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Chilean Union Ratifies Protests against Neoliberalism

Santiago de Chile, Aug 27 (Prensa Latina) Leaders of the Workers Central Union (CUT) reiterated that Chilean workers would protest against the current neoliberal model for impoverishing the country.

CUT president Arturo Martinez said people have too many motives to disagree because the government has done things quite bad.

Martinez said that the current economic policy is too much concern by the condition of macroeconomy but does not take care of social problems.

CUT is getting ready for next demonstrations that will have more than 300,000 participants in response to the Executive's negative to fix minimum salary in 350 dollars.

Answering to statements given by

governmental spokesman Ricardo Lagos Weber, who stated August 29 would be a normal working day, Martinez said the government is showing that it ignores what people think.

CUT vicepresident Marta Rosas said students, public health trade unions and other social sectors would take part in the demonstrations.

«The idea is that each worker shows his or her disagreement with the country's current situation, by means of paralyzations, marches and delivery of propaganda material on the streets,» she said.

In the last days, a wave of demonstrations of copper workers, and others from the forest and health sectors, with demands covering from salary increases up to improvements in public health attention. •

Health Patrol Keeps Hidalgo in Quarantine

Mexico, Aug 27 (Prensa Latina) Health Department of the Mexican State of Hidalgo laid an epidemiological siege to the States hardest hit by hurricane Dean, to prevent any kind of infectious outbreak among victims of the storm.

That measure will be emphatic for Cuauhtemoc, since some cases with skin disorders already happened there.

Cuauhtemoc Health Secretary Jorge Islas reported brigades of medical assistance have been already sent to the municipalities of La Sierra, Huasteca and the Otomi region, besides Tulancingo and Cuauhtemoc.

He pointed out some 5,000 health brigades of professionals travel the 61 territories, in need since Dean battered them with heavy rains.

According to the official, accumulated mud and water represent a serious risk for the population, even though there is no indication of serious diseases.

So, it is safe to assure, he added, the State is malaria, dengue and cholera free, but they are still on alert all over the region. •

Ecuador Claims to Be Victim of Colombian Conflict

Quito, Aug 27 (Prensa Latina) Ecuador must demand to be considered a victim of a foreign conflict to have enough resources to counter the crises generated by mass displacements of Colombians, a human rights activist said on Monday.

Juan de Dios Parra, president of the Latin American Human Rights Association, noted that «Ecuador is paying huge costs for being so close to a war in which it is not involved or has not caused.»

The international community is responsible for assisting a country in those cases, but on a second level, because in the first place, Colombia must supply minimum

resources to counter the humanitarian crisis, he told Colombian television.

He said that facts speak for themselves, as more than 2,000 people, including 600 children and pregnant women, have arrived in Ecuador.

Parra stressed that due to the mass arrival of Colombians, the educational infrastructure in San Lorenzo has come to a standstill, as schools have been turned into shelters.

That is why, I repeat that the United Nations must recognize that this country is a victim and needs assistance and solidarity, because it is not a domestic problem, but a foreign affair that influences negatively on development.

Judging by the way the Colombian conflict is dealt with and how the Colombian government has eluded responsibilities, the demand must be presented at the United Nations, he added. •

Cuban Five, Victims of National Security Justice

Washington, Aug 27 (Prensa Latina) Even the best defenders can't buy justice in the US when the government cites "national security", such as in the case of the Cuban Five, says Progreso Weekly in an article authored by Saul Landau.

In such cases, the government will not tell the public what it is doing or why, it reeks with imperial arrogance and often with vengeance as well, says the weekly.

Since Washington had failed to punish Cuba adequately for its near half century of disobedience, the opportunity presented by the Cuban Five fell onto the vengeful ground of the national security elite, the group that wages war and regularly infringes on citizens' rights in order to "protect" the public.

According to Landau, fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies, in 2004, John

Negroponce, then UN ambassador en route to becoming Ambassador to Iraq and then top US spy, explained why the security elite had to reject offers from Iran or Cuba to normalize relations.

«In the last decades, Vietnam, Cuba and Iran have humiliated the United States,» said Negroponce to a friend of Landau's. «I suppose we've gotten even with the Vietnamese (4 million killed and 20 plus years of sanctions), but there's no way we're having relations with Iran or Cuba before they get what's coming to them.» That is why, writes Landau, the security elite will not wage war on Cuba - Cubans will fight back- instead they used the Cuban Five as surrogate punishment objects.

