**NEW CLINIC SERVES WESTSIDE BARRIO**

People who pass the corner of Tampico and Sabinas may remember that a beer distributing company used to operate in this location. Today a very beneficial and worthwhile medical clinic is now in its place. The Clinica Amistad, 1501 Tampico, has been quietly providing medical services to poor people living in West San Antonio.

The clinic was started and is operated by the community which it services. The Board of Directors consists of doctors and community people who see the drastic need for medical services to people who do not have the money to seek medical attention elsewhere.

Rod Radle, clinic administrator and member of the Board, told EL PUEBLO, "A unique characteristic of this clinic is that each family will have their own doctor and family members will see the same doctor. Most other public hospitals do not have this service."

The clinic’s patients are charged only what they can pay. The fee charged depends on the family’s income and size. However, no one will be denied medical service simply because of not having money to pay.

The Clinica Amistad has received the community’s support from the very beginning. Community volunteers did all the initial painting and remodeling necessary to transform the old beer distribution facility into a medical clinic facility.

Neighborhood residents told EL PUEBLO that they support the clinic because they can no longer pay the high fees charged by private doctors. For more information call 223-2342.

**RACISM EXPOSED**

Mexican students at San Antonio College (SAC) have been organizing to fight back against the racism that has existed at the school for many years. United Mexican-American students (U.M.A.S.) has exposed the presence on campus of racist professors and has demanded that the Board of Trustees take proper action.

U.M.A.S. has asked that professors be stopped from using the class rooms to air their racist and sick opinions. "Tax monies and our tuition fees pay the wages of these professors. We demand respect and dignity," read part of U.M.A.S.'s statement.

There are over 14000 Mexican students attending daytime classes at SAC and many more attend night classes. U.M.A.S. hopes to channel this power into positive changes. Realizing that the group will need the support of the whole student body, 4 working committees have been established to more effectively reach all students.

Laura Cervantes, a U.M.A.S. member, said, "This is the first time that a group like this confronts the Board with this issue (racism)."

Another group member told EL PUEBLO that they will be present at the February 16 Board of Trustees meeting to hear the Board’s reply on the racism issue. "We have other problems that we will be presenting them," he said.

Two of these issues are the high food prices students have (Continued on Pg. 2)

**HEALTH STRUGGLE CONTINUES**

The San Antonio Inner City Health Action Coalition continues to struggle to save the maternity services now offered at the Robert B. Green Hospital. With the community support, the Coalition has won a victory in temporarily blocking the attempted move of these important services from the Green Hospital to the far away Bexar County Hospital.

The maternity services now available at the Green are used by thousands of poor working people. Over 3000 babies are delivered each year at the Green to families who live (Continued on Pg. 4)
WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVE

Because this newspaper will be dedicated to the struggle against racism and injustice, to speak against a system that continues the discrimination that we have suffered in the rights of the Mexican working people, it is especially important to speak about the specific experience of the Mexican woman.

For that reason EL PUEBLO will dedicate this column "Perspectiva Femeni" to the discussion of the particular experience of the Mexican woman — from all sectors of the community, from either side of the border. We feel that because of the attitudes that women are somehow not as good as men, because of sexism, a Mexican woman must suffer all kinds of discrimination. She must suffer discrimination not only as a Mexican, but also as a woman, a worker, and as an undocumented worker if that is the case. As a result of sexism the Mexican woman therefore has much more of an disadvantage than other people.

We know for a fact that because of sexism the Mexican has less educational opportunities, little employment skills or training, and has to make less money than a man. As a result, when she has a family and in her own she is forced to turn to welfare when she cannot find a job. If she is qualified and is employed in the lowest paying, most tedious jobs and experiences unequal employment opportunities and discrimination. Women are the typists, homemakers, waitresses, and teachers of the society. We are categorized in the lowest paying jobs that are in accord with the role society forces on us.

Many of us must deal with the harsh emotional problems of the family and we are learning more and more that for some of us the abundance of material goods is not enough to keep a family together.

