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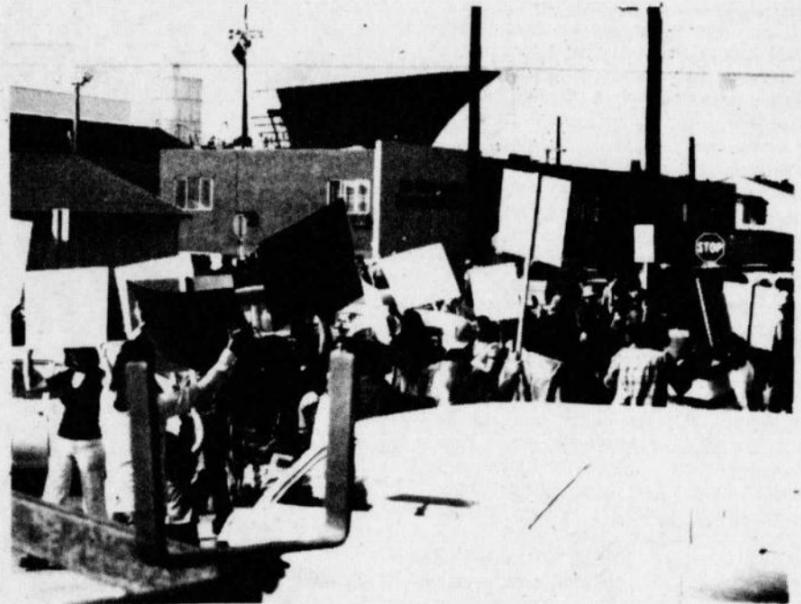
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## LA CRISIS ECONOMICA DE 1975

Una revisada a las presente estadísticas económicas de los Estados Unidos demuestran que la economía se encuentra en su peor crisis desde la depresión de los 1930's. Los precios han aumentado mas del 12% en el ultimo año de una manera mucho mas rápida que los salarios de los trabajadores. Los salarios reales se firjan al 6.2% nuevos de lo que eran el año pasado, ya un 1.7% nuevo de lo que fueron el mes pasado. Los precios reales determinaran de acuerdo con lo que en verdad se puede comprar con los salarios pagados en comparacion a los precios de los productos en el mercado.

El desempleo se encuentra tambien a un nivel nunca antes alcanzado. Las estadísticas del Gobierno demuestran que la insuperada cifra del 7.1% de la fuerza obrera se encuentra sin empleo a la vez que las solicitudes para el seguro contra el desempleo han aumentado de la manera mas rápida en todos los 37 años que tiene de existencia el programa de seguro contra el desempleo. Despues de un año de decadente producción industrial cayendo al momento a medida del 2% mensual, el gobierno a confesado por fin que nos encontramos en un estado de recesion económica. Pero esta confesion resulta un poco tardía puesto que ahora nos encontramos en un estado de depresion económica.

La crisis económica por la que atravezamos forma parte de la crisis mundial que sufre el capitalismo. Por toda la Europa occidental y el Japon la inflacion económica y el desempleo, alcanzan nuevos niveles de altura. Las dichos leyes del capitalismo que se

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A check of the current US economic statistics shows that the economy is in its worst crisis since the depression of the 1930s. Prices have risen more than 12% in the past year, much faster than workers' wages. Real wages are 6.2% lower than they were last year, and 1.7% lower than they were last month. Unemployment is also at record levels. Government statistics show that a record rate of 7.1% of the nation's work force is unemployed, and new applications for unemployment insurance are now coming in faster than at any other time in the 37 year history of the unemployment insurance program. After a year of declining industrial production, now falling at the rate of 2% a month, the government has finally admitted that we are in a recession. But this admission comes too late. Now we are suffering through a depression.

Our economic crisis is part of the worldwide crisis of capitalism. Throughout Western Europe and in Japan, inflation and unemployment are at record levels. The capitalist economic "laws" which are supposed to govern the world don't apply anymore, and the nation's top capitalist economists have no solutions for our problem. Half of them think we should try to stop inflation because, no matter what we do, recession will be with us for the rest of the decade, while the other half thinks we should try to end the recession, because there is nothing we can do about inflation. All of these economists are half right. Under capitalism prices will continue to skyrocket while more and more of us get thrown out of work each day.

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## CARTAS A PRENSA

### SE PROTESTA ABUSOS DE TRABAJADORES SIN PAPELES

Soy una persona de descendencia Mexicana, soy propietario de mi propio negocio en Oceanside. No hace mucho tiempo que andaba pasando por los alrededores de esta ciudad cuando me encontré con unos Mexicanos sin papeles, escondidos en el chaparral.

Hable con ellos por un rato y descubrí que no habían comido por mucho tiempo y además le faltaba ropa y cobijas para protegerse del frío. Regrese al pueblo y les compre unas alimentos y junto con mi esposa y niños les reunimos una ropa de segunda mano. Luego regrese al mismo sitio y se las entregue. Esto no tardó en convertirse en costumbre para mi familia y yo. Estas personas se encuentran sin trabajo porque estamos entre temporadas para las cosechas. Yo visito a estas personas por dos meses, y pronto supe que existían más de 200 mas en solo esta área.

El dueño de los ranchos sabe de la existencia de esta gente, y le da trabajo cuando las cosechas están listas para cosechar. Cuando trabajan van y compran comida en las pequeñas tiendas que por ahí quedan. A los patronos no les importa si esta gente tiene hambre, o peor todavía se mueran de frío. Lo cual es posible considerando las condiciones bajo las cuales ellos viven, abajo de algún árbol o chaparral. Me han contado que cuando le pega el hambre fuerte tienen que caminar unas millas a un rancho de naranjas a ver lo que pueden levantar o también se juntan algunos y tratan de corelear un conejo.



Nosotros pensamos que esto es un crimen, un crimen contra la humanidad, porque en realidad estas gentes son humanas. A veces me pongo a pensar que haran estas personas cuando se enferman y no pueden salir por temor a que los agarre la migra. Los patronos pretenden que no existen hasta que sea tiempo para cosechar y la migra hace lo mismo. Porque el patrono los quiere para cosechar sus cosechas.

Mi familia y yo estamos terrorizados con lo que esta pasando por aquí. Pensamos, que si los patronos les van a pagar bajos/sueldos estos trabajadores, entonces esos patronos son responsables por las condiciones de esta pobre gente.

## LETTERS TO PRENSA

### VICTIMIZATION OF ALIEN WORKERS PROTESTED

I am a person of Mexican descent own my business in Oceanside. Recently as I was scouting around the wild country within the city of Oceanside in my jeep. I stabled across a group of mexican undocumented workers hiding in the brush, I talked to them at length and discovered that they were starving and were in need of clothing and blankets. I went into town and bought some groceries and went home and had my wife and three children gather some old clothing and blankets. I then went back out to feed and cloth them. This then became routine for me, because it was between seasons for farmcrops and there was no work for these men from local farmer's. I visited these poor workers for over two months and learned that there are over 200 in this area alone.

Now, the farmer's know they are there, are fire these migrant workers whenever the crop's are in season. When working they live off the catering trucks and or walk to a small grocery store. The farmer's do not care if they starve or worse yet, freeze to death with nothing for shelter, but brush and a very few trees. They told me that when very desperate they walk to an orange grove a couple of miles away and eat oranges and also run after rabbits, circling them to catch them being successful only once in a while. We feel it is a crime, against humanbeings because infact these people are--human beings--I often wonder what happens when one of these men get sick and need medical attention, I wonder because who will want to come forward and be caught? The farmer's pretend they don't exist until harvest time, and the Border Patrol do the same thing. because these migrants are needed to harvest crops. My family and I are very shocked at what is going on up in those hills. We believe that if they are going to be used at the wages they are paid, the farmers are also responsible for these poor people. . . .

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### SHIPYARD WORKER PROTEST WATERFRONT CONDITIONS

WHAT IS THE "WORKER'S VOICE"?

What is the "worker's voice"? It is a call for unity by working brothers to all working brothers on the waterfront, regardless of what union they belong to.

It became apparent after the 1972 sellout on the waterfront that this must not happen again, so workers are uniting and forming committees to see that this does not happen again. It becomes more and more apparent to us, with run-away inflation, recession, and vast corruption in government that we workers must defend our rights and protect our families from the worst economic situation since the depression of the 1930's.

What is it that we seek as rank and file workers? Simple: our dignity, rights, and a decent wage and benefit package that is reflective of our needs. We are tired of the companies on the waterfront treating us as second class citizens, while they gorge themselves on excess profits at the expense of our toil and health. The San Diego shipbuilding industry is enjoying the greatest boom in business today yet, they don't want to share with those who make it possible--the workers.

We have the lowest pay scale on the West Coast. Most shipyards from Los Angeles northwards make more than \$1 per hour more than us, and have a cost of living clause that helps protect them from spiraling inflation. Helpers at Todd shipyards make as much money as journeymen do in San Diego. We must unite in our demands for First class wages because First class work is demanded from us by the bosses.

As for benefits, they almost don't exist. We are somewhere back in the



A LOOK INSIDE SAN DIEGO MARINE

Dark Ages in that category! Workers at Todd's in Los Angeles get the Kaiser Medical Plan A (fully paid) which has dental and pharmacy care included. We as workers deserve nothing less! Workers at San Diego Marine and Cambell shipyards that have the Kaiser plan must pay large amounts of money out of their own pockets in order to protect their families. A worker with a wife and two children must pay \$28.85 per month. Brothers in these two yards that are in the Machinist Union don't even have dues pay-roll deductions in order to lighten their loads. There is no dental or eye plan protection or even sick pay on the Waterfront and most workers get sick several days a year just from breathing in the positionous gases and fumes that we encounter everyday in the shipyards. These are just a few of the benefits we need, but these are a must in our contract. Along with this, we need a big wage "catch up" as well as a cost of living clause, and no restrictive "cop".

Another issue of importance to us in the yards is safety. As rank and file workers we must demand that safety be rigidly enforced and every time the company wants a "hot job" done, it isn't done at our expense. We need strict enforcement of California and Federal OSHA regulations! Workers

must demand a "safety strike" clause in the contract, considering the company disregards the law in relation to safety. The only time the companies care about the law is when they are forced to, and it costs them money or when it is working to their advantage like these sub-standard contracts we are working under. The very nature of our work places us in one of the most dangerous line of work in the country. We must not compound the danger to ourselves by allowing "half-ass" safety on the part of the companies, just to keep their profits soaring up and up! Our families need us whole and alive. We know the companies won't shed any tears for us.

Some of the newer workers might ask: "How have the companies gotten away with these totally sub-standard conditions?" The answer is through intimidation, fear, sweet-heart deals with some union bosses, and Unions that care much more about collecting dues than defending workers' rights. IT is these same Union leaders who would much rather go on some "fun trip" conference than provide aggressive, militant, and honest leadership. However, in recent weeks workers have asserted themselves in elections, by voting in reform ticket candidates in the Iron-workers local #627 and Machinists local #389 elections. Rank and file workers

are now demanding honest union officials. Working brothers must participate in their union meetings and let their voices be heard. All workers must present a united front through their unions, directed at the companies in the up-coming contract negotiations.

We can accept no more sellouts because workers cannot afford another long contract in the face of huge good and medical costs. It's time the companies share their profits with us workers, as it should be, so we can protect our number #1 interest, our Families!

The companies will try their old tricks of deceit to keep us divided and unorganized. They will say things like, "You'll price yourselves right out of a job" or "we can't operate under these expenses"; yet, they raise their prices to the buyers anyway, whenever their costs go up in order to keep their margin of profit high. They ask us to take the loss in order to maintain their profits yet, business has never been better. They laugh at us while we bleed!

The building and repairing of ships is no easy job and our skills and labor are often used to the utmost. But, us workers can be proud of our skills and labor. Even under the most ideal conditions our work can be treacherous and dangerous and the companies know this fact the most. We don't deny them their opportunity to prosper all we demand is our just rights: That we be allowed to move ahead with security and the respect they demand from us on the jobs.

Working brothers unite for our cause is just! Listen to no more lies and tricks for disunity is the thing that oppresses our brothers and loved ones!



POOR AND WORKING FAMILIES WILL GET HIT HARDEST BY THE FORCED STERILIZATIONS

GOVERNMENT'S SOLUTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT:

## FORCED STERILIZATIONS

Yelling "stop forced sterilization now" and "the people united will never be defeated", were some of the slogans voiced at a demonstration held on November 15, 1974. More than 150 men, women, and children marched on the Medical Center USC/L.A. County protesting the forced sterilizations practiced at that hospital. The march followed a rally at State Park in the area of Boyle Heights in Los Angeles and was organized by the Committee to Stop Forced Sterilizations.

The problem of forced sterilizations were revealed after several women individually and from organizations became aware of 150 women who were admitted into the County hospital and were sterilized under conditions which demonstrate that they did not give their full consent. According to Liz Hall

and Isabel Chavez, doctors ask for consent "when the women are in the delivery room and under sadation. The doctors coerce Spanish Speaking women into signing English documents authorizing sterilization which they do not understand. The hospitals also use other methods of pressure, such as playing husband against wife or by telling the woman that the operation is not permanent or that it is necessary for their well-being." Doctor Rosenfeld who has also exposed these practices, indicated that these same situations exist all over the country in hospitals that serve poor or ethnic groups.

Investigations done by the Committee to Stop Forced Sterilizations have shown that these practices are taking place throughout the world. In Puerto Rico, one third of the women between the ages

### EL GOBIERNO RESPONDE AL PROBLEMA DEL DESEMPLEO CON LAS ESTERILIZACIONES

## FORZADAS



LAS ESTERILIZACIONES SON LA RESPUESTA DEL GOBIERNO AL PROBLEMA DEL DESEMPLEO

todo el país en hospitales donde la clientela es pobre o de grupos étnicos. Las investigaciones del Comité han descubierto que estas mismas practicas se están llevando a cabo a lo largo del mundo. En Puerto Rico la tercer parte de las mujeres entre las edades de 29 y 49 años han sido esterilizadas. En Colombia y la India se ofrecen regalos de billes, joyería, radios transistores, etc. para que mujeres y hombres den su consentimiento. En su mayoría estos esfuerzos han sido dirigidos a personas de color o del tercer mundo, los cuales son los mas vulnerables a estos ataques.

Representantes del Comité declararon "La manera en la cual estas esterilizaciones se están llevando a cabo solo se puede interpretar como una forma de genocidio y un atentado bruto por parte de la clase dominante Americana tratando de prevenir el desarrollo de ciertas razas." Estos actos de intimidación y manipulación solo pueden interpretados como

El intento a exterminar no solo una raza pero muchas en todas partes del mundo para facilitar el desarrollo de una raza suprema es cosa que se debe tomar seriamente. Se debe ver como el desarrollo de la mentalidad que nos llevara al fascismo. Aunque doctores traten de racionalizar sus acciones diciendo que es "par a el mejara miento de la

of 29 and 49 years of age have been sterilized. In Columbia and India men and women are offered gifts of lipsticks, jewelry, transistor radios, etc., in return for their consent. These efforts of sterilization have been predominantly used on people of color or of the Third World, who unfortunately are the most vulnerable to such attacks.

The representatives of the Committee stated that "The manner in which these sterilization are being purposely instituted can only be interpreted as a subtle form of genocide and a crude act on the part of the United States' ruling class to relieve its economic crisis by preventing the growth of particular races. Such clear acts of intimidation and manipulation of Third World people can only be interpreted as a stepping stone to the same type of facism which paved the road to Nazi Germany. The attempt at exterminating not one race, but several races of people located in different places throughout the world in order to breed a master race, should not be taken lightly! It should rather, be seen for what it is, a reflexion of the kind of mentality and actions which lead to facism. Although, doctors may sincerely claim that they are carrying out forced sterilizations for "the good of the country" the truth of the matter is that they are doing it "for the good of the CLASS" whose interest they serve, the ruling class.

