The recent protest rally at Matagorda Bay drew people from throughout Texas protesting the construction of the nuclear plant.

**Farmworkers Evicted From Homes**

**Oaxaca Community Destroyed By Police and Thugs**

A group of farmworkers from the community El Desengano, Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, have issued a call for support. Since 1971 more than 50 families of that community had been struggling peacefully to recuperate their lands stolen from their parents by rich landowners. Their peaceful struggle met with violence recently. The rich landowners, supported by local authorities and the state governor, General Elimeo Jimenez Ruiz, invaded the community. Armed policemen and gunmen known in the area as "white guards" broke into each home and savagely beat men, women and children. The gunmen and policemen evicted the farmworkers from their homes after beating them and raping some of their daughters and wives. Afterwards, the gunmen and police destroyed 30 homes, the communal store and the school which had been built at a great sacrifice by the farmworkers. Today, there are still over 50 families without a home, without land nor jobs and the children without school. It is urgent that working people in the U.S. unite with these families in their struggle for justice. Letters of support protesting the savage abuses should be sent to: President Jose Lopez Portillo, Palacio Nacional, Mexico 1, D. F.

**Tax and Price Increases to Come**

**Proposed City Budget Unfair to Workers**

On June 5, 1979, the City Manager, Thomas Huebner, presented his proposed budget for the next fiscal year. This month City Council must decide whether to accept the Manager's proposals or to adopt a budget of its own making.

As EL PUEBLO anticipated in its last issue, the proposed budget is a budget for the rich and the powerful. The Manager predicts an increase in the amount of money paid by the workers and the poor people of San Antonio. But he proposes to cut the services to be provided to these same people.

The three main sources of revenues to the City's General Fund are the property tax, the sales tax, and the contributions of the City Public Service Board. This system of taxation places an unfair burden on the lower income worker. It taxes the basic necessities (housing, clothing, gas, and electricity) which take up a large share of the worker's income.

The rich pay these taxes too, but they have a lot of other income that is not touched by these taxes. Additionally, if you own your own home, you can take your local property taxes as a deduction on your Federal income tax. These deductions are worth much more to the higher income person. If you rent, you don't get any deduction.

Businesses can also pass on their property taxes to their customers in the form of higher prices. The poor pay twice—the sales tax and the businessman's Property tax.

Likewise, if you rent, you are paying the landlord's property tax. But you cannot take it as a deduction on your Federal income tax.

The City will charge Southwestern Bell $2.6 million in business franchise taxes next year, in addition to the property taxes on the company's plant and equipment. Who do you think pays these taxes? The owners of Southwestern Bell out of their profits? Or, you in you phone bill?

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The past two columns of Perspectiva Femenil have discussed "run-away" shops and working conditions in manufacturing plants, such as the garment industry. Briefly, "run-away" shops are those that close plants down to move where wages are cheaper and workers less organized.

This month we will look at the U.S. based electronics industry, a major employer of women. Electronics plants have closed shops in Massachusetts to go to Taiwan, closed in Philadelphia to go to Mexico and closed in New York to move to Texas. And each time they move, they leave hundreds of workers unemployed.

What does the electronics industry mean to San Antonio workers?

Do San Antonio workers benefit by plants closing in New York and moving here?

Last month Perspectiva Femenil stated that in the long run workers do not benefit from "run-away" shops. The company benefits the most because in San Antonio they can pay cheaper wages.

If companies that move their plants to San Antonio pay the same wages as they pay in the areas they moved from, this would give San Antonio's workers jobs at fair wages.

There are approximately 20 electronic companies that have assembly plants in San Antonio that produce equipment such as light switches, computer parts, radio and TV parts.

They employ mainly women as the employers claim they have smaller hands and are more dexterous for this work.

While the companies pretend that women are better suited for this assembly work, they are mainly used to keep the wage rate low, as they hire women at a lower wage than men.

Furthermore, working conditions in the electronic industries are poor and women workers face certain hazards to their health. Some of the most serious are eyesight deterioration and back strain.

Over 400 federal employees marched to Alamo Plaza protesting President Carter's civil service reforms.

Another serious health hazard in the silicon chips used in missiles and radar systems. Work with these chips involves use of chemicals that are known to be dangerous.

Data has shown that burns and rashes are a constant problem and later develop into cancer.

What can San Antonio workers do to stop many of these injustices? Can we feel secure when industries arrive in San Antonio knowing they can move across the border any time? What can electronic workers (and all workers) do to stop run-away shops?

