

NATIONAL COALITION FOR FAIR IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PRACTICES

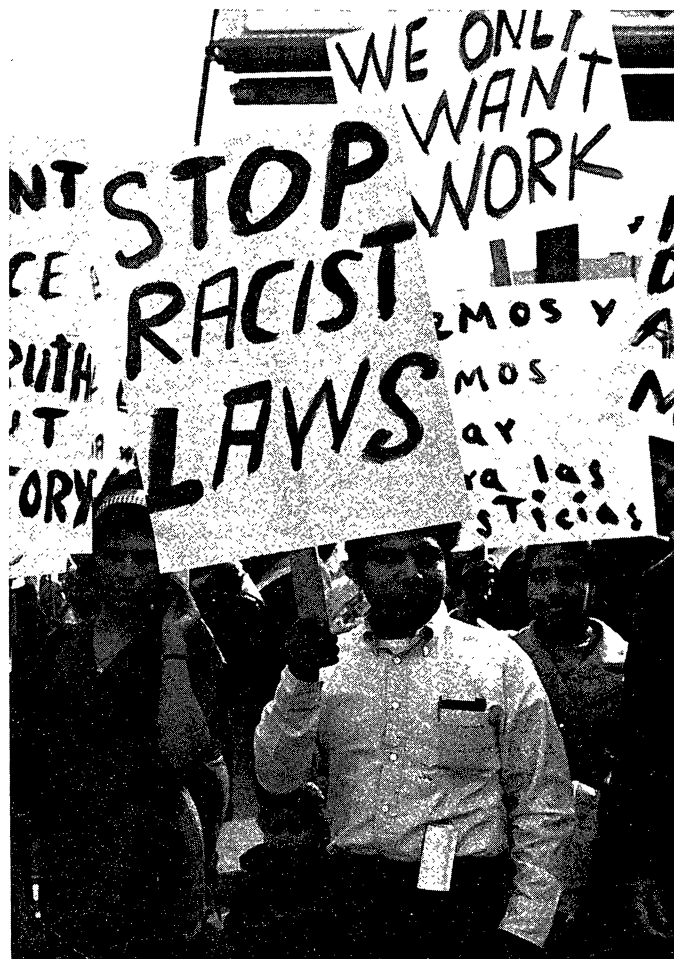
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a CALL FOR action AGAINST NIXON'S ANTI-LABOR, RACIST AND UNFAIR IMMIGRATION POLICIES, PRACTICES & LEGISLATION !

IN FEBRUARY 1973 A CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA WHICH RESULTED IN THE FORMATION OF THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR FAIR IMMIGRATION LAWS & PRACTICES. OVER 450 DELEGATES FROM TRADE UNIONS, CHURCHES, COLLEGES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS KICKED-OFF OUR CAMPAIGNS TO DEFEAT NIXON'S ANTI-LABOR DISCRIMINATORY IMMIGRATION PRACTICES, THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL DRAG-NET RAIDS AND THE NIXON-RODINO HR. 981 AND HR 982 IMMIGRATION BILLS IN THE 93RD CONGRESS. SERIOUS TO ALL WORKING PEOPLE ARE THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES SHOULD THESE TWO BILLS AND THE NEW EFFORT TO ENACT A BRACERO PROGRAM RECEIVE APPROVAL BY THE CONGRESS. ALREADY BOTH BILLS HAVE PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ACTION FROM THE U.S. SENATE IS IMMINENT, WHILE SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS NEGOTIATING WITH MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA FOR 500,000 BRACEROS ANNUALLY TO BE BROUGHT IN FROM MEXICO AND NEW MASSIVE DRAG-NET UNCONSTITUTIONAL RAIDS ARE AWAITING COURT ACTION ON DEMANDS BY OUR COALITION THAT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND DUE PROCESS BE OBSERVED IN THE DETAINING, ARRESTING AND DEPORTATIONS OF PERSONS WHO "LOOK" AS IF MIGHT NOT HAVE ANY VISAS.