The sterilization of Mexican, Latin American, Asian and African women and men, and of Blacks, Chicanos, and poor whites falls within what is called population control. The idea became worldwide in 1952 when the Rockefeller family called a world conference to deal with the topic. Presently, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) provides the funds to hospitals for the purpose of population control. HEW estimated that before 1973 110,000 to 200,000 women were sterilized. Throughout the world, the Agency for International Development (AID), the CIA funded agency which provides military training for other countries) is the government source for world population control. Other private sources include the Rockefeller Foundation, the International Foundation for Planned Parent-

hood, the Council on Population, and the Ford Foundation.

The Committee to Stop Forced Sterilizations denounced the monopolies and the U.S. government for perpetrating this aggression under the pretention that poverty is created by overpopulation. This is criminal in a country that consumes a major part of the world's resources and considers itself the most civilized and advanced country in the world", declared the Committee. They accused the multi-national corporations of creating poverty by robbing the countries of Latin America, Asia, and Africa of their riches. They also indicated that here in the U.S. it is these same companies through their oppressive form of mass production, whose emphasis is on profits rather than need, that create unemployment, raise prices, and generally creates poverty. "Through our American history organized labor has been singled out as the cause of inflation, while undocumented immigrant workers are blamed for economic crisis. Now ethnic groups and the poor are blamed for their own poverty" stated Isabel Chavez and Liz Hall.

In response to a question concerning the way in which a woman can prevent forced sterilization from being performed on her, Patricia Cordova said, "As a minimal protection, a woman should demand from her doctor all information on sterilization, its disadvantages and also all information on other anti-contraceptive methods. In any case, a woman who feels her rights are being violated should consult an attorney and bring a lawsuit against the doctor or the hospital. But, this problem is only one of the many that people face in government hospitals in regards to treatment that Mexican people and the poor in general receive. Yes, we must protect ourselves as much as possible, but we feel that these violations and inadequate health care will only be eliminated when we create a society where the good and the riches produced by the people will be enjoyed by the people, and this in cludes health care." For more information write or call: Committee to Stop Forced Sterilizations' 416 S. Pecan St., Los Angeles, Calif.

mundo," declaro el Comite. Acusaron a los monopolios transnacionales de crear la pobreza robandoles a los paises de America Latina, Asia y Africa de sus riquezas. Tambien indicaron que aqui son estas companias con su clase de produccion que crean el desempleo, los precios altos y la pobreza. "Es historia americana que al trabajador organizado se le culpa de crear la inflacion. A trabajadores inmigrantes sin documentos se le culpa de crear las crisis economicas. Ahora a grupos etnicos y al pobre se le culpa de crear su propia pobreza," declararon Isabel Chavez y Liz Hall.

Respondiendo a como ahorita una mujer puede prevenir que esto le pase, Patricia Cordova dijo, "Como una proteccion minima, la mujer debe exigir al doctor toda informacion sobre la esterilizacion, las desventajas y tambien conocer otras alternativas anti-conceptivas. En cualesquier caso, si existen condiciones que hagan creer a una mujer que se le estan violando sus derechos, esa mujer tiene el derecho de consultar con un abogado y traer una demanda en contra del hospital o doctor. Pero este problema es solo uno de los que se enfrentan en hospitales del gobierno en lo que se refiere al tratamiento que se le da el mexicano y todo el pobre en general. Si, debemos protegernos lo mas posible, pero nosotros creemos que estos atropellos y el tratamiento inadecuado se eliminaran bajo una sociedad donde los bienes y las riquezas que produce el pueblo sean disfrutadas por ese pueblo, y esto incluye el tratamiento medico."

Para mas informacion, escriba o llame al Comite para Poner Fin a las Esterilizaciones Forzadas, 416 S. Pecan St., L.A., Ca. (213) 268-9929, 268-9920.

**BOMB PLANTED IN CAR**

**TERRORIST ATTACKS ON NATIONAL C.A.S.A. CONFERENCE**



On the night of Dec. 21, 1974 in Greeley, Colorado, a bomb was discovered in the car of Andres Valenzuela, a resident of Los Angeles and an activist in the national Latino organization, C.A.S.A.--General Brotherhood of Workers.

Andres Valenzuela was one of over 50 delegates attending a national meeting of C.A.S.A. held Dec. 21 & 22 in the basement of Sacred Heart Church in Greeley. The representatives came from San Antonio and New Brownfield, Texas; Chicago Illinois; Los Angeles, San Jose, Oakland, Santa Ana, and San Diego, California.

The bomb was attached to the bottom of the frame of the automobile by a rope and had two wires attached to the light and regulator of the car. It was 18" long and 6" in diameter and had it exploded could have killed any person within a 100 foot radius.

We, C.A.S.A.--General Brotherhood of Workers, denounce this vicious attack upon our organization. We view it as an attempt to stop our work of defending the civil and human rights of undocumented workers against the harassment and ploys of the government and corporations. We oppose these attempts to single out undocumented workers and blame them for the present and past economic crisis of the United States, in order to wedge a division among the Mexican people and among the working people in the United States.



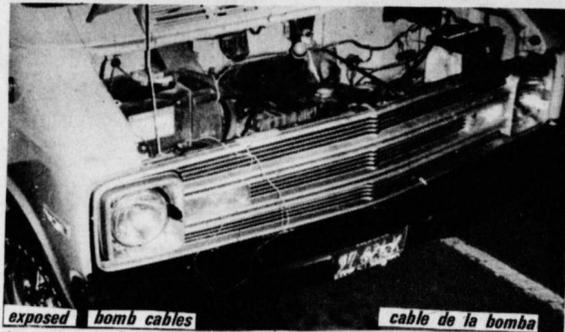
We accuse these same right-wing forces of the responsibility for the murder and injury of seven student activists in Boulder, Colorado this past May of 1974 and for perpetrating this insidious attempt upon our lives, our organization, and in essence upon the right of Mexican and Latino people to struggle for their just and rightful self-determination. To these forces we respond that we will continue in our path for our cause is just, and the future cannot be stopped by bombs.

We call upon all democratic, working and progressive organizations to denounce this act of terrorism and fascism. It is our belief that these acts constitute a menace to what little democratic rights working and poor people possess: their right to organize in their defense and for their benefit.

**AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL!!!**

**BOMBA ES ENCONTRADA EN AUTO**

**ATAQUES TERRORISTAS A JUNTA NACIONAL DE C.A.S.A.**



En la noche del día 21 de diciembre en Greeley, Colorado fue descubierta una bomba en el automóvil perteneciente a Andres Valenzuela, residente de Los Angeles y activista de la organización nacional de C.A.S.A. - Hermandad General de Trabajadores. Andres Valenzuela se encontraba como participante junto con otros 50 delegados de una junta nacional de C.A.S.A. celebrada los días 21 y 22 de diciembre en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazon en Greeley. Asistían a esta reunión representantes de San Antonio y New Brownfield, Texas; Chicago, Illinois, Los Angeles, San Jose, Oakland, Santa Ana y San Diego California.

La bomba se encontraba atada a la parte baja del armazón del automóvil por medio de un mecate y conectada con dos alambres a las luces y el generador del automóvil. Dicha bomba era de 18 pulgadas de larga y 6 pulgadas en diámetro. Si hubiera llegado a explotar habría causado la muerte de toda persona dentro de un radio de 35 metros.

Nosotros C.A.S.A.: Hermandad General de Trabajadores denunciamos a través de esta declaración dicho atentado como un esfuerzo más de poner alto a nuestra labor de defender los derechos civiles y humanos de todos los trabajadores sin documentos contra la persecución y las mañas del gobierno y de las corporaciones. Nos oponemos a la campaña

que viene realizando el gobierno de señalar a los trabajadores sin documentos y a los activistas de la presente y las anteriores crisis económicas en los Estados Unidos con el solo fin de crear la división entre el pueblo mejicano y entre los trabajadores en este país.

Acusamos a la vez a estas mismas fuerzas de derecha de responsabilidad en el asesinato y lesión de siete estudiantes activistas en Boulder Colorado el pasado mes de Mayo. Los acusamos también de perpetrar este vil atentado contra nuestras vidas, nuestra organización y principalmente el derecho del pueblo mejicano y latino de luchar por su propia determinación. A estas fuerzas les respondemos que continuaremos sobre nuestro camino pues nuestra causa es justa y al futuro no se le puede parar con bombas.

Hacemos un llamado a toda organización democrática trabajadora y progresista a que denuncien este acto de terrorismo fascista. Creemos que estos actos constituyen una amenaza contra los limitados derechos democráticos que poseen la gente obrera y pobre, en particular el derecho a organizarse en su propia defensa y para su beneficio. **UN DANO CONTRA UNO ES UN DANO CONTRA TODOS!**

**DEPRESSION 1975**

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**REASONS FOR THE CRISIS**

In order to understand why this crisis has hit so hard now, we have to understand what kept it from hitting earlier. After World War II, the US was the world's strongest country, both militarily and economically, and it tried to use this strength to control and exploit the rest of the world. US monopoly corporations, in their constant search for higher and higher profits, set up branches wherever they could. Some of the corporations' overseas profits came from the sale of their products in other parts of the industrialized world. But the real profits came in from the non-industrialized countries of the Third World. The corporations used these countries as sources of cheap labor and natural resources such as oil, copper, tin, chrome, etc. The job of the US military during this time was to "protect" these corporations and their super profits by attacking and suppressing the peoples of these nations. For example, to protect US corporate interests in Asia, the US has 30,000 troops stationed in Korea to support the right wing puppet regime. The US military is in these countries to put down any people that want to end economic and political exploitation by driving these international monopolies from their countries.

In the early 50s, the U.S. government used the same tactic as it uses today to protect its corporate interests - the policy of anti-communism. This was the beginning of the "McCarthy Era." This policy was also created to increase corporate profits, because communist countries will not allow US corporations to exploit their people or their resources, and refuse to become dependent on any other nations. Any country governed by communists, and therefore the workers of that country, ceases to be a source of super profits for US corporations.

**US PROBLEMS HIDDEN**

Because of the super-exploitation of the non-industrialized world, the problems of the US economy lay hidden for many years. The corporate profits stolen from the Third World (half of the total corporate profits) created a false sense of economic security in this country. The US rate of inflation could be kept low because US corporations forcibly controlled many of the markets and most of the resources of the countries of the world. An increase in profits could always be made by raising the prices of finished goods in the rest of the world, while keeping the price of natural resources and foreign labor fixed at low levels. Thus the industrialized countries who produced the finished goods received



Thousands of jobless workers wait at Baltimore unemployment office.

record profits while the non-industrialized countries, the source of the natural resources, received very little for their raw materials. US unemployment didn't get out of control because the corporations used foreign workers as a "reserve army" of workers. They paid them incredibly low wages when the corporations needed extra work done, and paid them nothing at all when there was no work to be done.

**THE PROBLEMS SURFACE**

Now we are better able to see, first hand, the results of corporate profits on the working people of a country. Today, US corporations are forced to pay a fair price for many natural resources such as oil, iron, and bauxite, which they must buy from other countries of the world. The oil rich countries of the Middle East were the first to demand a fair price for their natural resources. Now the only way that the corporations can increase their profits is by increasing the prices of their finished goods in the US and causing our inflation. Once the rate of inflation started to soar, the government said that we could stop inflation by spending less. We all know that this means spending less on needed social services, such as education, social security, unemployment insurance etc., while spending more on items that would increase corporate profits, such as the military. When these tactics didn't stop inflation, the capitalist "allies" of the US, started to compete with US business. Soon the corporations realized that they could no longer rule the world. The only country they could count on to protect their profits at the expense of the working people of that country was the U.S., because here the corporations control the government.

years of seniority, have been laid off. 140,000 will not get their jobs back. The unemployment funds, which were supposed to pay up to a year's salary for laid off workers, will run out in a few months. Chrysler needed an emergency loan from the nation's twenty largest banks to keep it from going broke. The experience of the auto industry predicts harder times for all workers. Twenty percent of all auto workers are out of work, the majority of these being Third World and women workers who have been hired only in the past few years. The nation's strongest monopolies are tightening their grip on the nation. If Chrysler collapses, the auto monopoly will change from the Big Three to the Big Two. And a depression for autos means a depression for many other of the nation's major industries, the people who supply the auto industry. Already, hundreds of thousands of workers have been laid off from the tire, glass, steel, aluminum, and other related industries.

**GOVERNMENT HELPS BIG BUSINESS**

The government's plan to solve the crisis of big business is clear; increase the profits of big business at the expense of the working people of the world. The government tries to make us believe that "healthy and profitable" corporations will benefit everyone by providing more jobs, more things to buy, and a better life for all. But we know that this just isn't true. Anytime business is "healthy", it is at our expense. Profits are soaring in the oil, steel, and sugar industries, but we are not benefiting from them. Prices are at record levels, and we can't afford to buy gas or sugar. A profitable industry does not even help its own workers. Migrant sugar workers make an average of about \$3400 per year, about \$1200 below the poverty level, while the profits of the sugar giants has risen as much as 1200% over the past year.

Internationally, government aid to big business means military involvement in Third World countries. Military spending has already been stepped up to increase existing installations and to add new ones in places like Diego Garcia, an island near the oil rich Middle East, and in the port of Simonstown in the racist country of South Africa. Kissinger's threat to invade the Middle East for its oil shows the government is now planning all types of military actions.

Here in the U.S., we can look for increased repression of the working class as the monopoly capitalists turn toward fascism to tighten their control of the nation. This repression will take the form of attacks by police against workers and attempts to use racism to divide the working class. The national campaign by the government against the undocumented workers is a clear example of this divide and rule method. Also, real wages will be cut even more and working conditions will get worse very quickly.

In order to defend ourselves, we workers must organize ourselves and stand together. We must fight the monopolies every step of the way and, not only defend ourselves, but take back what is rightfully ours, a decent life for all working people. We will solve our economic problems only when we workers control our country.

**HARD TIMES FOR AUTO WORKERS**

The auto industry is a good example of what has already happened in the nation, and also of what lies ahead. 1973 was a record year for the auto industry. More cars, 20 million, were sold than in any other year. Every worker in the industry faced a compulsory work week of 60 to 70 hours for months on end. The Detroit giants borrowed huge sums of money to enable them to produce more and more cars, making a fat profit on each sale. The auto industry then decided to make even higher profits in 1974, not by selling more cars, but by raising the average auto price by some \$500. But by 1974, real wages were dropping and the prices of everything were rising fast. When people had to save money by not buying something, that something, more often than not, was a \$5000 car. Now the auto industry has a 3 month stockpile of unsold cars. 250,000 auto workers, including those with eleven

**ILLEGAL ALIENS:**

**SCAPEGOATS OF ECONOMIC CRISIS**

The U.S. Government in the last few months has stepped up its campaign against the undocumented immigrant worker in this country.

In the face of major depression, the corporate and government interests are trying to shove the blame for unemployment and inflation on the least protected, and most exploited sector of the working class. The purpose of this vicious campaign is to divert the attention of the American people away from the real cause of the present economic crisis; the government policies and practices of multi-national corporations.

The corporate, and government interests, by their ownership and control of major newspapers, and television networks, have these important vehicles of communication at their disposal to manipulate public opinion against the immigrant worker.

A recent example of these efforts was the ABC news documentary - "The Illegal Alien - Gate Crashers". This corporate sponsored "documentary" attempted to drive home 3 major points to the American people: First, that the "undocumented workers in this country hold a million or more jobs. Two, that the undocumented workers are a drain on the social service funds; and three, that the undocumented workers are sending millions of dollars to their home countries.

The falseness of each of these particular points was exposed by the contradictory statements of different government officials interviewed in the program. For example, it was disclosed by a government source that "illegal aliens" hold 1 million jobs. Attorney

General Saxbe, stated that these jobs were "fairly good" jobs, many which which did not pay "slave" wages as "commonly believed". However Senator Rodino, author of the Rodino Bill, (legislation which makes it a crime to employ illegal aliens) stated that the illegal alien is exploited in this country by large business interests who pay the workers low wages, work them long hours, take money from their checks, disregard their health and welfare, and who in general exploit the fact that the workers are illegal, and unable to receive legal assistance. This statement, while expressing conditions of immigrant workers, in reality was part of Senator Rodino's political strategy to get support for his bill to pass. In actuality, his bill would impose only a minor penalty, and would essentially serve the same purpose of massive deportations - minus the inhumane stigma that the public might react to.

