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## MEXICO PLANS LEGAL MOVE TO HALT NAZI ACTIVITIES

MEXICO CITY (MLN) -- A legal measure intended to put a stop to nazifascist activities in Mexico has been introduced into the Chamber of Deputies thru presidential initiative.

The bill, scheduled to be acted on during the present week, provides penalties up to fifteen years in prison for the following crimes:

1. Plotting with a foreign government to invade Mexican territory or disturb national peace, or giving military information for that purpose.
2. Betrayal of trust by a public functionary in the revelation of a military secret to a foreign power.
3. Writing or speaking propaganda on behalf of a foreign government which threatens public order or the sovereignty of the Mexican government.
4. Acts which, materially or morally, sow the seed of a foreign invasion of national territory or submission to a foreign power.

The proposed measure has been generally received with satisfaction by CTM labor circles, altho it has been pointed out that Articles 3 and 4, above, could be interpreted maliciously by an anti-labor government.

These potential dangers, however, are believed to be more than offset by the fact that the measure provides an immediate

weapon for use against Mexican and foreign fifth-columnists who are working feverishly in favor of Hitler and Franco.

Penalties in the proposed laws apply not only to Mexican citizens but to foreigners who use Mexico as a transit headquarters for espionage activities. The measure is expected to be particularly effective in cleaning up the Hitler-inspired Sinarchist movement in Mexico, which can be attacked on all four points.

Need for new laws of this type has become evident in Mexico since the outbreak of the war, or more specifically, since the victory of fascism over the Spanish people. Mexico, because of its strategic location near the United States, has been made the headquarters for Spanish Falange propaganda, which in turn is a subsidiary of the Nazi Latin American bureau.

Basis for the proposed laws is clearly pointed out in the president's introduction to the bill, which recalls the fifth column tactics used in Europe by the Nazis in the years before actual military invasion.

#### MEXICAN WORKERS HAVE FULL SYMPATHY FOR SOVIET UNION

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 23 (MLN) -- The following paragraphs which explain quite well the attitude of Mexican organized labor toward the Soviet Union, are condensed from an editorial in *El Popular*, organ of the CTM:

"The Mexican worker's sympathy for the Soviet Union is not recent. For many years, even when the extremely complex international scene led many well-intentioned elements into error, the CTM has maintained a position of unwavering understanding and sympathy for the socialist state which extends over such an immense area of the earth.

"Today, more than ever, the CTM stands for friendship with the Soviet Union. No one, even with a rudimentary civic conscience, can remain indifferent at a time like this to the gigantic and heroic fight which the Soviet Union is carrying on against nazism and fascistized Europe.

"Vespionage and intrigue cannot obscure the overwhelming FACT that it is the Soviet people, united as one man, which is contributing to the defeat of fascism with its blood and sacrifice, its technical ability. And the cause of the Soviet people is the cause, not only of Communists or Socialists, but of all men who wish to live in a world of greater justice and worth than the present.

"Mexico cannot now fail to follow her tradition of solidarity with those peoples who bravely defend their freedom and in doing so fight for the freedom of all the world."

The Confederation of Mexican Labor and practically every labor and progressive group in Mexico is daily petitioning t

federal government for renewal of relations with both the Soviet Union and Great Britain. Such an action, CTM circles point out, will be an open demonstration of Mexico's solidarity with the cause for which these two nations are fighting.

### MOVIE UNION STRIKES THREE HOUSES, DEBATES WITH REST

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 23rd (MLN) -- The Cinema Workers Union of this city has so far been forced into a strike against only three of the local subsidiaries of Hollywood film companies as a result of the slightly more conciliatory attitude of a majority of the concerns.

Talks leading toward a probable solution of the conflict are proceeding with United Artists, Paramount, Fox Films, RKO, Universal Pictures and First National. The strangely stubborn and rather stupid attitude of Warner Brothers, Metro Goldwyn Mayer and Columbia pictures has decorated the offices of these distributors with the black and red banner of a strike.

Two of these strikes -- those against MGM and Columbia -- have already been declared legal and justified by the Department of Labor, while the third, against Warner Bros., is up before the Department for a like ruling.

Limit of time for continued discussion of issues with the remaining companies has been set by the union as Sept. 29, when the Hollywood enterprises will either have to sign on the dotted line or be treated to a strike.

The Hollywood trust's threat to withdraw its pictures from the Mexican market has caused little flurry in Mexico, as the threat is much doubted in the first place and in the second place plenty of independent producers have offered to flood Mexico with films.

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