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Alex Armendaris siendo felicitado por el Senador Pete V. Domenici

## Tribute to Alex Armendaris ¿Que Pasa?

A Bicentennial Tribute to Alex Armendaris, National Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise (O.M.B.E.), was held in Dallas on Friday, June 4, 1976.

Armendaris was honored by a multi-ethnic gathering of about 1,000 persons, which included Senators, Congressmen, business leaders and educators from around the country. Many were just friends who wanted to participate in this salute to a national figure.

Special recognition was given the O.M.B.E. Director for the economic growth experienced by minority businesses during his three years in office. During those three years, contracts awarded to minorities have doubled. In 1975, \$1.3 billion was obligated to minority business development, according to Department of Commerce statistics. This figure includes contracts valued at \$486 million which went directly to minority firms through competitive bidding, and \$321.5 million through the Small Business Administration's Section 8 (a) program, an alternative to the competi-

ve bidding system which allows smaller businesses to receive government contracts.

Armendaris has also been instrumental in fostering a nationwide effort to secure \$1 billion of private corporate purchases from minority-owned firms for next year. This procurement plan has been endorsed by President Ford.

Emphasizing the increasing role of minority businesses in America's future, Armendaris has stated that "when NASA launches the space shuttle in 1980, millions of dollars' worth of high precision, high-technology hardware produced by minority sub-contractors will be aboard. This is at no extra cost to the program in terms of quality or timeliness.

"Minority contractors have successfully bid on millions of dollars worth of work on the Alaska oil pipeline, the largest private construction in the history of this country. And there are numerous other examples of minority business participation in major national programs."

## Junta Especial de AMAW

La junta especial de la organizacion de mujeres AMAW (Association of Mexican-American Women), local que se llevo a cabo esta semana, fue todo un exito: de acuerdo con un reporte exclusivo a LA VOZ, su periodico regional.

La Sra. Eva Ramirez, presidenta de dicha organizacion, dio a reportar los siguientes eventos:

Estubieron en atencion a un gran cantidad de personas; ya que el punto principal de dicha junta "especial" fue el de

JUNTA DE LA VOZ CHICANA

En la ultima junta de La Voz Chicana, los miembros tuvieron oportunidad de escuchar un experto en radios. El fue el dueño de Bob's CB Service. Contesto muchas preguntas hechas por los miembros. Tambien se decidio que habra un carwash este domingo todo el dia en Carrillo Gulf en la Calle 4 y Ave. Q

elegir a varias personas para llenar algunos puestos que aun estaban vacantes.

De acuerdo con la Sra. Ramirez, los puestos, son posiciones, en forma de "presidencias" de una variedad de comites requeridos para el funcionamiento de dicha organizacion.

Los "comites" y las personas elegidas para dichos puestos por la membresia presente, son los/as siguientes: Education Committee-Valerie Navarro Finance Committee- Rosa Hernandez Legislative Committee- Sandra Chadis Program Committee- America Ramos y Nan Valdez Public Relations-Adelaida Montemayor y Juanita Aguero

Como se puede ver, en los ultimos dos comites, hubo dos candidatas que salieron empatadas. Por esta razon, la membresia tendra que votar una vez mas en la siguiente junta y escoger solamente una persona para dicho puesto.

La siguiente porcion de la junta consistio en observar y juzgar a varios disenos en forma de emblemas oficiales para su organizacion. Dichos emblemas fueron discutidos solamente... quedando en llegar a una conclusion en la proxima junta que se llevara a cabo el dia 12 de Julio.

## Aumentan Dropouts

Segun estadisticas reveladas por las escuelas publicas de Lubbock este ano hubo un aumento en la cantidad de "dropouts" o sea jovenes que se salen de las escuelas antes de terminar aqui en la ciudad de Lubbock.

En el reporte anual preparado para el estado el distrito escolar de Lubbock reporto que este ano de 1975-76 hubo un aumento de 17.6 comparado a el ano pasado, de estudiantes que se salieron de la escuela sin intenciones de regresar. El reporte tambien dice que disminuyo la cantidad de estudiantes que piensan asistir el colegio este ano.

Sobre el reporte de jovenes "dropouts" dijo Bill Parker, director de estudiantes, que algunos de los que se contaron son personas que fueron suspendidos o que se salieron de la escuela por razones medicas. Pero la mayoria, algunos 90%, son verdaderamente dropouts.