NIXON'S MANAGERS FOR THESE BILLS (JOSHUA EILBERG OF PENNSYLVANIA ON HR 981 AND PETER RODINO OF NEW JERSEY ON HR 982 PUSHED THE BILLS IN THE HOUSE BY MISLEADING LABOR LEADERS SUCH AS ANDREW BIEMILLER AND OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. RODINO AND EILBERG IN ORDER TO CONFOUND THE ISSUE HAVE MISPHRASED IT AS THE ILLEGAL ALIEN PROBLEM IN THE U.S. AND WHILE PARADING AS LIBERALS--STAGED HEARINGS ON THE SUBJECT AND SPONSORED NIXON'S AND THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE'S ANTI - ALIEN LEGISLATIVE PACKAGES. THEIR BILLS ACTUALLY WORSEN VERY CONCRETELY THE VERY PROBLEM WHICH THEY PURPORT TO REMEDY. THEY WOULD



CAUSE A GREAT MANY MORE FOREIGN-BORN WORKERS TO BE CHARACTERIZED AS "ILLEGALS" AND TO BE DENIED BENEFITS OTHERS RECEIVE AND TO BE DEPORTED ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR RACE. THE EILBERG AND RODINO BILLS WOULD PLACE IN DOUBT EVERY LATINAMERICAN AND SPANISH-SPEAKING OR "LOOKING" WORKER THUS LEADING TO A GREATER INTENSIFICATION OF THE INJUSTICES CAUSED BY OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PRACTICES...ON AND OFF THE JOB.

CRITICISM OF THESE BILLS HAS BEEN GROWING AND HAS BECOME MORE WIDESPREAD. MANY LABOR LEADERS LED BY CESAR CHAVEZ AND THE UFWU, AFL-CIO EVIDENCE A RISING NATIONAL CONCERN AND OPPOSITION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S ANTI-ALIEN AND ANTI-WORKER POLICIES. NIXON'S SCAPEGOAT PROGRAM IS TO BLAME OTHERS FOR THE ECONOMIC SLIDE HE'S ENGINEERED. BLAMING WORKING PEOPLE JUST FOR NOT HAVING VISAS AS BEING THE REAL CAUSE FOR THE LACK OF JOBS MUST BE EXPOSED FOR THE FRAUD IT IS. AND BLAMING THE ALIEN WORKER FOR THE UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS AND THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS, AND TO COVER-UP THE WIDE-SPREAD CORRUPTION BY IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, MUST BE EXPOSED AND DENOUNCED, TOO.

CRITICISM OF IMMIGRATION SERVICE POLICIES AND PRACTICES IS GROWING TOO. IN THE FBI'S OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP INVESTIGATIONS, MANY IMMIGRATION AGENTS HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH SUCH ABUSES AS BRIBERY, NARCOTICS TRAFFIC, SMUGGLING OF ALIENS AND GUNS, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN ALIENS, AND THE SALE AND FALSIFICATION OF IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS. PROTEST OVER THE TERRORIST DRAGNET DEPORTATION RAIDS HAS BEEN EQUALLY STRONG. OVER THE LAST YEAR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LITERALLY SWEEPED OFF THE STREETS AND SUMMARILY DEPORTED IN VIOLATION OF THEIR RIGHTS. THESE DAYS IT IS NOT SAFE TO HAVE BROWN SKIN AND WALK THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, SEATTLE, DENVER, SAN ANTONIO, OKLAHOMA CITY, CHICAGO, NEW YORK AND MANY OTHERS. MASSIVE ROUND-UPS OF "LATIN-TYPES" HAVE OCCURRED IN MANY CITIES -- AT FACTORIES AND OTHER PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT, AT PLACES OF RECREATION,

AT CHURCHES, SUBWAY STATIONS AND WHEREVER PERSONS OF LATIN ORIGIN MIGHT GATHER IN LARGE NUMBERS. BUT OF MORE IMPORTANCE TO WORKERS AND CONCRETELY TO THE TRADE UNIONIST IS HOW UNSCRUPULOUS EMPLOYERS ARE NOW USING IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PRACTICE TO PIT ONE SET OF WORKERS AGAINST ANOTHER AND TO GAIN FROM SUCH TYPES OF TACTICS...TO VIOLATE SENIORITY RIGHTS, PENSION RIGHTS, WAGE LEVELS FIRST OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND THEN OF THOSE NATIVE WORKERS WHO ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM THESE VIOLATIONS BY THE EMPLOYERS ONCE THEY FEEL THAT THEY CAN ZERO IN ON THEM ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH THE PRECEDENT FOR CONTRACT VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS.

