

Salazar dies, Vasquez and Gonzales arrested

MORATORIUM POLICE RIOT

The dominant themes of the August 29th march and Chicano Moratorium rally was "Get out of Vietnam", Free Political Prisoners, and La Raza unification.

Widespread violence began as police cleared the Laguna Park rally site with tear gas without giving any warning. Several of the demonstrators, angered at police tactics, began to burn and loot stores on Whittier Boulevard. Over 178 businesses were burned.

Murdered by a sheriff's deputy's tear gas cannister was Ruben Salazar, one of the chief spokesmen for the Chicano community.

Among those arrested and subject to countless indignities were two of the rally's speakers, Manuel Vasquez of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee and Rudolfo Corky Gonzales of Denver's Crusade for Justice.

The repressive measures used against the demonstrators has helped to unify the Chicano com-

munity. There is an extremely high death rate of Chicano GIs in Southeast Asia -- 19% in five southwestern states, despite the fact that La Raza population in these states numbers 11.8%.

Chicanos are also confronted with a lack of political power, poor housing, and an extremely high school dropout rate.



Deputies attack literature tables.



4 p.m. -- Looking east on Whittier.



Tear gas.



Monitor attempts to restore order.



Victim of gassing.