El total de estudiantes que se salieron son 647 comparado a 550 el ano pasado. La edades son de 12 a 20 anos, con la mayoria de edades 15 a 18. G.B. Morris el coordinador de consejeros dijo que puede ser que aumente la figura mas despues de investigar.

La cantidad de Chicanos que se salieron de las escuelas fue el grupo mas afectado. Se reporto que 40% de los que se salieron fueron Chicanos o sea 250 estudiantes, 40% fueron anglos, y 20% fueron negros. La composicion de Chicanos en el distrito son 26% del total, de anglo 61% y de negro 13%.

Parker dijo que el aumento quisas era porque el distrito cambio al sistema de que el ano escolar esta dividido en 4 partes de 12 semanas. Dijo que algunos estudiantes se salieron pero piensan regresar en el otono.

Statistics released late Monday suggest that Lubbock public schools experience an increase in dropouts during the 1975-76 school year.

In its annual report to state officials, the Lubbock Independent School District said the number of pupils who left school this past academic year without intentions of returning increased 17.6 percent over the previous year's total.

One section of the document deals with "school leavers," defined in the report as students "who left school during the period of July 1, 1975, through June 30, 1976, prior to graduation, and to the best of the district's knowledge, will not enroll in another school."

Not all of the school leavers are dropouts, because many of them--such as suspended students or pupils who withdrew from school for medical reasons--will eventually find their way back into the school system.

But most of them, in past years more than 90 per cent, are true dropouts--which makes the latest figures on school leavers look discouraging to school officials.

While Lubbock public schools reported 550 leavers last academic year, the figure for the 1975-76 year is 647.

Chicanos constituted a greater proportion of pupils who left school this year than last year. Of the reported 647 school leavers, about 40 per cent were white, 40 percent Chicano, and 20 per cent black. The racial composition of the entire district is 61 per cent white, 26% Chicano, and 13% black.

## Desfile Bicentennial

Lubbock's Bicentennial Parade celebrating 200 years of freedom will get underway at 10 a.m. July 3.

A Reese Air Force Base color guard in Revolutionary dress will lead off the parade, and will be followed by floats, marching units, riding clubs and people's parade.

Congressman George Manon will be parade marshal for the Bicentennial event.

The parade will move down Broadway from Avenue E to University Avenue and on to the Lubbock Coliseum parking lot. A total of 5,000 balloons will be released during the parade, marking its advance down Broadway block by block.

The parade will include 92 floats and riding units, each competing for the first place title in its respective division. Competition among floats will be in five divisions--youth organizations, commercial, churches, fraternal

or civic organizations, and an open division. Trophies also will be given away for the best riding units and the best decorated bicycle.

There are also a number of marching units in the line of march representing various organizations.

Following the parade, the floats will go on display at the Coliseum parking lot, where trophies will be awarded.

Near the parade's end, space will be provided for any spectator who wishes to join in the parade. The only requirement is that the participant must be carrying an American flag. Flags will be on sale at the parade.

Lubbock Jaycees and Shriners have worked in conjunction with the Bicentennial Parade Committee in coordinating the parade.

The parade action will be televised live on KMCC-TV, Channel 28.



Alex Armendaris durante el banquete

CAMBIAN JUNTA DE TAMACC

El Senor Mario Cadena, Presidente de la Asociacion estatal de Camaras de Comercio Mexico-Americanas TAMACC, (Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce) dio a anunciar a este periodico, LA VOZ, la siguiente noticia:

"Por razones relacionadas a una funcion de semejante importancia y de urgencia para esta (TAMACC) y algunas otras Camaras de Comercio a traves del estado de Texas, es necesario que hagamos un cambio mayor en nuestro plan de actividades.

La bien anunciada junta anual y convencion de TAMACC que se llevara a cabo en la capital del estado, en Austin, Texas, se cambiara al dia 6 y 7 de Agosto!"

El cambio (anteriormente se proponia en

## Chicano

There is a Chicano proverb that roughly translated says: "It is better to have gruel with laughter than chocolate with tears."

It is this proverb that also captures the theme of "Celebracion", an hour-long musical documentary presenting the gaiety and ceremony of the Chicano experience in the United States, to be shown on Channel 11, Saturday June 26 at 7:00 p.m.

