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Pancho Clos y Santa Clos, son primos carnales. El siguiente relato, lo hago con dos propósitos. El primero, es con el fin de definir un ramo sobresaliente del árbol geneológico de Pancho Clos, mientras el siguiente lo hago con el propósito de aclarar de una vez y por todas, la controversia popular que existe entre estos dos personajes.

El padre de Pancho Clos y el de Santa Clos eran hermanos. Eran hijos del original Santa Clos viejo. Cuando su padre murió, sofocado en la ceniza de una chimenea, le siguió su hijo mayor, Santa Clos #1 y el Santa #2, tenían el trabajo de ayudarle a su hermano mayor. Y como todos los hermanos mayores, llego a depender en Santa #2 para que le hiciera todo su trabajo. Mientras que él se la pasaba haciendo monos de nieve y paseándose en su guayín, el pobre de Santa #2, partía la lana, cuidaba los venados, en volvía los regalos para repartir a los niños y hasta tenía que ir con su hermano mayor a distribuirlos en navidad, mientras que Santa #2 lo esperaba afuera y se quejaba de no encontrar "Parking Space."

Un día, Santa #2 ya no aguantó más, y en seguida le dice a su hermano: "Sabes que? Ya me canse de ser tu "Flunkie," o tu puerquito, pues ahorita mismo me largo y me voy a poner mi santa land en otra parte. Al fin y al cabo que yo donde quiera labo y plancho y saco mis garritas al sol, (Cuando sale)".

Santa Claus, no dijo nada por un rato. Luego se rio con esa risa tan popular de él, y dijo; "Pues para que veas que yo no estoy enojado contigo, hasta te voy a cantar una canción de despedida." Pues nada: Que no alcanzo a acabar de decir canción, cuando empezo el mariachi "Santa's Helpers" a tocar el acompañamiento. Le cantaron: "Te vas porque yo quiero que te vayas" y que seas feliz.

Por fin, se fue el hermano de Santa Claus y no se detuvo hasta llegar al Polo Sur. El primer año, extrajo mucho a los niños a quien le ayudaba a su hermano a entregar los regalos. Como no sabía hablar español, consiguió a una persona que le enseñara el idioma. Fue en esta forma como llegó conocer a "Pura Nieves" a quien luego hizo su esposa y mastarde tuvieron un hijo a quien le llamaron "Pancho". Esta familia entonces consistió de Santa Claus #2 (hermano de Santa Claus-original), Pancho Claus (hijo) y Puri Claus. Puri Claus, le decía Santa. Un día, Santa Claus #2 decidió ir a visitar Santa #1 que se había quedado en el North Pole sin saber cuenca ese mismo momento, su hermano ya venía en camino a visitarlo. Se encontraron en el viento y se pararon a platicar, sin saber que el "Apollo 13" venía de regreso a la tierra en ese mismo momento.

Fue un acontecimiento bastante trágico. Las noticias de ese grave acontecimiento, no se publicaron, porque eso podría dañar el programa espacial (space effort). Sus restos fueron llevados a una isla que le nombraron "Christmas Island". Esta situada cerca de "Easter Island" donde fue sepultado la coneja.

Si, la coneja que fue la coneja original, fue

sepultada en Easter Island. Sabes que cuando Las Gallinas se dieron cuenta que la coneja las estaba explotando de sus recursos naturales, cuando vieron que por mas huevos que pusieron, no le daban abasto a su insaciable empeño de repartir canastas llenas de huevos en el día de Easter, se organizaron todas y empezaron un plan para eliminar a la coneja. Ese movimiento, se llamo "G.U.E.N.A."

Pero esa, ya es otra historia. Para seguir con nuestra historia, cuando se mataron los hermanos Santa Claus en el choque espacial con el Apollo 13, cada uno dejó un hijo en los 2 distintos puntos Polares.

El que se quedó en el Polo Norte, seguió el trabajo de su papá y hasta la fecha, lleva el mismo nombre de su ilustre padre. En cambio, el hijo del hermano de Santa Claus, que si quedó en el Polo Sur, se llama Pancho Clos.

Santa Claus seguió la tradición y no quiso cambiar nada de las costumbres de su padre.

Pancho Clos, en vez de traer un sleigh con venaditos, estira una carreta con burritos.

