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# TO ALL WORKERS

This message is addressed to all workers and particularly farmworkers who are looking for work.

The merchants and businessmen of Imperial Valley are having poor business because Mexicans cross the border each morning and go to work in the United States. In the late afternoon and evening, these Mexicans then return with their wages to Mexico where they live and spend their money.

SO THE MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSMEN HERE IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE BAD BUSINESS. THEY THEREFORE WANT YOU AMERICAN WORKERS TO GET THE JOBS SO THAT YOU WILL SPEND YOUR EARNINGS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Now these Mexicans who cross the border to work here are called "Green carders". The only reason they get the jobs is that they are willing to work for low wages at long hours. American workers can not make a living or support their families on such low wages.

These "Green carders" not only work in farmwork but also as truck drivers, mechanics, carpenters, bricklayers, hed carriers, seamstresses, homeworkers, janitors, etc. etc. Even if you get a job, your wage scale will be low because these Mexicans depress the wages.

These "Greencarders" often smuggle dope and other articles across the border. They are never searched when they cross.

Now why is all this permitted? I can not tell you who are collecting the payoffs. But the U.S. Immigration Service and the U.S. Customs Service are in cahoots with the employers of these Mexicans like the big ranches, the Holly Sugar Co., the U.S. Gypsum Co. etc. etc.

The U.S. Immigration Service and the U.S. Customs Service are in violation of the U.S. EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1946 which requires that all Federal Agencies coordinate their economic policies to "promote maximum employment, production and purchasing power".

Unemployment here is 13.4% which is the same percentage as in Watts where the unemployed staged riots about 2 years ago in which 36 persons died and \$250 millions in property damage occurred. On Dec. 22, 1966, the U.S. Dept. of Labor declared this area, "an area of substantial and persistent unemployment".

Others in cahoots with the big employers of these Mexicans are the California Highway Patrol, the Calif. Dept. of Employment offices, and the Farm Labor Offices run by the State of California.

These Mexicans come across the border to work in deteriorated autos which are a great danger to the American people. The Mexicans do not have any insurance to pay for the deaths, injuries and property damage they cause. The Calif. State Highway Patrol should inspect every auto which crosses the border from Mexico to prevent the injuries they cause to Americans and their property. BUT THE HIGHWAY PATROL IN CAHOOTS WITH THE BIG EMPLOYERS WILL NOT DO THIS. The Dept. of Employment and the Farm Labor offices will just give you the runaround WHEN YOU LOOK FOR WORK.

FOR ADVICE WHAT TO DO—GO TO— DR. BEN YELLEN  
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