

Calendar of Events * August 1997

Monday, August 4

Vigil for Thomas M. Thompson, 7:30 P.M., Center for Non-violence, 985 N. Van Ness. Thompson is scheduled to be executed at midnight for a crime he may not have committed. Call Death Penalty Focus, 323-4871, for more information.

Saturday, August 9

Fresno Center for Nonviolence Board Meeting, 9:30 A.M., 985 N. Van Ness. Guests welcome.

Tuesday, August 12

Video Night, 7 P.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N. Van Ness: "The Unconquered: Interviews by 'Radical Women' with Cuban Women."

Friday, August 15

Deadline for submission of information for September issue of *Labor/Community Alliance*. Call 226-2078.

Saturday, August 16

The Local Organizing Committee will hold its "Summer Youth Fun Fest" to Stop the Violence. The event will start at 9 A.M. at Edison High School. Volunteers needed! For more information, call 224-6428.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), 10 A.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence.

Sunday, August 17

Meditation for World Peace, 10 A.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Every third Sunday. Call 435-2212.

Monday, August 18

Amnesty International, 7:30 P.M., Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N. Van Ness. Call 224-0924.

Thursday, August 21

Death Penalty Focus, 7:30 P.M., Fresno Center for Non-violence, 985 N. Van Ness. Call 323-4871.

Monday, August 25

Labor Party, Frank Little Chapter

Fresno Center for Nonviolence

Monday, August 25 5:30 P.M.

985 N. Van Ness

(between Olive and Belmont)

Call 226-2078 for information.

Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, August 31

Labor Day Sunday Picnic, noon to 6 P.M., CSUF (by Satellite Student Union). Free admission. Barbecued tri-tip dinner served 2-4 p.m., \$7.50 (children under 12 free). Activities include games, music and a raffle. Sponsored by: Central Labor Council, Building Trades Council and Coalition of Organized Labor. Call 275-1151 for ticket information.

Ongoing Activities/Events

Free Radio Fresno, micro-powered radicals, 102.3-FM.

Scalzo Talk, Mon & Thurs 6-9 P.M., KAAT 103.1-FM.

Weekly

Monday-Friday: The Living Room, support and referral resource center for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Noon to 5 P.M., Fresno Center for Non-violence, 985 N. Van Ness. Call 485-3667.

Every Saturday: Food Not Bombs feeds the hungry; 1-2 P.M. near the Olive Avenue entrance to Roeding Park. **Needed: volunteers to help cook food Saturday mornings**, 9:30, Sierra Vista United Methodist church, corner of Maple & Illinois.

Upcoming Events

September 13-14

Food Not Bombs is organizing a caravan to the headwaters forest cutting. Call 488-6545 for details.

September 26-27

Labor-Welfare Summit in San Francisco, sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild, California Labor Federation, Institute for Industrial Relations, and Californians for Justice. Contact: National Lawyers Guild, 558 Capp St., San Francisco, CA 94110. Call (415) 285-1041 ext. 815. E-mail: <nlg60@igc.org>

This Month in History

July 31/August 1, 1917: Frank Little, IWW organizer after whom our chapter is named, was beaten, taken from his room in a Butte, Montana, hotel, and dragged behind an automobile to a railroad trestle on the outskirts of Butte, where he was hanged. (*More on back.*)

August 3, 1981: 11,000 striking PATCO (air traffic controllers) workers fired by President Reagan.

August 6, 1945: Hiroshima Day. The United States drops the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later it drops another on Nagasaki, Japan.

August 7, 1890: Birth of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, prominent labor organizer with IWW and CPUSA.

August 8, 1880: Birth of Mexican freedom fighter Emiliano Zapata.

August 26, 1920: Women in the United States are finally given the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

August 29, 1970: 25,000 Chicanos protest the Viet Nam War in the streets of Los Angeles.

More about Frank Little, *cont. from front of calendar*

No attempt was made to find the six masked and armed men responsible for Frank Little's murder. Little had come to Butte to support miners, infuriated by the Speculator Mine fire, who were refusing to go back to work until their demands for improved safety conditions and an end to other long-standing grievances were met.

Little played a part in Fresno history in what has been called the most important of at least 20 major IWW free speech fights launched throughout the nation between 1909 and 1913. Little spent 25 days in the Fresno jail on bread and water beginning in August 1910. Wobblies from across the country came to Fresno in subsequent months, tested the ban on street speaking, and landed in jail. With the threat of thousands more arriving to stir up the populace, city officials rescinded the ban in March 1911.