En vez de gritar; HO-HO-HO, grita; "AJUA", y prefiere usar un zarape y un sombrero grande en vez de gorra roja. Así es, aunque estos dos son primos, existe cierta diferencia entre ambas personalidades. Y no es de sorprenderse si lo oyen que grite; "Viva La Raza", porque también pertenece al Chicano Movement y es bilingüe, además es miembro del G.I. Forum.

Por Jesse Reyes

Queremos tomar esta oportunidad para desearles a todos nuestro lectores una Feliz Navidad y un Propioso Año nuevo. Sabemos que ellos y ustedes son los que nos dan los ánimos para seguir publicando LA VOZ. Al mismo tiempo queremos expresar nuestras más sinceras gracias a todos nuestros comerciantes que se anuncian en nuestro periódico semana tras semana. Ellos son los que hacen nuestro periódico una realidad. GRACIAS!

PROGRAMA ES UN EXITO

Más de 5,000 bolsas de dulces y frutas se regalaron este pasado domingo durante el programa de Pancho Clos. Los regalos fueron dados a una cantidad de niños pobres en Lubbock, Shallowater, Carlsbad, Wolforth, Ralls, Slaton y otros pueblos circundantes.

Aquí en Lubbock más de 3,000 bolsas fueron dadas durante un programa que se llevó a cabo en el Parque Aztlán desde las tres de la tarde. También se presentaron varios cantantes, coros y presentaciones. Se hizo una presentación de un drama Navideño por parte de varios miembros de la comunidad.

Este evento marcó el final de una larga campaña por 10 organizaciones cívicas de aquí en Lubbock incluyendo; American G.I. Forum, Reese Mexican American Club, Brown Berets, Association of Mexican American Women, COMA, LULAC 666, G.I. Forum (Ladies Chapter), Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, Northwest Little League, LA VOZ Chicana C-B Club, y mucho individuos.

El Sr. Homero Rodríguez, presidente del comité, dijo que él pensaba que el programa había sido todo un éxito y que ojalá que el próximo año sea más éxito. Agregó que el comité se estará juntando después de las fiestas para empezar a hacer planes para el próximo año. Le dio las gracias a todos los que ayudaron y participaron en el programa especialmente a todos los que donaron dinero y tiempo.

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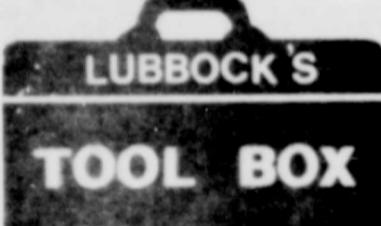
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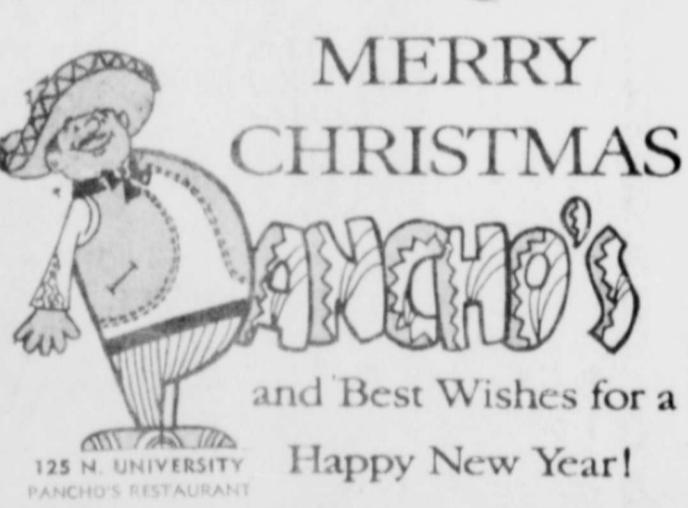
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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Christmas is the "giving and getting" season—and for some consumers and businesses that means giving up their hard-earned money and getting taken by fraudulent charities.

All Texans are familiar with the traditional seasonal appeals of the many established and reputable charitable organizations that fund good works—the Salvation Army, Christmas Seals, and others.

It's the other kind—the fake charities—that you need to be on guard against, say our Consumer Protection Division lawyers.

They caution that these groups and individuals take advantage of the holiday good will to "rip off" charitable donations of well-meaning citizens and businesses—money that was intended for the needy but never got past the hands of the greedy.