"Celebracion" speaks of pursuing life with joy. It takes viewers out of the Anglo world where fun is sometimes measured by the power of the neon that surrounds our entertainment palaces and reminds viewers of the pleasure of a picnic in the park or a dip in the old waterhole.

It also shows us some of the tradition and ceremony that is uniquely Chicano--from car clubs to modern rodeos.

Music is an important ingredient in the Chicano's pursuit of happiness. As a result, "Celebracion" presents a distinguished group of well-known entertainers

Performers filmed in concert or on location for the program, with musical styles ranging from rock to blues, are: Eddie Cano, El Chicano, Carmen Moreno, Lucia Canales, Sapo, Los Nobles, Los Camperos, and Amalia Mendoza.

"Celebracion" is the fourth program in the series presented by Channel 11, KCBD TV.

ser a fines del proximo mes, o sea el 30 y 31 de Julio), tambien fue anunciado a traves de una llamada en conferencia, via telefonica, a todos los Presidentes de las varias Camaras de Comercio que pertenecen a la asociacion de TAMACC, asi como a los encabezados de los varios comites.

INTERCAMBIO CULTURAL ENTRE MEXICO Y LOS E. E. U. U.  
Por Jesse Perez graduado de Roosevelt High School 1976



Los programas de intercambio cultural internacional entre México y los EEUU son una de las más placenteras maneras de entender y apreciar a otra sociedad. Este modo de aprender tiene una significación especial para mí por que yo, afortunadamente, estuve 5 semanas el pasado verano en Durango, México, como invitado del Instituto Tecnológico Agropecuario.

Hice viajes cortos a Morelia, a la Ciudad de México, y al península de Yucatán. Regresé a Lubbock por autobús con los instructores de dicha escuela. Ellos estudiaron el inglés por 6 semanas en la Universidad de Texas Tech.

Había yo estudiado el castellano en la escuela secundaria Roosevelt por 3 años y había visto muchas películas y transparencias de México y de otros países de habla española. Pero el contacto actual en el hogar y en la escuela era otra dimensión. De verdad, el ver y el oír lo que había leído en la escuela, me hizo una profunda impresión. Viví y viajé con el director de esos colegios. Era una experiencia sin par.

Sobre todo, creo que este viaje de intercambio cultural mejoró mi concepto propio como México americano. Yo vi que una gran civilización existía en México, tan grande o más que en cualquier otra parte del mundo de aquí entonces.

Me di cuenta que hoy día los mexicanos son estudiosos, diligentes, trabajadores, y con todas las habilidades de inteligencia, talento de cualquier otra nacionalidad. Tienen tanto orgullo de su patria como nosotros tenemos de la nuestra. Nos admiran y aprecian; estiman la oportunidad de aprender de nosotros, los americanos.

Además el año pasado tuve otra experiencia provechosa. Yo asistí a muchas actividades de un grupo de jóvenes de la Universidad Normal de Maestros de la Ciudad de México que eran huéspedes por una semana de familias del Junior League de Lubbock. Hace 14 años que 30 futuras maestras al año nos visitan aquí. Las buenas relaciones entre nuestros países son patentes. Estas jóvenes de la clase media han tenido la oportunidad de conocer la vida de los EEUU dentro de la intimidad de nuestros hogares. La influencia que tendrán estas maestras durante los próximos 20 años con sus alumnos será inestimable. No puede haber una fuente más rica de entendimiento que la que existe debido a la hospitalidad y amistad de Lubbock para con estas 400 maestras mexicanas que han sido nuestras invitadas del Club Junior League.

Por ser vecinos a lo largo de una frontera de 1,600 millas, todo contacto entre nuestros dos naciones es de suma importancia. Debemos tratar de ser buenos vecinos, por el bienestar de ambos países, México y los EEUU. El Chicano puede llegar a ser el puente de enlace entre los norteamericanos y los mexicanos por ser bilingüe y porque conoce las culturas azteca y estadounidense.

### The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Protecting the consumer was a major concern of the attorneys general from more than 40 states and U.S. territories attending the 70th annual meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General recently.

Our office, which hosted the meeting in San Antonio, was an active participant in meetings of the 14 N.A.A.G. committees, where much substantive discussion of consumer-related matters took place, and where resolutions were hammered out which later were adopted by the N.A.A.G. general assembly.

Consumer protection attorneys said that some states have reported cases where corporations that are defendants in deceptive trade practices suits brought by state attorneys general have used federal bankruptcy laws to circumvent justice.