Because of all these particular experiences that the Mexican woman faces, EL PUEBLO feels it is essential to make a special column to discuss the Mexican working woman. Dedicated to the fight against racism, sexism, and injustice we must begin to understand the reality of the Mexican woman in this society in order to change it. Women must begin to take more of an active part in the community to see that injustices such as the police murders of Jose Campos Torres & Richard Horsley stop. We must be part of the change of the quality in our education. We must see that our communities are protected from vandalism. We must demand justice and we should do so whether we as an individual experience these problems or not because we cannot close our own homes blind us to the problems our neighbors are having, be it our neighbors in this city, or nation. Many of the problems that we share here are shared by women all over the world, and therefore the solutions can be shared all over the world.

As a weaker sex, we are sometimes subjected to acts of violence such as rapes and beatings. We often become the target of confused and angry men who themselves are victims of a society that makes unjust demands.

As mothers, we are forced to see our children attend inferior schools and if they do not drop out before they graduate they almost find it impossible to find a job. Confused and angry, our young people often turn to crime and drugs and we feel helpless to do anything to stop them.

In the coming months "Perspectiva Femeni" will be discussing many subjects that are important to working women: women's history, the quality & conditions of our children's schools, conditions of the workplace, the welfare system, unions and much more much.

The staff of EL PUEBLO extends an invitation to everyone to write us and comment on this column. Men and women are both encouraged to speak out, and only through the unity of all working men and women will we achieve our goals of a free and just society.

COMMUNITY NEEDS IGNORED

Residents of San Antonio's west side complained to EL PUEBLO that their neighborhoods are becoming areas where crime grows unchecked. They stated that police refuse to protect the area and that they enter the neighborhood only in packs to harass peaceful citizens.

A resident of San Patricio stated "The neighborhood has been abandoned by the city. We don't have any protection from the police and when any incident takes place the police comes and abuse and push us around."

Several families reported having been victimized by crime. Some complained that their teen-age children have been offered drugs by pushers because open without fear of arrest. Some areas teen-age interview by EL PUEBLO said the biggest problem is the lack of jobs. A 20-year-old said, "I finished school but could not find a decent job."

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THE ELECTIONS: WHO WON?

If we stop and think about the recent elections, what questions could we formulate, what unresolved problems will remain, and what conclusions could we draw?

In the hands of a multimillionaire, Bill Clements, lies the governorship of the state. In the federal senate, the same John Tower will continue. If they stayed in Iran, they could have been tried, but they would have been under attack.

Outside a Beverly Hills mansion where the human and civil rights of workers are continuously violated. The police attacked the students and sympathizers who were marching at the orders of huge multinational corporations. He was the coordinator of the Committee to Re-elect President Nixon.

During the campaign, he often pronounced his disdain for Mexicans, Native Americans, Blacks, in other words, the poor. One of the money magnets that was here was San Antonio. Clements, speaking in favor of racism and Republicans, was William Coors—owner of the Coors Brewery, where the human rights of workers are continuously violated.

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We can be sure that Clements, Tower and Bentsen will represent all attempts by workers to organize themselves and demand justice. They have already said that they want to return to the bracero program. As Mexicans we know very well that this means slavery for our people.

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The murders of workers and students in Iran continues. Here in the U.S. Iranian students have been calling public attention to the inhuman conditions created by the Shah. Lately, however, they too have been under attack.

Last January over 1000 students and sympathizers rallied outside a Beverly Hills mansion where the Shah's family was hiding from its people.

Mina Azad, spokesperson for the group, explained, "These are criminals being harbored here. If they stayed in Iran they would have been tried and justly sentenced by the Iranian people."

The police attacked the group using their batons and patrol cars. Several students were beaten and run over by the police.

In San Antonio, Iranians held a peaceful march recently to awaken the conscience of San Antonians. They were confronted and threatened by a gang of retarded would-be cowboys.

Why all the protests? Sources have reported that thousands of Iranians have been brutally massacred in the last two weeks. In a oil companies' attempt to return to power, the Shah and his regime unleashed a bloody reign of terror.

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One of several Iranian students hit by police cars in L.A. The police are using savage methods to "enforce law and order" in many cities.
EDITORIAL

EL PUEBLO newspaper has been born out of the Mexican people's need to fight against racism and injustice. Mexicans living in the U.S., both born in the U.S. and immigrants from Mexico, have been struggling for over 130 years against oppression. Today's struggle to retain our culture, our identity and our humanity is confronted by even worse repression.