The answer is an organization of workers in San Antonio, Mexico, Taiwan, New York, in Texas, a more militant union drive is needed to repeal the misnamed "right-to-work" law.

To safeguard our interests, we must also be aware of the history of plants that move to San Antonio.

We must not isolate ourselves from the struggles of other workers because without unity, we cannot implement the changes that are needed.

Federal Workers Fight Back

Over 400 federal workers marched from the federal building to a rally at Alamo Plaza last month to protest President Carter's attack against them.

The protest included women's General Loomis, Kelly, Randolph AFB, HUD, the Social Security Administration, the National of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

President Carter has imposed a 2.5% pay cap on wages.

Over 400 federal workers have already paid increases on federal workers and has cancelled the 1% cost of living increases for civil service retirees.

The San Antonio protest was part of a nationwide movement by federal workers.

As a national representative of the NALC, told EL PUEBLO, "The wages and benefits we have won after a long fight. Nobody gave us anything free and we'll fight again to keep what we have."

Nicaragua: In 1928 Augusto Cesar Sandino planted the first seed of anti-imperialist struggle in Nicaragua. Today that seed is about to ripen into a better society for the Nicaraguan people.

Under the leadership of the Sandino National Liberation Front (FMLN) Nicaragua has been fighting the better equipped National Guard units of dictatorial Anastasio Somoza.

Somoza continues in power only because of U.S. military and economic support. The U.S. has been sending weapons and ammunition to the dictator Somoza from Howard AFB in the Panama Canal Zone.

The FMLN and the Nicaraguan people are close to victory. This fact has worried reactionary millionaires from the U.S. Who are now trying to foment Nicaraguan, countries by intervening by sending a so-called "neutral" army to keep "law and order."

The Nicaraguan people oppose any such "neutral" intervention of U.S.-controlled army units as proposed by the U.S.

Observers fear that U.S. multi-national corporations will use any excuse to send soldiers into Nicaragua to set up another puppet regime.

Venezuela, P.R.: Fishermen and town people in Veneuela, Puerto Rico, are continuing their struggle to free their island and its waters from U.S. navy occupation.

The Navy and Marines have used that island for war games and target practices without concern for the safety of the Puerto Rican living there.

Several hundred fishermen recently blocked the entrance to the bay while several other demonstrators rallied on the beach.

Heavily armed military policemen attacked the demonstrators who defended themselves with handfuls of sand and their fists. Several were injured and arrested.

Iztaicalco In Danger

The families living in Campanemento 2 de Octubre, Mexico, D. F., continue struggling for their rights while the Mexican regime continues plotting to destroy their movement.

The action committee (COI) has publicly unmasked the PRI regime's latent maneuver.

Using the traitor Francisco De La Cruz Velasco as a front, the PRI has beaten and expelled many families. Gustavo Carvajal Moreno, the new PRI Secretary General, and De La Cruz Velasco are conspiring to use the families for PRI self publicity.

In our August edition, EL PUEBLO will expose the political tricks being used by De La Cruz Velasco and the PRI regime to destroy the settlement.
CPS Threatens Family

An important legal battle involving the utilities monop­
oly City Public Service (CT­
S) and a San Antonio family continues.

The next skirmish will be July 23 when the second trial will

Although the actual legal case began in 1978, the bat­
tle really started in 1975.

In 1975 the Pico Cantu fam­ily decided to fight the blackmailer attempt by the CPS by refusing to pay the infa­

CPS initiated the "adjust­
ment" to charge all consumers extra fees.

The board, consisting of local rich businessmen, simply increase rates or en­
force "adjustments" at will and the consumers simply have to pay.

The Cantu family's refusal to pay the "adjustment" has in­

Rhetoric.

Their case has become widely

The outcome of the July 23 trial can have important per­
cussions: If the CPS wins, future abuse against consum­

onal precedent will exist.

For more information, and to lend support, call: 220-2573.

The Manager predicts that the City will collect over $46 million in property tax and $42.2 million from our gas and electricity bills.

How does he propose to spend our money?

First the City will pay more than $5 million in inte­

st to the bankers and other bond holders. At the same time, the proposed bud­

get will cut more than $2 million from agencies provid­

ing necessary services, par­
ticularly in the areas of health and welfare.

If this budget is adopted, the City will no longer pro­
vide funds to poor people to tide them over until they start receiving assistance from the State welfare de­
partment. The Manager pro­
poses to transfer this re­
ponsibility to the County.

No longer will the City sup­
port agencies that provide primary health care.

