long line of injustices that el pueblo chicano must suffer. It is a common occurrence for our people to be subjected to brutality by the law enforcement officials of this state and nation. And these acts will continue unless we begin to act as a united people and voice our discontent collectively as well as individually.

There are many people and organizations that have already responded to this very clear case of disrespect for human life. And there are many people who have commented, "And if the situation had been reversed? If Morales had killed Hays?" We also know that outcome. For this reason, those of us who attempt in our daily efforts to support the progress of the Chicano people, those of us who dedicate ourselves to el movimiento, must begin to come together more and more forcefully on this and other issues.

It is important that we have numbers of people at the marcha and rally, not only from San Antonio, but from all over the state. We are asking that you bring as many people as possible, perhaps by organizing caravanas from your areas. Also, any poetes and cantantes are welcome to participate in the program.

Another letter will follow with the specific information about the time and exact place of the manifestación. Que esta carta sirva para informarles que la marcha va pasar, para que empiezen a decirles a los demás.

For more information, contact me at 438 Rigsby, San Antonio, Texas 78210. Nos veremos el 7 de agosto.

JUNTOS EN LA LUCHA,

MARTIN DELGADO