

March 18, 1977

Mr. James F. Jackson, Chairman
State Executive Governing Board
M.E.T. Inc.
3445 Fannet Road
Beaumont, Texas 77705

Dear Mr. Jackson:

It is with the full consenses and authorization of the membership of Region VI, R.A.C. Committee, that the following contents of this letter are written:

1. We are requesting that the full contents of this letter be read to the total State Executive Governing Board membership at the next meeting that has been schedule to be held at Jennings, Louisiana on Saturday, March 19, 1977.

2. We are requesting immediate reinstatement of Mr. Freddie Castillo as Region VI, Coordinator in the Wichita Falls area office, with full control and responsibilities as previously held and also full compensation of pay and fringe benefits from the date of his suspension without pay took effect, to the reinstatement date.

3. We are also requesting that an immediate investigation into the reasons for Mr. Freddie Castillo's suspension, and any information of charges made against Mr. Castillo, pertaining to his previous responsibilities as Region VI, Coordinator and all information to be made available to Region VI, R.A.C. Committee.

Henceforth, since the lack of communication between staff and Region VI committee still exist, and we have not, to this date received any written notice of the suspension, other than a telephone call from the West Texas Regions Supervisor on January 10, 1977, stating only that our Region VI Coordinator had been suspended and that the field counselor would take over temporarily, until a new coordinator could be hired, the West Texas Supervisor would not devulge any further information other than what has been stated above. We do feel that all R.A.C. Committees should be kept well informed on all matters pertaining to the M.E.T., Inc. programs, more so the Regions that are effected by general administration decisions that take place, and also who could be more fully aware of all matters pertaining to Regions respectively in the matter of staffing and problem corrections if not

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the R.A.C. Committees. We strongly feel, that henceforth in the future all R.A.C. Committees should have some kind of input into all matters pertaining to the efficiency or inefficiency of the Administration of each region office respectively. We feel that it is an impossible task for one supervisor that is headquartered in Cleveland, Texas to efficiently administer his total responsibilities for one half of the State of Texas, without the assistance of all the Region R.A.C. committees in matters of program charts, staff and region coordination. R.A.C. Committees need to be utilized more, be given more responsibilities to keep functioning, and to feel a sense of accomplishment for the betterment of human kind.

We do feel that committees are no longer needed, when they are never kept informed on Agency matters, one way or the other when a change takes place within the Agency it effects all committees in every region.

We are very sincerely requesting from all State Executive Governing Board members, a very honest and sincere analyses of all statements you have heard.

Thank you Mr. Jackson and Board Members. May God bless you with all your endeavors and keep up the good work.

Respectfully,



Mr. Louis Esquibel

Region VI
R.A.C. Committee Chairman
1317 North 6th Street
Wichita Falls, Texas 76304

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assistant secretary of defense in the Johnson administration; Zbigniew Brzezinski, a principal Carter foreign affairs and defense adviser and a Soviet expert at Columbia University, and Joseph Califano, a Washington Democratic lawyer who served as an aide to former President Lyndon B. Johnson and was once counsel of the Democratic National Committee.

Carter lived in the mansion for four years while he was governor and was invited to use it for the interviews by its current occupant, Gov. George Busbee.

Sitting in on the job interview sessions were Vice President-elect Walter F. Mondale and Carter advisers Charles Kirbo, Hamilton Jordan and Greg Schneiders.

Carter aides said the president-elect would make no announcement of any final selections over the next few days.

The meetings are to continue in Atlanta on Wednesday and one of the participants is to be Harold Brown, former secretary of the Air Force and Pentagon research director. The other names were not made public.



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gas established by the FPC (Federal Power Commission) for gas sales to interstate gas companies."

Liles explained that producers have been inclined to sell to intrastate companies who may purchase gas at unrestricted prices. Because purchases cannot be made at higher well-head rates than those set by the FPC, interstate gas companies are running short of fuel, he said.

"It would require FPC authority to purchase intrastate gas to put into an interstate system," Liles said.

Liles named cities served by the interstate distributor in Texas including Bowie, Wichita Falls, Vernon, Henrietta, Electra, Iowa Park, Petrolia, Byers and Burkburnett.

In Oklahoma, Liles said cities served include Frederick, Hollis, Snyder, Grandfield, Eldorado and others.

Williamson said he called Dr. Marlin Brockette, Texas commissioner of education, im-

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Accident Kills Eldorado Man

ELDORADO, Okla. (Special) — C.B. Harkins, 54, a former Jackson County commissioner, was killed Tuesday in a freak accident on his farm near here.

Police said he was killed when his clothing became entangled in a portable cotton suction machine used to vacuum small piles of cotton from the ground.

The machine was being towed behind a tractor driven by his wife.

Jackson County Undersheriff Chuck Parris said Harkins was in the process of sucking up a small pile of cotton when his pants leg became entangled in the spinning drive shaft.

The California Supreme Court on Tuesday struck down the state's 1974 capital punishment law, prompting the state's chief prosecutor to say he would seek a new death penalty statute.

The unanimous decision cited recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings in declaring California's death penalty law unconstitutional on grounds that it violates the high court's guidelines for imposing capital punishment.