If anything, it became clear that in essence the jobs, be they held by legal or illegal residents, are jobs of the most menial, lowest paying, exploitative type, which only serve to increase the profits of the corporations. Additionally, despite the political double talk of both these politicians, the real question of unemployment was never placed in its proper perspective; that no group of workers can cause unemployment. Unemployment is solely the result of production cutbacks used to increase and protect corporate profits in times of economic crisis.

The second and third points regarding the Drain on the Social Service funds, and the outflow of millions of dollars



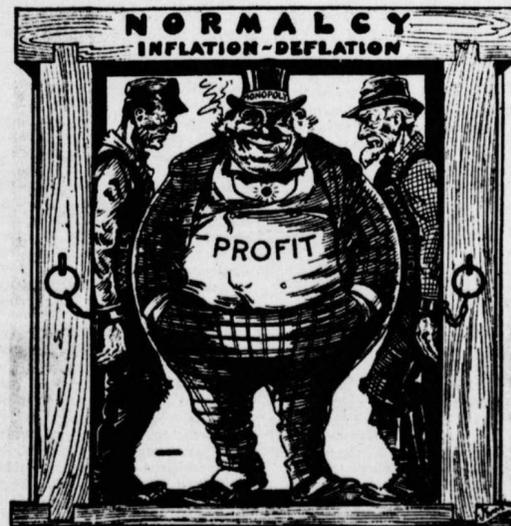
**undocumented workers living conditions**

have only to be also examined in relation to the above statements to see the distortions. The reality is that the low wages of the undocumented workers are taxed by Federal, State, and Local governments in the form of deductions, rents, and sales taxes. However because of their illegal status and the risk of deportation, most do not collect the benefits generated from these taxes such as, unemployment insurance, health care or social security.

Additionally, contrary to popular myths, that "they have it good here", it was evident by certain official reports that their conditions of living are far

from good. For example, one official from Queens, New York, reported that the areas where most immigrants lived suffered from extreme conditions of overcrowding. He remarked that in many places landlords were renting apartments built for 2 families, to 6 families. Also that many aliens while having to pay regular rent, were living in garages. All this to the benefit of the landlords profits. The last major point concerned the outflow of money to foreign countries.

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# CRISIS ECONOMICA

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suponen gobernar el mundo ya no se pueden aplicar y los mas respetados economistas del capitalismo no encuentran solucion al problema. Unos opinan que debiamos tratar de parar la inflacion puesto que no obstante nuestros esfuerzos la recesion economica sera la realidad por el resto de la decada; mientras otros son de la opinion que debemos dar fin a la recesion pues no hay nada que se pueda hacer en contra de la inflacion economica. Ambos grupos tienen razon. Bajo el sistema capitalista los precios seguiran subiendo hasta las alturas mientras cada dia nos encontramos mas y mas de nosotros sin empleo.

## RAZONES DE LA CRISIS

Para poder entender bien el por que nos pega tan duro ahora la crisis economica debemos enterarnos de que son los factores que lo han prevenido anteriormente. Despues de la segunda guerra mundial los Estados Unidos se encuentran como la nacion mas potente con respecto a la fuerza militar y economica y hace uso de esta fuerza para controlar y explotar al resto del mundo. Los monopolios integrados por varias corporaciones estadounidenses en constante busqueda de ganancias cada vez mayores establecen sucursales donde quiera que le es posible. Algunos corporaciones realizan ganancias en ultramar por concepto de la venta de sus productos en paises industrializados. Pero las mas altas ganancias provienen de las fuerzas militares estadounidenses es de "protejer" estas corporaciones y sus enormes ganancias por medio de la supresion y los ataques contra la poblacion de estos paises. Se da el ejemplo que para proteger los intereses comerciales de los Estados Unidos en el continente Asiatico se estacionan 30 mil tropas en Korea para apoyar al regimen titero derechista. Las fuerzas militares se encuentran en estos paises con el expreso fin de aplastar todo pueblo que lucha contra la explotacion economica y politica al tratar de expulsar de sus paises los monopolios internacionales.

A principios de los años 1950 el gobierno estadounidense se sirve de la misma mano que emplea hoy en dia para proteger sus intereses comerciales, o sea la practica de una poliza anti-comunista. Es el comienzo de la "era McCarthy". Esta poliza se crea como hecibulo para incrementar las ganancias de las companias estadounidenses puesto que los paises comunistas no permiten la explotacion de su pueblo o de sus recursos naturales y se rehusan a depender de otras naciones. Todo pais gobernado por comunistas y de hecho por los trabajadores de ese pais deja de ser una fuente de ganancias para las corporaciones estadounidenses.

## PROBLEMA DE LA EEUU OCULTO

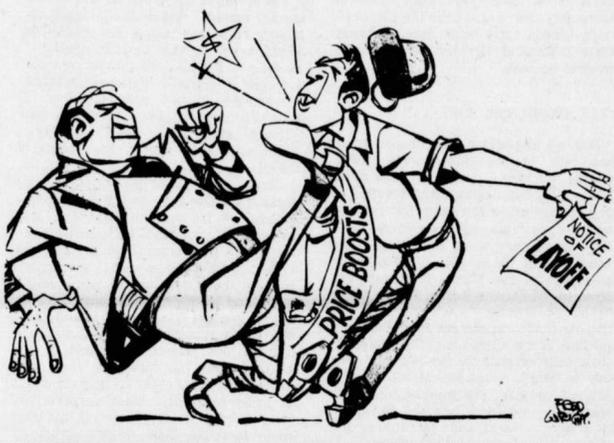
A razon de la super-explotacion realizada en los paises no-industrializados los problemas economicos permanecen escondidos por muchos años en los Estados Unidos. Las ganancias realizadas a costas de los paises del tercer mundo y que forman el 50% del total de todas las ganancias de las corporaciones estadounidenses, crean un ambiente falso de estabilidad economica en este pais. La medida de la inflacion en los Estados Unidos se mantiene a un bajo nivel porque las corporaciones estadounidenses controlan por medio de la fuerza armada gran parte de los mercados y la mayoria de los recursos naturales de los demas paises del mundo. El aumento de las ganancias se asegura al

los propuestos de los servicios sociales tales como la educacion, el seguro social y el seguro contra el desempleo, los propuestos en las areas que rinden ganancia para las corporaciones como lo es el la industria militar siguen aumentando de forma "es-pillarrada". Cuando estas taticas no tuvieron el resultado que se esperaba se decretaron los controles economicos solo imponen un limite a los salarios que se les pagan a los trabajadores a la vez que permiten aumentos a los precios de los bienes producidos y a los ganancias que de ahí se realizan. Ninguna de estas "recetas" dan exito puesto que solo sirven para quitarle el dinero al pueblo obrero y darselo a las grandes corporaciones.

Pero como ni estos programas federales permitan las ganancias que las envidiosas empresas desaban pronto se aprovecharon ellas de su posicion monopolista dentro de la economia nacional para empezar mas arriba los precios y las ganancias. Con este fin las corporaciones pactan para crear la "escasez" del trigo, maiz, aceite, madera, papel, acero, el azucar y demas produc-

ciben bien poco a cambio de sus materias primas. El desempleo en los Estados Unidos se convierte en una situacion incontrolable no a cause del uso de trabajadores extranjeros como "un ejercito obrero en reserva" puesto que a ellos se les paga de forma insultante cuando se les necesita y no se les paga cuando no hay necesidad de su trabajo.

A medida que estos pueblos explotados se dan cuenta que a pesar de sus riquezas naturales no podran desarrollarse para propio beneficio mientras sean controlados por los intereses estadounidenses, se desatan movimientos de liberacion nacional para combatir el imperialismo estadounidense. El pueblo vietnamita demuestra que las fuerzas militares de E.U. no son ya capaces de proteger los ganancias de los grandes negocios de los E.U. de tal manera que hasta otros paises industriales aliados capitalistas de los E.U. empiezan a darle competencia a las empresas de E.U. Muy pronto se dan cuenta las grandes corporaciones que no pueden gobernar todo el mundo y que el unico pais con el que pueden contar



## GOBIERNO AYUDA A LAS CORPORACIONES

Vemos entonces que la unica solucion que propone el gobierno para resolver la crisis economica es la de aumentar las ganancias de las corporaciones a expensas de los trabajadores del mundo haciendolos creer que las corporaciones "saludables" significan mas empleos, mas cosas que comprar y una vida mejor para todos. Pero bien hemos visto que esto no es verdad ya que a pesar de las enormes ganancias que realizan las empresas aceleradas y azucareras los precios suben a niveles que no nos permiten comprar ni gasolina ni azucar. Las mismas industrias que tantas venajas sacan no ayudan ni a sus propios empleados. Los trabajadores de los campos azucareros ganan un promedio de \$3400 por año o sea \$1200 menos que el nivel minimo de pobreza mientras que las ganancias de las gigantes azucareras han aumentado mas del 1200% el ultimo año.

En el extranjero la ayuda que presta el gobierno a las empresas significa la intervencion militar en los paises del tercer mundo. Los gastos militares han aumentado a efecto de engrandecer las presentes instalaciones y establecer otras en sitios estrategicos como la isla de Diego Garcia en el medio oriente y en el puerto de Simonstown en el pais racista del Africa del Sur. Las declaraciones de Kissinger amenazando la invasion del medio oriente a consecuencia del aceite que hai se encuentra, demuestra que el gobierno esta planeando todo tipo de accion militar.

Aqui en Estados Unidos podemos esperar la ezcalacion de la represion contra la clase obrera a medida que el capitalismo monopolista se apresura hacia la dictadura fascista para apretar su control sobre el pais. Esta represion se manifestara en la forma de ataques policiaicos contra los trabajadores y el uso del racismo para dividir a los trabajadores. La campana nacional del gobierno contra los trabajadores sin papeles es claro ejemplo de esta tatica.

## TIEMPOS Duros PARA OBREROS DEL AUTO

En la industria automovilista se ve el ejemplo de lo que ha sucedido en este pais y de lo que nos espera en el futuro. Vemos aqui que basandose en la venta de 20 millones de autos en 1973 cifra nunca antes alcanzada y con una semana laboral de 60 a 70 horas, las empresas gigantes de Detroit piden prestadas enormes sumas de dinero para incrementar su produccion y realizar fuertes ganancias en cada venta, y en 1974 se proponen au-

mentar aun mas las ganancias en su birle el valor de cada automovil un promedio de \$500. Pero como hemos visto que ya para entonces los efectos de la decadencia de los salarios reales, o sea lo que verdaderamente se puede comprar un automovil que le cuesta \$5000. La industria de automoviles se encuentra ahora con tres meses de produccion para la cual no hay mercado y se ve obligada a reducir el numero de sus empleados a razon de 250 mil, de los cuales 140 mil no recuperaran su puesto. Los fondos para pagar a los desempleados se agotaran en unos cuantos meses y la Chrysler se vio forzada a solicitar prestamos de los 20 bancos principales de la nacion para permanecer a flote.

La experiencia de la industria automovilista nos augura temporadas mas dificiles para todos los trabajadores. El veinte por ciento de los trabajadores en automoviles se encuentran sin empleo integrados en su mayoria por personas del tercer mundo y mujeres a quienes se les habia empleado en años recientes. Los mas fuertes monopolios estan apretando el control que ejercen en el pais. Si las Chrysler Corporation cae, el monopolio automovilista se convertira de los Tres Grandes en los Dos Grandes de la industria. Ademais que una depresion el la industria automovilista significa la depresion en otras principales industrias que provien las fabricas de automoviles como lo son las industrias de vidrios, de acero, de aluminio y de hules.

# SAN DIEGO MARINE OBREROS DEL ASTILLERO SE ORGANIZAN

## BLACK-BALLED

El viernes, 13 de diciembre fue un dia oscuro en la historia de la gerencia de la San Diego Marine Construction Company. Fue en este dia cuando tomo lugar una demostracion en 1ª calle Sampson en San Diego. La demostracion se planeo para que ocurriera a la hora de la comida de los trabajadores en la planta. Toda la accion fue planeada y hecha por un grupo de gente que antes habian sido empleados de la San Diego Marine Construction Company y tambien por gente que apoyaba a ese grupo. Anteriormente estos mismos trabajadores se enfrentaron a la compania y exijieron mejores y mas justas condiciones de trabajo. Pero despues de esto, misteriosamente los corrieron ahora parece que a causa de esa protesta no les quieren dar trabajo ni en la SDMCC ni en ningun otro lugar en el embarcadero. Estos hombres han tratado de conseguir trabajo en la NASSCO, Cambells, y en Triple A. Todos estos lugares son companias que hacen barcos pero sospechosamente no les han querido dar trabajo. La situacion ha llegado al punto que nomas con enseñar sus caras, estos trabajadores en los oficinas de alguna compania les dicen que no hay trabajo. A estos hombres los han marcado como busca pleitos o causa problemas por la compania. A causa de esto no les quieren dar trabajo pero a otros que vienen despues a buscar empleo luego los pescan y les dan trabajo. Se esta poniendo cada dia mas claro que la gerencia en la embarcadero ha hecho un lista de nombres de trabajadores causa problemas o sea la "bola negra". Estos trabajadores no tienen miedo de levantarse y de demandar sus derechos. No solamente los han marcado como la bola negra sino que tambien los jefes de su union se resisten a apoyar sus demandas. Una de las escusas usada por una de las uniones para explicar su falta de accion fue de acusar a los trabajadores de haber participado en un "wildcat" o sea una huelga sin el permiso de la union, cuando en realidad fue una protesta legal y los trabajadores y habian salido de trabajar. Los lideres de la union se han negado a dar ayuda firme, aparte de sus falsas promesas.

Con estos problemas (algunos de nosotros sin trabajo desde hace 11 meses) y sin otra salida nosotros los trabajadores nuestras familias y gente que nos apoya organizamos una demostracion y marchamos en linea frente de la SDMCC por dos razones. Priemero para que todos supieran nuestra situacion y así causar algo de presion en la compania y en los lideres de la union. Y segundo para informar a los demas companeros trabajadores que tambien estan luchando para mejores condiciones de trabajo. Queriamos enseñar con esto que la lucha de los que llamamos la bola negra y la lucha de los otros trabajadores es la misma. Sabemos bien que como trabajadores el enemigo es el mismo y que juntos y unidos podemos mejor lograr lo que queremos. Esperamos que cuando los companeros dentro de la planta vieran lo que estaba pasando en frente de la SDMCC ellos iban a salir para juntarse con nosotros, y muchos hicieron eso.

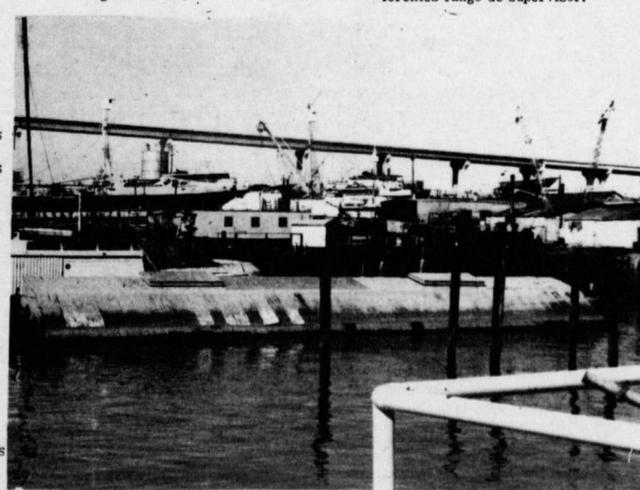
La demostracion fue muy bien organizada y planeada por adelantado. Se tomaron todas las precauciones para que los otros trabajadores no perdieran su trabajo. Hubo un abogado y tambien estuvieron las estaciones de radio y de television de San Diego.