Fake charities may operate in a number of ways. Some may send individuals door-to-door with well-practiced " sob stories" to part you from your money. Others will try to sell you items supposedly made by the handicapped, retired senior citizens, or others, but in reality purchased in bulk

from a manufacturer.

Businesses, too, are the targets of unscrupulous hucksters of phony charities and "spirit of brotherhood" salesmen. The latter usually operate a telephone "boiler room" where dozens of persons call all over the country. They use high-pressure tactics to sell advertising space in special holiday brotherhood issues of newspapers or magazines published by minority, ethnic, or religious organizations. Our Consumer Protection attorneys say these boiler rooms usually operate out of Los Angeles, Dallas, or the East Coast. Their high-pressure tactics sometimes take the form of threats to have local groups boycott the business if no advertisement is placed.

Another appeal used heavily this time of year is the solicitation for firefighters or police associations. In reality, not all such appeals are authorized by the associations. And in some cases, the groups receive no portion at all of the money collected in their names.

How do you separate the worthy charity appeals from the phonies? It's not hard, and it's certainly worthwhile to make sure your money goes

sympathetic about your reasons for wanting to return or exchange an item, but must abide by store policy which may not allow for such adjustments.

If you are solicited by telephone, ask the caller to send information about the charity and the fundraising drive in writing. Usually, if it's a fake, you will never receive the information. If you do, and if it's not a charity you recognize, call your Better Business Bureau or Chamber of Commerce to find out if the group is legitimate before responding to the appeal.

Most cities require that charities obtain a solicitation permit before running collection drives. If you are the object of door-to-door charity solicitation, ask to see the permit.

If an appeal is made on behalf of firefighters or police, call your local group to see if it's legitimate.

If you receive unordered merchandise by mail and are asked to "send a contribution" in return, remember that you are not required to respond. State and federal laws allow you to keep unordered items mailed to you.

Call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division in Austin, Houston, San Antonio, McAllen, Lubbock, or El Paso if you have a consumer complaint.

AUSTIN—Chances are, there will be a few Christmas gifts that you or someone you know may need to return or exchange because of duplication or inaccurate size.

Most consumers expect to be able to make exchanges or returns with no trouble other than having to stand in line, perhaps. Our Consumer Protection Division attorneys say, though, that no store is legally required to refund your money, to exchange merchandise, or to accept returned gifts for credit unless the item is defective or had been misrepresented.

Most businesses, however, are agreeable about making adjustments in order to keep customers happy, usually regarding this as a customer service which will encourage repeat business.

But you should always check in advance of purchasing an item as a gift about the store's policy on returns in order to avoid possible problems. Some sales persons and store managers may be very

sympathetic about your reasons for wanting to return or exchange an item, but must abide by store policy which may not allow for such adjustments.

You should not expect to get a cash refund on a gift you have received and want to return. And you should expect, either, to return a Christmas gift that may now be marked down for an after-Christmas sale and get credit or refund for it at the original price.

It goes without saying that you should not expect to return merchandise that is worn or used, that you have damaged yourself, or that was purchased several months before Christmas. Most merchants will rightfully refuse to make any adjustment in such cases.

There are some cases, however, in which a store is legally required to make adjustments, our attorneys point out. If you discover that an item is different from advertisements, the store must either supply what was advertised or allow you to return the item for cash or credit or to exchange it for another.

Or, if the store makes an error in an order, such as sending a small-sized pullover to your king-sized cousin, or sending flowered twin sheets instead of striped double sheets, it must correct the error.

Some precautions may help to make necessary returns or exchanges easier both for you and for store personnel:

—Be sure to take all manufacturer's hang tags, price labels, sales or charge receipts with you, because sales persons will require proof of purchase and proof that the goods actually came from their store.

—Return items in original containers, boxes, or sacks, if possible.

—Return goods to the department where purchased, or to the adjustment desk if there is one.

—Explain fully and completely the reason for the return.

If there is a problem with an adjustment you think is valid, try to settle it first with the store manager. If that doesn't work, consult our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division or your local Better Business Bureau.

En unas naciones Latino Americanas las violaciones de derechos humanos se han deteriorado hasta un nivel tan bajo que las democracias de estas naciones son ignoradas. Los gobiernos militares o dictaduras en estas naciones han violado en toda forma los derechos humanos retenidos por el hombre como inalienables.

