

DEAR LATIN N.Y.

January 13, 1968
Tan Son Nhut
Republic of Viet Nam

Dear Mr. Rios,

I hope at the receipt of this letter it will find you and your in the best of health, as it leaves me.

I guess you don't remember me, but back in December of '67 you were at the Village Gate. I told you that I was stationed here in Viet Nam and you said you would be able to send me some copies of LATIN N.Y.

I would appreciate it, if you would send me a couple of copies, so I can keep up with the latin world.

I will be back in the States around September of this year, but I come back to Viet Nam until April of 1969.

The war over here is one hell of a thing and I'll be glad when its over, but only if we win it.

The fellas are doing a great job here and will continue to do so. You've got to hand it to them, they don't give up very easy.

In all of the wars we fought, the men today are more willing to fight and win. Why, everytime we hear about those draft duckers, it makes the average G.I. want to fight harder. So really they are not hurting anything, their helping it.

I won't bother you anymore with business. All I have to say is, tell all of the Latin World that the fellas in Viet Nam are thinking about them.

Keep that Latin World going!

Well I'm sorry to say, I've got to go back to work now.

Yours truly,
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EDITORIAL NOTES

On Sunday evening, January 7, 1968, a nucleus of freelance writers met to form a core of staff writers that will be submitting stories and articles to LATIN N.Y.

The original intention was to meet at the Emperor Shop in Greenwich Village on East 9th Street, owned by one of the group. As you may remember, it was bitter cold out on January 7th, and as luck would have it the shop had no heating facilities. So in desperation, we commenced making calls to our village friends to see if we could acquire a place to meet at 8:00 p.m. It turned out that we were in luck for Carlos Cuebas, who resides at East 10th Street accommodated our small group.

The group consisted of LNY's publisher, Peter Rios; Hector Vega, a school teacher by profession, now a budding research musicologist; Fred Flores, a free-lance writer, playwright, poet, and the proprietor of the Emperor Shop, a very "in" little fashion shop in the Village; Carmen Cabrera, a graduate of Fashion Design Institute, who will be assisting Fred in keeping us informed on the current fashion trend. Guy Burton, a journalist, who has been writing articles for european magazines of late, was also on hand. Guy is from Puerto Rico, but has spent several years writing about the Puerto Rican community in New York. Henry Oliver and Doris Roldan who run their own public relations firm (R & O Associates) both experienced writers, were also present, in addition to Louis Barcelo, a guest, who was full of interesting ideas for our new publication; and, of course, I, Mike Gavilan.

Lots of ideas were tossed around that night, whether or not we use them is up to you. Yes, you are the ones that will decide what will appear in LNY. It is your magazine, and your suggestions and ideas are invaluable to the direction LNY is to take. Please keep your letters and postcards coming.

We'd like to toss out suggestions to you now and then, and we'd like to get your reactions and ideas on them.

It is up to you to help LNY get your message across. Remember, LNY is dedicated to you, the *Second Generation*, your music, your ideas, your views - in fact, we ARE you. Lots can be done, and lots will be done, just remember its up to us, ALL of us, to do it and do it now. Write to: LATIN N.Y., INC.

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