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MIGRANT TUITION BILL

A M.E.Ch.A.--initiated legislative bill that provides for in state tuition for migrants will be circulated for co-sponsorship on the week of June 6th and introduced on June 13th at the Wisconsin Legislature.

If passed, the bill will give migrants an exemption from non-resident tuition in a Wisconsin university or center if the migrant did farm work for at least 2 months each year for 3 of the 5 years preceding registration; or 3 months each year for 2 of the 5 years preceding registration.

Although the bill may improve the life of the migrants a little, it is still not the solution to the problem that migrants average only 4 to 5 years of education.

M.E.Ch.A. is now faced with the task of lobbying for the bill in the various legislative committees and assuring its passage this summer.

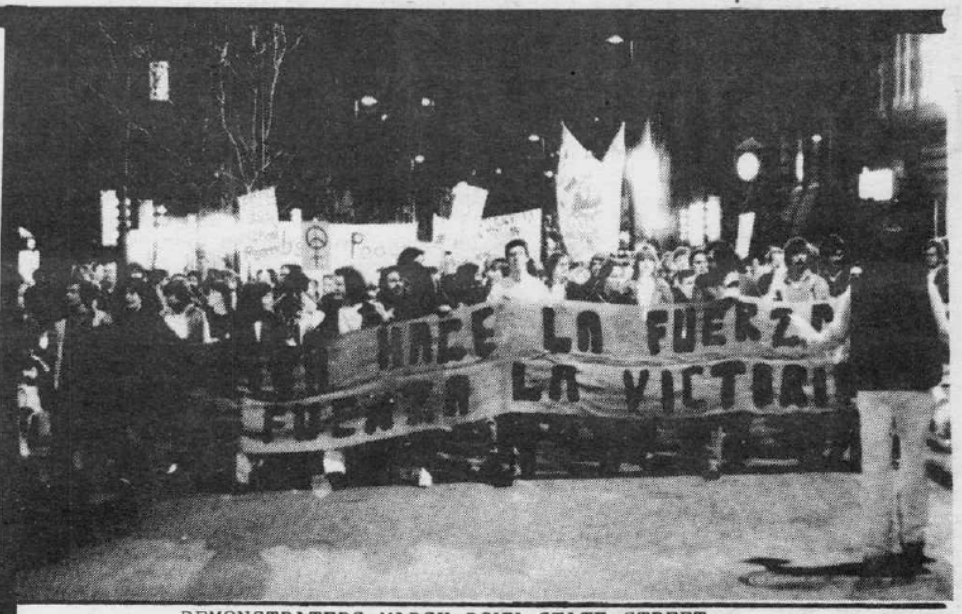
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DEMONSTRATERS MARCH DOWN STATE STREET

RALLY PROTESTS NICARARGUAN INVASION

A demonstration and candlelight march held Thursday, April 21, protesting the recent U.S. military invasion of Nicaragua drew over 1,000 people to the streets of downtown Madison. The demonstration was also called to protest the pathetic domestic policies of the Reagan administration.

The event was sponsored by Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Atzlan de Madison and the Union for International Action and was the result of a call put out by M.E.Ch.A. three weeks earlier protesting the U.S. military intervention in Central America, led by U.S. supported Central American countries.

The event began with a program and rally at the University of Wisconsin Stock Pavilion with speakers representing M.E.Ch.A., the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, Central America support groups as well as representatives of the anti-nuclear movement and local labor.

Viet-Nam Vet Jim Wachtendonk performed a set of songs dealing with his experiences in Viet-Nam along with some new material dealing with the situation in Central America.

Local Puerto Rican Activist/musician Luis Echevarria also performed during the show. The rally was rounded out by a fine series of politically pointed sketches performed by two local actors.

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The speeches continually sounded the theme of condemnation of the Reagan Administration's spending of millions of U.S. dollars for the suppression of Central American peoples legitimate struggle for social justice and an end to U.S. corporate domination of their countries, while at the same time, cutting back drastically on social service programs necessary for the daily survival of working Americans here.