According to the Manager, this is the responsibility of the Bexar County Hospital Dis­

The Hospital District is in serious financial dif­
ficulties, especially after the State legislature refused to provide more funds to support the medical school, which provides much of the medical services at the County Hospital at little or no cost.

The proposed budget makes a political football out of the lives of people.

The City says, "It's not our re­
ponsibility." The County says, "We don't have the money." Too many bureaucrats and politicians won't care what happens, as long as they can blame someone else.

We were told that "words are cheap." Last year, the City Council spoke loudly against the state takeover of the City's sewer system near from the Robert B. Green Hospital. The pro­posed budget will be a test of the seriousness and sin­
cerity of the City Council's proclaimed interest in ade­
quate health services for the barrio of San Antonio.

Is the City Council going to pass the buck to the Coun­

Alberto Cantu, the suspect, currently has $100,000 par­
ole bond set at $100,000, which is the maximum allowed.

Voters, however, that some members of the City Council will be trying to make further cuts in operating expenditures or not to restore the services the Manager has cut. They want to free up the Revenue Sharing funds that the Manager uses to balance the budget.

As EL PUEBLO noted in its last issue, Revenue Sharing funds are intended primarily for operating special projects and investments, not for the on-going operations of the City.

The proposed budget at­
tempts to satisfy this intent by useing Revenue Sharing funds to pay the City's debts to the bankers and bondhold­
ers who lent the City money for previous projects.

The rules of the game dic­
tate that the bankers be paid first, with the rest to be divided.

If the Council wants to use these funds for other purposes, then it will have to cut services or raise taxes in order to en­
sure that the City's creditors are paid.

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In a recent news story, the case of the H.B. Zachry construction company's in­
volvement in the smuggling of undoc­
umented workers was finally brought to light. The company exploits these workers in the most inhuman form ima­
ginable.

These workers, like thousands more, are forced to come to the US to look for work. In Mexico, they didn't abandon their small tracts of land, it was just impossible for them to com­
By their financial power, they control the machinery, the packing plants, the seeds, the lands, in other words, the means of production. The large landholders and the Mexican government are accomplice in this displacement of the Mexican labor force.

From the moment they cross the bor­
der, they live a life of fugitive with the constant insecurity of whether the Border Patrol will round them up or whether the bosses will report then, should they complain of the many injustices they suffer.

In El Paso, the chain of execu­
tion victims of racism and vulgar insults. They are no longer women and men with human rights, instead they are called "wetbacks" and "illegals," as if it were a crime to look for a job. They are blamed for the economic crises, and it's said that they steal the best jobs, when in fact it's the undocumen­
ted workers who have had everything stolen from them.

Now that Mexico, with its vast oil reserves, begins to exercise the po­
wer of international influence, the government still treats the undocumen­
ted workers as if they were merchan­
der.

With its characteristic demagogu­
y, the Mexican government "demands" that the US government treat its citizens, using the threat of no oil sale if there is no improvement in the treatment the undocumented re­

As minister of Foreign Relations of Mexico, Santiago Roel, stated that after having visited various detention centers, the treat­
ment was satisfactory. How can it be satisfactory to be shot by INS troopers, to be attacked by the KKK, to be mistreated by racist ranchers and all the time knowing that US authorities have never brought to justice any of these criminals?

On the contrary, they continue to blame the victims.

The US needs the oil as well as the cheap labor source that the undocumen­
ted workers represent. The oil be­
cause of their huge appetite for con­
sumption and wasting of energy. The undocumen­
ted because of the philosophy that holds that the lower the wages, the higher the profits.

Another element that also plays an important role in the undoc­
umented worker is the process called colonization. Naturally this is not solely applicable to the undocumented, but to all sectors of the Mexican people that have suffered and continue to suffer the effects.

But this is a topic in itself for a column. In the August issue we will explain what is meant by the coloniza­
tion process and what significance it has for all our people.

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Unc documented Workers

On top of all this, they are vic­
times of racism and vulgar insults. They are no longer women and men with

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Economic Crisis Heavier on Workers

During a recent speech, Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal warned that the U.S. economy is headed for a "very painful period."

What Blumenthal, Carter and other politicians mean is that the workers can expect more severe hardships while big business continues to earn record profits.

Government statistics for the 12-month period ending in March shows increases of 10.2% in the cost of living and unemployment rising to 5.9% nationwide.

Unemployment is even higher in San Antonio where the workforce increases drastically each year while the number of jobs available increase only by a few more low-paying jobs.

At the same time, corporations have been reporting higher profits than ever.