La marcha empezo a las 11:15 como panacea. Por algun tiempo estuvieron enfrente en las banquetas de SDMCC. Despues se movieron al lote de estacionamiento donde se juntaron con varias docenas de trabajadores que salieron de adentro. Algunos de ellos hasta cojieron carteles. La demostracion duro como 45 minutos, con mas companeros de la yarda juntandose con nosotros. Unidos con muchos companeros parados al otro lado de la calle. Estos companeros generalmente estaban apoyando pero tambien tenian precaucion por sus trabajos. Esto se entiendo considerando el monton de supervisores que andaban dando vueltas como buitres con sus camaras.

A estos companeros les decimos que comprendemos su precaucion pero que con el tiempo que pase y cuando vean lo que puede hacer nuestra organizacion van a juntarse con nosotros para luchar por mejores condiciones de trabajo y de vivir.

Sintiendo que ha biamos mostrado nuestro punto de vista y con mucho animo, se termino la demostracion a las 12:00 y así nuestros companeros trabajadores tuvieron tiempo para regresar a la yarda a su trabajo.



Aqui no se termina nuestra accion y que la lucha de los trabajadores por una vida mejor nunca se acaba. Este ha sido nuestro primer paso en esa direccion. Pedimos a los companeros trabajadores que estan en la yarda que tengan atencion a lo que hagamos despues y a los folletos que haremos en el futuro.

## HISTORIA

- A) El 14 de Noviembre de 1973, hubo una demostracion en San Diego Marine en protesta de la discriminacion en contra de las masas minoritarias que buscaban promocion, inclusive el echo de que estos poseian mas tiempo de vegez en el trabajo.
- B) Como resultado de estas injusticias una lista de demandas fueron escritas como una peticion que posea por lo menos 100 firmas. La peticion incluia lo siguiente:
  - 1) Bob Young y otros Supervisores trabajando en San Diego Marine han y estan discriminando a los Mexicanos.
  - 2) Queremos empleados Mexicano-Chicano en la oficina de Personal, al presente los que estan hay no hablan ni comprenden el espanol.
  - 3) Queremos supervisores Mexicanos como Leadmen, capatazes, y en los diferentes rango de supervisor.

4) Queremos igualdad en sobretiempo de empleo para los empleados Mexicanos. 5) En general queremos mejores medidas de seguridad como: mas iluminacion, ventilacion, etc., y mas banos limpios. C) Con ningun apoyo de los dirigentes de la union los hermanos fueron a buscar apoyo a la Federacion Chicana. Logrando solo conseguir unas cartas de protesta de parte de la Federacion para Mr. Bob Standers gerente general de San Diego Marine y para Dave Chamber, presidente del Machinist Union, Distrito #50, ningun soporte fue logrado. Los trabajadores fueron dejados suspendidos tanto como por la union y la federacion. El verdadero interes de la federacion Chicana, que debemos senalar, es que es un programa de fondos federales controlados por United Way. Ellos deben seguir cierto criterio sino, no pueden recibir fondos. Si la Federacion protesta bien fuerte, o contribuye con cierto grupo o problema que sea al contrario de los intereses del gobierno y las corporaciones, perderan sus fondos. Se nota que los ideales de estos llamados lideres de la comunidad no va mas alla que su salario mensual. Esto fue demostrado en su limitado apoyo a los hermanos de San Diego Marine. Todos los programas de fondos federales son inadecuados porque fondos del gobierno significa control del gobierno. Estas agencias son formadas para dividir a la gente y por un precio siempre encontraran a una persona minoritaria para llenar sus posiciones. Estos programas y sus empleados son nada mas que poverty pimps.

D) Chambers y Flint (agente de negocios para la local 389) vinieron a la yarda y le digeron a los hermanos que presentaran sus quejas a la union y que esta se lo presentaria a la compania. Los obreros le dieron 7 dias a la compania para que actuara en estas demandas, sino futuras acciones militantes iban a ser tomadas." La respuesta de la empresa fue el de establecer su propia investigacion. La verdad es que la compania solo entrevisto a dirigentes de personal y capatazes. Ni siquiera se preocuparon en preguntarles a los verdaderos obreros. No es esta, la democracia tipica de la compania.

E) El dia 23 de enero, 1974, los trabajadores tuvieron otra demostracion para protestar el transferimiento del shop steward John Clay al edificio #5. Clay habia sido un activo apoyador de los derechos de los obreros y a la compania no le gustaba eso. Por esto la compania usó una tatica burocrata para sacarlo del camino a el. Mas de 100 obreros estaban en apoyo de Clay y no iban a permitir que Clay fuera transferido. Todos los hermanos se salieron antes de la hora de almuerzo para que la compania no pudiera llamar esto una huelga en contra del contrato. Joe Lions (uno de los changos de la compania), supervisor, empezo a gritarle a los obreros que si no regresaban a sus trabajos todos iban ser expulsados de sus trabajos. Como los hermanos habian tomado la precaucion de haberse salido en hora de almuerzo Lions no pudo hacer nada y al fin se callo la boca. De ahí los hermanos fueron al centro de la union para conseguir apoyo. Chambers no apoyo a los obreros, la compania empezo a identificar a los hermanos militantes. En total la compania senalo a 25 obreros. Le dieron a Clay y a Palma (otro Shop Steward militante) 2 semana de suspension sin salario, y a otros 25 le dieron 3 dias de suspension. Nuevamente Chambers no apoyo a los hermanos. Chambers y los agentes de negocio (Lewis y Flint) ya habian sido elegidos a un nuevo termino en la union y ya que estaban electos no le importaba ni hacer promesas falsas.

Otro metodo usado por la compania para senalar y aislar a los hermanos, como tambien impedirlos que consigan empleo, ha sido el famoso "codigo de conducta". Esto fue traído a la yarda en la primera semana de Mayo de 1974.

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# SAN DIEGO MARINE

## BLACK-BALLED WORKERS

### PICKET-DEMONSTRATION

Friday, Dec. 13 was a black day in the history of management at San Diego Marine Construction Company. It was on this day that a demonstration and picket took place at the foot of Sampson St. in San Diego. The demonstration was planned to concur with the lunch hour of the rank and file workers in the plant. The action was organized and staged by a group of former employees at SDMCC and their sympathizers. It was these same workers who stood up to the company and demanded just and safe working conditions and then were mysteriously laid off. It now appears that because of these acts of protest they are now denied employment not only at SDMCC but all along the waterfront. These men have attempted to acquire employment at NASSCO, Campbells, and Triple AAA, all of which are ship-building companies and have been suspiciously turned down. It has gotten to the point where all these workers have to do is to show their face to a company employment office to be denied a job. These individuals have been branded troublemakers in the eyes of the company. Hence these workers are consistently being refused employment while those who came after them are quickly grabbed up at the first chance. It is becoming obvious that the management on the waterfront has compiled a Black Balled list of workers. These workers are not afraid to stand up and demand their rights.

### UNION

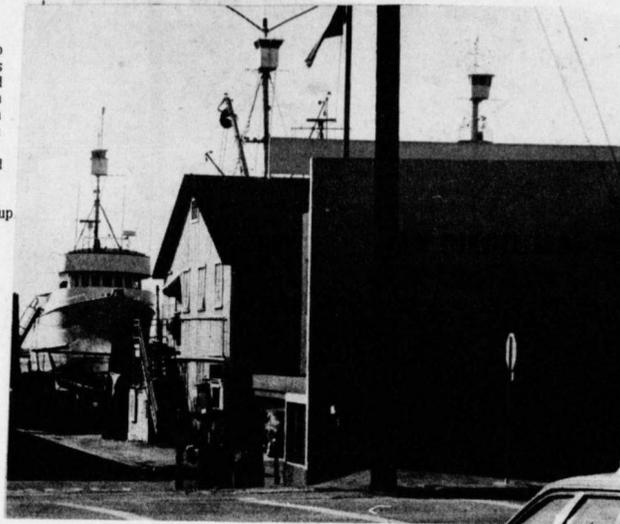
Alongside the direct action of black balling on the part of the companies, the workers are confronted with their union leadership's inaction and unwillingness to support their demands. One of the excuses used by one of the union's B.A.'s to explain their inaction was to accuse the workers of having participated in a "wildcat" when in reality it was a legal protest with the workers actually having punched out. The union leadership has refused us any concrete help up to now except their usual empty promises.

Facing these problems (some of us out of work for 11 months) and being left no alternatives, the black balled workers and our families and supporters set up a demonstration picket line in front of SDMCC with 2 things in mind. First we hoped to expose our conditions



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SAN DIEGO MARINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, (main gate).

### HISTORY

to the public (thus exerting some pressure on the company and the union leadership as well) and secondly to inform and unite with our brothers in the yard who are also struggling for better working conditions. The goal of these efforts is to show that the struggle of the black balled and rank and file brothers are one and the same. We have a clear understanding that as workers we have a common enemy and that through united action we can better achieve our end result.

It was hoped that once the brothers in the plant saw what was going on in front of SDMCC, they would come out and join us. Many of them did.

The picket demonstration was very well organized and planned well in advance. All precautions were taken to ensure the safety of the workers jobs. Legal aid was present in the form of a lawyer. Also present were the different radio and television stations in San Diego.

The picket itself commenced at 11:15 as planned and for a period of time we picketed in front of the sidewalks of SDMCC and later moved to the parking lot where we were joined by several dozen brothers from inside the yard. They also joined in the chants and some actually took up picket signs. The demonstration lasted some 45 minutes with more brothers from the yard coming out to join us in unity with a large number of brothers standing across the street watching. These brothers in most cases were supportive but at this point cautious about their own jobs especially considering the number of white hats (supervisors) circling the area like buzzards with their cameras. To these brothers we reply that as time goes by and they witness our organizing ability, they will more than willingly join our ranks and engage in the struggle for better living and working conditions.

Feeling that we had expressed our points and leaving in high spirits the demonstration ended at 12:00 thus giving our working brothers time to get back in the yard. This is not the end of our action for the struggle of the working people for a better life is never finished. This is but our first step in that direction. We ask all our brothers in the yard to keep an eye open for our actions and leaflets in the future.



which is contrary to corporate and state interests their funding will be cut. It then becomes evident that the commitment of these so-called community leaders goes no further than their paychecks. This was demonstrated through their limited support of the brothers at San Diego Marine. All federally-funded programs are inadequate because government funding means government control and therefore such funding means they do not serve the needs of the community. They are put there to divide up the people and they will always find their token minorities to fill these positions for the right price. These minorities who fall for these programs are nothing but "poverty pimps."

D) Chambers and Flint (Business agent for LL389) came into the yard and told the brothers that "you people have never told us anything." Therefore a Committee of 5 was selected by the brothers to present the demands to the company. The company was given seven days to act on these demands or "further militant action would be taken. The company's response to these demands was to state that their own investigation did not find these conditions in the yard. The fact is that the company only questioned management personnel and "white hats." They did not even bother to ask the rank and file worker. Now isn't that true democracy for a company.

E) On January 23, 1974 the brothers had another demonstration to protest the transfer of John Clay (Shopsteward) to building 5. Clay has been very active in the support of workers rights and the company does not like that. Therefore the company used a bureaucratic tactic to get him out of the way. Over a hundred brothers were in support of Clay and they were not going to let him be transferred. All the brothers punched out before lunch so the company could not call it a Wildcat Strike. Joe Lions (supervisor) started yelling at the brothers that if they did not go back to work they would all be fired on the spot. Since the brothers had punched out before lunch Lions could not do this, so the brothers went to the union hall for support.

Chambers did not back up the workers and when the company found out it began to identify and single out workers. The company singled out 25 workers. It gave Clay and Palma (Shopsteward) two weeks suspension and 23 other brothers 3 days suspension without pay. After this act of the company, Chambers agains did not support the brothers. Chambers and the business agents (Lewis & Flint) at that time had just been elected for another four year term, so they did not have to sweat their jobs. (Business Agents make \$1,900 a month plus expenses.) Also a motion was put on the floor at a union meeting that the brothers who were suspended be paid

# SHIPYARD WORKERS ORGANIZE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1974, SAN DIEGO MARINE PROTES

### GRIEVANCES

1) Racial discrimination is being used by the company and union to divide workers and to promote those who are us who are unqualified. For example, "on one occasion a Black leadman was downgraded and when a new leadman was appointed he was a Anglo." Just to mention another example, "an employee by the name of Redd, who began as a Machinists Helper, after 2 1/2 years of hard work still remains in that position, while two other Anglo employees who began at the same level have been allowed to advance to the position of a journeyman. In order to demonstrate who is receiving preference, one person was refused employment as an apprentice in order for Mr. Holbest's son to be hired. Discrimination is getting to the point were supervisors are openly using such racist expressions as "you god-damn Mexican". As a means of legal protest workers have presented grievances and petitions to the union leadership with no apparent results. This type of inaction says alot about our union's unofficial policy of enforcing seniority among all workers. It also shows how the company and union leadership has used racism as a tool to divide us.

2) Overtime is not being equally distributed: most of it goes to company favorites. If you have voiced your opinion against these injustices, you can bet you will not be asked to work overtime or on weekends. It is not that we want to be further exploited for our labor power, it is because with continued inflation, rising unemployment and corrupted union leadership, that has put us in this position of prostituting ourselves for a few more dollars.

3) There has been no union action on workers grievances. All one has to do is see how many grievances are on file, as well as grievances in arbitration to see the inaction by the union leadership. At best Chambers might write a letter on your behalf, but that is where it is left.

4) The company keeps hidden work records. Because we as workers have protested to the company and union, the company has started to make note of this in regards to certain brothers. The brothers are not allowed to see their records or the chief shop-stewards. 5. Workers are forced to sign affidavits under penalty of perjury to verify that we showed up to work on a rainy day: We were forced to sign this affidavit. It did not matter to the company whether it was against our constitutional rights or not, for the company always ends up getting us out of the yard

6. There are unsafe working conditions such as lack of proper ventilation, blowers, electrical outlets, scaffolding, lighting and safety enforcement. We have filed grievances against company for welding near foaming, and not enough blowers and ventilation in the double bottoms. Flint (the business agent) LIKES TO BOAST ABOUT San Diego

Marines good safety record, by saying it has one of the highest records of safety enforcement in all the yards in San Diego. What it really means is San Diego Marine has the highest rate of reported safety violations with continued repeated violations by the company; that is why San Diego Marines record is so high.

7. We are stuck in the Fish holes and double bottoms for up to 3 months as punishment. An ex-worker who supported our first demonstration was put in the double bottoms for over six months, and this type of harassment continues with other brothers.

8. We are having to ask permission and fill out 310 forms just to get first aid: Further harassments by the company has forced us to deal with paper work before our health. To maintain their red-tape, permission and a form must be filled out before going for first-aid.

9. The 2 minute whistle warning is being used to threaten workers. This demonstrates continued exploitation for profits even down to the minute.

10. More and more union dues and less representation: The consistency of our union leadership's corruption continues when Luis and Flint, our business agents went to a conference at our expense and voted to raise our union dues. These "pigs", make \$1900.00 a month plus expenses and we pay for it.

11. Juan Garcia, a shop-steward transferred to night shift: Juan who has continually stood up for workers rights and safety has been put in the double bottoms and for his support of the Black-balled brothers on December 13, 1974, he was given his transfer papers to the night shift. This would leave the workers with no shop-steward or at best, one who would not stand-up for the workers.

Another method used by the company to single out the brothers (as well as blackball some from getting jobs anywhere along the waterfront) is the "Code of Conduct." This was brought into the yard on May 1, 1974. The union fought against it but lost in arbitration and it was left at that with no appeal by the union. This "Code of Conduct" requires automatic dismissal for a limited number of "tardies" and also requires workers to give prior notice if they can't come to work. This second requirement, however, has been applied selectively and only certain activist brothers have been fired. Thus it is obvious that the company is using this "code" as a tool to rid itself of unwanted workers. Another method used by the company is to put workers in the Fish holes and double bottoms for long periods of time, forcing the brother to work under extremely dangerous conditions or quit. The company to this day continues to use this tactic to harass and intimidate workers who stand up for their rights.