Las violaciones de derechos humanos han sido usados como represión en contra de los estudiantes, sacerdotes, políticos, periodistas, intelectuales, y extranjeros que se ven sospechosos. Los dictadores reclaman que tienen que hacer esto para eliminar los guerrilleros pero en hacer esto han hecho uso de la tortura, asesinatos, arrestos, y otras violaciones de los derechos humanos.

Las clases de torturas usadas por los militares o policías son choques eléctricos, golpiendo o quemando agua por las narices o la boca de los prisioneros políticos, uno de los prisioneros muere por las torturas. Otros son ejecutados y muchos desaparecen y nunca más se ven o se tiene noticia de ellos.

Hay miles de prisioneros políticos en la América Latina y muchos

nunca han sido llevados a una corte judicial porque son prisioneros políticos. También la policía no dejó nadie verlos para tenerlos aislados de la gente. Muchos de los prisioneros han desaparecido y la policía dice que no tienen ningún archivo o que nunca fueron arrestados. Muchos mueren cuando son torturados otros son ejecutados y otros sufren los efectos psicológicos causados por las torturas.

Los gobiernos de estas naciones mandan agentes para otras naciones y también para los estados unidos para asesinar izquierdistas. En Argentina la militar ha asesinado una gente porque eran Marxistas. En Brasil grupos para asesinar han existido por muchos años y han matado mucha gente y son una represión para la gente. En Chile el gobierno ha asesinado y torturado mucha gente y también tienen muchos presos políticos. Los militares cometen muchos crímenes pero le hacen la culpa a grupos de derechistas que dicen que cometieron los crímenes por cuestión de venganza.

Todos los gobiernos de estas naciones niegan que usan la tortura y que los métodos duros que usan son para desanimar a los guerrilleros.

La gente que defienden o perdonan esta violación de los derechos humanos son gente que se benefician de la dictadura.

Organizaciones internacionales de amnistía para prisioneros políticos han pedido a las naciones unidas que no den ayuda a estos gobiernos que violan los derechos humanos de presos políticos. También han pedido a los estados Unidos que paren de darles ayuda militar o crédito a estos gobiernos.

Es apropiado y democrático que la gente sea unida y demanden justicia para el oprimido. Que la conciencia de la gente de una democracia libre les recuerde que no es suficiente no mas vivir y ignorar la represión de sus hermanos.

La publicación y condenación de estas violaciones de derechos humanos es para decirles a esos bobos que sus políticas corruptas y la represión no son parte de una democracia libre.

El hombre sera libre no mas cuando toda la represión sea terminada y sus derechos unalienados con que nacio respectados. Ningun gobierno puede quitarle al hombre estos derechos.

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Fue en los ultimos años que paint-sniffing gano fama entre la juventud del Aguila. Lo peor de la situación es que la práctica de esta forma de endrogar se ocurre mas entre la edad de 12 a 16 años de edad. Esto se debe a la facilidad que pueden conseguir pintura.

El tipo de pintura que se usa es la se pompa (spray), y se consigue en cualquier ferreteria o tienda de descuento. Como su precio es bajo y se consigue tan facil es mas popular que la marihuana. La falta de recursos economicos no impide que estos jóvenes consigan pintura, ya que la mayoría de las veces es robada.

Ya en su poder, la pintura es aplicada a un pañuelo o a veces un calcetin. Los mas avanzados usan una bolsa de plastico para poder contener el aroma en el pañuelo por mas tiempo. El respirar esta aroma produce

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NOTICIAS DE COMA

A joint meeting of the COMA Special Projects Committee was held on Monday. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the progress made in the development of the upcoming activities of said organization.

Ida Alfaro, chairperson of the Special Projects Committee presided over this meeting. In attendance were members and officers who had been delegated several functions related to the January 22 banquet and installation of officers.

Gilberto Flores, president re-

un estado de embriaguez.

Despues de tanto uso el individuo reacciona muy violento hacia las personas que lo rodean y comete actos inexplicables.

El efecto de respirar pintura es muy peligroso ya que causa dano permanente al cerebro. Cada vez que se respira la pintura ciertas células del cerebro se mueren. Despues de el uso continuo el individuo puede quedar fuera de sus facultades mentales.

