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This is an addendum to the July 16, 1959 report on B.A. Harrigan of El Centro, Calif.

From 1951 to 1956, the Imperial Valley Farmers Association of El Centro, Calif. was using the Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago for the group health insurance of the imported Mexican workers.

According to U.S. Public Law #78, this Association was supposed to get competitive rates for the group insurance. The premiums for this insurance is paid by the workers themselves. The employers do not contribute a cent. B. A. Harrigan gave the group insurance to Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago without asking for bids.

The Continental Casualty Co. of Chicago of Chicago has as its agents for the Southwestern States, The Pan American Underwriters Inc., a Nevada corporation. The President of this corporation is Armand Feichtmeir, address 810 South Spring St, Los Angeles, Calif. The local manager is Harold Collins, 1000 Broadway, El Centro, Calif.

Continental Casualty Co. through the Agents Pan American Underwriters, has been engaged in systematic exploitation of these Mexican workers. These workers in the past 8 years have paid 200 millions in premiums. The exploitation consists of preventing the Mexican workers from getting medical service, kicking of sick Mexicans out to Mexico so that they can not get medical treatment to which the workers are entitled, non payment of weekly disability checks to the sick Mexicans. Harold Collins is their local man who does the dirty work in Imperial Valley.

B.A. Harrigan saw all this exploitation going on. He then attempted to muscle in on about \$60,000.00 of the premiums collected by the Imperial Valley Farmers Assoc. for Continental Casualty Co. B.A. Harrigan was caught by Harold Collins. There was a big eruption. B.A. Harrigan tried to bull his way out because he has great political power. He had a Grand Jury investigation of Pan American Underwriters. Continental Casualty Co. threatened to sue him for the money. The exact outcome is unknown and who got the \$60,000.00 or a portion of it, is not exactly known.

To show the power of B.A. Harrigan, I give the following. There was a labor camp in Westmorland, Calif. The name of the owner escapes me but it can be learned from the Calif. Dept. of Justice investigator, This ^{camp} man was approached by a foreman of Elmore Company and told that the camp owner has to pay 10% of his take. The owner paid for 2 months and then refused. Mexican workers were then not assigned to this camp and this camp operator was put out of business. Now this foreman has no power. He was only an emissary. B.A. Harrigan is the only one who has the power to assign workers to any camp. The thing to do is to get this foreman and find out to whom he paid the money and trace it all the way up to the higherup.