All these grievances show the daily conditions we face. To make things worse the union leadership has been

working hand and hand with management to exploit us even more: Despite all these obstacles in our way, we will emerge victorious when we form a united block and take back what is ours.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE

Many brothers and sisters get frustrated and feel hopeless about their situation after having to face unjust and unsafe working conditions day in and day out and never witnessing any change. Their frustration is further compounded by the deaf ear and turned backs of the union leadership that is supposed to help them. This frustration is understandable to a point. But this situation cannot be allowed to continue if we expect to bring about any changes in our lives.

Up to now most of us have come to depend on the actions of a few individuals for help and assistance in our work. Primarily these individuals have been the union leadership. As we have seen a few union leaders can easily get bought off and destroy what is really a good concept, a union. The principle behind a union is that there is strength in numbers; once united we can act together for the betterment of all. Considering that the concept is still good, let's put it to work for us. United in numbers we can not only help each other but avoid having to depend on individuals. Our task then becomes to unite with our rank and file brothers and sisters in an effort to put a stop to the unjust conditions we are facing. This kind of rank and file action takes

many shapes: talking about your conditions to brothers in the yard, hitting up our officials about our grievances day in and day out, taking an active participation in our union meetings, protesting with other brothers and sisters against unjust and unsafe conditions, etc. with a clear understanding that something has to be wrong with a system that turns the workers labor into the bosses riches.

### ORGANIZING

The most important thing we must do, is to realize that we will always face these trade union problems under this capitalist economic system, and that these problems will go away only after we do away with capitalism. But in order to change this system, we have to understand what it is. We must study how capitalism works, who it benefits, who is used by it, and how it is maintained. Only after we have understood capitalism, will we be able to deal with it effectively and permanently.

This organizing work is not an easy task. It is a slow process with a lot of hard work. But it assures us that we are not getting sold out or that things are being done against our wishes.

At San Diego Marine we are facing two main problems. First we have the problem of the black balled workers (mentioned before) and the other is the day to day struggle for the brothers and sisters who are still working. There exist two avenues in dealing with these problems. The first option is that of filing grievances with the union, the NLRB and the courts. But as a rule we know we can't depend on these

because they only serve the bosses interests. That is not to say that at times it can't be used as a tactic. Our second option is what we have been talking about all along. That is organizing ourselves into a strong rank and file group that has to be reckoned with and that can't be bought out or sold out, led down the wrong path. The result of such rank and file organizing was the demonstration at SDMCC Dec. 13, 1974. We achieved this by working and putting pressure on the union from within and without, trying to resolve our problems, bringing about change slowly but surely and standing up and taking back what is rightfully ours, the product of our work.

Our labor is the basis of all the wealth and riches of this country's economy. Workers not bosses should have the right to control their labor and the products of their labor.

The way things are now, the bosses are getting richer and the workers are getting poorer. Its about time we stood up and changed the system that causes unsafe working conditions, unemployment, racism, and inflation.



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**TOLTECAS BAY AREA**  
**WOMEN ORGANIZE IN FACTORY**



Toltec Foods Inc., is a factory of Mexican foods. When it began approximately 20 years ago there were only 6 workers employed. Now it is part of the powerful Canadian corporation IMASCO and employs from 150 - 175 workers, the majority who are Mexican and Chicana women.

The workers of the Tolteca are organizing; they are tired of many injustices such as; the cut backs in work time, the neglect of spray for burns, and the necessity of buying their own uniforms when it was the responsibility of the company. The company pays miserable salaries for hard work. These are the reasons why the workers of the Tolteca are (determined) to struggle for their rights. They recognize that they are going to struggle as workers, Mexicans, Chicanas, and women. They have demonstrated that they can and they know how to organize, now that they have done it, and in order to defend their rights as human beings they have organized to fire a supervisor that had the nerve to mistreat and push any one of the workers she could.

For 6 years the workers of the Tolteca have organized and struggled in order to obtain a union that will represent and fight for their interests. Very readily realized that the mistreatment, the bad working conditions, the low salaries, and the constant violation

of their rights as workers were not decreasing. The conditions of the workers continued worsening, they were refused medicines supposedly because the company was losing money by buying medicine - the spray for the burns, the little bandaids and other medicines were replaced by the cure-all miracle medicine, the aspirin!

The Tolteca is a factory where besides making profits at the expense of the low salaries of the workers, they additionally rob the women of their hours they have worked, by not paying them for the hours on their time cards, at times 15 minutes, other days half hours and in many cases - half days.

In order to increase production, hence profits, they raise the machines to their maximum speed, with no regard for the workers or the product. A result of the speed-up is that certain workers cannot adjust to the new pace, these workers are victimized while the others who are forced to adjust are praised. In this way the management attempts to pit worker against worker and divide them; But the women all know these divisive tactics are used to increase the profits for the company. Besides robbing them of their work, the mistreatment and the humiliation are daily occurrences. There have been cases of workers having been hit. As a means of "discipline", for arriving 5

minutes late, the workers are docked 2 hours from their pay. They are also changed from one spot to another, as punishment for talking.

In spite of having a union, they have no person that represents them during the working hours. They only have one shop steward for all the factory. This means that the shop steward has to represent 150-175 workers for 3 shifts and her free-time, so to speak is her break or lunch hour.

The wages are very low, the workers beginning salary is \$2.55 an hour, and the regular salary is \$2.75 an hour.

The worker with 13 years seniority only makes \$3.00 an hour.

As if this was all, the contract is constantly violated, for example in the contract, the company agreed to pay for the uniforms, as well as to clean them; and the majority of the workers have received uniforms but forget about getting them washed.

You ask what happened to the union that the workers struggled for? Shamefully the Bartenders and Culinary workers local 595 is a sold out bueracratic union that only takes action with pressure and organization by the workers; because the union fights for the interests of the company. These are various examples: The contract is useless because it only protects the interests of the union as an institution. The workers can barely use it because it is unclear, and full of legal language therefore can not be interpreted in a way which does not favor the workers.

Perhaps the officials were so embarrassed of this contract they never gave a copy to the workers. The women in order to finally obtain a copy had to seek help from C.A.S.A. - un centro de defensa.

It is a contract that in 6 years never has been translated although the majority of the workers only read Spanish. The contradictions of the union are so blatant they are absurd. When they finally gave all the workers the contract it was the same contract the representatives from C.A.S.A. had translated months before at the request of the workers, (all the union did was make photostatic copies.

In the case of the uniforms - the union shop steward refused to present to the company the petition signed by the majority of the workers, her immediate reaction was to defend the interests of the company and instead suggested methods by which the women could clean the uniforms themselves.

The irony is that with all this, they still wanted to raise the union dues. The representative of the local 595 - the blood sucker "Jim", makes a total of \$21,081 a year by only walking pretty.

But the party days are ending for local 595. Besides the pressure by the

organized forces of workers in the Tolteca, perhaps the factory where the local has the most of its members; the unions International Conference, was picketed by other member of the local that also had grievances and disagreements. Further, the unions financial situation is sad. Their costs come to a total of \$51,545.00 but the money coming in is only \$42,846.00 - this means they lost some \$8,699.00.

As it has been said, the supervisor is responsible for many of the workers problems. In the discussions with Jim (the representative of the union) he told one of the workers that the company would never fire the supervisor because the way she rides the workers helps the company make more profits. Also she knows who all the undocumented workers are and uses this to pay them what pleases her. This seems to suggest that she has a racket of her own.

This is very important because like we have said, the Toltec is not simply a food factory. It is part of the Canadian IMASCO Corporation with subsidiaries in the U.S. and Canada. They are subsidiaries consisting of cigarette companies as well as Italian and Mexican food services. In May of 1973, the S&W foods, subsidiary of the IMASCO bought the Tolteca. After they had done this the corporation in their annual report stated that this was a significant step in their evergrowing efforts to occupy an important role in the expanding business of Mexican food products.

Their profits grow by leaps and bounds. The IMASCO began as an insignificant company in 1912, its development was not accelerated until 1964. After 64, its growth covered much ground. The future of this corporation seems to be bright. The Wall Street Journal reports that in the fiscal quarter that ended September 30, 1974, the IMASCO 3rd quarter sales increased by \$33,004,600. We recall that this is the total of the IMASCO multi-divisional corporation that functions in Canada and the United States.

But the discontent of their workers is going to create problems. In 1972 the workers of the subsidiary UNICOS FOOD LTD - a factory of Italian products stopped work for 1 week. It only rests to say that the workers of the Tolteca have the tradition of being very militant and united women, who are determined to defend their rights as workers; they understand that only by means of organization and education will they end the many violations, mistreatments, and low salaries that are the base of the immense profits of the Toltec Food Inc. - Profits that in the final story will increase the economic power of IMASCO.

nos trata de ahogar en formas, antes de darnos ayuda medica.

9) El uso del pito de dos minutos ha sido hecho para amenazarnos con la perdida de nuestro empleo, sino nos conformamos a los deseos de la compania La compania nos quiere explotar hasta el ultimo minuto.

10) Como ejemplo de la incompetencia de los dirigentes de la union tenemos el caso de nuestra fiesta navidena. En nuestra junta de Diciembre de la local 389, el que entonces era presidente Freeman, nos dijo publicamente que ya



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**CIA's STRATEGY FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT**

The leaders of the AFL-CIO have consistently worked to suppress labor unrest at home and support U.S. imperialism abroad. In this country they have applied a two-pronged labor strategy. Its essential goals are:

- i) to build a privileged sector of union bureaucrats - a labor aristocracy that will defend corporate interests
  - ii) to replace labor militancy and strikes with labor-management co-operation and collective bargaining.
- The AFL-CIO and its labor affiliates abroad such as the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD) in Latin America have similar goals.

In 1962, at the height of cold war hysteria, John Kennedy, AFL-CIO President George Meany and corporate executive J. Peter Grace announced the beginning of a new agreement among labor, business and government at the founding of the AIFLD. The general approach of the AIFLD is laid out by William C. Doherty, Jr., Executive Director:

"After the AFL-CIO had decided to set up the organization... people like David Rockefeller and J. Peter Grace... decided that we had a lot to gain from cooperating in Latin America... What we did was set up the AIFLD in co-operation with management."

No wonder some of the corporate supporters of AIFLD include the mining companies - Kennecott, Anaconda, and American Smelting & Refining (who fought battles with U.S. workers in the Mine Mill & Smelter Workers and the United Steel Workers Union), the Rockefeller Corporations and the United Fruit Co. William Doherty explains why these corporations finance the AIFLD:

"We are collaborating with the Council on Latin America which is made up of the primary U.S. business institutions that have activities in Latin America. Our collaboration takes the form of trying to make the investment climate more attractive and more inviting to them."

In an AIFLD pamphlet, "A Decade of Worker to Worker Co-operation," Peter Grace, chairman of the board of AIFLD gives further insight into the purpose of the organization:

"We need to understand that today the choice in Latin America is between democracy and communism... In this organization (AIFLD) we have a joint venture that the communists cannot hope to match."

The choice of AIFLD personnel reflects the intelligence aspects of the organization. Most AIFLD staff have absolutely no legitimate labor experience. Instead, they are mainly retired army officers and former employees of the CIA, Military Intelligence and the State Department. AIFLD's policy reflects the mentality of the CIA men that run it. In a speech in 1966, AIFLD Director Doherty argues:

"The key question of our time is the future road of Latin America's revolution; toward communist totalitarianism or toward democracy. For the American labor movement this is one of the paramount, pivotal issues; all other questions... must remain secondary."

It is to be expected that an organization like AIFLD would serve the interests of U.S. corporations rather than the interests of the workers. It is also to be expected that the AIFLD would oppose communism since communists work and fight for the rights of the workers. Therefore, the AIFLD raises the false issue of anti-communism and intentionally avoids such primary worker's issues as wages, workers' conditions and living conditions.

Yet AIFLD doctrine merely reflects the thinking of the AFL-CIO leaders in this country. George Meany's statement in Oct. 1969 is almost identical in its implications to Doherty's speech. Meany states:

"We sincerely believe that the extension of dictatorship anywhere - which is always accompanied by the destruction of free unions, represents



a threat to freedom everywhere in the world."

Thus Meany defines a "free" union as one which will take money from AIFLD and orders from Washington. This justifies the AFL-CIO acceptance of a right wing dictatorship in Brazil and a regime in Chile that murders progressive trade-union militants and suppresses the union movement.

Many of the millions of dollars spent by the CIA on Chile were funneled through the AIFLD. With the election of Allende, the AIFLD increased the participation of Chileans in its training programs by 400%. This speed-up multiplied AIFLD contacts and information. The CIA through the AIFLD wished to

smash the power of the democratic Central Confederation of Workers (CUT). To undermine this labor federation, the AIFLD made use of the Chilean Maritime Federation whose membership is largely maritime officers, many of whom served in the navy.

The AIFLD was also active among elite professional employees: engineers, supervisors and executives. In May 1971, the AIFLD assisted the formation of the Confederation of Chilean Professionals (CUPROCH) which initiated a strike of professional employees in the copper mines several months prior to the coup and supported the truck owners' and merchants' strike in Oct. 1972. The CIA through the AIFLD wished to

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ciones, para anunciar un nuevo acuerdo entre los sectores de trabajo y negocio y gobierno para lo cual se establecia la AIFLD.

En lo general la AIFLD se define segun William C. Doherty, su director ejecutivo, de la siguiente manera: Despues que la AFL-CIO habia establecido la organizacion. . . gentes tales como Peter Grace y David Rockefeller decidieron que nuestra co-operacion en Latino America resultaria en enormes ventajas. . . lo que hicimos fue establecer la AIFLD en co-operacion con esa empresa". De ahi que no es sorprendente el hecho que entre los mas ardientes apoyadores de la AIFLD se encuentran las companias mineras Kennecott, Anaconda, y la compania Americana de Fundicion y Refinadera (mismos que llevaron a cabo batallas en E.U. contra los trabajadores de los sindicatos de la Mine Mill & Smelter Workers y de la United Steel Workers Union que son sindicatos de trabajadores mineros y de fundicion), ademas de las corporaciones Rockefeller y la United Fruit Co. El mismo William Doherty explica por que esta corporaciones se hacen responsables por la mantencion financiera de la AIFLD: "Estamos colaborando con el Consejo Sobre Latino America el cual se compone de las principales industrias de E.U. activas en Latino America. Nuestra colaboracion se manifiesta tar de hacer que el ambiente para la inversion sea mas atractivo e invitante para ellos (las industrias)."

Dice J. Peter Graves, presidente de la gerencia de la AIFLD en un folleto entitulado "Una Decada de Cooperacion de Trabajador a Trabajador" algo que trae mas luz sobre los fines de esta organizacion con lo siguiente: "necesitamos entender que hoy en dia en Latino America se escoje entre la democracia y el comunismo. En esta organizacion(AIFLD) realizamos un esfuerzo en conjunto que no pueden igualer los comunistas."



**SAN DIEGO MARINE**

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La union peleo el caso, pero lo permitio en arbitracion, y hay lo dejo. Este "Codigo de Conducta" inicia automaticamente el despido de un obrero por un cierto numero (3) de tardys y tambien demanda que los obreros reporten si no pueden venir al trabajo cierto dia. Estos requerimientos han sido aplicados selectivamente y solo ciertos hermanos activistas han sido botado de sus trabajos. La compania esta usando este codigo como instrumento contra trabajadores no deados. Otro metodo usado por la compania es el de meter trabajadores activistas en los fish holes y double bottoms por largos plazos, forzando a los hermanos a sorportar estas condiciones peligrosas o renunciar sus empleos. La compania hasta el momento continua utilizando estas taticas para intimidar y asustar a los obreros que defienden sus derechos.

