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WORKING-CLASS ALERT TO REACTION'S THREAT

MEXICO CITY. (MLN) --- Speaking before a meeting of more than 7,000 members of the Confederation of Mexican Workers, all manual labor, Vicente Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the confederation, declared that the Mexican working class, together with its allies, the farmers and the army, was ready to smash any reactionary attempt against Mexican democracy whenever the President called upon them.

Approximately 6,000 of the workers present came in their militia uniforms, demonstrating Mexican labor's readiness to defend the democratic gains of Mexico against all enemies. Various representatives of Mexico's peoples army spoke at the meeting, urging the utmost discipline in the present hour of danger.

Lombardo Toledano pointed out that in Mexico's democratic regime even the bought press was allowed complete freedom to express its opinions; that Mexico has established the bases for a genuine democracy. The very agents who propagandize to the effect that Mexico is a dictatorship, or a communist republic, prove by the very fact that they are allowed to continue their ravings that Mexico is democratic.

"The people has begun to live" Lombardo declared. "It is establishing the basis for the future. We cannot go back. There are only two possible roads: either the organized people control production, or we leap into a dictatorship with forms of exploitation that even Hitler has not attempted.

"We are in moments decisive for the future of democratic Mexico. We must maintain the work of Mexican democracy, or we shall have a regime here that will attempt to restore the vanished system of caste and privilege done away with by the Revolution, and will, at the same time, serve the international enemies of democracy.

"We have unquenchable faith in the Mexican Revolution, in the maintenance of democratic liberties in the entire American continent, and we believe that the apparent triumph of fascism in Europe must soon give way before the forces of the people, who will rise again.

"It is necessary that we unite as never before, that we know how to do our duty, so that by the first of next December, (the day of Mexico's presidential inauguration) a man loved by the Mexican people will receive his reward from the great masses of this flourishing democracy."

MEXICO CITY. (MLN) -- In spite of Almazanist threats, Mexico's Electoral College, which will confirm the results of the past elections, was installed August 15 without incident. Forty-four senators-elect and 142 deputies-elect met in the Chamber of Deputies to set up the Electoral College.

Defeated Almazanist candidates met at the same time in a Mexico City suburb, with the idea of setting up a dual electoral college which would go thru motions to announce General Juan Andrew Almazan, reactionary candidate, as Mexico's "president." Police allowed them to hold their gathering, which took on the aspects of a knitting-bee.

Meanwhile Almazan, who recently, from the safe distance of Cuba, informed the amused and amazed Mexican people that he will be Mexico's next president, took steamer for Panama. There, comfortably ensconced in the Hotel Tivoli, he announced that he had come to Panama to "look for bananas."

In Mexico City severe charges were brought against Almazan as a result of his Cuban speech, which openly incited his followers to rebellion. Almazanists, however, have hesitated so far to take their fuhrer's advice, for the simple reason that such a move would be smashed overnight.

Mexico was interested to learn of the endorsement of General Almazan by Generalissimo Franco, the Spanish big-shot, whose official publication, the ABC, published Almazan's picture with a note reading "The future Mexican president, friend of Franco." The accompanying paragraph stated that Almazan would soon be president of Mexico and would reconstruct his country in the same way that Franco had reconstructed his.

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STATE WORKERS PLEDGE AID AGAINST REACTION.

MEXICO CITY. (MLN) -- In its meeting here August 14, the National Council of the Mexican State Workers Federation, one of Mexico's most influential unions, reaffirmed its complete cooperation with other working-class elements in combatting all maneuvers by enemies of the program of the Mexican Revolution.

The statement of the State Workers is especially important in view of the fact that the Federation has been subjected to occasional criticism by other labor groups on the ground that it was occupying itself exclusively with its own union problems and not acting in harmony with other working-class organizations.

"This Federation," the Council resolved, "will never censure the revolutionary conduct of the farmers in their struggle for land, nor of labor for its demands, nor of any revolutionary sector which fights for better living conditions and in behalf of the interests of the Mexican people. We offer, moreover, our solidarity in achieving these ends.

"The Federation reaffirms its irrevocable decision to support the government of the Mexican Revolution, without in any way implying a slackening in the defense of the interest of our own members, since by defending those interests we defend the Revolution itself."

The Federation also urged that all Almazanists in public office who plot against the government should be immediately expelled from their positions.

BOND AND SHARE COMPANY DISPUTE FLARES UP ANEW.

MEXICO CITY, (MLN) -- The Bond and Share Co., which controls electricity, in six Mexican states, broke off discussions with representatives of the Mexican electrical Workers Union August 15, refusing to consider the union's demands for a general wage increase. This is the third time the Bond and Share Company has attempted to precipitate a strike in the electrical industry by its stubborn attitude, and this time it appears that the company will achieve its objective, as the time limit for arbitration expires August 20, at which time the Union will declare a strike in all enterprises belonging to Bond and Share.

Discussions were being held under the auspices of the Federal Labor Department, which, after careful examination, found the electrical monopoly was in financial condition to pay the requested wage increases. The Bond and Share representatives, when they heard the government's economic findings, stalked out of the hearing in a huff.

The dispute between the electrical union and the monopoly has been going on now for approximately two months. Bond and Share first attempted to force the union into a strike on the eve of the presidential elections; and there is apparently a considerable element of political horse-play in the company's continuing stubborn attitude.

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CUBAN LABOR ASKS ADVICE FROM C.T.M.

MEXICO CITY, (MLN) -- The Cuban Confederation of Workers, which, together with other progressive elements achieved victory in the recent elections in Cuba, has asked the Mexican Workers Confederation for assistance, based on Mexican labor's experience, in applying the social reforms contained in Cuba's new constitution, which contains many resemblances to the Mexican.

The National Council of the Mexican Workers Confederation immediately appointed a special committee for the purpose of preparing a summary of Mexican social legislation and of Mexican labor's experience with such laws. The results of this committee's work will be sent to the Cuban Confederation within a week's time.

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