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CHICANOS' RESPONSE TO MEDIA LIES

Richard O'Reilly's article in the Rocky Mountain News is untrue, slanted, and an attempt to convict Chicanos without a trial. O'Reilly had talked to one of the police victims on Tuesday, March 27, and was told the truth of the Chicano-Police incident of March 17. What was told O'Reilly was what the Chicanos present had said all along, including the fact that Junior "Luis" Martinez had not been arrested that night and had not jumped from the police car and ran. This was the official police story for twelve days. O'Reilly told the Chicano that he wanted to publish the Chicano side of the story to show that he was fair and that it was not true he was taking sides just with the police. He said the story would be printed on Wednesday, March 28. Instead, he waited till Policeman Snyder talked to the reporters on Wednesday night, March 28. At this time Snyder knew the real truth of the incident would come out, so he himself admitted Martinez had not been arrested, etc.


Meanwhile, the News did not publish the Chicanos' side like they said they would. Instead they published Snyder's story on Thursday and added a few lines to Snyder's story that they had gotten from Chicanos. They said the Chicanos' story backed what Snyder said, when in fact Snyder had backed up what Chicanos said.

Now this same Richard O'Reilly writes a three-page article having found all Chicanos involved were guilty and all the cops were as pure as Rocky Mountain spring water. We are now guilty without a trial of things that in no way can be proven at this time and that are completely false to begin with. O'Reilly said that "repeated efforts were made to talk to Chicanos who were there that night... however... they refused to be interviewed," yet O'Reilly has shown that he is not a man who can be trusted to print the truth.

O'Reilly and anyone else can write whatever they please, yet too many important questions are going unanswered. If the police and the Rocky Mountain News (Raggy Mountain Nuisance) have all the facts, then...

Why don't they do an investigation on all cops involved and find how many have previously been charged with brutality (including racist cops like Emiliano Gimeno) and cops who have personal grudges against the Crusade, like Detective Pete Diaz? If they can smear Junior "Luis" Martinez by bringing up his past record, then let them tell of those cops' past records.

Why did the police originally release to national news that 100-200 guns were found and now its down to around 25? Did the other guns



evaporate or was this just another lie to smear the Chicanos and white-wash the cops?

Why did the Raggy Mountain Nuisance print a picture of a cop carrying a Vietnam-style M-16 automatic rifle that the police claimed they found in the apartment and now the News and police both say there was no M-16? Is this more smearing of the Chicanos?

Since there's a picture of a cop carrying an M-16 that can't be denied, and since the cops for some reason aren't going to frame the Chicanos with it, then it must have been the cops' gun! Why do the cops then claim they only had pistols, shotguns, and 30/30's?

If they had automatic military rifles like the M-16, then they could also have had grenade launchers to blow up the apartment they destroyed, yet the cops claim Mario Vasquez must have blown up his own apartment while still in it! The cops call Chicanos violent--now they must think we're insane.

How can the cops violate our human and civil rights by making searches without warrants and make mass arrests (mostly of young women--some who were pregnant) and how can the News write that "unique precautions were taken to protect the rights of those involved" like was printed by O'Reilly on his article of April 1? Was it an April Fools Day article?

If the police are sure that the blast was dynamite like they claim, why didn't they allow the independent investigator who was there the next day permission to investigate? Why did the Building Department knock down the walls and destroy the evidence? What were they hiding?

Why do the cops keep changing their story? They said for twelve days that Luis Martinez was under arrest--now they say it was someone else. Why?

They said the young man originally arrested was arrested for jay-walking. Then say he was told to get in the car to check his I.D. What was the truth?

Do cops act like this in rich neighborhoods?

These facts remain:

- The Establishment papers, radio, and TV have not and will not expose the truth.
- The police harassed, beat, arrested, and charged innocent people.
- The police who are supposed to keep the peace provoked an extremely violent incident.
- The police who are supposed to protect lives are responsible for a death, several woundings, and the destruction of property.
- A Brother, Junior "Luis" Martinez, 20 is gone forever and the police and news media with all their lies still can't justify his murder.

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