**DEMANDAS**

- 1) La compania y los charros dirigentes de la union estan usando el racismo para dividir a los obreros y tambien para promover a obreros no calificados. Un ejemplo de esto se ve en el caso de un hermano negro que era "Leadman" y fue bajado de rango para permitir el escenso de un trabajador blanco. Tambien tenemos el caso de un obrero llamado Redd, que despues de dos años y medio todavia es un ayudante mientras que otros dos obreros anglo-saxones ya tienen sus credenciales como obreros completos. Hay tambien el caso del hi-

jo del capataz, Sr. Holberts, que le nego empleo a un hombre, para darselo a su hijo. Otro capataz tien la costumbre de dirigirse a los obreros Mexicanos con "You God Damn Mexicans". Quejas y peticiones han sido presentadas a los dirigentes de la union sin resultado alguno. Esto nos es buen ejemplo de la corrupcion de los lideres falsos de la union, que en vez de defender. Los derechos del obrero protege los intereses de la compania, como lo es su uso del racismo.

2) El sobre tiempo de trabajo no esta siendo distribuido con igualdad, la mayoria cae en manos de los favoritos de la compania. Si has levantado tu voz en contra de las injusticias que ocurren diariamente, te aseguro que nunca te pedirán que trabajes tiempo extra. No es que queremos nuestra labor explotada mas aun, sino que con la inflacion y el gran numero de desempleados que existe ahora nos vemos forzados a prostinturarnos para ganar unos mas centavos.

3) No ha habido accion por parte de la union sobre nuestras quejas y demandas. Solo tenemos que ver el gran numero de demandas que hay ahora pendiente (un total de 44) para comprobar esto. Lo mas que hacen estos lideres falsos es escribir una carta o hacer una llamada telefonica de vez en cuando, y eso es todo.

4) La compania mantiene oculto nuestros records de empleo. Porque en el pasado hemos protestado en contra de las condiciones inhumanas que existen, nos han empezado a vigilar y tratar de aislarnos de nuestros companerros. La compania ni permite que el chief shop steward vea estos records.

5) Obreros fueron forzados a firmar unos documentos bajo pena de la ley con el proposito de probar que habiamos hido al trabajo un dia que llovio. A la empresa no le importo que esa tatica era una violacion directa de nuestros derechos constitucionales. A ellos no le importo porque el que levante la voz se vera sin empleo inmediatamente.

6) Existen condiciones inseguras de empleo como la falta de ventilacion, sopladores, enchufes electricos, luz adecuada, etc., y falta de enforcement de las reglas de seguridad que ya existen. Hemos introducidos demandas en contra de la compania por forzarnos a soldar al lado de personas que estaban pintando, y para agravar mas la situacion sin el uso ninguno de sopladores de aires, tambien por forzarnos a trabajar en los double bottoms por largo tiempo sin ningun tipo de ventilacion. Al agente de la union Bob Flint (chango primero) le gusta presumir sobre las condiciones que existen en SAN DIEGO MARINE. Anda diciendo que es la yarda que mas favorece al obrero en todo San Diego.

Entonces como explica que de todos los Artilleros en San Diego, San Diego Marine ha tenido el numero mas alto de quejas y demandas de to do San DIEGO.

7) La compania nos mete en los fish holes y double bottoms como castigo por nuestra protesta. A un companero Mike lo metieron en los double bottoms por mas de 6 meses por haber apoyado la primera demonstracion obrera del ano pasado. Estas condiciones aun sigan y que hacen los lideres falsos de la union, pues nada.

8) Aun que parezca increíble, es cierto, que para recibir ayuda medica tenemos que llenar la forma 310. La compania

# MUJERES SE ORGNIZAN EN FABRICA



Toltec Foods Inc., es una fabrica procesadora de productos basicos para la cocina Mexicana. Cuando empezo hace aproximadamente 20 años solo empleaba 6 trabajadoras. Ahora es parte de la IMASCO poderosa corporacion Canadiense y emplea de 150-175 trabajadoras la mayoría son mujeres Mexicanas-Chicanas.

Las trabajadoras de la Tolteca se estan organizando pues ya estan cansadas de tanta injusticia: Se les roba el tiempo que trabajan, se les niega spray para las quemaduras, este año tubieron que comprar sus uniformes cuando es responsabilidad de la compania. Se les paga salarios miserables por trabajo muy duro. Estas son las razones por las cuales las trabajadoras de la tolteca estan dispuestas a luchar por sus derechos. Ellas reconocen que como trabajadoras, como Mexicanas y Chicanas y como mujeres van a luchar. Ellas han demostrado que se pueden y se saben organizar ya lo han hecho, pues para defender sus derechos como seres humanos se organizaron para quitar a una mayordoma que tubo la audacia de maltratar y empujar a una de las trabajadoras, y lo lograron.

Hace seis años las trabajadoras de la Tolteca se organizaron y lucharon para conseguir un sindicato que las representara y luchara por sus intereses. Muy pronto se dieron cuenta que el

maltrato, las malas condiciones de trabajo los bajos salarios y la constante violacion de sus derechos como trabajadoras no disminuian. Las condiciones de las trabajadoras siguieron empeorando; se les negaban las medicinas de que porque la compania estaba perdiendo dinero con tanta compra de medicina; el spray para las quemaduras, curitas y otras medicinas fueron reemplazadas por la cura-todo milagrosa medicina, la aspirina.

La tolteca es una fabrica donde ademas de hacer sus ganancias a costo de los bajos salarios de las trabajadoras las hacen vergonzosamente robándole a las trabajadoras sus horas y trabajadas, a veces 15 minutos otros días media hora y en muchos casos hasta medio día! Para aumentar la produccion y sus ganancias elevan la rapidez de las maquinas a lo maximo esto lo hacen sin importarles las trabajadoras ni el producto. De esta manera pretenden castigar a las trabajadoras que segun ellos son malcriadas con la mayordoma. Pero todas saben que esta tática de tratar bien a unas trabajadoras y mal a otras son para mantener a las trabajadoras divididas y al mismo tiempo acelerar sus ganancias. Ademas de robarles el trabajo el maltrato y la humillacion son cosas diarias. Ha habido dasos en que se ha golpeado a las trabajadoras. Para "disciplinarlas" las hacen que pierdan 2 horas de

trabajo por llegar 5 minutos tarde; las castigan por hablar cambiandolas de un lugar a otro. A pesar de que tienen sindicato no tienen personas que las representen en las horas de trabajo. Pues solo tienen un shop-steward para toda la fabrica; esto significa que la shop-steward tiene que representar de 150-175 trabajadores a tres turnos y en su tiempo libre se decide en su quebrada o hora de lonche.

Los salarios son muy bajos, las trabajadoras empiezan ganando \$2.55 la hora el salario regular es de \$2.75 la hora. La trabajadora con 13 años de senioria solo gana \$ 3.00 la hora! Como si esto fuera poco el contrato es constantemente violado por ejemplo en el contrato que la compania acordo pagar por los uniformes y lavarlos; la mayoría de las trabajadoras han recibido uniformes pero evidense de la lavada. Ustedes se preguntaran, que paso con el sindicato por el que lucharon las trabajadoras? Desgraciadamente el Bartenders and Culinary Workers local 595 es un sindicato burocrata vendido que solo tomara accion por medio de la constante prestion y organizacion de las trabajadoras, ya que no luchan por los intereses de las trabajadoras sino por los de la compania. Estos son varios ejemplos: El contrato es insertible pues solo protege los intereses del sindicato las trabajadoras casi no lo pueden usar pues no esta claro y se puede interpretar de un modo que no favorece a las trabajadoras. Tal vez los oficiales estaban muy avergonzados de ese contrato pues nunca le dieron una copia a las trabajadoras; ellas para obtener un contrato de sus propia union tuvieron que solicitar la ayuda del centro de defensa, C.A.S.A. Es un contrato que en seis años nunca habia sido traducido aunque la mayoría de las trabajadoras solo leen el español. La ridiculidad del sindicato es extrema. Pues cuando le dieron a todos los trabajadores el contrato fue el mismo contrato que representantes de C.A.S.A. habian traducido meses antes a petición de los trabajadores ( la union solo se esforzo a hacer copias fotostaticas ).

En el caso de los uniformes tanto el representante de la union como la shop-steward se rehusaron a presentar a la compania la peticion firmada por la mayoría de las trabajadoras; la reaccion inmediata fue defender los intereses de la compania y les sugiero nuevos para que la lavada de los uniformes no resultara muy caro. Lo ridiculo es que con todo esto todavia quieren subir las cuotas de la union. El representante del local 595 el chupa-sangre "Jim" gana un total de \$21,081 al año solo por andar de niño bonito!

Pero los días de fiesta de la local 595 se van terminando. Ademas de la prestion puesta por los esfuerzos organizativos de las trabajadoras en la

y que tal vez sea la fabrica donde tenga mas miembros; su conferencia internacional que tomo lugar en Diciembre fue picketeada por otros miembros de la local que tampoco estan conformes. Ademas su situacion financiera es pues sus gastos suman un total de \$1,545,000 pero el dinero que entra es solo \$42,846,000 esto significa que tienen una perdida de \$,699!

Como se ha dicho la mayordoma es responsable por muchos de los problemas de la trabajadoras. En una discusion con el Jim (representante de la union) le conto a una de las trabajadoras que la compania nunca despidiria a la mayordoma pues con el trato que les da a las trabajadoras les saca mucho trabajo y asi hace muchas ganancias para la compania y como conoce a las trabajadoras sin documentos les puede pagar los que se le da la gana. Esto es muy importante pues como hemos dicho la Tolteca no es una fabrica simple de comidas. Es parte de la IMASCO Corporacion Canadiense con subsidiarias en Estados Unidos y Canada. Estan subsidiarias consisten de companias de cigarrros, comidas Italianas y Mexicanas servicios etc. En Mayo de 1973 la S & W Foods subsidiaria de la IMASCO la corporacion reporto en su reporte anual que esto significaba un paso muy importante en los esfuerzos por ocupar un lugar importante en el creciente negocio de productos basicos a la cocina Mexicana. Sus ganancias crecen a pasos acelerados. La IMASCO empezo como una corporacion insignificante en 1912, su desarrollo no fue muy acelerado hasta en 1964. Despues del 64 su crecimiento abarco mucho terreno. El futuro de esta corporacion se ve brillante. El Wall Street Journal reporta que en el cuarto financiero que termino en Sept. 30, de 1974, las ventas del 3r cuarto de la IMASCO aumentaron de 179,323,000 del tercer cuarto de 1973 a 212,369,000 en 1974. Recordemos que este es total de la IMASCO Corporacion multi-divisonal que funciona en Canada y en Estados Unidos.

Pero el descontento obrero las va a crear problemas. En 1972 los trabajadores de la subsidiaria UNICOS FOOD LIMITED fabrica de productos Italianos pararon sus labores por una semana. Solo nos resta decir que las trabajadoras de la Tolteca tienen tradicion de ser mujeres muy militantes y unidas que estan dispuestas a defender sus derechos como trabajadoras; ellas reconocen que solo por medio de la organizacion y la educacion le podran fin a las multiples violaciones, maltratos y bajos salarios que son la base de las grandes ganancias de la Toltec

Food Inc., ganancias que a final de cuentas solo incrementan el poder economico de la IMASCO.

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un corresponsal de la revista TIME entrevisto a unos camioneros en huelga quienes disfrutaban de una merienda prodiga a pesar de tremendas escaseces que existian en el pais. Al preguntarse de donde provenia el dinero para tal merienda le contestaron los trabajadores que venia de la CIA.

La AIFLD mantiene un regimen en Chile que ha realizado la matanza de 30,000 trabajadores y que ha aplastado la CUT. En su lugar la AIFLD ha establecido la Confederacion Nacional Chilena de Trabajadores formada por 26 sindicatos menores afiliados a la AIFLD. El presidente de la CNCT a la vez el lider de la COMACH aliada a la AIFLD y el vice-presidente es graduado de uno de los programas de la AIFLD. El presente regimen Chileno esta en contra de los trabajadores y los sindicatos y hace use de taticas fascistas para enforzar sus polizas. Recientemente las fuerzas represivas del gobierno hicieron fuego contra 100 trabajadores de construccion en Santiago que se encontraban en huelga en contra de los bajos salarios. El ministro de interior General Bonilla explica la posicion oficial sobre las huelgas al declara que "no seran necesarias (las huelgas); el gobierno se encargara de los problemas de los trabajadores"



A la AIFLD se le esta empleando por la CIA para apoyar legislacion anti-obrera y regimenes fascistas por todo el mundo. Al apoyar gobiernos tales como los de Guatemala, la Republica Dominicana, Brazil y Chile la AIFLD tambien se manifiesta en apoyo de gentes que asesinan sindicalistas locales y militantes. En vez de fortalecer sus lazos con los sindicatos de base democraticos del mundo para luchar unidos contra las corporaciones multinacionales y las que viajan por el mundo en busca de ganancias basadas en el uso de la mano de obra barata

del extranjero, la AFL-CIO esta dividiendo grupos obreros internacionales. La AFL-CIO y la AIFLD se han convertido en los abojados internacionales de los esquiroles y los rompehuelgas, mismas taticas a las que se oponen los trabajadores de base en este pais. La AIFLD esta colaborando con los corruptos jefes laborales locales para sabotear todos los movimientos obreros que se oponen a las ganancias de las corporaciones multinacionales. Al hacer esto la AFL-CIO se convierte en organizacion sinonima con la CIA: ante los ojos de los

trabajadores Latino Americans. De tal manera los trabajadores en los Estados Unidos no podran actuar en solidaridad con los obreros de Latino America hasta que la AFL-CIO ponga alto a sus actividades divisionistas y subversivas entre los sindicatos militantes. Al darse por derrotada la presente poliza de la AIFLD y la AFL podran crear la solidaridad necesaria para combatir las corporaciones multinacionales y los talleres bagabundos que explotan la gente trabajadora en ambos continentes.

# THE TRUE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY LABOR STRUGGLES

## THE DEPRESSION, STRIKES and STRUGGLES

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with different aspects of the economic and labor development of this country. The purpose of these articles is to use history as a tool to understand the important forces which have shaped the present economic system and social institutions of this country. The purpose is also to describe how our present economic and social problems such as unemployment, inflation, rising crime, and drug abuse are very definitely related to this history.

More important, this series of articles will attempt to combat common notions people have concerning labors role in the development of this country,, as well as to destroy the myth that the labor movement has been a secondary, passive force in this nations history by presenting historical accounts of militant labor struggles. This first article will begin by first questioning why this type of history is even necessary, and then will take our present economic crisis and draw parallels and contrasts to the Great Depression of the 1930's. Many of the conditions of the Depression of the 30's such as unemployment, which sparked off militant workers movements, also exist today. In showing similarities a stronger and clearer picture will generate as to what working people did to fight and change these conditions.

This history would be unnecessary if American Historians had done their job, or if working people had had the opportunity to write their own history. However education has historically been a privilege in this country - it has had a price, therefore the majority of working people had little access to the necessary writing skills, let alone the time to write or the money to publish. History in this country has a definite class outlook. This outlook has served to make heroes out of the wealthy. It has been used to paint a distorted picture of the rich and powerful business men and politicians as being successful because they were smarter, more thrifty, or luckier. However history in relation to working people exposes a different story - one of raw exploitation of working people by aggressive individuals who disregarded the welfare of their

fellow human beings. The wealthy in this country did not acquire their money of capital out of the air. It generated out of profits from the wages of workers who were never paid the full price for their work.

This is the essence of exploitation and Capitalist society. What does Capitalism in the highly developed form that is today mean for the people of America past and presently? Today the United States is in the midst of an economic crisis. The second one in 40 years. Latest government figures disclose that over 6.5 million workers are unemployed. Rising bankruptcy, increased food and gas prices, higher crime and drug abuse are only a few of the "side effects"; of this depression.

