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PEACE, WORK, EQUALITY were the words on the banner that led the first International Woman's Day March in San Antonio in 1985 from the steps of City Hall—2 years before the Esperanza was born. Mujeres like Susan Guerra, Esperanza's first director and Graciela Sánchez, director of the Esperanza since 1988 were among the march organizers. Performers and speakers at the rally at Plaza de Zacate included Emma Tenayuca and Councilwoman María Berriozábal. Laura Sánchez of *Proyecto Hospitalidad* (now deceased) spoke for *Comite de Madres en A.L.* (America Latina) who wore white scarves and black dresses. Laura declared: *Las madres de San Salvador nos pidieron, por favor, ya no manden bombas, ya no manden aviones, ya no manden armas —mandenos pan, mandenos zapatos para nuestros hijos, mandenos vestidos.* Judy Eng, Margaret Joyal, Virgie Juno, Carmen Rumbaut, Susan Herr, Genevieve Boyd, Bonita Terry, Lillian Stevens, Gloria Cabrera, Antonio Cabral, Spike Zwicki and many more participated. Carolina Flores, artist, painted the first IWD image for the poster that was framed and presented to Emma Tenayuca. Banners proclaimed: *Women Hold Up Half the Sky; SA Women in Solidarity with the Nicaraguan Revolution; Women, Mothers, All of Us—We are Strong, in every aspect of our lives—We Call for Peace for All the Children; Cese La Intervención de USA en A. L.; ¡Demandamos Justicia!—Frente Unido Latino; Somos Unidas; NOW-San Antonio, TX* and more. Mujeres sang, spoke and honored each other setting the stage for future IWD Marches in San Antonio and setting the bar for a month long celebration of **Women's History Month** in San Antonio that also began in 1985.

As part of the Esperanza's 30th anniversary, we pay tribute in this issue of La Voz to the IWD Marches of San Antonio that began in 1985 and resumed in 1992 to continue annually, since. The 27th IWD March this year is needed now, more than ever!

—Gloria A. Ramirez,
editor of *La Voz*



Photo: Laura Sánchez speaks for Las Madres

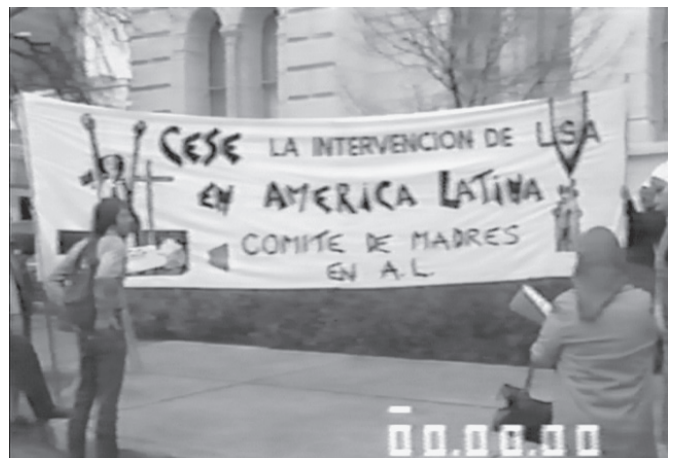


Photo: Gary Poole, left, with the banner, *Cese La Intervención de USA en America Latina - Comite de Madres en A.L.*

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