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LOCAL STRIKE HITS NATIONAL COMPANY

The entire work force of San Antonio's Gaylord Container Division's three shifts walked out on strike recently and have vowed not to return to work until the company meets their demands.

The workers, members of the United Paper Workers International Union Local 820, charged the Gaylord Company with refusing to bargain in good faith the negotiation of a new contract.

Management insists on limiting the next wage increase to 3% arguing that they must follow President Carter's recent wage and price guidelines. However, the company has granted higher wage increases in some of its other plants in northern states even after Carter's so-called guidelines. This means that the company has arbitrarily selected San Antonio employees for a smaller wage increase.

The Gaylord Division is a giant manufacturer of corrugated boxes. It has plants in San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, and Weslaco as well as in other states.

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ANTI-CARter PROTEST IN MEXICO

A public protest held in Mexico City last month to protest Carter's visit was brutally repressed by the PRI regime.

The rally was sponsored by several organizations. Speakers demanded that the Mexican government use the oil wealth to solve the economic problems faced by all Mexican workers and to prevent U.S. oil companies from exploiting the oil.

The first incident took place at the square by the Diana Theater. Over 300 persons were preparing to start marching towards the U.S. embassy when more than 400 riot police on foot and on horses attacked the marchers.

According to reports from international news agencies, several persons were critically injured by the police. Mexican workers are tired of suffering hunger, unemployment, and misery. They are determined to struggle so that their oil and gas is used to benefit Mexican workers.

Carter and U.S. oil companies are pre-planning a so-called 'exchange' of Mexican oil for a bracero program. However, workers on both sides of the border oppose such a program.

The bloody repression of impoverished Mexican workers is the beginning of the PRI regime's campaign to silence all opposition to the plunder of Mexican oil.

Student Conference

On February 23, 24, and 25 a statewide Chicano Student Conference was held in Austin Texas. The theme of the conference was "Unity, Progress and Education", and it was one of many attempts in the past few years to organize the Mexican students.

The topics chosen by the conference organizers ranged from Police Brutality; Immigrants' Rights; and Education (Continued on Pg. 3).
Undocumented women toll endless hours in sweat shops for less than minimum wages. Their exploitation is not limited to domestic service.

Border Confrontation

On March 10, several hundred Mexican workers from El Paso and Juarez spontaneously organized on the border when maids from Juarez suffered injustices and abuses from INS officials. About 150 maids were stopped and interrogated. Some were even reported to have been forced to strip in front of INS officials, all because of alleged "illegal entry."

When the Mexican community, on both sides of the border, discovered yet another incidence of abuse against people who only want to work and make a decent living, they united together to let officials know they will no longer put up with INS attacks. The El Paso Mayor said that the protest was done more to the misuse of INS authority.

It is the misuse of authority and the attitude that Mexican workers looking for a way to live are "illegal" and therefore have no rights that cause this border incident.

Unlike what we read in the newspapers over the rich, the confrontation on the El Paso - Juarez border shows the Mexican people on both sides of that invisible border can unite to fight INS attacks.

"A PEOPLE UNITED WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED!!!"
San Antonio Elections

April 7 has been set aside for local municipal elections. Several people have filed for the position of mayor, one of which is the incumbent Lila Cockrell, and another is Charles Becker, who was mayor prior to Cockrell.

If we go by their official actions in past years, or if we go by what they write in their campaign literature, one thing stands clear: neither one represents the interests of the working people.

We know that here in SA for many years the political machine was controlled officially by the Good Government League (GGL). But if we examine who are the backers of both these candidates, we come across the old GGL machinery.

Walter McAllister, who sunk his clavo into the people's money for many years, was present at the opening of Cockrell's campaign headquarters.

And Becker is not alone. He's being backed by Ray Ellison, who has become a millionaire from the sweat of thousands of Mexican undocumented

sent workers that he employs and exploits in his construction sites.

Cockrell and others swear that they are independent of the GGL, when in reality they are puppets and accomplices of those fakes.

There are many proofs, yet we need only to mention the case of the city bonds.

The truth is that Cockrell showed her hypocrisy when, at the last minute, she 'changed her mind.' And had Becker been mayor he would have done the same thing.

The orders come from those who control the financial power. The puppets only implement them.

Obviously the people of San Antonio will not be able to choose the mayor that represents the interests of the majority. And the majority are the workers.

The task before the people of SA is to begin to promote honest candidates that represent the interests of the workers and they combined, will bring justice to those that historically have been forgotten.

Conference con't.

Strike con't.

ticular. Centeno can show how much he really cares by not buying Gaylord Boxes and supporting the strikers 85% of whom are Mexican.

Another major buyer is the Handy Andy Supermarkets. Charles Becker, the Handy-Andy president runs for mayor and crying crocodile tears about the "sad employment situation in S.A.