NIXON'S HR: 981

NIXON GOT JOSHUA EILBERG (WHO IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION) TO INTRODUCE THIS BILL. IT IS KNOWN AS THE IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY AMENDMENTS OF 1973. AND IT IS CLEARLY AN ATTACK ON MEXICANS AND OTHER LATIN AMERICANS. IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED IN OPPOSITION TO IT FOR THESE REASONS:

(1) IF HR 981 PASSES THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN BORN IN THE U.S. WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO RECEIVE IMMIGRANT VISAS BECAUSE OF THEIR FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP AND WILL BE SUMMARILY DEPORTED - THEIR CITIZEN US BORN CHILDREN IN THEIR ARMS.

(2) IF HR 981 PASSES ONLY 20,000 MEXICANS WILL BE ABLE TO LAWFULLY IMMIGRATE EACH YEAR, A DRASTIC REDUCTION - AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY THERE WILL BE A NUMERICAL LIMITATION PLACED ON IMMIGRATION FROM MEXICO.

CANDY-COATED SECTIONS OF THIS BILL WHICH WOULD ALLOW NATIVES OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES TO ADJUST THEIR STATUS TO MORE EASILY BECOME REFUGEES DO NOT OUTWEIGH OR COVER UP THE DAMAGE WHICH WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE DONE BY CUTTING IMMIGRATION FROM MEXICO IN HALF. HR 981 IS DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE ADMITTED OR PURPORTED AIM OF OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS. INSTEAD OF SERVING TO RE-

UNITE FAMILIES BY ALLOWING FOR THE LAWFUL ADMISSION OF CLOSE RELATIVES, NIXON'S BILL WOULD CAUSE THE DEPORTATION OF THOSE ALREADY HERE AND WOULD PREVENT THEM AND OTHERS FROM EVER LAWFULLY ENTERING THE COUNTRY...THUS FOMENTING THE INEVITABLE...THE INCREASED IMMIGRATION WITHOUT VISAS OF THOSE SEPARATED MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY. LARGE EMPLOYERS AND UNSCRUPULOUS ONES OF ALL SIZES COUNT ON THIS REALITY TO OBTAIN WORKERS WHO ARE TOTALLY VULNERABLE TO EXPLOITATION AND MANIPULATION BECAUSE THEY ARE HERE WITHOUT VISAS.

NIXON'S RODINO BILL HR. 982

THIS BILL, KNOWN AS THE RODINO BILL, WAS MANAGED THROUGH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR NIXON BY PETER RODINO. THE FIRST TIME IT PASSED THE HOUSE THE SENATE FAILED TO ACT, BUT IT WAS PASSED AGAIN BY THE HOUSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS. IT WOULD REQUIRE ALL IN SOCIAL WORK TO REPORT PERSONS WITHOUT DOCUMENTS TO IMMIGRATION FOR DEPORTATION, AND WOULD PREVENT IMMIGRANTS FROM EVER LEGALIZING THEIR STATUS IF THEY EVER WORKED WITHOUT PERMISSION IN THE U.S., BUT MOST DRASTICALLY, WOULD CAUSE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS TO BE FIRED FROM THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF THEIR SUR-NAME, COLOR OF SKIN OR INABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH IN VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION CONTRACTS, SENIORITY RIGHTS AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS. THIS ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE IN CALIFORNIA WHEN A SIMILAR BILL WAS ADOPTED IN 1971...THE DIXON ARNETT LAW THAT WAS SET ASIDE SO THAT A MORE PROPERLY INCLUSIVE FEDERAL LAW SUCH AS THE RODINO BILL COULD REPLACE IT ON A NATIONAL BASIS.