The rally was followed by a candlelight march through the campus and on to the U.S. Federal Building where several more speakers were heard, and

U.S. OUT OF Nicaragua VIETNAM

ended with a symbolic (and much appreciated) burning of an effigy of who else, Ronald "Bonzo" Reagan.

T. Castaneda



FARM WORKERS ON STRIKE! *PLEASE DON'T BUY CAMPBELLS PRODUCTS*

ABORTION: WOMEN'S RIGHT

Rosie Jimenez was the first woman reported to have died following an illegal abortion after the cut-off of Federal Medicaid funds for abortions. She was the Hyde Amendment's first reported victim. She died on October 3rd, 1977.

Rosie was a 27 year old Chicana. She was one of 12 children, the daughter of working class parents, a single parent of a 5 year old daughter, surviving on welfare and a part-time job. She was also a university student, six months from graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Rosie Jimenez died with a $700.00 scholarship check in her purse. To use that check for a legal, expensive abortion would have meant abandoning her education and continuing within a cycle of poverty.

While Rosie Jimenez's is the most well known death directly linked to the abortion funding cutbacks, she is not the only woman who has suffered or died from the Hyde Amendment.

The Hyde Amendment makes abortion accessible only for those women who can afford to pay for it. Even under conditions of full legality, there are real differences in women's lives which severely impact their access to these rights. Economic and racial differences are major factors affecting the context in which an individual's will, or choice, can actually be realized. With the passage of the Hyde Amendment, poor and minority women who already have few choices in this society, have been the first to lose their abortion rights. Already affected by the overall lack of health care, access to contraception and resources to raise unplanned children, poor women will be forced to suffer back-alley abortions. Women who are fundamentally well-off will always have the means to secure illegal abortions through travel or for a high price. The bulk of women do not have these options and poorer women often shoulder all responsibilities alone under precarious financial conditions. It is the strategy of the New Right to erode and if they can, to eliminate abortion altogether. Cutbacks on women's access to abortion is clearly their first line of attack. With the abolition of the legal right and funding for abortion, a quality of life beyond the poverty level falls increasingly out of reach.

But Rosie Jimenez was not only a poor woman, she was also a woman of color. In this current period of devastating cutbacks in social services and the attacks on women's reproductive choices, these attacks have an overwhelmingly racist impact because Third World women are disproportionately represented on the social service rolls. Those with the fewest resources feel the brunt of the attacks in a debilitating way. Women of color have the highest rates of labor force participation, but also have the highest rates of unemployment. And have the highest rates of singleheaded households and below povertyline families. The current cutbacks jeopardize most the quality of life of minority women and families because the right to control if,when, and how many children to have profoundly affects both the economic and social survival of those families.

That right has been lost with the Hyde Amendment. Its impact on women is growing. The strategy of attacking the most vulnerable sectors of women is implicit in cutting off funding for those who need it most! The hope is that it will go unnoticed (and it largely has) by women who still have some measure of reproductive freedom. But we cannot allow their strategy to succeed. We cannot fight only to defend a woman's right for abortion, we must fight for all women to be able to exercise that right.

Rosie Jimenez did not have to die! No more women should have to suffer! Abortion is the right of all women!

ACAR: ACTION COMMITTEE FOR ABORTION RIGHTS. WOMEN'S BUILDING, SANFRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.



'Miracle of Life', 'Miracle of Life'



Sniveling Little Welfare Cheat

RACIST SIMPSON/MAZZOLI BILL

The Simpson/Mazzoli bill has been under consideration by Congress since March 1982. Senate passed its version of the bill by an overwhelming majority in mid May. If the bill passes the House, a number of restrictions will be placed on permanent immigration. Under Simpson/Mazzoli a provision granting an unlimited number of permanent residency visas for the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens will be dropped. An absolute ceiling of 425,000 permanent residency visas will be estabilshed. Restrictions on these visas are designed to insure that permanent immigrant status is largely reserved for people from Europe and for those who have specialized skills. This will effectively bar many families from becoming reunited in the U.S.A.

