

DEAR LATIN N.Y.

Vaya,

First let me introduce myself, I used to be a swinger, Latin and Soul was my business. One day I received a letter from that man that's always looking for good guys. People call him "Uncle Sam", I don't. But right now he got a hold on me.

Here I am in Vietnam, far away from "The Happening", Latin, one day after my AIT training, I went back to New York and I saw a magazine, Latin, N.Y.'s the name. When I finished looking at the content (not read) of the LNYM I said, "Wow, Latin New York esta en algo". Yeah! En la incomparable (dig). Then I said to myself, "Well Pablo, you going to a place you may not hear about that "soul" you like. The only way to be "En Algo" is LNY, so now I'm sending my \$2.50 for my next 13 exciting issues of LNY. On Sunday the 11th of 1968, I went to the Bronx Music Palace and I met the most beautiful "rice and beans" I have ever seen. Her name is Aida, she's from Patillao, she lives at Hudson Ave., Brooklyn, and tell her I said, "Hello".

Hey man, Tell Miss African Twist, Little Cindy, I say she's cute, great and out of sight.
Hasta Pronto,
Pablito La Rumba

P.S.—

Tell Polito Vega, I dig his show and tell him to say "Hi" to Latin New York in my name.

Dear Editor,

I have just finished reading your February LNY Review and I am very impressed with the magazine. At the same token I am dissatisfied that you praise certain persons that do not need praising and you do not praise others like Mr. Joe Quijano. Don't cut this musician short, I and many other Puerto Ricans like myself dig his music and he has done a lot for the latin world. Are you being prejudiced or something else that can't be told. Let's hear from Joe, what's happening?

Thank you very much.

Leo Vazquez
Bronx, N.Y. 10466

Hi Pete,

Just thought I'd drop you a line along with my check to let you know how much I enjoy your magazine.

I feel that its getting better with each issue. I also want to mention the fact that you have two of my dearest and closest friends writing for Latin NY. I'm referring to Bobby Rodriguez and Tony Pabon. You couldn't have picked two better men to be associated with.

Pete, I also want to add that you have a lot of people pulling for you and the magazine. After having the pleasure of meeting you once, (even though you may not remember) I don't see how you can miss. I want to congratulate you and your staff for bringing us something that we've been lacking for a long, long time.

Sincerely,
Hector DeJesus

EDITORIAL

How involved are you in community action?

We of LATIN N.Y. feel that community action today has taken on a new meaning. This meaning is now interpreted as the responsible participation of neighborhood residents in working out solutions for the ills that beset their neighborhoods and ultimately this nation. To be effective, one starts small, right in ones own back yard.

We would urge all of you who are not participating in some program or project, to become involved in the destiny of your neighborhood. In New York City the tragic reality is that the bulk of the latins are the heirs of the neighborhood slums. We now have a chance to help change these circumstances.

Statistics point out the drastic fact that the spanish speaking population in New York City is "low man" in all manner of accomplishments. Drop-outs, under-employment and unemployment, just to name a few, are areas in which we should become deeply concerned, and move to resolve.

Two instances of pride, pointing out the possibilities and accomplishments that the latin community has already manifested are the two articles that are featured in this issue: the success story of Herman Badillo, Borough President of the Bronx; and the first in a series of articles on ASPIRA, a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering leadership in the young Latin New Yorker.

There is much hope, planning and involvement going on in all sectors of the latin community, but we need more. LNY will endeavor to bring the facts to your attention. The challenge is there and we're in a position to show history that America is still the land of promise and opportunity, by demonstrating how we too can lift ourselves up by our legendary "boot-straps", by banding together and getting involved in community action.

Youth, which is a characteristic of our group, is a strength that we can draw from. With youth there is hope, and the love of struggle is yet very strong in our being. Taking things for granted is not good enough.

Whether it be the Great Society Crusade, the "Model Cities" program, or in "Urban Coalition" our involvement is necessary if we are to have our say in the decisions that are to be made.

LNY will be bringing to your attention, from time to time, information on these programs and their progress in the community.

If you have any comments, we'd like hearing from you.

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