This comes about when the corporation being sued files a petition for bankruptcy. Under current federal law, all state legal actions are then held up until the bankruptcy proceedings are settled. Some corporations allegedly have misused this provision of the law as an obstructionist tactic to evade state legal actions, while continuing to operate under a special "Chapter 11" bankruptcy provision. goods get the full weight of measure stated on the package.

We felt that consumers, retailers, intrastate packagers, farmers, and manufacturers all need to be assured that the weights and measures indicated on packaged goods are accurate.

In line with that feeling, we additionally opposed any efforts to prohibit or impede the use of statistically valid methods of determining if there are short weights or measures in lots of packaged goods. Antitrust efforts to protect

the public received the attention of the assembled attorneys general also, in the form of a resolution favoring parens patriae legislation recently passed by both the U.S. House and Senate, and now in the conference committee state.

Under the bill, state attorneys general could sue anti-trust violators on behalf of all of the citizens of the states, and recover treble damages for overcharges resulting from illegal company actions including price-fixing.

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C.A.S.A.

# En contra la Propuesta Rodino

C.A.S.A., Centro de Accion Social Autonomo - Hermandad General de Trabajadores, hace una llamada a toda persona con sentimientos democraticos para que se una a la Campana Nacional en Contra de la Propuesta Rodino. Pasa es una propuesta racista y anti-obrera y tendra consecuencias tragicas para toda la gente trabajadora. Al mismo tiempo que nos divide, nos quita nuestros derechos democraticos.

## QUE ES LA PROPOSTA RODINO?

Lo que antes era el proyecto de ley HR 982 ahora lleva en numero HR-8713, y tambien fue introducida por Rodino. Esta, propone multar a los patrones que con conocimiento o que voluntariamente empleen a personas que no poseen documentos o permiso del gobierno para trabajar en los Estados Unidos. Con esto, se supone eliminar el motivo de la gente que viene a trabajar en este pais y convertir al patron en un agente de inmigracion. Pero esta ley no perjudicara a ningun patron, debido a que el patron es protegido por la misma ley. Por ejemplo, los patrones podran evitar el castigo, haciendo que sus trabajadores firmen una declaracion de tener residencia legal. Tambien antes de que el patron sea multado, tendra que haber sido advertido y citado y se dara dos años para corregir la violacion.

## A QUIEN PERJUDICA ESTA LEY?

El proyecto de ley Rodino es una propuesta racista y anti-obrera daña a toda la sociedad porque es una violacion de las libertades civiles de todo ser humano. La victima inmediata sera el trabajador Latino porque esta ley, garantiza la pobreza y la explotacion del trabajador. Por medio de esta ley se podra negar trabajo a un sector entero de la sociedad.

Se han visto casos, donde muchos patrones ya han comenzado a despedir o a interrogar a muchos trabajadores de tez morena no importando que clase de credenciales presenten. A muchos otros se les exigieron depositos desde \$300 hasta \$500 "que para sufragar la multa." Esta propuesta, aunque todavia no es ley, se esta usando en contra del trabajador, forzandole a que trabaje por sueldos bajos y condiciones malas ademas de debilitar sus esfuerzos por organizarse en sindicatos.

Aunque esta propuesta solo parece ser dirigida al trabajador sin documentos en realidad atacara a todo un sector de la sociedad que se distingue del resto por su lenguaje o nacionalidad. Las leyes prohiben la discriminacion pero como no hay medios para que estas leyes sean llevadas a cabo el tener documentos o ser ciudadano no reduce la explotacion o la discriminacion en los centros de trabajo.

Los trabajadores no son los culpables por la crisis - solo sufren las consecuencias del desempleo y la inflacion.

Los Estados Unidos es un pais de inmigrantes; la agricultura, los rieles y las fabricas han sido desarrollados y construidos por trabajadores inmigrantes. Pues cuando se desatan las crisis economicas es las chivas esplotatorias. Durante la crisis economica de los años 30 el gobierno deporto a mas de 50,000 extranjeros y ciudadanos de nacionalidad Mexicana.

Con la implementacion de "Operation Wetback" que fue un proyecto en contra del trabajador sin documentos, los arrestos llegaban a mas de 2000 diarios. Solamente en 1953 las readas y deportaciones masivas totalizaron mas de un millon de trabajadores.

