

March 31, 1958

Mr. Vicente Ximenez, National  
Chairman  
621 Gabaldon Road Nw  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Chente:

I received the copy of the letter concerning the incident in Pueblo, Colorado about the state chairman. Naturally, I am greatly disturbed about it and I really don't know what to believe or what to do. Of course, I believe that you should handle it since I myself suspect that most of this work is the work of Lupe Garcia and his wife. I believe that both you and I are well acquainted with the problem and certainly the charges in their nature are serious, although I believe that they could never be proven. Naturally, this came to me as a complete surprise, not having heard anything concerning this matter from anyone, either in Colorado or the National office.

It may be necessary that you make a trip in order to straighten out the matter although I am sure that possibly Ontiveros could straighten it out. However, in a case like this, you have to realize that the thing could take a serious turn because if any group becomes dissatisfied over there, they can use it as a weapon against us.

Of course, if you could possibly straighten out the matter by leaving it to the decision of the local group, then that should settle it because I believe that the other groups have no right. Certainly, if the decision of the local groups was not to the liking of the individuals concerned, then they should have appealed it to either a district set-up which may not be existent in Colorado or else appeal it to the Board of Directors.

However, I believe that in filing charges or suing against the chairman they certainly did not go through the chain of command or even exhausted all of the local remedies.

Naturally, I know that you are level-headed and I have a lot of respect and admiration for your cool and level headness. So see what you can do and see how you can handle the situation.

Of course, I believe that sometimes people drink to much in meetings and conventions. I am not against drinking, but I am against drinking exeesively. Of course, with our responsibilities and obligations to the rest of the American people of Mexican origin that we represent, I believe that we should represent them with as much dignity and certainly with as much public respect and moderation as possible. I guess you will remember that we have had difficulty before in incidents involving drinking.

In the meanwhile, the convention is coming along pretty good and we hope that soon we will be able to have more concrete information.

Goodbye and goodluck.

Fraternally yours,

Hector

HPG:jv

P.S. Please send us more applications forms from National the office.