Rep. Sanders introduces Workplace Democracy Act

Weekly World

On June 23 Congressman Bernie Sanders (I-Vt) introduced the Workplace Democracy Act. Some provisions:

- Establish card check recognition. Once a majority of workers has declared its wish to be organized by conducting an election or by signing membership cards, legal recognition shall be given to their designated representative.
- Guarantee the right to the first contract. If by 45 days after certification, no collective bargaining agreement has been reached, the union has the right to binding arbitration.
- Require immediate reinstatement of discharged employees when unlawfully discharged.
- Provide for treble back pay for employees who suffer economic hardship due to unfair labor practices.
- Require the National Labor Relations Board to assess civil penalties of not less than \$10,000 against employers for each willful violation of the Act.
- Repeal Taft-Hartley provisions that prohibit one group of workers from engaging in actions in sympathy or concert with other groups of workers.
- Establish a mandatory impasse procedure for public safety officers and firefighters.
- Provide for workers to serve as trustees on pension plans which cover their retirement.
- Extend NLRA coverage to workers for U.S.-owned companies that operate in Free Trade Agreement countries.
- Give workers in countries that are party to a Free Trade Agreement with the United States the right to file unfair labor practice complaints against the U.S.-owned parent of their employer under either U.S. or national law, or procedure.

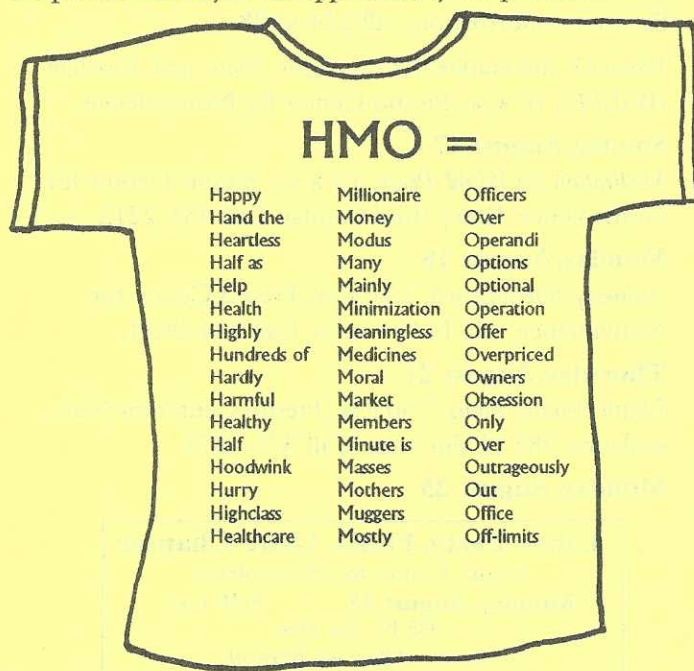
Mexico elections end PRI rule

by Daniel Vila

Riding a wave of anti-government sentiment and pledging to fight President Ernesto Zedillo's austerity economic policies, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party (PRD), easily defeated his rivals in the first elections held for mayor of Mexico City since 1928. He defeated the candidate of the Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI) by a 2-1 margin in the July 6 elections.

In other results, the Mexican electorate punished the PRI by voting for the opposition in elections for the 500-member Chamber of Deputies, or lower House of Congress. With this victory the opposition brings to an end 68 years of the PRI's control of Congress. With 84 percent of the ballots counted, the PRI had 38.1 percent, the PAN (National Action Party) had 27.4 percent and the PRD had 25.9 percent. The rest of the vote was split among five other parties. A party needs 42 percent to win a majority. Then 300 are directly elected and 200 are allotted proportionally.

It is the first time that the ruling PRI loses its control of Congress. Zedillo will become the first Mexican president since 1913 to face an opposition legislature. Previous to this election, the position of mayor was appointed by the president.



This 100% cotton, union-made HMO T-shirt is available from Northland Poster Collective: (800)627-3082.

Union Hotel Guild available. The Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union offers a *Union Hotel Guide* with complete information on union hotels, motels, resorts and travel lodgings in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The information is available on the Internet at: www.erols.com/herein, which contains links to union hotels on the net. To order a printed guide, call (202)393-4373.