En la historia de los Estados Unidos, se ha visto que cada vez que hay crisis economica como lo presente, deportan a millones de trabajadores, sean ciudadanos o extranjeros. Esto crea una ola de terror en donde ninguna persona de tez morena se puede sentir segura en un lugar publico, en su trabajo, o en su propia casa. Mientras al pueblo!

Los representantes Rodino, Eilberg, Russo, Dodd y el Senador Kennedy dicen que con esta ley protegeran los trabajos de ciudadanos. Con esto solo le quieren tapar el ojo al macho. Pues, por que con

tanto desempleo se le ha dado asilo politico y economico a los 60,000 Vietnamitas que traicionaron a su pueblo? Sera esto su premio por el fiel servicio que le dieron al ejercito de E.E.U.U., ayudandolos en las torturas y matanzas de los Vietnamitas que lucharon por la democracia y la justicia de Vietnam? El gobierno ha hecho todo lo posible para que estos refugiados no tengan problemas, han sido beneficiados en muchos aspectos. El 41% de los Vietnamitas refugiados en California reciben asistencia publica ya sean estampillas de comida, medicare o desempleo.

En 1970, el Departamento de Inmigracion certifico la entrada de 26,862 Canadienses como trabajadores temporales en los E.E.U.U. mientras que solo dejaron entrar 1,625 Mexicanos con documentacion laboral. Los Canadienses con su conocimiento del ingles y educacion estan preparados para tomar muchos de los trabajos de los ciudadanos Norte-Americanos. Asi que, por que esta discriminacion del trabajador Mexicano? Que se propone esta ley?

Las companias tambien con culpables de quitar la oportunidad de empleo. Entre 1966 y 1971 muchas fabricas se cambiaron a paises subdesarrollados causando una perdida de mas de 900,000 puestos que pudieron haber sido para trabajadores en este pais.

## LA VIOLACION DE DERECHOS CIVILES

Este proyecto de ley, de la discriminacion en contra de una persona Latina la violara los derechos garantizados por la constitucion de este pais.

Es anti-constitucional que se force a una persona a, que lleve una especie de pasaporte interno y que este determine si esa persona puede trabajar o no; si puede darle de comer a sus hijos o no.

Las consecuencias de esta ley son muy peligrosas solo para el trabajador Mexicano que no tenga documentos sino tambien para el ciudadano, pues limitando los derechos de un sector se limitan los derechos de toda la poblacion.

La Sra. Frances Knight, encabezada del Depto. de Pasaportes ha propuesto: que un pasaporte interno sea requerido para impedir las violaciones a la ley de inmigracion. Un estadista en 1798 escribio en su plegaria en contra de una propuesta en contra de los extranjeros "este sera un pais de denunciadores odiosos reptiles que se reproducen bajo el poder despotico."

El representante Eilberg propone que todo ciudadano se convierta en soplón, con la responsabilidad de sacar al "ilegal." Un hospital del condado de Santa Clara, Calif. permanece fiel a estas palabras. Desde hace tiempo se ha rehusado a dar sus servicios a cualquier persona que no tenga documentos, sin importar las condiciones de la persona. Como resultado en un caso reciente murio un Mexicano en camino a otra hospital cuando se le nego servicios.

## OPUSCULON A LA PROPOSTA RODINO

La legalidad de esta propuesta ha sido desafiada en las cortes de los Estados de

reminiscent of Hitler's Germany. But this seems to be the only practical means of enforcing this bill. We must give attention to the warning given against the alien bill of 1798: "the country will swarm with informers and all... who breed in the sunshine of despotism power." Eilberg, a proponent of the bill, stated in 1972 that all citizens i.e., the doctor, the milkman would have the responsibility of turning in the "illegal!"

This is already taking place in a county hospital in Santa Clara, Calif., where services are denied to those not showing proper documentation. Just recently, as a result of this, a Mexican worker died on the way to another hospital.

The legality of this bill has already been challenged in the California and New York state courts, where it was decided that a proposal similar to this violated

Nueva York y California, pues la consideracion anti-constitucional por negar proteccion igualitaria. Los representantes Roybal y Badillo protestaron lo mismo la Asociacion de Abogados de Inmigracion y Nacionalidad.