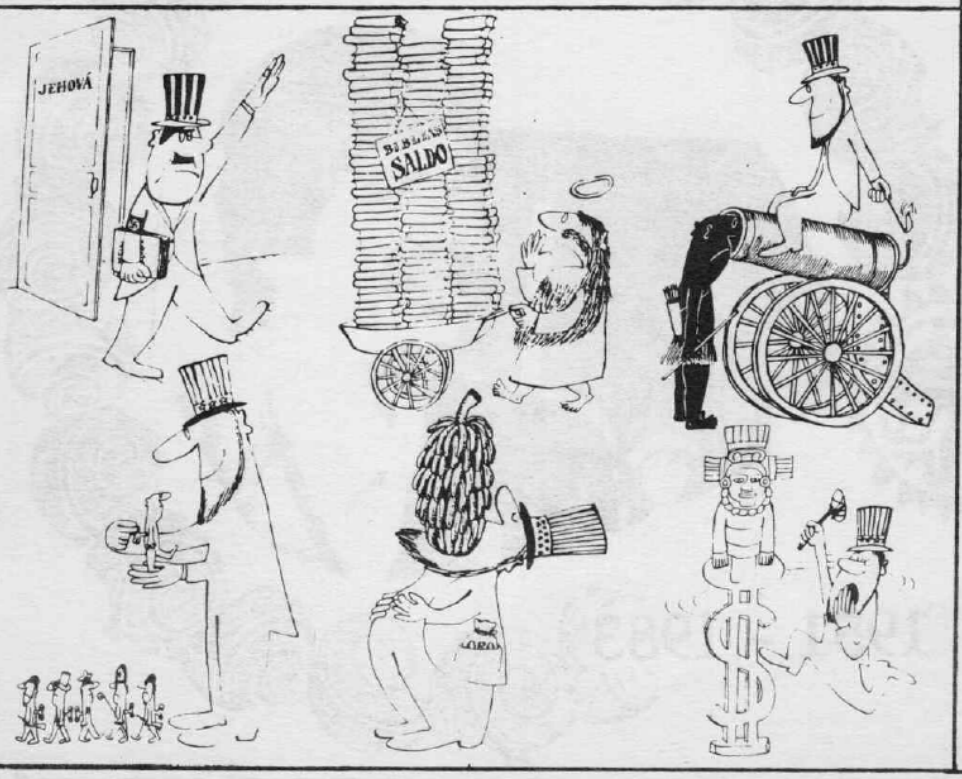
At the same time, provisions regarding temporary workers will be streamlined. An employer will simply have to show the Department of Labor that there are no U.S. workers available to work "at conditions set by the employer." An employer could easily justify a need for foreigh workers if U.S. workers were seeking to better their situation through organizing or striking.

Temporary workers are "ideal" from the point of view of the employer and the government. They are forced to accept "conditions set by the employer" and are difficult to organize. They are required to pay taxes, but neither receive any public benifits (unemployment benefits, welfare, etc.) nor can they bring their families to the U.S.

Simpson/Mazzoli also provides employer sanctions. Employers would be fined $1.000 for the first undocumented worker knowingly hired and $2,000 for the second. However, workers who are caught working illegally would face penalties of $5.000 or 5 years in jail or both.

Employer sanctions will most likely increase discrimination in hiring minorities, particularly Latinos, Asians, and Blacks.

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K. K. K.
REIGNS OF TERROR

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Silence is consent.