HR 982 PURPORTS TO FINE EMPLOYERS WHO KNOWINGLY OR WILFULLY HIRE OR EMPLOY PERSONS WHO DO NOT POSSESS THE PROPER DOCUMENTS OR PERMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO WORK IN THE U.S. IT IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE THE INCENTIVE AWAY FROM PEOPLE COMING TO THIS COUNTRY TO WORK AND IT MAKES THE EMPLOYER INTO AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER. HOWEVER, THIS BILL WILL NEVER REALLY JEOPARDIZE AN EMPLOYER BECAUSE OF THE MANY LOOPHOLES IN IT WHICH WERE PLACED THERE TO PROTECT THE EMPLOYER. FOR INSTANCE EMPLOYERS WILL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE PUNISHMENT BY HAVING HIS EMPLOYEES SIGN A DECLARATION OF LEGAL RESIDENCY. ALSO BEFORE ANY EMPLOYERS WILL BE FINED THEY WILL HAVE HAD TO BE WARNED AND CITED FOR EACH OF THE SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS.

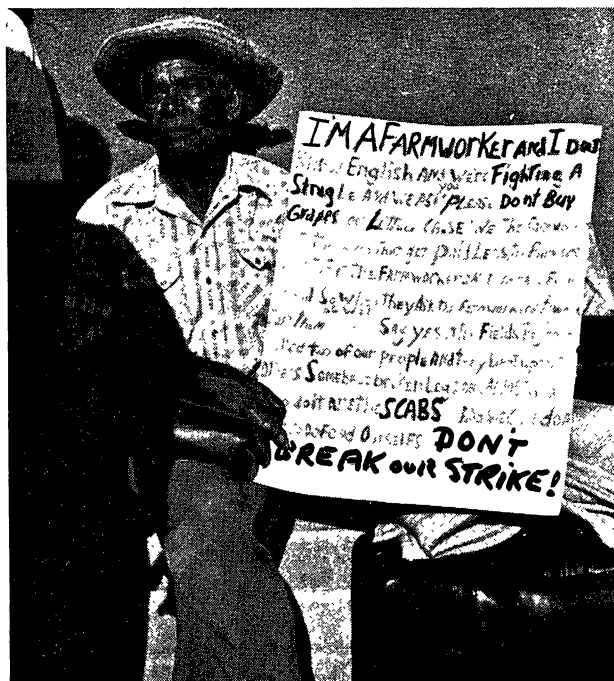
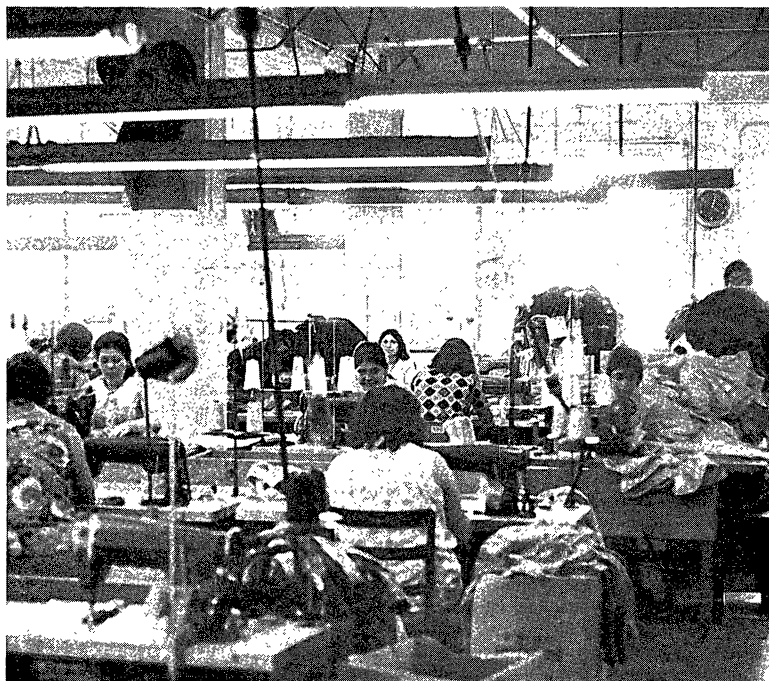


EVEN BEFORE IT BECAME LAW, EMPLOYERS BEGAN TO FIRE OR QUESTION MANY WORKERS OF BROWN SKIN NO MATTER WHAT CREDENTIALS WERE DISPLAYED. MANY OTHERS EXTORTED A DEPOSIT OF FROM \$300 TO \$500 FROM EACH EMPLOYEE WHO WAS WORKING OR WHO WANTED TO WORK SO AS TO OFFSET ANY FUTURE FINE. NOW, CESAR CHAVEZ, OF THE UNITED FARMWORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO AND MANY OTHER UNIONS OPPOSE THIS LAW

ACTION NOW!