Esta situación demanda atención inmediata. No hay un narcotraficante por medio. Los vendedores de esta droga son los comerciantes. EL PASO DEL AGUILA les pide a todos los comerciantes que pongan la pintura detrás del mostrador y prohíban la venta de pintura a menores de 18 años. El concilio debía pasar una ordenanza exigiendo este tipo de acción para que tenga mejor efecto.

ported on his attempt to obtain Mr. Jerry Apodaca, Governor of New Mexico, as one of the main speakers, as well as, Congressman Mahon as the Special Guest. His report was inclusive with a note of uncertainty--as the offices of COMA had received a call concerning Mr. Apodaca's trip to Lubbock, on said date. (The New Mexico Legislature will be in session during that frame time, also, Mr. Carter inauguration will be held).

Mr. & Mrs. Raul Sepeda reported on the feasibility of obtaining some "Marachis" on the Mexican music for entertainment.

Roy Montelongo, the new president elect reported on the accessibility of "el Centro Cruisillista" for the 22nd of Jan. He also, recommended that COMA precedes with events as scheduled without further delay. Also, that an alternative (guest speaker), be sought as a back up to Mr. Apodaca. Some of the parties mentioned were Mr. Raul Castro, governor of Arizona, Mr. Carlos Turan, local (Texas) Legislator, and Mr. Thomas Aranda, Special Assistant to the President.

Mr. Bidal Aguero (absent) was given the chore to be the overall coordinator for bringing together all facets of the banquet activities.

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Que Sea Esta Navidad

Por Nephtali DeLeon

La biblia, Dios, Cristo, San Jose, la Virgen Maria, y las fiestas Navidenas--, bueno, creo que hasta la capirotada; todo esto y muchas cosas mas, son cuestiones y asuntos de Judios.

Imaginese usted que nuestras vidas diarias han sido dirigidas, (aun nuestro futuro, pasado, y presente) por los pensamientos y actividades de una pequena tribu, por cierto des conocida en los dias de Socrates y Platon. Y esta influencia llega hasta miles y millones de almas Cristianas. O si no, nomas pregunte a tan diferentes personas como a Billy Graham, el Papa, o al Koreano Reverendo Moon.

Si, no cabe duda que el poder de aquellos perseguidos, esclavizados, y atormentados Judios, ahora esta tan metido en nuestras almas que aveces ni lo reconocemos.

No cabe duda que la fuerza de una idea pue de perdurar por todo el tiempo que esa idea sea practica y buena para aquellos que la piensan. Y que una idea y una creencia tiene la fuerza y el poder que ninguna cosa material puede tener.

Y el hecho de que un Dios nacio entre los Judios, un Dios quien no permitia ningun otro dios, y otras estatuas--asi asegurando su supremo trono en la grande caravana de creencias y religiones.

Pero tal vez lo mas obvio en la historia Judaica--no sea tanto sus convicciones y cre-

ncias--ya que ha habido muchas de estas, sino que despues de sus ideas (y las ideas) se pueden esfumar de la noche a la mañana) habia tambien la increible unidad. Tenian la unidad (aunque aveces con pleitos) en los tiempos de las bombas atomicas. Fueron perseguidos por muchas naciones y aun lo son. Pero su unidad (magica actividad) les aseguro no solamente que sobrevivieran como un pueblo, sino que tambien sus ideas controlaran los pensamientos del mundo entero!

Entonces para nosotros, esta incansable actividad, esta dedicacion a los estudios y escrituras, pero mas, esta increible unidad--son las lecciones mas buenas que podemos aprender de un pueblo perseguido y sub-desar

rollado que era, tal como lo es el nuestro.

Un ejemplo moderno de la fuerza que aun (atraves de mas de dos mil años!) mantienen los Judios, es el boicoteo que ahora le han hecho a nuestra madre patria, Mexico.

Por la manera que Mexico lanzo su voto en las Naciones Unidas (en contra del pensar Judaico, que aveces niega otra raza si no son Judios), los Judios Americanos han hecho una protesta contra Mexico.

Y como estos (los Judios) comprenden mejor que nadie el valor de la feria \$ y su poder - han decidido no pasearse por Mexico -especialmente en estos dias festivos.