For over 100 years, the Ku Klux Klan, a white terrorist group, has murdered and brutalized Chicano-Mexicano people of the Southwest. Follow-their racist beliefs, the Klan has been committing the most gruesome crimes against humanity. From 1900 to 1920, roving bands of KKK murdered Mexicanos on both sides of the border, and this has continued even up to the present day.

One of the Klan's main objectives in Texas is the complete closing of the Texas-Mexico border. Their tactics include vigilante patrols of the border, murdering and maiming undocumented workers that come across, and lobbying the govvernment to initiate harsher laws against Mexicano/Chicano people It was in 1976 that the Klan announced it was going to help the Immigration and Naturalization Service to set up barbwire fences along the border. And it was in 1977 that the Klan began to organize their border patrols.

The Klan has established training camps to teach their children and others ways to murder. These camps are located near Anahuac (Camp Puller), Jones State Forest Park, the LBJ National Grassland, and, one of their newest, between Bastrop and Austin.

Members of this racist organization have made their way into influential political positions and local institutions such as police departments where they can abuse their power. One example is the McAllen police department where a 1975 investigation revealed that, indeed, there were Klan members within that organization.

It is this group that the Austin City Council allowed to parade in Austin on February 19, 1983. Trying to justify this tremendous blow against minorities, every council person (except Charles Urdy, who voted his conscience) argued that they had to protect the rights of everyone--including the Klan.

Even John Trevino, the only Chicano councilman, admitted that voting to let the Klan parade was a betrayal of his

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POESÍA

LITTLE MAN

Little man, little man
release your canary which wants
to fly.....
I am the canary, little man,
let me skip.

I was in your cage, little man,
little man who cages me.
I say little man because you do
not understand me,
nor will you ever understand me.

I don't understand you either,
but in the meantime
I want to escape so open my cage
little man, I loved you for half
an hour.
Don't ask me for more.

Alfonsina

LAMENTO de un PUEBLO CAIDO

Hablame de tu corazon
del sufrimiento del pueblo;
de la gente,
dime la verdad.....
Ya no me enganes con la falsedad
de este pais.....
Escucho con corazon abierto
para aprender,
comprender.
Que la batalla del pueblo
empieza aqui,
en nuestra comunidad,
en nuestro corazon,
el tuyo, el mio
el de nuestro hermano.....
Hablame la verdad

PARA LOS NIÑOS

Our children are the unconscious,
innocent, inheritors of our
historical pain and yearning
for justice.
The suffering of our ancestors
and in turn all who suffer
flows through our heads, our
teeth, our feet, our eyes,
our hands.....

Our children are also the
unconscious, innocent inheritors
of the blood of Indians whose
respect and passion towards each-
other, the earth, and the sky
flowed through their soul.
This life must in turn flow
through our heads, our teeth,
our feet, our eyes, our hands,
our children.....

T. Castañeda
1983

RUDY LOZANO MURDERED

Who was Rudy Lozano? Why was he brutally murdered in his home on June 8th?

As a political and labor activist who played a leading role in Harold Washington's successful campaign for mayor of Chicago, Rudy Lozano served his community and city tirelessly. His bid for the 22nd ward's aldermanic seat, his work as a teacher at the Latino Youth Alternative high school, his connection to numerous community organizations, and his organizational directorship of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union all illustrated his committment and progressive political orientation.

Within the Washington campaign, Lozano played a central role in establishing unity between the Black and Latin communities. This unity was crucial in defeating Epton's racist campaign.

On June 8th, a man, as yet unidentified, entered Lozano's home. He and Lozano reportedly got into a heated argu ment during which Lozano was fatally sho

Members of the Executive Board of the Federation of Illinois Hispanic Chambers of Commerce have offered a $20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Lozano's murderer.

Monday, June 13th, more than 5,000 people honored Lozano with a procession through the Little Village and Pilson communities in Chicago.