Like today, the Depression of the 1930's hit every sector of the working class. Millions walked the streets looking for jobs that did not exist. Between 1929 and 1932 the National Income dropped from 81 billion dollars to 40 billion. The production of goods and services had shrunk to less than half of what it had been. The farmers and workers were the two groups who suffered the most. The men at the top in spite of the depression continued to pay themselves a "living wage" of thousands of dollars per week. Today the same parallel can be drawn. The rich

are continuing to live comfortable lives of luxury, still affording the time to travel, and enjoy the "better things in life. Meanwhile millions of people are walking the unemployment lines and tightening their budgets in the face of growing inflation!

Similarly the America for 1932 the richest country in the world was quite a different place for the majority of people. The economic system had bogged down. Ironically however nothing was wrong with the American workers. Their ability to produce goods was in fact greater than ever before. The production plants and natural resources were still available. The necessities of life were greater - not less. Yet machinery, materials weren't being used and people were going hungry.

Once again concrete parallels can be drawn to todays condition. The spiraling cost of food, coupled with the high



DEPRESSION ERA APPLE SELLER

WILL IT HAPPEN AGAIN?

unemployment is changing the diets of American people. Yet amongst scarcity cattle is being slaughtered and buried by small ranchers unable to sell them at a profitable price. Similarly, there is nothing wrong with the workers today, only the scarcity of jobs

The drive for more profits and more Capital had reached the stage where it became harder and harder to make more profits. After WWII American Corporate Interests had expanded and invested Capital all over the globe. However International Capitalist competition was shrinking the territory and markets, sharpening the problems, here as well as abroad.

Labor was simultaneously being pushed to work harder for the same or lower wages. Today, militar methods, such as speed-ups are again being used.

The drive for improved methods of production and increased output of labor caused more and more to be produced with less and less labor. This meant that a larger and larger part of the national income went to fewer and fewer corporate and private savings. Finally the economy's production base outran the consumption base. That is, more was produced, not than was needed, but then could be sold at a profit. This was true Internationally, and Nationally.

The outcome of the economic period was the further concentration of capital into the hands of fewer and fewer people. Smaller companies unable to survive the crisis, were bought out by the larger ones. At the end of the depression 46% of the population (12 million families) were receiving only 13% of the national income. In comparison, 0.1% of the population (33 thousand families) by themselves received also 13% of the national income.

The causes of this depression and its relation to capitalism were little understood by the average working person, and often times each was alone despite existing unions. The CIO, prior to the depression had barely begun to organize on a large scale; however the painful facts of wage cuts and unemployment were pushing the process forward. The CIO began to organize on a broad industrial level, as opposed to the AFL who were only interested in organizing the working people by crafts, which only contributed to dividing workers even further. During the years of the depression the process of union organizing was exceleated and a base was developed where struggles against evictions, pay cuts, and for unemployment insurance were carried on. The CIO was also instrumental in organizing mass marches against hunger and unemployment. While its objectives were limited to immediate bread and butter

gains, or immediate union needs, it reflects a period of aggressive organizing and unity.

Hundreds of thousands of workers of every age, trade and creed, national origin and political belief were coming together to fight the depression.

Another example of workers efforts was the development of the National Unemployed Council. It was organized in Chicago on July 4, 1930. One of its goals was to create unity and support among the employed and unemployed, in order to prevent scabbing and achieve victory for those workers fortunate to be employed. In this area it was overwhelmingly successful. Even though the government continually tried to "Red bait" the organization, the working people accepted the support and backing of many communists actively participating and offering leadership to the movement.

Further struggles continued. National protests against unemployment were called by the Union and Unity League, and the Communist Party. On March 6, 1934, over 1,250,000 unemployed participated in one of these marches.

From the beginning, the government regarded these organizing efforts and marches as initial steps in revolution. The police in a number of cities jailed and clubbed the unemployed workers, justifying their action on grounds that the jobless were about to overthrow the government.

At this time the working class movement suffered from the lack of an organized struggle with a political consciousness, and led by a strong organization of workers..

These limitations hindered the adoption of a clear direction of what type of government best served working people and the way in which to understand the existing conditions so as to more clearly direct this movement.

These are some of the lessons that can be drawn from this history. The workers struggles were temporarily passified by reform programs such as the New Deal Program, which was designed to try and solve unemployment through temporary government jobs, much like what is being attempted today.

However these are some of the things people must be on guard of. These are the lessons that the working people today (who are expressing their discontent through increase strikes and protests) must draw from.

We must organize - but with a clear understanding of what we are organizing for. A system without owners and exploitation. Where the products of our labor are directed to the development of better lives for all of us. More important, this struggle must be led and directed by a strong organization of politically conscious working people!

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The former Secretary General of CU-PROCH says the federation was suddenly flooded with funds towards the end of the truckers' strike. During the strike a Time magazine correspondent interviewed some striking truckers who were eating a lavish meal despite severe shortages. He asked them where the money for the meal came from. They replied, "From the CIA."

Today, the AIFLD supports a regime in Chile that has slaughtered an estimated 30,000 workers and smashed the CUT. In its place it has set up the Chilean National Workers Confederation formed from 26 small AIFLD-affiliated unions. The President is the leader of AIFLD's client union COMACH and the Vice-President is a graduate of one of the AIFLD programs. The Chilean regime is anti-worker and anti-union and it makes use of fascist methods to enforce its policies. Recently, the government shot 100 Santiago construction workers who participated in a sit-down strike against frozen wages. Interior Minister General Bonilla explains the official attitude on strikes: "They will not be necessary; the government will settle workers' problems."

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**KISSINGER THREATENS THE MIDDLE EAST**

In a recent interview, US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said in public what the government has been talking about privately for a long time, a US military invasion of the Middle East in order to get oil for US big business. In response to a question about military action in the Middle East, Kissinger said, "I am not saying that there's no circumstance where we would not use force." Kissinger saw this invasion only in the time of "some actual strangulation of the industrialized world."

Before that time comes, he thinks the US should rely more on covert CIA actions to deal with higher oil prices. He said: "The only chance to bring oil prices down immediately would be massive political warfare against countries like Saudi Arabia and Iran to make them risk their political stability and maybe their security if they did not cooperate."

**GENERAL STRIKE IN PUERTO RICO**

The colonial governor of Puerto Rico mobilized 1000 National Guardsmen to pressure 3000 striking workers to return to their jobs. The workers are striking against the Puerto Rican Aqueducts and Sewage Authority and their strike has effectively disrupted much of the Authority's work.

The strike is significant because it is aimed at the US imperialist interests in Puerto Rico. The right to strike is denied to all public service employees, (28% of the wage earning work force) because all of the public works authorities in Puerto Rico are controlled by the US banking trusts. Any benefits for the workers mean lower profits for US capitalists. The Puerto Rican working class has rallied behind the strikers, vowing to shut the island down with a general strike if the government increases its attacks on the strikers.

**U.S. ATTACKS WELFARE RECIPIENTS**

A recent decision by the US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) says that states may now legally "compel welfare mothers to take unpaid public service jobs to work off their relief checks." This decision overturns a federal ban, in existence since welfare began in 1935, on the use of welfare funds for such low wage work programs. Since more than 85% of welfare recipients are mothers and their children, this ruling will mean:

- 1) More unemployment as the states use unpaid workers to replace paid workers.
- 2) Decreases in wages and destruction of unions as paid workers must now compete with people forced to work for free.
- 3) Young children left at home alone while their mothers are forced to work for nothing.



sunkist strikers yell at scabs

**CORPORATE TAXES**

When the government tells us that it is doing us a favor by cutting back our taxes a few dollars, think of what it must tell the leaders of big business. In 1973, ten US monopolies, including United Air Lines, TWA and Consolidated Edison of New York, made nearly one billion dollars in profits but paid no taxes because of "loopholes" in the income tax laws. Con Edison, the nation's largest electrical utility has paid no taxes since 1969 despite profits of from \$100 to \$200 million each year. The nation's 12 largest oil companies paid only 9.6% of their 1973 profits of \$8.2 billion. Working people earning \$3000 a year pay 9.2% of their income for federal taxes and social security.

As was to be expected, the rape of Inez Garcia set a precedent for other women who have been raped to stand up and fight off their assailants. An article in the December Los Angeles Times noted that there has been a considerable amount of open discussion in which women who have been raped have frankly stated that they feel it is just and right to kill the men who had so violently attacked and threatened their lives.

The conviction given by the court of guilty of second-degree murder has not silenced the case of Inez Garcia but, instead has generated nation-wide support for her defense. There has been a Defense Committee for Inez Garcia established in Oakland, California. Their present goal is to push for the judge to set her bail by February of 1975. But as of yet bail has not been set. However, a recent article in the Los Angeles Times stated that there might be a possibility that Inez be released "under intensive psychiatric supervision." Whatever the outcome might be the Committee is in need of large sums of money, and have stated that any form of fund-raisers or donations would be greatly appreciated. For further information contact:

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**STEEL WORKERS LOSE THEIR JOBS**

The U.S. Steel corporation, the nation's largest steel maker, threw 2500 of its steelworkers out of work at the end of 1974. The company closed down ten of its open hearth furnaces in Gary, Indiana, rather than repair the furnaces which, for years, had been a major source of deadly pollution in Gary. Since US Steel can make more money by building new, modern furnaces in other parts of the country than it can by repairing its existing furnaces, it threw 2500 workers out on the streets. This plant closing is especially hard on the Gary area because Gary is a steel town, where the lives of almost everyone there depends on how many people can get jobs in the steel mills.



**CIA BREAKS THE LAW AGAIN**

The CIA has been caught illegally spying on over 10,000 US citizens in the past few years. The spying included keeping intelligence files on the 10,000 people, "break-ins, wiretapping," and the unauthorized inspection of mail, and the recruiting of "plants, informers, and double agents" to infiltrate "the more militant dissident groups."

These CIA activities are hardly a surprise to anyone. The CIA exists to protect the interests of US big business and it has long used espionage, violence, torture and murder to increase US corporate profits by overthrowing governments in places like Iran, Guatemala, Vietnam, and most recently Allende in Chile. This latest scandal shows how much the government uses its secret police since some of the people spied on were conservative members of Congress. The Ford government is doing its best to cover for the CIA by having Nelson Rockefeller, Ronald Reagan and 7 of their cronies investigate their private police force.

**FORCED STERILIZATIONS IN COLOMBIA**

The United States and the World Bank have started another massive sterilization program for peoples of the Third World. The Population Council, founded by John D. Rockefeller III, is the leading force in the new sterilization program in Colombia. This program is part of the worldwide strategy of US imperialism to limit the size of and control the populations of Third World countries. This forced population control is the latest form of genocide the US is imposing on the countries of the Third World to try to prevent their peoples from using their own natural resources and fighting against the US corporations which exploit them.

**VIETNAMESE PEOPLE LIBERATE MORE LAND**

The National Liberation Front (NLF) of South Vietnam completed its liberation of Phuoc Long province and its capital Phuoc Binh on January 6. The Vietnamese people, led by the NLF, had to resort to military means against the Saigon dictator Thieu after almost two years of US-Thieu violations of the 1973 Paris peace agreement.

The Paris Agreement called for fair national elections in South Vietnam to replace the Thieu dictatorship with a democratic government. The US and Thieu never followed this agreement. The US, according to Congressional sources, has spent over \$8 billion during the past two years to prop up the Thieu regime, while keeping thousands of "civilian" advisors in South Vietnam to help direct the 55,000 military operations the Saigon forces have conducted in the past two years. With the liberation of Phuoc Long, the NLF has shown that its patience with the US and Thieu is running out.

**ALBANIA CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE**

On November 29, 1974, Albania celebrated the beginning of its 31st year of socialism under the leadership of the Party of Labor of Albania. (PLA) Albania, a small European country located between Yugoslavia and Greece, drove out the last of the Nazi and fascist invaders of World War II in November 29, 1944. The small country had been almost completely destroyed by the invaders and 28,000 Albanians (out of a total population of 1 million) had been killed, but the PLA, led by the workers and governing for the workers, has made Albania a showplace of what socialism can do.

Today, Albanian industry produces in 5 days, what it took a year to produce in 1938. Over the past 20 years, its industrial production has increased at a rate of 15% per year. Electricity and telephone lines now reach every village, and Albania produces many consumer goods for its citizens. Tremendous advances have also been made in education. Illiteracy has been almost completely wiped out in a country in which the majority of the people couldn't read or write before World War II. Now everyone attends at least 8 years of school, and higher education is so strongly encouraged that 30% of Albania's factory workers attend either a technical school or college. And in a time of soaring prices almost everywhere in the world, Albania can proudly say that its prices haven't risen in the last 20 years. Albania shows the working people of the world the fine life they can have once they control their own government.

**POLICE HARRASS SUNKIST STRIKES**

Striking farm workers in the San Luis-Yuma area of Arizona are facing a deliberate campaign of harassment by the police and hired "goons" employed by Sunkist. The UFW condemned the attacks on striking lemon pickers deputy sheriffs and hoodlums hired by Sunkist to break the 3 month old strike. On Nov. 19, Sheriff Yancy's deputies tear gassed 50 striking picketers and threatened to smash the car windows of UFW organizers. That afternoon, 160 picketers were maced, some were dragged from their cars and several women strikers were arrested. According to Union leader Chavez Yuma County Attorney Mike Smith vowed he would instruct Sheriff Yancy to "use clubs and mace against the UFW people." This action is prompted by the success of the UFW strike. According to the UFW, the growers now need 2500 to 3000 workers to harvest the lemons. Despite strong arm tactics by the growers and their allies on the police force, the 3000 strikers have no intention of abandoning the struggle for higher wages, better conditions and the Union of their choice.

**SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST STEP UP REPRESSION**

By an overwhelming majority of 93-23, the U.N. General Assembly voted to expel the South African delegation from the U.N. on September 30. This vote followed the historic upset Sept. 27 on the U.N. Credentials Committee. The South African delegation was rejected on the grounds that it represents a government whose policies stand in violation of the U.N. Charter because of its racist practices and illegal control over Namibia (South West Africa.)

But the U.N. expulsion is not the only setback South Africa has suffered in recent months. With the downfall of the Portuguese fascist regime, and the increased militancy of the Azanian people (Black South Africans.)

South African racists have adopted a series of "emergency measures." In the name of "maintaining internal order," they have increased "defense" spending by about 50% and greatly expanded the size of their armed forces. Brutal measures are also being used to put down workers' strikes by a police force nearly 50,000 strong. When black miners demonstrated against their inhuman conditions on June 11, 1974, 19 were killed or wounded by a massive police force sent to suppress the demonstrators.

As a result of the victory of the liberation movements in southern Africa, the white racist regime has also stepped up its repression. Thousands of demonstrators in major South African cities who held rallies to celebrate FRELIMO's victory Sept. 25, 1974 were met by riot police. In Durban, more than 100 demonstrators were attacked with dogs and tear gas and several hundred were jailed.

Despite recent attempts at whitewashing their reactionary foreign and domestic policies through talk of "friendship" and "good neighborliness" with black African countries, South Africa remains the same brutal, fascist dictatorship. The recent emphasis on "black homelands" or bantustans as a lib-

eralizing force is equally deceptive. This is merely a variation of the time honored policy of divide and rule. It is an attempt to drive 15 million Africans, 85% of the population, into 9 areas that cover less than 13% of South Africa's total land.

In South Africa, the white minority, a mere 17.6% of the population, have reserved for themselves 87% of the land, all of the cities, all of the ports, all of the good farm land and most of the country's wealth. In a 1966 interview, Prime Minister Vorster declared that he regarded the African's meager portion of land "as a generous gift of the whites." The economic aspects of this system create an enormous disparity between white and black earning power. The gap is greatest in mining. The wage of a white miner is \$420 per month; a black miner's wage is \$28 per month. When a Washington Post reporter asked his guide to account for this disparity, the guide replied matter of factly, "because his skin is white." All of the 606,000 Africans employed in the mines are on short 6-month contracts and are replaced on a revolving system. This system is designed to avoid paying sick leave, vacation pay, pensions, or adequate wages.