THERE ARE URGENT MATTERS THAT CALL FOR ACTION ON THE PART OF EACH OF US AND ALL OF US. OPPOSITION TO HR 981 AND HR 982 MUST INCREASE IN INTENSITY AND SOPHISTICATION. CONCENTRATED AND DIRECT EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO OPPOSE AND KILL THESE BILLS IN THE U.S. SENATE. WE NEED TO EDUCATE AND STIMULATE OPPOSITION TO NIXON'S ANTI-FOREIGN BORN PROGRAM ACROSS THE NATION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERY ONE COMMUNICATE AT ONCE WITH HIS OR HER U.S. SENATOR URGING THAT THEY VOTE AND DEFEAT THESE ANTI-WORKER AND VERY INHUMAN BILLS.

IN ADDITION WE MUST ADDRESS OURSELVES TO A NEW THREAT - A BILL, S 2643 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KENNEDY. LIKE HR 981 KENNEDY' BILL WOULD PREVENT THE IMMIGRATION OF CERTAIN CLOSE RELATIVES AND WOULD LIMIT IMMIGRATION FROM MEXICO ON A PERMANENT RESIDENT BASIS...THUS FOMENTING THE NEXT THREAT TO THE LIVING STANDARDS AND ORGANIZING POTENTIAL OF FARMWORKERS AND THE UNORGANIZED THROUGHOUT OUR LAND....AND THAT IS THE RENEWAL OF THE BRACERO PROGRAM.



NIXON ORDERS UP 500,000 BRACEROS

WE MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DEFEAT NIXON'S PLAN TO IMPORT CONTRACTED BRACERO WORKERS FROM MEXICO IN ORDER TO SERIOUSLY HAMPER EFFORTS BY THE UNITED FARMWORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO AND OTHER UNIONS TO ORGANIZE FARMWORKERS AND OTHER LOW-PAID AND INTENSELY EXPLOITED WORKERS, REVIVING A SYSTEM OF SLAVE LABOR CONDEMNED BY ALL RIGHT THINKING PEOPLE.

WE MUST DEMAND THAT ALL WORKERS, WITH OR WITHOUT VISAS, NATIVE OR FOREIGN-BORN, ENGLISH OR SPANISH-SPEAKING RECEIVE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR WHAT THEY WORK TO CREATE AND TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED, SUCH AS: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, DISABILITY INSURANCE, SOCIAL SECURITY, AND AN END TO SECOND-CLASS TREATMENT AND DISCRIMINATION IN PAYMENT OF INCOME TAXES, HOSPITAL CHARGES, AND OUT-AND-OUT DISCRIMINATION ON THE JOB IN HIRING, FIRING AND PROMOTIONS. "AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL".

IT IS ALSO EXTREMELY URGENT THAT THE COALITION RECEIVE YOUR SUPPORT AT THIS TIME SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO CARRY ON OUR CAMPAIGNS. WE NEED MONEY FOR PRINTING, FOR STAMPS, TELEPHONING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES TO BROADEN OUR FIGHT THROUGHOUT THE NATION. MOST OF ALL WE NEED MONEY TO ORGANIZE OUR FORTHCOMING NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

