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1st anniversary of the Blowouts and E.I.C.C.

High school walkouts, demonstrations sweep LA area

ONE YEAR AGO



FRIDAY, MARCH 1 1968
Wilson walked out--300 students
TUESDAY, MARCH 5
Garfield walked out--2,000 students
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Garfield
walked out--4,500 students
THURSDAY, MARCH 7
Garfield and Belmont walked out--
2,000 students
FRIDAY, MARCH 8
Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Garfield
walked out--2,000 students rally at
Hazard Park

This month is the first anniversary of the Chicano student walkouts of 1968. Over 10,000 students walked out in protest against the substandard racist education which they were receiving.

Few if any of the student demands were even accepted or implemented yet many students suffered arrests, beatings, harassment and failing grades. The Community was insulted and intimidated by the power structure and 13 of our leaders were arrested.

Thus many people feel that the walkouts failed. To a certain degree they are correct but success or failure cannot be evaluated by what the system gives you or doesn't give you.

If the educational system is essentially a fraud, and its own statistics indict it as such, then we should not want or expect anything from it, and our success should not be measured by it.

If the walkouts failed, they failed only to the degree that more Chicanos, students and Community, did not participate.

The strength of the walkout or boycott does not lie in the effect
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