Solo en Acapulco han cancelado 68,000 re-

servaciones en los hoteles mas ricos y lujosos. En la ciudad de Mexico han hecho lo mismo con 60,000 reservaciones. Han cancelado tambien 12 convenciones, y 22 giras turisticas (como un millon de personas), asi negandole un total de mas de 5 o 6 millones de Judios que planeaban pasar estos dias en Mexico! Y si cada uno gastara nadamas un dollar \$, serian 5 o 6 millones de dolares para Mexico!

En cuanto a nosotros, La Raza, cuando se nos va a prender el foco? Ojala que sea esta Navidad.

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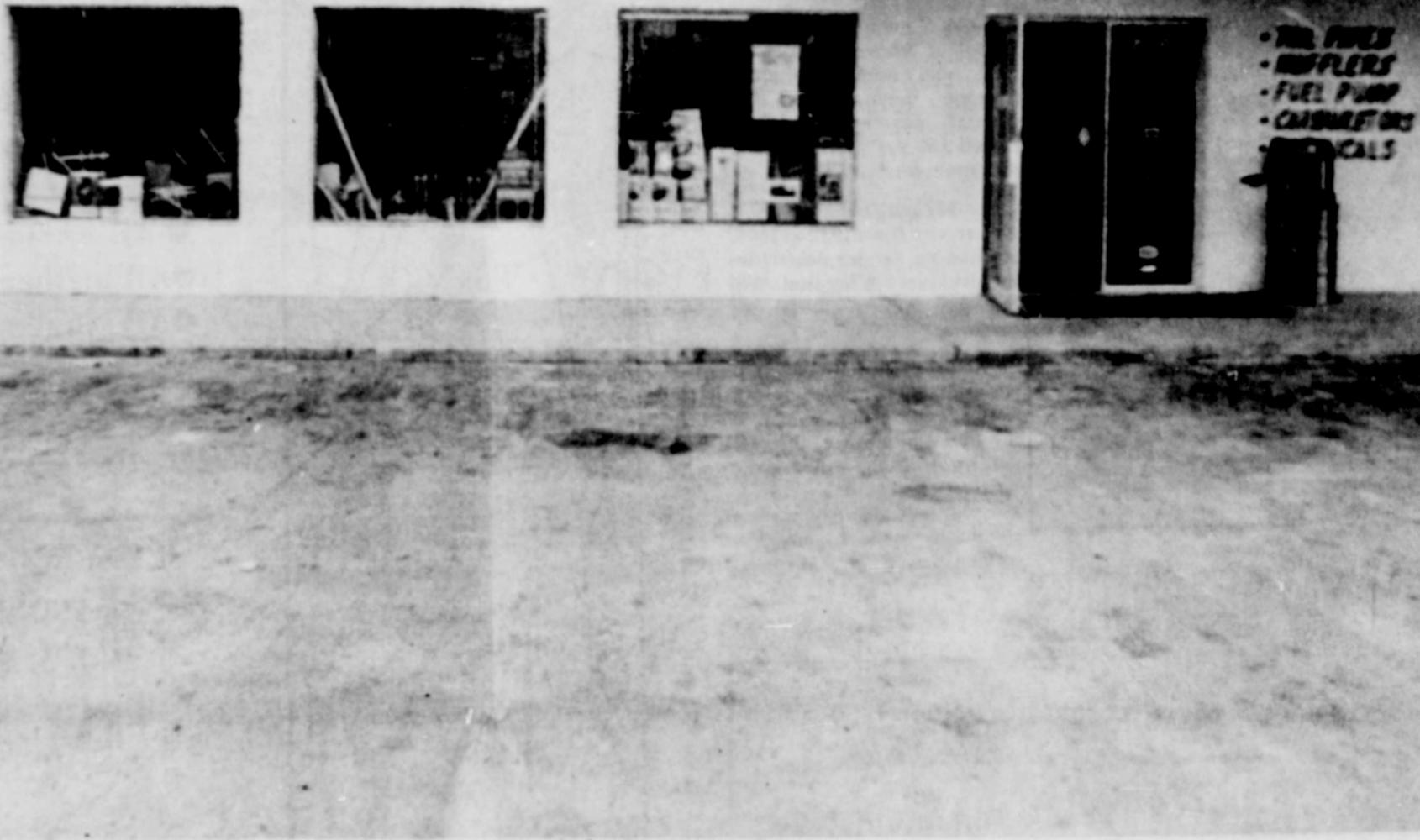
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COMMENTARY

