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MALPRACTICE FOR SALE ***** STRICTLY WHOLESALE ONLY

I have shown you in my previous releases how the Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago has fastened on 100,000 imported Mexican braceros a type of medical practice which judged by the ratio of potential patients to ~~the~~ one doctor, is worse than that in darkest Africa.

Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago is too clever not to realize that this type of practice ~~where~~ it is physically impossible for one physician to see so many patients, will bring many protests. So they brought in the use of Mexican girls or women. I have investigated this at several places so that using the example of what is going on in Imperial Valley will be sufficient to explain this abuse in all the Southwestern states.

These Mexican women of course speak Spanish. Here in Brawley is Elvira Ruiz. She has had no training in any hospital. The patient comes in and she asks him what is the trouble. The patient says that he feels weak, or has a cold, or a cough or a pain in the belly etc. She goes and gives him a shot and gives him pills without any examination. There is no use her examining anyone. She does not know how to examine.

Now it must be realized that I only see a few of the cases that she treated. See Exhibit A where she treated Jorge Pizano Fajardo who ended up in the hospital with pneumonia. See Exhibit B which is a ~~recent~~ recent case of April 15, 1959 which is less serious. We have other exhibits of a similar nature but it is impossible to put all in as exhibits.

See Exhibit C, where the Manager of Desert Growers admits in a newspaper interview that Elvira Ruiz gives shots. It must be ~~realized~~ realized that only registered nurses can give shots and then under the order of a doctor except in an emergency. See Exhibit D, where doctors are cautioned not to use medical students, unlicensed interns and unlicensed doctors. These individuals at least know the practice of medicine. The doctors who are using these unlicensed individuals are attempting to give medical service at night. Elvira Ruiz practices her brand of medicine between 9 a.m. and 4p.m. when many ~~doctors~~ doctors are available for service.