Oil companies have reported profits as high as 210% (Texaco) and bankers as high as 180% (Chase Manhattan).

But as the economy shifts from severe inflation to another painful recession, Big Business and their servants in government are increasing their attacks upon workers.

Carter's "request" on wage increases marked the first all-out attack. Since then, Carter has proposed reductions in Social Security retirement benefits, reduction in social services, etc.

All of Carter's "solutions" to the economic problems have placed more hardships on one sector only: The working man and women.

Federal workers have become special targets: Job protection has been weakened, the annual 13% cost of living increases for retirees has been cancelled, etc.

Carter says that the anti-federal workers hysteria will divide the labor force even more by pitting one sector against another.

The labor force in San Antonio and nationwide is already too divided as an increased 78%.

The local job market is already a vicious jungle where workers fight each other over the few decent jobs available.

As the economy worsens, the need for workers unity and solidarity will become crucial. Working people must be alert and oppose all attempts to divide and isolate any of the sectors of the labor force.

John Wayne: A Symbol of What?

The recent death of John Wayne, the actor, unfolded what is the establishment's push of the American "Man."

With John Wayne's death, came an onslaught across the nation's coverage on radio, television and newspaper on the "last of the American heros."

Everywhere was a newscaster with teary eyes and emotional statements of the loss of something the US desperately needed: An American Hero.

What does all this mean to the working class community? Why is Wayne's image really an attack against the interest of the majority of the people in this country? Through his movies, Wayne projected US aggression ("Green Berets"), male chauvinism ("True Grit") and racial discrimination ("The Alamo").

Who can forget his famous quote, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian" ("Fort Apache").

EL PUEBLO questions then, why is John Wayne promoted by the media and government officials as an American Hero and the American Ideal? Is aggression, racism, sexism and blind patriotism really in the interests of the American working people? We really don't believe so.

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By: Armandina Saldívar

Much to the disappointment of the Express and Evening News, the City Council decided not to interfere on which citizens and what subject matter should be brought before them.

The idea to violate people's rights originated with Mayor Lila Cockrell to keep citizens like myself from listing her. The Council did not approve and I will continue to expose her as the dishonest person that she really is.

Speaking of the Evening-News recently, the Express ran an editorial stating that workers of the council who interfered, with the city manager should be removed from office as provided by the City Charter.

It is a known fact that the Council has been telling the manager what to do. The Mayor has been telling his sidekick, Tom "Drinking On The Job" Bimer what to do all along.

The mayor has violated the city charter many times but the Express has looked the other way.

Charles Kilpatrick of the Express wants the Council to be controlled by the people who serve the developers.

He knows what side his bread is buttered on. Just look at who adorns the west in the Express-News.

So, Kilpatrick used the newspaper to influence the public against council members who are not controlled by the GGL or the developers. That's what he did to Councilman Andy Soto.

Incidently, the Supreme Court ruled that a reporter cannot publish his "lament" in written or in an article if that reporter is sued in Court. Ortiz should sue and explain their lies.

Speaking of lies: The newspapers have been filled with all this wonderfull Judge John Wood it supposedly he supposed to have been before his death.

They have painted him as someone of royal blood and of having great respect for the law.

Republican Doug Walker even stated that Wood's master represents an attack against what this country stands for... Now, that's carrying it too far.

If Judge Wood was a symbol of what this country stands for, then this country is in trouble.

Actually, Judge Wood whipped himself with the flag to do a bit of things that show his abused of the law.

Example: He sentenced a man to 45 years in prison for simply refusing to answer questions. Obviously, the punishment did not fit the crime as the law requires. In fact, the Supreme Court overturned him and changed the sentence.

Furthermore, everyone knows that Judge Wood persecuted Marlisa Cantu for hiring undocumented workers. The judge was ready to send Marlisa to jail.

Yet, Judge Wood was a close friend of John Connally who employs undocumented workers.

He was also a friend of R. B. Zachry who, according to news reports, was caught recently with unrecorded workers working for him.

In fact, the good old judge was surrounded with friends who have done nothing but been minority in poverty.

This is the man who is supposed to have been a good American?

Actually he was just a politician who used the law to exact all the frustrations he felt against minorities.

Nevertheless, it is unfortunate that he was murdered because in death he has become a martyr.

For this reason, a militant, radical woman would never think of killing him. They would know that such a man is not worth their blood, bigger than life.

As drug pushers killing him, that's not too. We know that big-time criminals are never bothered even by the courts.

It is more likely that the judge was killed by someone who just was fed up with him.