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Reflections by the Commander In Chief: Submission To Imperial Politics

Of all the presidents of the United States, and those who aspire to that office, I only met one who, for ethical-religious reasons, was not an accomplice to the brutal terrorism against Cuba: James Carter. That assumes, of course, another President who forbade that United States officials should be used to assassinate Cuban leaders. That was the case of Gerald Ford who replaced Nixon after the Watergate scandal. Given his irregular manner of ascending to the office, one might characterize him as a symbolic President.

It is to the illustrious President Eisenhower, not in the least opposed to anti-Cuban terrorism but rather its initiator, that we owe thanks for at least providing a definition of the industrial-military complex which today, with its insatiable and incurable voracity, makes up the motor that is driving the human species to its current crisis. More than three billion years have gone by since planet Earth saw the first forms of life springing up.

One day, Che [Guevara] and I went to play golf. He had been a caddie once to earn some money in his spare time; I, on the other hand, knew absolutely nothing about this expensive sport. The United States government had already decreed the suspension and the redistribution of Cuba's sugar quota, after the Revolution had passed the Agrarian Reform Law. The golf game was a photo opportunity. The real purpose was to make fun of Eisenhower.

In the United States, you can have a minimum of votes and still become President. That is what happened to Bush. Having a majority of electoral votes and losing the Presidency is what happened to Gore. For that reason, the State of Florida is the prize everyone aspires to, because of the presidential votes it provides. In the case of Bush, an electoral fraud was also needed; for this, the first Cuban emigrants, who were the

Batista supporters and the bourgeois, were best masters.

Clinton is not excluded from all of this, neither is the Democratic Party's candidate. The Helms-Burton Act was passed with his support, with a ready-made excuse: the downing of Brothers to the Rescue planes, those which on more than one occasion had flown over the city of Havana and which had violated Cuban territory dozens of times. The order to fend off flights over the Capital had been given to the Cuban Air Force just weeks earlier.

I must tell you that, close to that episode, Congressman Bill Richardson had arrived on a visit to Cuba on January 19, 1996. As usual, he brought with him petitions asking that several counter-revolutionaries be released from prison. We explained to him that we were by now tired of receiving such petitions, and I talked to him about what was happening with the Brothers to the Rescue flights. I also talked to him about the unfulfilled promises regarding the blockade. Richardson returned a few days later, on the 10th of February, and very earnestly told me, to the best of my recollection, the following: «That will not be happening again; the President has ordered those flights to be suspended».

In those days, I believed that orders issued by the President of the United States would be carried out. The planes were brought down on February 24, some days after the reply. The New Yorker Magazine supplies details about that meeting with Richardson.

Apparently, Clinton gave the order to suspend those flights, but nobody paid any attention to it. It was an election year, and he took advantage of that excuse to invite the Foundation leaders over and to sign that criminal Act, with the approval of all.

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Rhythm and Steel in Prospect Park Women In Steel Hosts End of Summer Steel Pan Event

Women In Steel, PanTonic Steel Orchestra, Unique Sounds and J'Ouvert Alliance will host its 2nd annual **End of Summer Family Steelpan Event "PAN VISIONARY 2K"** at 'The Perstyle' - Prospect Park Brooklyn New York, on Sunday September 9, 2007. The event is a collaborative effort of these three educational, cultural and community based organizations coming together in this summer's end social and cultural event.

Pan Visionary 2K's goal is to provide information to the youth in our community on such topics as **Education & Career** - GED, School Grant, Scholarship for Colleges & Universities and After School Programs. **Children will receive note-books, book-bags, pens, pencils, computers and scholarships as they venture back to school.**

Families will receive information on Health Issues such as Medicare, Medicaid, Child Health Plus, Aids, Diabetes, Breast,

Cervical and Prostate Cancers, etc.

Information will be distributed on Emergency Preparedness, Financial Education such as; Identity Theft, Budgeting, Banking and Reading Your Pay Check.

Eight Steelband orchestras will partake in the afternoon activities. These orchestra comprise of a diverse group of young people who attend Junior High, High Schools, Universities and Colleges in New York and or out-of-state.

The Event will take place on Sunday from 12:00 -7:00 pm. The Perstyle" entrance on Parkside & Ocean Avenue.

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