

# Use of Mexican Laborers in U. S. Congressional Topic

## Kindergarten Value Being Debated in Many Communities

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Is kindergarten a valuable educational experience for five-year-olds — or a costly baby-sitting service?

Americans have been debating that question for more than a century, and the argument is still going strong in many communities.

The kindergarten was imported from Germany. Its origin is commemorated in its name which comes from a German phrase meaning "children's garden."

The first kindergarten in the United States was a private institution, established at Watertown, Wis., in 1856. In 1873, St. Louis, Mo., became the first community to include kindergarten classes in its public school program.

Today, according to a recently completed survey by the U. S. office of education, about 70 per cent of America's cities and towns maintain public kindergartens.

**Gloomy Statistic**

This statistic has been received rather gloomily by both sides of the great kindergarten debate.

Educators who think highly of kindergarten as a developmental experience for all children are discouraged to see that nearly a third of the nation's communities are still withholding public financial support.

Critics of kindergarten, on the other hand, say it is a shame to see so many communities expending tax funds on "play schools" at a time when regular public schools are suffering from shortages of teachers and classrooms.

Sooner or later, the argument comes around to the question whether kindergarten serves a genuine educational purpose, in terms of preparing children for success in the first grade, or whether its main function is to relieve harassed mothers of the care of highly active five-year-olds for a few hours each day.

One reason why the debate continues after a full century is that educational research has never yielded a clear-cut conclusive answer to this question.

Some scientific studies indi-

cate that children who have attended kindergarten display lasting benefits, in behavior and academic achievement. Others indicate that kindergarten has no measurable impact on subsequent school records.

**Advantage Diminishes**

Many teachers report that kindergarten graduates show up favorably during the early months of the first grade. But their apparent advantage tends to diminish or disappear as the year progresses.

The National Education Association (NEA), which is strongly pro-kindergarten, contends in a newly issued pamphlet that kindergarten has a place in the public school program regardless of any specific, measurable educational benefits it may confer.

"All child development studies make it completely clear that kindergarten is good for five-year-olds," said the NEA.

It said children who attend kindergarten enjoy the companionship of other five-year-olds, supervised play activities, and intellectual challenges that stimulate their "irrepressible curiosity" and whet their desire for learning.

Even if kindergarten achieved nothing more than to give a child "a good fifth year" in life, the NEA said, it would be a worthwhile institution, and its benefits should not be restricted to children whose parents can pay tuition at a private school.

## Wall Street Chatter

New York — UPI — Shearson, Hammill & Co. considers the violation of the Dow-Jones industrial 600 level as a basically healthy development and looks for the averages to stabilize at a "moderately lower" level.

The firm advises its clients to stop worrying about the market as a whole and concentrate on the purchase of sound stocks in the electric utility, financial, entertainment, special situation fields, where many issues have been able to buck the trend of a declining market.

Kaiser Aluminum's temporary profit setback, prevalent throughout the industry, forced the company's shares down to what can now be considered an extremely attractive buying level, and a constructive approach to the equity appears warranted, according to the Fitch Survey.

J. W. Sparks & Co. says that Standard Koolman Industries appears to have merit as a businessman's risk type of situation. It also likes the stocks' technical pattern and believes the near term market action to be awarding.

Green, Ellis & Anderson says that Surburban Gas is a sound buy for investment accounts. Earnings could reach \$2 a share this fiscal year, it says, and bring another of Sub's frequent dividend boosts.

**INVESTIGATE REPORT**

State police, Jackson county sheriff's office and Medford city police are still investigating a fight which occurred at Kim's restaurant on Highway 99 south of Medford early Sunday morning. Officers said by the time they arrived the fight had ended.

## Use Believed Not in Nation's Best Interest

By ROY MCGHEE  
Washington — UPI — "The Department of Labor is concerned that the continued wide scale use of Mexican nationals, approximately 450,000 annually, in agricultural employment in this country may not be in the best interest of the U. S. agricultural workers and employers."

Those 37 words preface a full-dress battle in Congress next year over continuation of a "foreign aid" program that for 10 years has been praised as exemplary and damned as inhuman.

They were written by Secretary of Labor James T. Mitchell on July 20 to Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), chairman of the Senate agriculture committee.

**Department Opposed**

Mitchell went on to say the department was opposed to extension of the law authorizing use of Mexican nationals (braceros) on American farms, past the June 30, 1961, deadline.

Southwestern and California congressmen succeeded in getting the law extended through next Dec. 31 but they had to promise cooperation in a full-scale review of the program in the next session of Congress.

In fact, before a group of liberal senators would agree to extension, they got a promise from both Ellender and Sen. Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.) that the entire subject would be gone over with a fine-tooth comb.

The same situation prevails in the House, where representatives of bracero users are in far greater numbers than in the Senate.

**All-Out Opposition**

Reps. John E. Fogarty (D-R. I.) and Alfred E. Santangelo (D-N. Y.) have declared all-out opposition to any extension that does not guarantee improved living and working conditions for the braceros.

Opponents also want more assurances that Mexicans are not competing unfairly with American farm labor.