Customers can test his sincerity by asking that he simply buy Gaylord boxes.

EL PUEBLO UNIDO

On Health

Several persons from the community have been treated to EL PUEBLO staff, complaining of the high medical costs; both for the doctor's service and the personnel services. Officials of the Bexar County Hospital District (BCHD) have said they are going to "crackdown" on people that still owe them money —people who might go as far as to refuse them medical attention, even though this is against the law.

Several doctors have signed, in their offices, warning the patients that all the costs that are not covered by Medicare must be paid in advance.

The local offices of the Legal Aid, assure that county hospitals (including the Bexar Green) cannot refuse medical attention due to lack of money in emergencies or if the doctor's diagnosis indicates any serious health condition. If this has happened to anybody, go to Legal Aid or write to EL PUEBLO.

One must not confuse this legal recourse as if it were by itself, the solution of the problem.

What the BCHD declaration indicates is yet another illness that the American economy suffers from. The fact that the poor always are the ones that have to justify their oppression, in other words, explain to the bureaucrats why they need the basic services (such as medical attention, jobs, food, housing, children's education, justice in the courts, etc.) clear and unequivocally is an unexcusable abuse that can no longer continue.

If the workers with their energy and work force produce the wealth of the society, why then, when they get sick are they confronted with endless obstacles-most of which are bureaucratic-to try to block their access to the deserved public services?

The bureaucrats may say they need to have more control.Alright, but never if this is a pretext to justify their arrogance and exploitation of the poor.

The organizational control of an institution such as a hospital, is necessary to ensure efficient and effective functioning. But under no circumstance is this a licence to deny the basic and humanitarian rights that belong to all the people.

If we realize the nature of our present conditions of existence -one injustice after another- perhaps we might realize that only the people united can put forth their own path toward liberation.
Carter & Co.: Mexican Oil

The discovery of vast amounts of oil and gas in Mexico has attracted the greed of U.S. oil companies. Like savage vultures circling a defenseless prey, these international thieves are conditioning the American public to support their pilferage of Mexican oil and gas.

The American people must oppose this pilferage. Mexico's oil production has increased to 1.3 million barrels per day and will increase to 2.2 million by 1980. PEMEX, Mexico's national oil company, and American oil analysts estimate that Mexico's resources will be greater than even Saudi Arabia's and other Arab nations.

The political implications of this tremendous amounts of oil and gas are staggering.

The Mexican people are struggling to keep their oil from falling into the hands of U.S. conglomerates like most of their other national wealth (timber, mines, etc). The ruling PRI regime, puppet to U.S. tycoons, is maneuvering to allow this pilferage. The so-called 'tough' statements criticizing U.S. oil companies are demagogic empty words.

For example, during Carter's recent visit to Mexico, President Lopez Portillo made some so-called "tough" remarks. However, at the same time he ordered police and goons to brutally suppress an anti-Carter workers' demonstration in the village of Xaltiilco el Grande. Here in S.A. and throughout the U.S., the public is being conditioned to support the future pilferage of Mexico's oil.

The media constantly tells us that the oil companies should do "whatever" they have to do in order to "save us from a future crisis."

Meanwhile, the CIA is busy in Mexico preparing the way for "our" oil companies to rob the Mexican people. Richard Nisbrug, an oil expert and CIA employee has been in Mexico "analyzing" the oil situation.

It is obvious that the working people in Mexico will not continue to suffer hunger, unemployment, and brutal government repression forever. They will not starve while U.S. companies steal their natural resources.

It is obvious that those who are robbing us by charging high prices for that same oil and gas they steal from other countries.

So, who will benefit from the planned plunder of Mexican oil and gas?

Workers in Mexico will not benefit. Neither will U.S. workers. The only ones who will benefit will be U.S. oil tycoons and their puppet politicians.

A just and equitable arrangement can be made for the mutually beneficial sale of Mexican oil and gas to the U.S. But this will never be possible as long as U.S. oil conglomerates are in the way "negotiating" the arrangement.

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TOMATASOS!

This is the time of promises for San Antonians. If we could only eat promises.

The politicians who never even cover the potholes in our streets much less worry about the oil industry into S. A., now promise us the moon if we vote for them.

What hypocrisy! The Texas governor, who preaches saving state money, is driven around in a new cadillac. Who pays for the cadillac? The workers of Texas, of course.

Ready to pay higher bus fares. We now pay 5 cent tax on each dollar so that we can have low fares and supposedly good bus service.

Soon VIA will increase the fares to pay for the new building they propose to build.

Did you know that you will be financing a big new luxury hotel on Alamo Plaza? 6 million dollars of tax money will be used to help the hotel owners.

Maybe we should attend on opening day and demand a free room. We will be part owners, won't we?