Las organizaciones incluyen iglesias y grupos pro-derechos civiles. Sindicatos como la United Auto Workers, la Union de Estivadores, la union de trabajadores estatales (AFSCME) estos dan una posicion energetica en contra de la propuesta Rodino. Ellos no participaran en una reaccion historica que quiera castigar a los trabajadores extranjeros por los errores de los patrones. Ellos creen que los serios problemas del desempleo e inflacion no se resolveran dividiendo a los trabajadores.

Esta propuesta de ley muestra una actitud insensible y arbitraria hacia los derechos del inmigrante, tanto como para el ciudadano.



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equal protection and due process of law. Also, it has been challenged by individuals and organization including congressmen Badillo and Roybal, churches, civil rights groups, and members of the Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers.

Union including the United Auto Workers, the International Longshoremen and Warehouse Union, AFSCME (a government employees union), all have taken strong positions protesting the Rodino Bill. They believe that our economic problems cannot be resolved by pitting workers against workers. They will not take part in a campaign of hysteria which seeks to punish alien workers and make them the scapegoat for the failures of the employers.

It is clear that the Rodino Bill is a faulty piece of legislation which will not better the conditions of workers in this country, but will only be of benefit to the bosses. It discriminates on the basis of skin color and nationality, and ultimately affects the rights of all people in this country.

# FOES FIGHT RODINO BILL

C.A.S.A., Center for Autonomous Social Action-General Brotherhood of Workers, urges all forces engaged in the struggle for democratic rights to unite behind the National Campaign against the proposed Rodino bill.

The campaign is opposed to the bill since it is racist and anti-labor and will have tragic consequences on all working people. The bill not only attempts to divide us but also violates our democratic rights.

The bill was formerly known as HR 982, it has been re-introduced as HR 8713, both have been proposed by Rep. Rodino. This proposal purports to fine employers who knowingly or voluntarily hire persons who do not possess documents or permission by the government to work in the United States. This act presupposes to eliminate the motivating force of immigrants in search of jobs to come to this country. In reality it turns the employer into an immigration agent.

But this bill does not jeopardize the employer since he is protected by many legal loopholes. For example, the employer can simply evade the fine by having their employees sign a declaration stating legal residence. Before an employer is fined he must be warned and cited in addition he is given two years to correct the violation.

The Rodino bill is racist and anti-labor which is detrimental to all sectors of society as it is in direct violation of civil liberties guaranteed by our constitution. In particular it will affect the rights of Latin American workers in this country, increasing the number of unemployed and forcing them into greater poverty. If this bill passes, it will make it possible to deny employment to an entire sector of society on the basis of nationality or language.

Cases exist in which the interrogation and dismissal of workers has become a common practice. Employers are taking action against workers based only on the color of their skin regardless of the possession of documents. Many are coerced by employers into paying anywhere from \$30 to \$500. They claim they take this measure in case they are fined. The implications of this bill are very serious. The Rodino bill, although not yet a law, is being used by the factory owners against the workers, forcing them to work for low wages in bad working conditions and, in addition, weakening their unionization efforts.

Although this bill appears to have negative consequences for the undocumented workers only, in practice it will also affect a large sector of society which is distinguished from the rest by language or nationality.

The present laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race or nationality do not protect the worker for there are no means by which these laws are enforced. Thus even if one has legal documents they are not a safeguard against exploitation and discrimination in places of employment.

The undocumented worker is not the cause of economic crisis; rather they are the victims of unemployment and inflation.

The United States is a country built by immigrants: agriculture, the railroads, and the factories have been built and maintained by immigrant workers. But during the economic crisis they are used as the sacrificial lambs and are singled out as the cause of the economic crisis.

In the economic crisis of the 1930s the government deported more than 5,000 U.S. citizens and foreigners of Mexican nationality.

In the 1950s with the implementation of the "Operation Wetback" campaign against the undocumented workers (in reality an attack on the Mexican population), there were approximately 2000 deportations daily. These massive deportations and raids reached a total of more than one million in 1953, alone.

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# COMENTARIO

By Jessie Rangel

Now that the May 1st Primary and June 5th Run-Off elections have passed, and we have had time to digest the results, it is time to analyze the events as they happened, rather than what we believed occurred. We must have a deep understanding of the world in which we are competing (in this case politics) if we are really concerned about, "el mejoramiento de nuestra gente". Much of the time, efforts, money, and attention of the Chicano community was put forth in the Delwin Jones-Froy Salinas race for Democratic nomination for State Representative District 75B. Common sense would dictate that this is the race that most Chicanos will talk about for some time to come.