The 40-page decision, written by Chief Justice Donald Wright, said the 1974 law makes "death a mandatory punishment for those categories of first-degree murder encompassed by special circumstances... without provision or consideration of evidence of mitigating circumstances..." as required by the high court.

It was the second time in four years that the California Supreme Court struck down the state death penalty law. In 1972, Wright wrote a decision wiping out the capital punish-

ment law on grounds that it violated a state constitutional provision against "cruel and unusual punishment."

But voters and the legislature approved the new law that went into effect Jan. 1, 1974. There have been no executions under the new law, and none was scheduled. However, 65 men and two women currently are on death row in California.

An aide to State Atty. Gen. Evelle Younger said Tuesday's decision, when it becomes final after 30 days, will apply to all inmates sentenced under the "special circumstances" provision of the 1974 law, with the possible exception of five of the 65 male inmates.

Those five were convicted in the slayings of police officers, and Deputy Atty. Gen. William James said a case involving similar circumstances is now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The effects in California are going to be tremendous," Younger said in a telephone interview from Hawaii, where he was vacationing.

Discrimination Suit Names City

By MARK WITHERSPOON Staff Writer

A civil suit charging City of Wichita Falls with discriminatory employment practices against "Spanish-surnamed Americans of Mexican descent" has been filed in U.S. District Court.

The suit, filed Monday by Placido Rivera and Ernest Ceballos under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, asks for damages for themselves and others whom the city allegedly has discriminated against, and an injunction

against alleged practices in the future.

Rivera and Ceballos, in their suit, also ask U.S. District Judge to allow the suit to be filed as a class action suit involving all Mexican-Americans who have been discriminated against by the city. A class action suit cannot be filed unless approved by the judge of the court.

The suit, filed through Wichita

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Good Morning DECEMBER 1976

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	Pioneer Square Dance	9	Chili Pow-Wow	Pioneer Bowl
12	13	14	Bill of Rights Day	Boston Tea Party	Hanukkah begins	18
19	20	Shortest Day of Year	22	23	24	Christmas
Battle of Trenton	27	28	29	30	New Year's Eve	

Weather

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WICHITA FALLS VICINITY: Fair through Wednesday night with increasing cloudiness Thursday. Warmer Wednesday through Thursday with a high Wednesday in the lower 50s and a low Wednesday night in the lower 30s. High Thursday will be in the mid 60s with winds southwesterly 5-15 m.p.h.

Sunrise and Sunset

Wednesday: Sunrise 7:27 a.m. Sunset 5:25 p.m.

Thursday: Sunrise 7:28 a.m. Sunset 5:25 p.m.

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Falls attorneys Barbara and Holly Crampton, lists as defendants the city; City Manager Gerald Fox; Joe Francis, city personnel director; Police Chief C. C. Daniel; Mayor J. C. Boyd, and Councilmen Hardy McAlister, Bill Gowan, Ray Ashbrook, Dub Ryle, Jerry Mathis and Dr. Guillermo Garcia.

Class action has been requested because other Spanish-surnamed Americans have requests for right to sue notices pending before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and if these requests are granted, these persons wish to place their names on the lawsuit, the suit contends.

Also, individual parties who have allegedly been discriminated against by the city may not be able to be recognized, the suit alleges.

Rivera and Ceballos allege in the suit that the city has discriminated against Mexican-Americans in failing to hire; admit to training programs; train; promote; hire for supervisory, executive or administrative positions, and recruit. They claim the city has harassed and retaliated against Mexican-Americans for charges filed with the EEOC and has fired some individuals because of their national origin.

In Rivera's case, the suit alleges he was employed by the city water distribution department until Nov. 16, 1974, when he resigned because of continuing harassment which resulted from an earlier charge of discrimination Rivera had filed with EEOC.

Ceballos alleges he applied for employment with the police department on Feb. 15, 1974, and

after passing the written and physical tests required, he was refused admittance into the police training academy because he was told he did not meet the minimum height requirement.

He alleges the height requirement was an excuse to discriminate against him because of his national origin.

After the height requirement was removed and Ceballos reapplied and passed all required tests, he was again refused admittance into the training program "as retaliation for Ceballos' earlier charges filed with EEOC," the suit alleges.

Besides asking for injunctive relief from future alleged discriminatory practices, Ceballos is asking for damages in the amount equal to the compensation he would have received as a police officer, and Rivera is asking for compensation he would have received had he remained "and been properly promoted."

The suit also requests damages for other individuals who allegedly have been discriminated against and for the class of Spanish-surnamed Americans of Mexican descent.

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the primary source of power for the city. Vernon's electrical plant will be subject to gas curtailment, but "they have a standby capability or an alternate source of fuel in case of emergency," Liles said.

Liles said PPG north of Wichita Falls also has standby capability for fuel resources and Certain-teed is not receiving service at this time, but the company is including construction plans for standby capability using propane.

Allis Chalmers will be subject to the curtailment and has no standby capability, Liles said.

"We have contacted by phone every industry that is affected by the curtailment," Liles said. "Whether they know it or not, every customer signs a contract and everyone that is subject to the gas curtailment has been notified."

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