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The fountainhead of the exploitation of the imported Mexican workmen is the Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago, who write the group health insurance and have a monopoly on 500,000 workers.

The PanAmerican Underwriters, Inc., a Nevada corporation, has the agency from Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago for California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. This agency is autonomous, it collects the premiums and makes payouts with checks under its own name. The name of Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago does not appear on the checks or the mail.

The address of this agency is 804 South Spring St, Los Angeles, Calif. The President is Armand Feichtmeir, Vice President is Pegge Feichtmeir, and Secretary and Treasurer is Charles H. Roy. This outfit was in the insurance business for about 7 years in the State of Calif. and did not have a license. ~~xxxx~~ About 1956, it first got a license.

In Imperial Valley, Harold Collins is the manager. Previously, he used to run the insurance deal at Yuma, Arizona in addition to the Imperial Valley deal. It is this man who ran the exploitation in the Valley. Briefly, it consisted of not giving the workers a policy so that they did not know what they were entitled to get. The physicians were prevented from treating the braceros. Workers were kicked out to Mexico without medical service. Disability payments were refused to the sick laborers.

Complaints to the Calif. State insurance Dept. resulted in M.E. Stivers, investigator, for the Insurance Dept. handling the matter. Stivers came down to my office about two years ago and after listening to me for a half hour, said he would visit the witnesses that I had indicated. However, he said he had an appointment to go fishing (it was Saturday) with Harold Collins. I later asked all the witnesses if M.E. Stivers visited them. All denied any visits.

In the case of Rosalio Coronado Rodriguez who was defrauded out of \$230 in disability payments, M.E. Stivers failed to make a proper investigation. This man is responsible for the wholesale frauds perpetrated on these workers. This fishing trip was a payoff by Harold Collins to M.E. Stivers. Harold Collins gave a payoff to ABC, the newspaper in Mexicali. This newspaper refused to write up the proceedings of the Arismendi case, and fired a reporter giving a true report.

The Mexican Consuls have never protected the workers. Harold Collins is friendly with all of them. Harold Collins and his underlings have been identified by workers as the ones who brought disability checks to them at certain times. It is therefore believed that at other times, Harold Collins doublecrossed both the worker and Pan American Underwriters by forging the names to checks and cashing them.

Feichtmeir and Collins have gone to extreme lengths to ~~exploit~~ exploit the Mexican workers. It is only natural to believe that all this chicanery which can be punished by jail sentences, was not done with the expectation that the illegal gains would be paid back to the government in high taxes. The stock of Continental Casualty Co. went from \$12 a share to \$134 a share in 8 years to give the extent of the exploitation. Therefore, Feichtmeir and Collins must have adopted some method of avoiding payment of income taxes since their actions are punishable by jail sentences.

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