Lozano's prominence in many political and community organizations, his pivotal role in the Washington campaign, and his efforts toward piercing the patron system of labor on Chicago's West Side, lead us to believe that his murder was not a random act of violence. Lozano posed a real threat to the corrupt and racist machine politics of Chicago. He was a prime target for those who act to preserve that system. But, in the words offered in memory of Lozano at his funeral, "Your death has not been in vain. The ideas you left are here in our hands." Don't mourn, organize!



A.I.M.:
NEW TRIAL FOR PELTIER

Leonard Peltier is a member of the American Indian Movement (a national Native Averican activist organization) who is serving two life sentences for a shoot-out with the FBI on the Pine Ridge reservation in Oglala, South Dakota. This incident resulted in the death of one Indian man, Joseph Stuntz, and two FBI agents.

The leonard Peltier Defense Committee is currently seeking a new trial based on evidence from thousands of pages of documents released to the committee through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit. These documents show that the FBI suppressed and tampered with crucial evidence during the trial favorable to Peltier's defense.

On December 30, 1982, U.S. District Court Judge Paul Benson refused to hold hearings to examine the new evidence and flatly denied the defense's motion for a new trial. He had presided over Peltier's original trial in Fargo, North Dakota in 1977. Since then Benson has refused to disqualify himself from reviewing the case despite evidence that he unethically met with FBI agents and U.S. attorneys prior to and during the controversial trial.

The Defense Committee's next step in the motion for a new trial will be to appeal Judge Bensons ruling in a higher court, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, M.O.

Peltier's tribe has passed a resolution condemning the U.S. courts refusal to grant a new trial in light of obvious government misconduct in the case.



Victory To African Liberation Worldwide

Despite growing national and international support and media coverage of this case, Peltier continues to be denied his rights and unjustly imprisoned for his dedication to Native people's fight for Treaty rights and land.

For more information contact Leonard peltier Support Group P.O. Box 4491, Austin, Tex. 78765.

CORRESPONDANCE

May 14, 1983

Dear Friend,

In June hundreds of thousands of unemployed people nationwide will exhaust their last extension of federal unemployment compensation benefits. Thousands more will receive their last check in the weeks to follow. The situation would not be so critical if arrangements were being made in Congress to deal with the impending catastrophe. Unfortunately, while the Congress and the Reagan administration quarrel over how much of our tax dollars will be spent to increase the military budget and military aid to El Salvador, no serious proposals are being advanced to address the above serious situation.

None of the other federal extensions, nor other legislation passed to alleviate the hardships of joblessness has been granted without intense political pressure by and on the behalf of the unemployed. For this reason, now more than ever, it is critical that the unemployed and their supporters act and organize together to respond to this immediate crisis.

In Madison, as well as other cities around the country, unemployed organizations are preparing for an action that will come just after Memorial Day, focusing not on the victims of war, but on the victims of unemployment. On Wednesday, June 1st, a brief ceremony will be conducted enacting a mock burial of the "Unknown Unemployed Worker," a victim of both the extended joblessness and Reaganomics.
In Madison, there will be a gathering at the capitol at twelve noon, where the mock burial will take place. There will be several speakers. We hope that you and your friends or membership can come. If you have ideas, talents, or time and energy to help make this event a success, please call Gary at 251-1629. If your organization will endorse this event call the above number or write to:

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Sincerely,

Gary Strehlow
Workers Without Jobs

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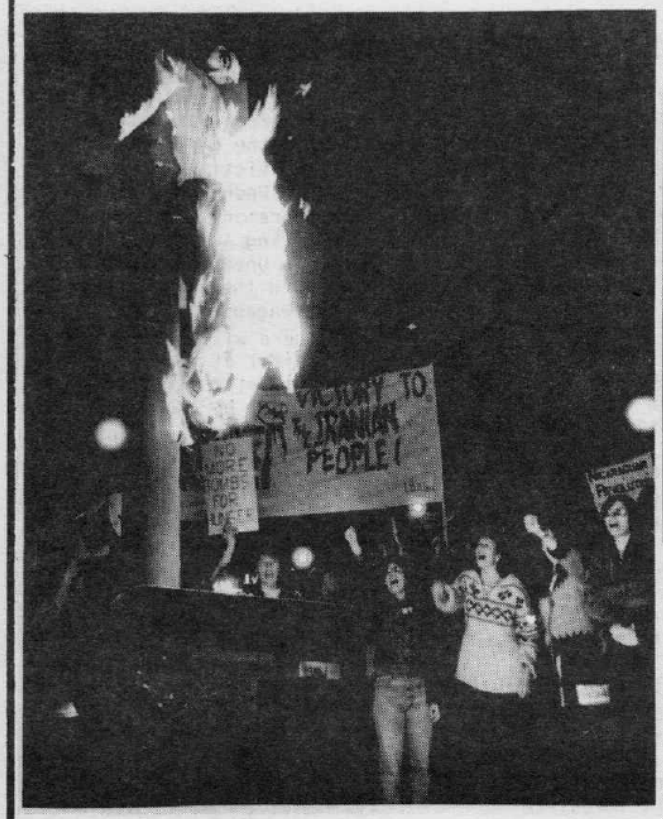
The dialectic exchange neccessary between peoples is interrupted with the need to define and transmit these thought processes accurately. These communicational exchange of words and ideas can further be complicated by language and ethnic bearings of growth such as war, sexism, religion, culture, and overall such civilized keys of oppression. Systems of oppression that make us submissively submit to these sub-savant roles or models such as President Reagan himself.

the Chicano as false or as true as he may be, fails himself in this dialectical analysis for an ethnocentric belief or a lack thereof, thereby falling in a repetitious groove of conventional understanding and definition of himself in this vacant society. Chicanismo is a tool for understanding liberational strategies rather a concept for gain by elitist Vendidos.

To open or breakdown these variations Internationalism must be stressed by all and for all. For without a multi-ethnic dialectic free expression of dialogue you can forget hoping to ever co-exist progressively.



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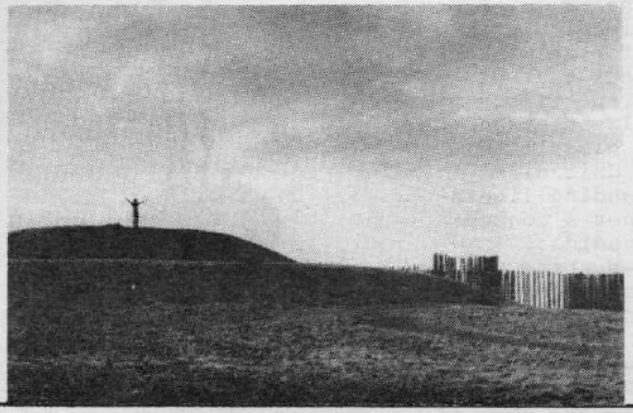
















The man behind the KKK

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people. "But, I am also an American", he stated. He argued that he had a responsibility to uphold the constitution and to protect the rights of the Klan.

This "freedom of speech" argument is the one many are using to rationalize the Klan march. But, the Klan has a blood-stained history, and whenever they meet and parade, they promote their racist beliefs and violence against our people. So, by protecting their "rights", one is condoning the violation and murder of our own people.

Every time the Klan is allowed to march, they grow stronger. It is a myth that if people ingore them, they will go away.

The Klan is like a cancer that, if ignored, will flourish. If the Klan does not meet resistance they will continue to march, to recruit, to fester, and to grow.

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Employers could place burden of proof of legality on these workers, and refuse to hire them with the excuse that they"might"be illegals.

