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CALL TO ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS OF RICHLAND COUNTY

"Let me explain what I mean. A segregated district or community is a community in which people live, but outsiders control the politics and the economy of that community. They never refer to the white section as a segregated community. It's the all-Negro section that's a segregated community. Why? The white man controls his own school, his own economy, his own politics, his own everything, his own community -- but he also controls yours. When you're under someone else's control, you're segregated. They'll always give you the lowest or the worst that there is to offer, but it doesn't mean you're segregated just because you have your own. You've got to control your own. Just like the white man has control of his, you need to control yours.

"You know the best way to get rid of segregation? The white man is more afraid of separation than he is of integration. Segregation means that he puts you away from him, but not far enough for you to be out of his jurisdiction; separation means you're gone. And the white man will integrate faster than he'll let you separate.

"We have to keep in mind at all times that we are not fighting for integration, nor are we fighting for separation. We are fighting for recognition as human beings. We are fighting for the right to live as free humans in this society. In fact, we are actually for rights that are even greater than civil rights -- and that is human rights...."

-- Malcolm X

"Men may not get all that they pay for in this world, but they must certainly pay for what they get. If we ever get free from all the oppression and wrongs heaped upon us, we must pay for their removal. We must do this by labor, by suffering, and by sacrifice!"

-- Frederick Douglass

T H E T I M E F O R A C T I O N I S N O W !
YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

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Third Party Files in Valley

COTULLA (AP) — Petitions to register a Mexican-American third party were filed Monday with officials of La Salle County here and with Dimmit County authorities in nearby Carrizo Springs.

Petitions to register the "Raza Unida" — United Race — party now have been filed in three Texas counties, and efforts to register the party are underway in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The petitions ask that the new party be listed on the ballot in the November general elections along with the Democratic and Republican parties.

The first formal registration of the third party came Friday at Crystal City, near here.

The party will field candidates in city and county elections in November, with an eye toward state offices in 1972, spokesmen said.

Jose Angel Gutierrez, a young Mexican-American leader in Crystal City and chief organizer of the third party efforts in this area of Texas, said several Mexi-

can-Americans already have announced for office on the Raza Unida ticket in Cotulla.

Juan Ortiz, 28, who operates a drive-in restaurant in Cotulla, has announced for county judge here, Gutierrez said.

Alfredo Zamora, about 28, a former school teacher, plans to run for mayor here, Gutierrez said.

In Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County Judge Harold Dean said he had accepted the petition but said he had not had time to check the 48 names on it to be sure the document is in order.

Gutierrez said the petition was filed by David Ojeda of Carrizo Springs.

Raul Martinez, editor of a Mexican-American newspaper called "Lo Que Pasa" (What's Happening), filed the petition bearing 49 names in Cotulla, Gutierrez said.

After reviewing the petition, La Salle County Judge Robert Coquat said it had been filed with the county clerk here. He declined to say whether the party actually had been formally registered but did say the petition "seems to be in order."

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Raza Unida Party Now Organizing

By RICHARD BEENE

COTULLA, Tex. (AP) — A move to establish a Mexican-American third party in strategic Texas counties has spread to this southwest Texas town and nearby Carrizo Springs.

Only last Friday, a group of Mexican-Americans formally registered the "Raza Unida" — United Race — party in the Crystal City town of Crystal City, about 50 miles northwest of here.

On Monday, petitions were filed with startled county officials to register the party in La Salle County here and Dimmit County in Carrizo Springs.

"This is a new thing all the way around," said La Salle County Judge Robert Coquat.

The petitions ask that the party be listed on the ballot along with the two major political parties in the November general election.

All three of the small towns have heavy Mexican-American populations.

Crystal City was the scene of political turmoil in 1963, when a full Mexican-American slate was elected to the city council.

Leaders of the third party efforts in this area of Texas say Cotulla may be the "next Crystal City." Already, they said Monday, several Mexican-Americans have announced for county offices on the Raza Unida ticket here — including county judge and mayor.

Plans for Carrizo Springs — headquarters of a Texas Ranger Company that has drawn criticism from Mexican-Americans for years — were not immediately revealed.

But in Crystal City, young Mexican-American leader Jose Angel Gutierrez says the new party will field candidates for all county elections in the November general election.

Gutierrez, 25, chief organizer of the third party efforts, also says the school board election in Crystal City later this year will be a hot issue.

"The first test of Mexican-American political power (in Crystal City) will be the school board election," he said. "Everybody knows that."

Meanwhile in Texas' Lower Rio Grande Valley, efforts are under way to register a Raza Unida Party in Hidalgo County. Organizers say half the signatures needed to form the party have been secured.

Three per cent of the votes cast in the last general election are required to file a petition to register a third party.

A total of 1,200 names are needed in Hidalgo County.

But less than 50 names were required in Dimmit and La Salle counties, and less than a hundred in Zavala.

Gutierrez said the party will field candidates only in local elections in November, but he predicts the party will have gained enough strength to seek such state offices as senator or representative in 1972.

A third party, Gutierrez says, will allow Mexican-Americans to vote for candidates selected by Mexican-Americans — not by Anglos.

Many Mexican-Americans in Texas' rural areas, he said, have begun migrating to fields in other states when the primary elections are held in May. "We will now be able to vote in November for candidates who will represent us," he said.

The third parties will hold nominating conventions while the Democratic and Republican parties hold their primaries, he said.