Unfortunately, there are many Mexican-Americans who still believe that Chicanos can succeed in the political arena only by participating in the Democratic Party. If the dominant society felt the same way, there would not be a need for other political parties. Mexican-Americans will point to South Texas in general (where Chicanos are in the majority) and now to Lubbock county in particular and say "Ves te digo, podemos ganar." If we honestly believe this, then we are political neophytes trying to participate in a system that we still do not understand. It is imperative that we understand the mechanics of politics, for there are many factors, elements, and variables that come into play simultaneously.

To get a true prospective as to Mr. Salinas victory, one has to look into the historical background and know what transpired to make this come about. As anyone knows, change rarely comes about voluntarily. Since the establishment of Lubbock county in 1891, a Spanish-surname or Black candidate had never won a primary election running as a Democrat. The probability of him winning under the at-large system was, indeed, very remote.

It took the efforts of several in-

dividuals, including myself, to convince those in power to divide the district, and thus give the minority electorate an even chance to elect one of their own. The creation of District 75A and B was the end-result of those efforts. If the Democratic Party was indeed concerned about the lack of minority representation, they would not have put up such resistance but instead would have taken the initiative.

A variable that we must take into consideration is the fact that this is a presidential election year. In Texas, over 200,000 Democrats crossed over in the May 1st primary and voted in the Republican primary. Mr. Reagan conservatism appealed to them and thus, their presidential preference took precedence over local elections. These discontent Democrats actually cost Mr. Jones the race rather than Mr. Salinas victory. Many of these Democrats would have voted for Mr. Jones in the May 1st primary and obviously they did not. Mr. Salinas victory was partially attributed to the fact that these same crossover voters could not support Mr. Jones (although some tried) in the June 5th run-off election either.

The political arena is not a sacred ground and it belongs to anyone who is willing to compete. In the May 1st primary, there was also a Black candidate running as a Democrat in the race for state representative District 75B. While he did not win, he did, however, pulled enough votes to create a run-off. Many of his supporters also supported the Black candidate for County Commissioner Precinct #3, and thus came out to vote in the June 5th run-off election. This was quite evident as Mr. Salinas took Voting Box #6 by a substantial margin.

(Next article will be the numbers game)



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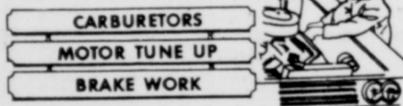
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How can we the Coaches this team tell our boys that only two of them were good enough to make the All Stars, yet at the same time two teams of which one had four losses and the other six or seven losses respectively, this same two teams had four and three all stars. If these two teams had so many all stars why then does the IR record not indicate so, with so many all stars one of these two teams should have had a better record. Let their win and loss record speak for its self.

We had four boys on our team with better than 500 batting average that can not be equaled by some of the all stars selected and yet these same boys were overlooked and neglected despite their record and Championship caliber.

What does it take for a boy to make All Star of our team? You were also led to believe that the All Stars were picked by the Mgr's and Coaches--this was not true the All Stars were selected by name only by the Coaches, but were picked by the boardmembers, some of who did not even bother to come see the teams play during the season, yet they were qualified to do so, the shame of it all. If one of you boardmembers have the guts to come and look at my boys in the eye and tell them why they were not good enough to be picked for the All Stars and if our boys buy what you tell them you will have sold me too.

The boardmembers got up in an uproar when the second place team was overlooked and neglected to get invited to tournament play by the west leagues, they said that they were prejudice and yet these same people are more prejudice and have shown biased, favoritism and complete ignorance toward our team. They told me as Mgr. that I could not keep the Championship Trophy this year, it is to be displayed in a trophy that the league does not even have. They can keep the trophy but what you did to my boys is a bitter and shameful thing to swallow, and is unforgiveable as far as I'm concerned. At this time I would like to announce that I will not manage the All Stars Team. I will not accept this position. I refuse it in total respect for my boys and Coach who worked so hard to help make this our Team a Champion. After Tournament play 6/26/76, I will not be associated with this league. I will not be part of something as shameful as what has happened to us, it is a black mark against the whole league and if we should happen to win lose or draw this Saturday it will be without the full support of the boardmembers and I do not owe anyone an apology for my feelings and the feelings of several of the League Mgr's and Coaches

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