Ever since the infamous U.S. aggression against Mexico in 1848 and eventual division of the mexican people, the U.S. government and its institutions, courts, schools, etc., have attempted to break our spirit and force us to submit weekly.

Thousands of Mexican men, women, and children were murdered in the late 1800's and early 1900's by red necks moving into this area. Today, our people continue to be murdered by racist policemen.

Thousands of Mexican men, women, and children suffered a mental destruction just as criminal. These are the thousands who have lost their identity, their culture, their national pride, and, with that loss, their will to fight for justice for their people.

But the majority of the Mexican people have always struggled against this injustice and violence.

History books used in the schools do not tell us about Texas' Tiberio Vasquez, California's Joaquin Murieta, New Mexico's Gorras Blancas, nor Flores Wagon's Partido Liberal Mexican. Mexicans in the U.S. rallied around these movements in the 1800's and early 1900's to fight back. Throughout the following decades other groups have continued to struggle in various forms.

Today we must recognize that whatever peace we enjoy as a people we owe it to all those who struggled in the past.

EL PUEBLO newspaper is dedicated to all the Mexican men and women who continue to struggle.

Our doors are open to anyone who wants to help make this newspaper the voice of all the working people.

HEALTH STRUGGLE cont'd

In the low-income areas surrounding the hospital. Moving these health services will mean dangerous hardships to prospective mothers who would have to travel long distance to the Bexar.

Confronted by this serious threat, the community organized the Coalition to fight back.

Martha Williams, coordinator of the group, told EL PUEBLO that the decision to move the hospital was made without community involvement or consideration. "The outcry from the community makes it clear that the decision also was and is without community support," explained Williams.

The fight between the community and the hospital district has become a complicated legal battle. The district is due to court in April and its outcome will have a tremendous effect on the health care received by poor families.

The community has demonstrated alarming dissatisfaction with the current health system. In April, the community received a resolution from the Bexar County Board of Supervisors, which establishes the need for a new hospital. This resolution is a direct result of the community's fight.

The community is determining what to do next. This is a crucial time for the community to continue its struggle.

The coalition is working with other concerned citizens to be aware of decisions relating to health and to be active in these decisions.

![TOMATASOS!](image)

We are starting out the year with a Mexican county judge (Hustamante), the first one in Texas. Comments: The racists: "Oh, oh, what is this world coming to!" The optimists: "Good, we are progressing!"
The realists: "Great, but why did it take 130 years for Mexicans (the majority) to hold that position?"

6 million dollars getting himself elected?

And you know what that snork millionaire proposes as the answer to saving taxpayers money? To fire some more workers, of course!

Frank Cortez (ECOR) asked Eloy Centeno ("de nosotros los Mexicanos") what guarantees people would have that the proposed nuclear plant would benefit all working people. Eloy answered sarcastically, "Well, what guarantees does anyone have when they buy a car?" Wonder what opinion Centeno has of the Mexican radio listener?

The extravagant Chamber of Commerce gave a Mexican reception at the Valero Corporation, trying to entice them into moving all personnel to S.A. when Valero comes to town. Valero Corp. is a spin-off of the rich oil artists, LOVaca Gathering Company, remember them?

Henry The Fox (or is it Skunk) Menos, alleged "organizer" of Labor unions, said he was sure many people would be glad to see him retire... he's right, just ask SARA members.

"It's an honor and pleasure to have worked with you..." said Leo Mendez, newly elected County Commissioner, to A. J. Ploch the well-known racist and retired county judge. Was Leo being a lying politician or is he really that naive?

Speaking of racism: Even a commercial newspaper blasted A. J. Ploch and Commissioner Jeff Wentworth for trying to keep Judge Hamblin Bustamante from his rightful place in AACOG. Albert threw into the trash the gavel redneck told him!

While stealing millions of dollars from the working people with their infamous "adjustment" and high prices, the CPS has the gall to falsely charge the Puco Canto family of "stealing $20 to $200" of their "gas. Could it be that the CPS is threatened by the fact that the Canto family had lived for years without utilities and made it??