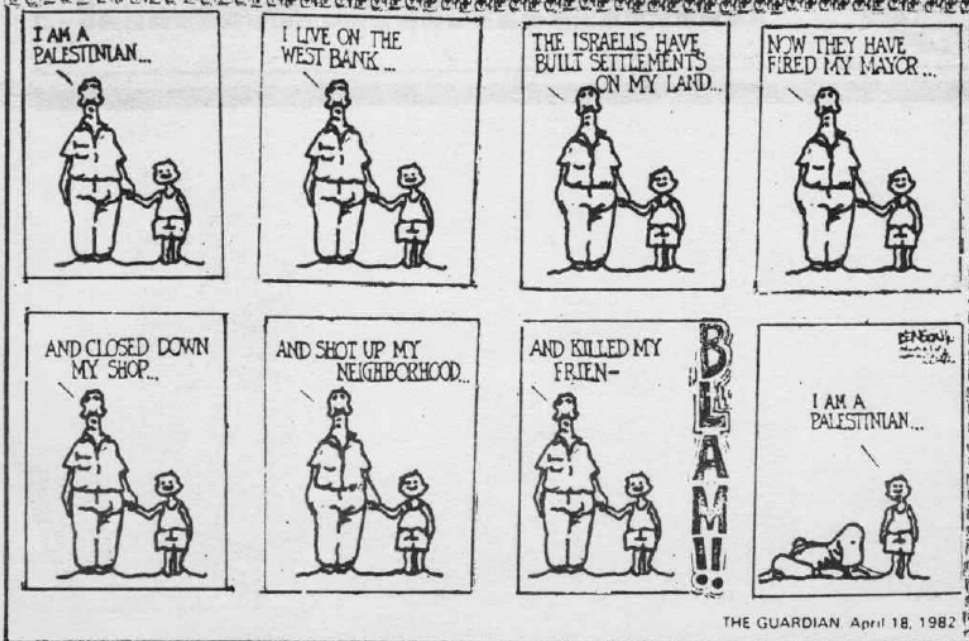
Linked with the employer sanction provision is the call for the establishment of a national I.D. system requiring every worker, including U.S. citizens, to carry an identification card. Obviously this provision allows employers and government an intolerable measure of control over all workers.

Simpson/Mazzoli does provide for the "legalization" of workers who are currently undocumented, but who entered the U.S. prior to 1977. However, the ammesty provisions are so full of loopholes that they are almost useless. Undocumented workers applying for permanent residency could open the door for their deportation. Further, during the required three year waiting period workers would be without access to public benifits or family reunification rights. And there would still be no guarentee of eventual permanent residency status.

The main thrust of the Simpson/Mazzloi "reform" concerning immigrant labor is to insure near complete control over this workforce by keeping its wages low, its employment temporary, and by assuring it will be devoid of legal rights. Nothing new is being introduced into government and corporate policy through the bill. It merely takes what is already practeced in regard to "illegal" undocumented workers and tightens up the system by making it ridgidly official and legal.

From its earilest beginnings, the U.S. has required immigrant labor to harvest its agricultural products, build its railroads, mine its precious metals and work in its mills, factories, and sweatshops. Virtually all immigrants were "welcomed" with job discrimination, and oppression based on distinct cultural differences and language. However, the fate of every immigrant group was not the same. Special forms of oppression have always been reserved for non-whites. This has been most visible in the discriminatory way that non-whites have been integrated into the U.S. labor force; Blacks, Asians, and Mexicans were forced to become slaves, contract workers, or highly vulnerable undocumented workers while white immigrants became"free laborers" with much greater political rights and economic opportunities. Racial bias has also been a consistent factor in immigration laws and quotas. Immigration from Third World countries has faced restrictions.

So it is clear that Simpson/Mazzoli does not represent a drastic policy change by the government. The bill is simply an updated appreach on permanent immigration and temporary workers. It is also clear that the main targets of this attack are non-white workers in general and Mexican workers in particular. The only effective way to oppose this bill is through total opposition to Simpson/Mazzoli, support for equal rights for all immigrants, and support for the struggle against racism and national discrimination.



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