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# Forum to Demand Judge's Ouster



**DR. HECTOR GARCIA**  
Accuses judge.

By FRANK TREJO

Dr. Hector Garcia, Corpus Christi, founder of the American GI Forum Wednesday was on his way to San Francisco to ask for the resignation of a California judge for making derogatory remarks about Mexican Americans.

Garcia, at a press conference Tuesday afternoon at the Gunter Hotel, said, "Judge Gerald S. Chargin of juvenile division, superior court, characterized Mexican Americans as animals and made other extremely prejudicial remarks during a juvenile court proceeding against a Mexican American youth."

### INCEST CHARGE

Garcia said the juvenile has been charged with incest. The judge, Garcia said, repeatedly

attributed immoral conduct to the whole Mexican American group.

Garcia complained that the judge told the offender, "We ought to send you out of the country -- send you back to Mexico. You belong in prison for the rest of your life for doing things of this kind. You ought to commit suicide. That's what I think of people of this kind."

Garcia said that during the proceedings, the attorney for the juvenile, who is himself a Mexican American, objected to the judge of Santa Clara county's comments and pointed out that the judge was indicting the whole Mexican American group.

### SERIOUS PROBLEM

Generalization of such an inflammatory nature against a group of citizens, Garcia said, based on their country of origin, when made by a judge in a court proceeding, constitutes both a serious problem of ethnic discrimination and a denial of equal protection of the laws that the constitution demands.

Garcia said he had sent letters protesting the matter to Gov. Ronald Reagan, Sen. George Murphy, Sen. Allen Cranston, Rep. Charles Gubner, State Sen. Clark Bradley, the Santa Clara County Bar Association and many others, but has received no answer.

"This deplorable circumstance is one reflection of the problem facing the Mexican American community," Garcia said.

He said he was going to make a full inquiry into Chargin's fitness to occupy his position as a judicial officer.

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