Many of us have spoken of how easy it is to criticize and how hard it is to do something that we don't know how to do. Because of that it is easy to criticize those persons who set the example and call them sell-outs, reformists, or simply crazy. This is where we shall start. Men like Christ, Columbus, Marx and others were crazy yet they explored and laid down the roads that are being walked, today, by wise men who think they are the first. To us the farm workers of Texas the label of reformist sell-outs has been attached. But those who classify us thus are persons who are representatives of parties which are either too leftist or too rightist, but they don't say this publicly because they want to continue getting funds from organizations which they feel will with the old story of wanting to launch an armed revolution. Yet they know very well that if they did bring it off they would be killing the goose that lays the golden eggs, and they would never forgive themselves.

Many times we have said that if Christ or the Devil helped us with the means necessary to continue our struggle, we the Texas farm workers, would be ready to receive this help without caring what labels they put on us. So it is that now that we have gotten a grant from the church, they have labeled us in San Benito of being sell-outs and reformists, very nice, very nice. But it is time that we should make it clear to these organization or parties, that what we received is not even a fifth of what they receive, not only from the church, but from the very government and system that they say they hate so much. The few resources that we have been able to get are not large enough for us to launch a national organizing campaign to send, with all expenses paid, our organizers to schools in Los Angeles New York, Detroit or wherever.

Do you know how much one of these trips by plane across the nation cost? This is really knowing how to spend money that you have in trying to buy people.

We stopped the strikes and

demonstrations because of lack of money and yet they accuse us of trying to buy the people for these demonstrations.

At this point it would be well to state that if this is true, then we are doing nothing new or nothing that they themselves have not been doing for several years, because we would have to paralyze all of this Valley of tears if we were able to reach that source of money that these people hide so jealously. We assure you that with what they spend to fly ten or a hundred organizers and pay their hotel and food expenses for a trip to New York or Los Angeles we would have enough money to maintain a strike in the Valley for a month.

This is where the eternal issue arises that maybe the people do not want or wish a strike and maybe we merely want to buy these people.

The answer is short and simple:

What are you doing when you pay your so called organizers?

The only difference is that you pick and choose according to your likes and whisks those people that are better at bending the knees and bow their heads to make sure that your investment is guaranteed.

On the other hand we who are working with all of those living at the bottom of the social barrel do not choose anyone and only unite with all who feel as we do and who are ready and willing to barely exist with the meager subsistence which we are able to gather and share with these people.

In truth, the reality is more cruel than the fantasy, since up to now all of those revolutionary leftist parties and rightist organizers have screamed that they are the centers of all the people and that they are the divine leaders of the masses in general and that they have the world and that it would take a mere word from them to stop even the sun from shining on us.

They say this is the reason they should be helped, and this is how they are able to gather plenty of money-money that sinks into obscurity.

They continue telling the people who follow them that they have no money. What they never bother to explain is this: if they have no money how can they pay for trips for their organizers? If they have no money, how are they able to pay the hotel bills for those who are willing to bow their heads very nicely?

Many times these "organizers" have screamed and shouted that they should know where the money comes from and where it goes but what they never seem to know or tell is what they themselves do with the money they get, since not ever their friends or colleagues know where they get their money, much less where it goes.

They however, use these tactics on us, and when we attempt to do the same to them, they do not know what to say.

They don't ever make the reports which they are supposed to make, yet they scream and shout that they want to see them.

We, whether we are reformers or sell-outs simply wish to clarify our position, because even though this might be the worst position in the world, we do not attempt to hide anything to be ashamed of merely because of the mistake that these people are making by criticizing us in the way they are doing.

We have not yet reached the stage where we see the need to lie and say that we have or control this organization or that one, and that for this reason we should be getting money that otherwise we would never get. We, the farmworkers of Texas, are at the bottom of the social barrel, and this is where we will continue to stay to fight for those changes that we need, because it is at the bottom of the social barrel that we were born grew up in, and in which we live.

We also know that we will die at the bottom of the social barrel, and this is why we do not choose to change by leaving or training ourselves in the large cities. All we want is to improve the place in which we will die and in this way make a better place for our children.