Leading the Senate battle against extension are Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.) and Jacob Javits (R-N. Y.). They will gain strength for their position, if the Labor department maintains its position in the next administration.

The Mexican farm labor problem began in the southwest during the war years. Temporary use of braceros was authorized to overcome an American manpower shortage.

When the war was over, and the authority ended, hundreds of thousands of Mexicans swarmed across the border each year, seeking employment. They were dubbed "wetbacks" because many literally swam the Rio Grande.

**Presented Problems**

Their numbers rose as high as a half million a year and presented problems to immigration authorities that were almost insoluble.

Finally, a public law was passed legalizing use of the braceros and rigidly controlling their entry. Illegal "wetbacks" were almost entirely eliminated.

The law provided for agreements between the Mexican and American governments that were to spell out travel, pay, living and working conditions. These agreements have been renewed, usually for two-year periods, since 1949.

When the extension came



**OIL TANK REPLACED**—A Marine Corps helicopter eases a 7,000-pound fuel tank into a cradle at the Coast Guard lighthouse station at Farallon Island, Calif., 25 miles offshore from San Francisco, completing a unique Navy-Marine Corps-Coast Guard operation. The operation to replace the sta-

tion's old tanks involved two 'copters. Navy tug and barge and Coast Guard vessels standing by in case of emergency. No dock or heavy equipment exists and use of the 'copter was the only means of getting the tanks onto the sheer-side island. (UPI Telephoto)

## Higher Welfare Budget Requested

Portland — UPI — A budget of about \$11 million over the that set by the State Department of Finance and Administration was requested for the 1961-63 biennium by the State Public Welfare Commission Monday.

Chairman Joseph E. Harvey said the figure was \$82.3 million, which includes some \$41.6 million from state funds, \$36.2 million from federal money and more than \$14 million from the counties.

The target budget set by the state finance agency was \$81.2 million. The request is \$344,668 over the current biennium's budget of about \$92 million. Harvey said the funds did not include an estimated \$2.1 million which will be avail-

able from amusement device taxes, collections and recoveries from other sources.

The budget does not take into account any additional money which might be needed to administer Oregon's share of the new medicare program because information on the program was not available soon enough to be included in the budget.

Harvey said it also did not include any money necessary to move state offices from Portland to Salem. It was estimated this would cost \$86,620.

**Japanese Miners Trapped by Flood**

Tokyo — UPI — A shaft under a rain-swollen river collapsed today and tons of water flooded a coal mine in Kyushu, trapping 67 miners. Officials said there was almost no hope for survivors.

A night crew of 127 men were working in the Ueda mine in Kawasaki when the cave-in occurred shortly after midnight. Sixty managed to outrace the swirling waters and reach safety above ground.

The accident was believed to have been triggered by a series of minor gas explosions in the shaft which extend under the river.

**ASKS EXPORT BAN**

Washington — UPI — Rep. T. A. Thompson (D-La.) has urged the government to prevent Cuba from buying American-made replacement parts which are destined for seized U.S. oil refineries.

## Vessel Bringing Capsule To States

San Diego, Calif. — UPI — The Navy destroyer USS Paul R. Revere headed here today with an 83-pound capsule fired 1,200 miles into space and recovered — the first capsule ever to be retrieved after so high a flight.

The capsule carried instruments in an experiment to chart safe courses for space travelers through deadly radiation belts surrounding the earth. It was fired Monday aboard a four-stage NERV rocket from Point Arguello, Calif., north of here.

The Navy announced the destroyer was due here Thursday.

## Nasser To Live On Long Island

New York — UPI — United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser will live on a Sands Point, Long Island, estate across the street from the community synagogue while here to attend the U.N. General Assembly session.

Nasser arrives Thursday night at Idlewild Airport and will motor to the 4½-acre estate of the late banana importer Ronald LaVilla.

## German Machine Gun Found Near Sublimity

Salem — UPI — State police today were hoping to find the rightful owner of a World War I German machine gun found deep in a cave near the town of Sublimity over the week end.

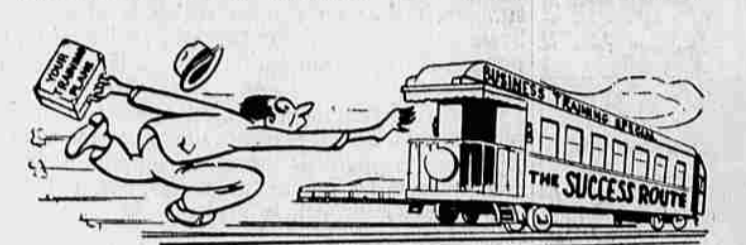
Police said the weapon was discovered Saturday afternoon by two boys on an exploring trip. The gun has a mount and is complete except for the bolt and firing pin.

## Portland State Has Enrollment Trouble

Portland — UPI — Enrollment problems are bothering Portland State college.

Registrar Howard Impeccoven said Monday admissions are running 23 per cent higher than last year. The school's budget is set up for an enrollment of 4,275. Impeccoven predicted enrollment would be between 4,500 and 4,800. Last fall enrollment at the school was 4,008. Registration ends this week.

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