national conference

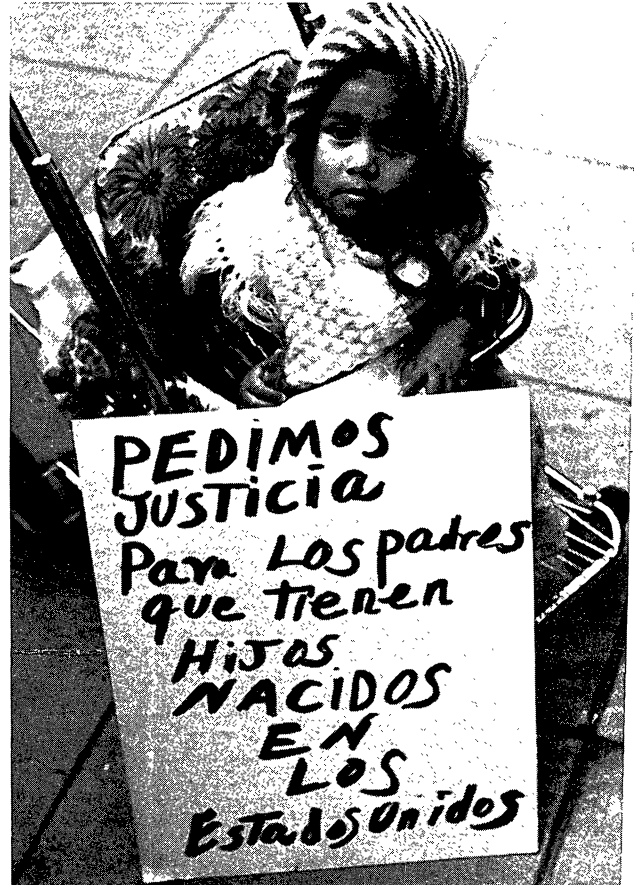
AS A RESULT OF THE COALITION'S WORK DURING THE PAST YEAR AND FROM THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT CONFERENCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, WE ARE PLANNING A 2-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN LOS ANGELES IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH OF 1974. AT OUR FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE COALITION WE HAD PARTICIPATION OF OVER 450 DELEGATES FROM ALL OVER THE NATION. BECAUSE OF THE PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING THE WORK OF THE COALITION ON A MUCH BROADER BASIS DURING THE PAST YEAR WE FEEL JUSTIFIED IN MAKING AN OBJECTIVE ESTIMATE OF 1,000 PARTICIPANTS FOR THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE.

THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR US TO COME TOGETHER TO PLAN OUR STRATEGIES AGAINST THESE DANGEROUS BILLS AND THE DAMAGING IMMIGRATION PRACTICES AND TO BETTER DEVELOP OUR FORCES AND BRING ABOUT CHANGES IN THE IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PRACTICES. A CALL TO CONFERENCE IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE DELIVERED TO ALL COALITION MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. WE INVITE YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT FOR THIS CONFERENCE.

WORKSHOPS

THIS YEAR DUE TO THE IMMEDIATE URGENCY FOR DEVELOPING A MASS GRASS ROOTS CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL INVOLVE AT FIRST HAND THE MILLIONS OF PERSONS WHOSE FAMILIES ARE AFFECTED BY PRESENT IMMIGRATION PRACTICES AND THE PENDING LAWS, THE CONFERENCE WILL FEATURE PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) "HOW TO DEFEND PERSONS DETAINED BY IMMIGRATION".
- (2) "HOW TO OBTAIN JOB SECURITY ON ALL LEVELS FOR WORKERS WITHOUT VISAS."
- (3) "SOCIAL SECURITY, DISABILITY INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR WORKERS WITHOUT VISAS"
- (4) "HOW TO ORGANIZE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DEFENSE CENTER FOR FAMILIES WITHOUT VISAS."
- (5) "PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF U.S. BORN CHILDREN FROM DEPORTATION"
- (6) "UNIONIZATION AND OBTAINING THE FULLEST EQUALITY IN RIGHTS AND SERVICE FOR WORKERS WITHOUT VISAS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES."
- (7) "BUILDING COALITIONS WITH OTHER GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR FIGHT"
- (8) "CLASS ACTION SUITS NOW BEING CARRIED FORWARD TO FORCE THE U.S. IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE TO OBSERVE THE CONSTITUTION IN ITS PRACTICES TOWARDS MEXICAN AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN PERSONS LIVING IN THE U.S!"





CHICAGO CONFERENCE

FLASH'. MEMBERS OF THE COALITION FROM THE CHICAGO AND MIDWEST AREA HAVE AT THIS MOMENT INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE NOW COMPLETED PLANS FOR A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO, ILL. ON JANUARY 18 - 20, 1974..FOR INFO CONTACT:

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- I AM INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONFERENCE _____ ☐
- I CAN HELP TO ORGANIZE A DEFENSE CENTER IN MY AREA. _____ ☐
- I CAN HELP TO ORGANIZE A REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN MY AREA. _____ ☐
- I AM SUBMITTING A LIST OF SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION. _____ ☐
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