

'Give Them Hell'

Editor of The Bee—Sir: I am writing this letter on Mexican Independence Day. After having spent most of the summer in Guadalajara, where my mother was born, and touring most of Mexico, I am prouder of being an American citizen of Mexican heritage and agree wholeheartedly with the La Raza movement at Fresno State College. Give them hell and all that sort of jazz in spite of that bigoted editorial in The Fresno Bee about La Raza:

Ask me about discrimination. I was raised a blackheaded brown Chicano along with five lily-white blond half-brothers whose father was a Frenchman. All except one wonderful half-sister were ashamed of their Mexican background and all moved and lived their miserable lives as white, ashamed of my mother because she married a Mexican-Indian. While one of my half-brothers was on his way to becoming a millionaire in Paso Robles, my mother was picking cotton in the fields of Madera. In school when I was running for president of a club to which all the snobs belonged, I had the most votes for the presidency, but it went to the local 4H-Future Farmer type, a football hero.

I hope the La Raza group continues to fight on, as I did not when I went to school in the '40s and was a Tio Taco who associated with gringos who deserted me after graduation because like most Chicanos I belonged to the wrong church, was not accepted in their civic organizations and worked in the fields.

Tio Taco is dead.

Fresno.

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