Almost all of the unskilled workers in the country are Africans. According to the 1956 Industrial Conciliation Act, Africans are forbidden any work that can be classed as skilled. Under the Native Labour Regulation Act, an African commits a criminal offense when he disobeys his boss or quits his job. The African has no right to collective bargaining. The Bantu Labour Act of 1953 makes it unlawful for an African worker to strike for any reason whatsoever.

The destruction of the African opposition movement as an important force in the 1960's was accomplished largely in the South African jails. Under the ambiguous Terrorism Act of 1967 it is a crime, punishable by the



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death penalty to commit acts which endanger law and order. At an international conference in Stockholm in 1965, the South African Commissioner of Prisons, General J.C. Steyn said there were about 8500 political prisoners in South Africa.

The South African regime is based on the Nazi-like doctrine of the innate inferiority of the African. Under the 1950 Immorality Act, sexual relations between whites and blacks were made punishable by 7 yrs. imprisonment with compulsory hard labor. According to an interview in the book South Africa, a high South African official declared that offenders of the Immorality Act should be castrated because "they were poor human material."

Yet it is this brutal fascist regime that the U.S. and other western capitalist countries are prepping up. The \$1 billion worth of U.S. corporate investment is in the strategically most important sectors of the economy: diamond mining, petroleum, chemicals, construction, electronics, and motor vehicles. Such giants as IBM, General Electric, General Motors and ITT pump millions of dollars each year into the racist regime. One U.S. company, Southern Electric, and electric utility company, plans to import South African coal despite opposition from striking miners in the UMW.

Yet American support is not merely limited to the economic sphere. Because of the growing success of the African

liberation movements, South Africa is frantically seeking to build up its defenses and the U.S. is a willing ally. South Africa's Vice-Admiral James Johnson visited the U.S. in late November. His discussions focused on the common objectives of the U.S. and South Africa in the Indian Ocean and on U.S. plans to establish a naval base at Simons-town, the South African deep water port. According to a Washington Post report, Pentagon officials have tacitly agreed to the proposal and are waiting for the politically opportune moment to move. Moreover, the State Dept. has recently admitted selling a few "helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft" to the South African government.

Despite its expulsion from the U.N. General Assembly, South Africa is receiving massive economic and military support from the U.S. and from other western governments. The triple veto used for the first time in U.N. history by Britain, France & the U.S. to defeat the Security Council resolution to unseat South Africa provides a clear indication of where western interests lie. They do not lie with the aspirations of the 15 million oppressed Azanians and Namibian people but with the brutal white regime in South Africa. It is certain, however, that the Azanian militants will succeed in toppling the fascist South African government and will emerge victorious.

**ZIMBABWE**

**FRELIMO AIDS LIBERATION FORCES**

The weaponry and training that went into FRELIMO's struggle for freedom in Mozambique will soon be at the disposal of ZANU's liberation forces in Rhodesia. New anti-aircraft techniques and heat-seeking missiles will aid ZANU greatly in the battles against Rhodesian aircraft. The coming rainy season will provide cover for a new offensive in the northeast, center of the hottest fighting.

**RHODESIAN RACIST BOMB ZANU**

The ZANU headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia were destroyed by a blast on Oct. 1. No one was injured by the blast but ZANU records and office equipment were destroyed. ZANU officials said the treacherous act was a result of the Smith governments' offer to pay people to sabotage liberation movement efforts and eliminate nationalist leaders.

**STRATEGIC HAMLETS CONTINUE IN THE NORTH EAST**

The herding of people into strategic hamlets in the northeast of Rhodesia continues. Removals within Chiveshe Reserve were completed recently and more removals are under way. A Rhodesian security spokesman said that if people do not move voluntarily by the end of Oct. they will be forced to move. This is a futile Vietnam-type effort to keep the villagers from aiding the freedom fighters.



**GUINEA BISSAU PAIGC MOVES FORWARD**

The PAIGC is in firm control of Guinea-Bissau. Some of its first programs include rural electrification and the installation of rural piped water systems. The PAIGC program will include agrarian reforms, local industrial development and an expansion of the PAIGC educational programs.

**U. S. OPPOSES CAPE VERDE INDEPENDENCE**

Although an agreement to grant independence to the Cape Verde Islands was reached in Lisbon on July 5, the U.S. objects to this because of the strategic importance of the islands. U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger is reported to have said: "The U.S. is not opposed to independence for Guinea-Bissau but would not stand for the Portuguese giving up the Cape Verde Islands to the Guineans."

**ANGOLA**

**ANGOLAN FUTURE UNCERTAIN**

The future of Angola still remains uncertain 6 months after the Portuguese coup which resulted in independence for Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique. Everyone wants a part of the rich nation which last year alone had a GNP of \$1.5 billion from its oil, diamond, coffee and iron reserves. The new policy calls for the formation of a coalition government of African liberation forces and black and white political parties to take control by the end of the year. However, reactionary white organizations have not yet been dismantled and the "fichas", troops trained by the Portuguese secret police have not been disbanded.

**MOZAMBIQUE**

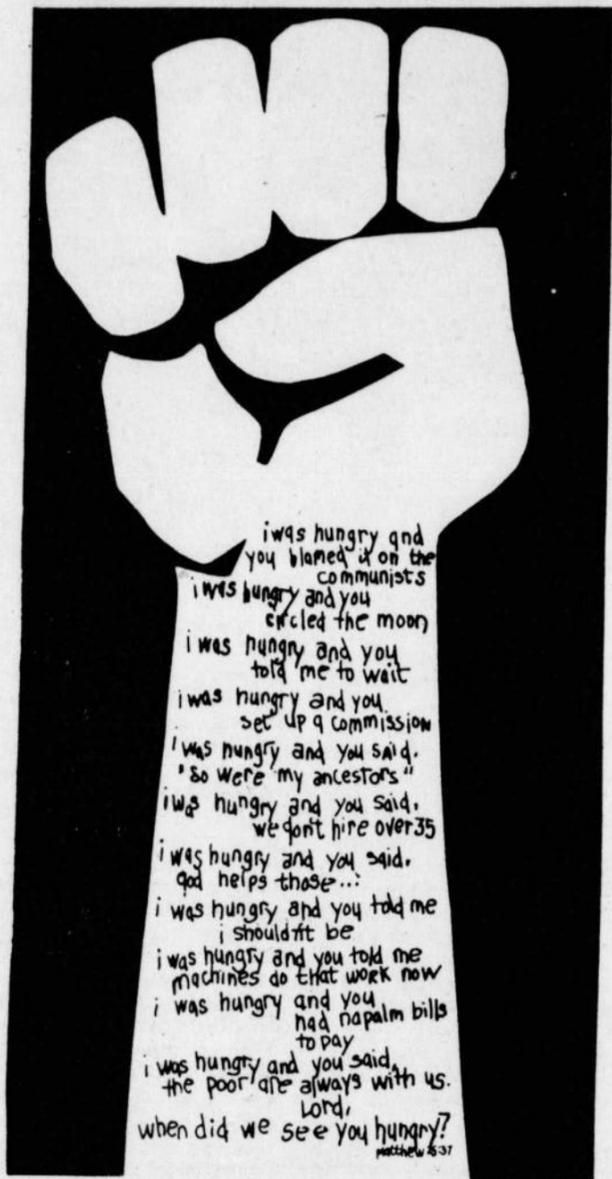
**FRELIMO TAKES POWER**

After 500 years of colonialism and 10 years of armed struggle, the Portuguese began the transfer of power to FRELIMO. This will be done in 2 stages. The first is a transitional government. On Sept. 20, Joaquin Chissano, a FRELIMO militant was sworn in as President. The second stage of the transfer is full sovereignty, expected on June 25, 1975, the 13th anniversary of the founding of FRELIMO.

**COLONIALIST**

**FAIL IN COUP ATTEMPT**

White counter-revolutionary members of FICO (Portuguese meaning "I stay") and former Portuguese commandos called "The Dragons of Death" attempted an abortive coup in early Sept. Approximately 200 persons were killed, the majority of whom were Africans. As a result, hundreds of Portuguese have begun fleeing to South Africa. They fear that they will lose their economic privilege in majority ruled Mozambique and that their huge plantations will be reorganized as collectives or state farms.



## FILMS OF STRUGGLE

Within the U.S. today, people are waking up to the glaring contradictions that are inherent within Capitalism. Unemployment, inflation, recession, the scape-goating of undocumented workers - these are manifestations of a decaying system in a state of crisis. And with that crisis deepening, it is understandable for people to be preoccupied with the internal struggle and its many fronts. However, we must not lose sight of the many struggles occurring all over the world so that we may learn from their varied experiences. These films, then are an attempt to expose (or re-expose) the continuing struggles

of our brothers and sisters throughout the world who must bear the brunt of Capitalist Imperialism and exploitation. Included are films on the struggles in Cuba, Chile, Uruguay, Mozambique, Puerto Rico, Palestine, China, Algeria, and the Phillipines. A speaker or presentation will accompany each program with the intent of stimulating dialogue from the audience on questions raised.

Films are on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm, Aztec Center, San Diego State University. Admission is free and all are encouraged to attend.

**REVOLUTION UNTIL VICTORY**  
 Thurs., Jan. 30 (B/W 52 min.)  
 Documentary account of the century-long conflict between the Zionist settlers of Palestine (now called Israel) and the indigenous Palestinian Arabs. (starts 7:00 in Council Chambers.)

**A LUTA CONTINUA/VIVA FRELIMO**  
 Thurs., Feb. 6 (Color 32 & 30 min.)  
 A Luta Continua, film of guerilla army of Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo.) Viva Frelimo, a study of Frelimo's political organization and program of national reconstruction inside Mozambique's liberated areas. (Starts 7:00 in Council Chambers.)

**WHEN THE PEOPLE AWAKE/ CHILE WITH POEMS AND GUNS**  
 Thurs. Feb. 13 (Color 60 min. and Color and B/W 55 min.)  
 When the people awake, examines the political dynamics of the Popular Unity government of Salvador Allende. Chile with Poems and Guns; film on military coup which overthrew Salvador Allende's Popular Unity government in Sept. '73. (Starts 7:00 in Montezuma Hall.)

**GIRON: BAY OF PIGS**  
 Thurs. Feb. 20 (Color 85 min.)  
 Giron, semi-documentary of CIA-supported assault of Cuban exile troops against the Cuban Revolution at the Bay of Pigs (Playa Giron). (Starts 7:00 in Montezuma Hall.)

**song for dead warriors/ dispossessed**  
 Thurs., Feb. 27 (Color 25 min. and Septa Color 33 min.)  
 Song for Dead Warrior, background to the Wounded Knee occupation by Sioux Indians and members of American Indian movement (AIM.) Dispossessed, Pit River Indian occupation of campground along Pit River that was controlled by P.G.&E. (Starts 7:00 in Montezuma Hall.)

**EL PUEBLO SE LEVANTA/ PUERTO RICO: PAIS COLONIZADO**  
 Thurs. March 6 (B/W 60 min. B/W 25 min.)  
 El Pueblo, describes health, housing & political situation of Puerto

Ricans coming from Puerto Rico to live in New York City, and the development of the Young Lord's Party. Puerto Rico: a provocative film questioning whether Puerto Rico is a colony of the U.S. (Starts 7:00 in Montezuma Hall)

## SCAPE GOATS

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This again was also 90% distortion, 10% fact. Given the low wages and high prices in this country, it is hard to imagine how 1 million aliens could save enough money to send "millions" home! Regardless of what little money might be being sent, it cannot compare to the billions of dollars being pumped into underdeveloped countries all over the world by multinational corporations. Dollars that are draining the natural resources, and exploiting the labor of other nations abroad and in Latin America. A little further investigation by American people would reveal that the conditions which are forcing immigrants from all over the world, to seek jobs here, are the result of this massive foreign investment.

All working people in this country should not allow the government and its corporate backers to divide the working class by pitting one sector against the other. This divide and conquer tactic only serves their interests.

Blaming the illegal alien and deporting them will not solve the depression, or unemployment, or change the exploitative relations between owner and worker in this country that makes profits for a few.



The system which maintains and profits from these relationships must first change; Therefore we cannot allow the businessmen or politicians make scapegoats of the undocumented worker. We must understand who is really responsible for unemployment, inflation and the exploitation of all workers! We must begin to recognize who the real enemy is!

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todos los arreglos para la fiesta andaban en marcha. El dia siguiente se le anuncio a los obreros que la fiesta se habia cancelado porque a nadie se le habia ocurrido hacer una mocion en favor de la fiesta en la junta. Una verdadera MENTIRA. Aunque parezca insignificante esto nos demuestra lo que verdaderamente son los lideres falsos de la union, una pila de Burros.  
 11) Nos aumentan la cuota de la union cada tres meses y en tornos nos dan menos y menos representacion. La corrupcion de los lideres charros de la union sigue especialmente en el caso de los dos Agentes de Negocios, Flint y Lewis (alias el gordo). Estos dos changos fueron a una conferencia estatal y gastaron mas de 3 mil dolares en menos de 15 dias(ques que en negocios de la union) y al mismo tiempo votaron para subir nuestras cuotas. Estos changos ganan mas de \$1900 mensuales, mas gastos, lo cual sale de nuestra tesoreria.  
 12) A un shop steward Juan Garcia, lo transfirieron al turno de la noche, por haberse parado a la compania y defender los derechos del obrero. Ademas lo han metido en los double bottoms constantemente por sus acciones, particularmente por haber participado en la demostracion del 13 de Diciembre.



### ORGANIZANDONOS

Todas estas quejas demuestran las condiciones que nosotros confrontamos todos los dias. Los lideres de la union han estado trabajando mano en mano con las empresas, para explotarnos mas. A pesar de todo estos obstaculos estamos seguros que al unirnos como obreros de base, saldremos victoriosos y avanzaremos a cambiar el sistema economico que tanto nos oprime.....

**LUCIA**  
 Thurs. April 24 (B/W 60 min.)  
 The third part of epic feature film dramatizing how Lucia is taught to read and write during Cuban literacy campaign and, as a newlywed, confronts her husband's "macho" attitudes. (Starts 7:00 in Montezuma Hall.)

**STATE OF SEIGE**  
 Thurs. May 1 (Color 110 min.)  
 Urban guerillas kidnap an Agency for International Development (AID) agent and exposes him as an International Policeman assisting the present oligarchy in repression. (Starts at 7:00 in Montezuma Hall.)

**THE PASSENGERS**  
 Thurs. May 8 (B/W 90 min.)  
 A study of the conflict of Algerian immigrant workers in France. It exposes the day-to-day reality of the problems of immigrant labor: housing, racism, education, language, the economics of labor and trade unions. (Starts at 7:00 in Council Chambers.)

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**WORK/FINALLY GOT THE NEWS**  
 Thurs. March 13 (Color 15 min. and Color, B/W 55 min.)  
 Work, study of the alienation experienced by workers on the assembly line inside auto factories. Finally got the news, documentary of working conditions inside auto factories and activities of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers. (Starts 7:00 in Montezuma Hall.)

**THE TRAITORS**  
 Thurs. March 20 (Color 114 min.)  
 Dramatic portrayal of the life of a trade union leader and how American trade union movement works hand in hand with multinational corporations and the CIA to buy off union labor leaders in Latin America and throughout the Third World. (Starts 7:00 in Montezuma Hall.)

**Pilipino Presentation**  
 Thurs. April 3  
 Slide show of history of Pilippines to the present political struggle today. (Starts 7:00 in Montezuma Hall.)

**RED DETACHMENT OF WOMEN**  
 Thurs. April 10 (Color 110 min.)  
 Ballet of how a Chinese servant girl suffers the cruel treatment by her wicked landlord, finally escapes to join an all-female detachment of the Communist Red Army. (Starts 7:00 in Montezuma Hall.)