We will continue our struggle in spite of the labels or names we are called, and in spite of the criti-

cisms because we do not follow this line or that one, because we as farmworkers know which are the goal we seek and are not after a communist, socialist, or capitalist suit. Neither do we seek the suit of a reformer or a sell-out.

What we are doing is continuing a long struggle to reach that which we seek, and since we feel that we are on a long road under an intense sun such as in the deserts, the weak have hallucinations and see many fantasies. Also, to those who criticize us, we appear to be sell-outs, reformers, communists, socialists, or capitalists.

The only truth of the matter is that they have hallucinations and that is why we appear to be all those things that they think and believe that they are seeing, but no day, an understanding, justice, and peace will be among us.

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M E R I V I L L E R I O
N K T

The roads travelled today by the wise men; yesterday the fools walked them. This is very true here on the valley of tears because in the years of 1966-66, I remember very well when I went to ask the American Civil Liberties Union to help us with a lawyer to fight the police brutality of the Texas Rangers. Our appeal had the same result that we now ask. We appeal and implore that Jim Harbinson will not be patronize because even though he has the title of a lawyer, he lacks professional ethics.

and does us more harm than good. Like they say in 66 they did not give us a lawyer and now in 71 they will not take care of this one that they forced on us. This happens all the time when from the outside they try to help and more than help they look for the publicity for their future plans. Now would the A.C.L.U. like it if we as farmworkers could tell them how to organize or how to defend the cases they like to fight. The truth is that we are not prepared for that and the first thing they would say would be that we do not have the necessary education for it. Although, all that is not necessary for us; they sure want us to follow with our eyes closed whoever they impose on us. In 66 they did not help us with a lawyer when the brutal acts of the Rangers were happening. Now, today that we don't have those bloody confrontations and for that now a lawyer is necessary to help in a few selected cases not by us or by a committee of lawyers or citizens from the Valley of tears. Nothing of that; today the case is that the lawyer from the project Pueblo Unido patronized by A.C.L.U. C. and A.C.L.U. is chosen by who knows and he gives such legal aid and help to the ones that want to destroy us here in this Valley of tears. We don't care how many enemies we have because we have learned to survive under the attack of the system. The Rangers also gave us a good beating in 66 and the major experience we have on these problems is why we will continue fighting against the system of favor on the part of the A.C.L.U. is patronizing against a few of us. Even though, we are a minority.

"up up"

In August, people were paying \$17.19 for products that cost \$10 in 1967, according to a U.S. Department of Labor report on monthly and annual increases in living costs. In 1976, the inflation rate increased six percent in contrast to the two percent average increase during the 1950's and 2.3 percent during the 1960's.

Prices of various consumer goods increased and cancelled minimal gains made in the decrease in meat prices. In three months the cost of regular gasoline jumped from 2.7 cents a gallon, and premium rose 2.8 cents a gallon.

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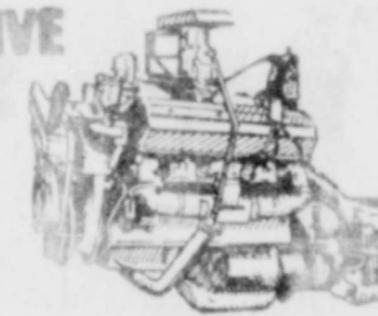
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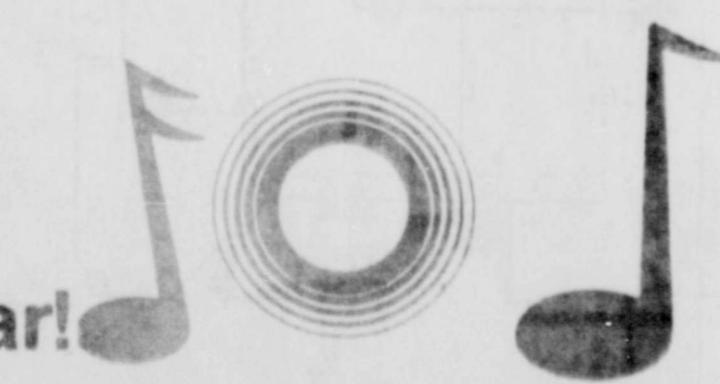
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