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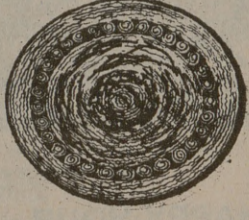
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'Notario publica' different there Mexicans cheated on papers

United Press International
AUSTIN — Mexican aliens encounter a variety of problems trying to obtain citizenship papers allowing them to remain in this country — bureaucratic red tape, regulations, legal fees — and now some unscrupulous notaries public in Texas border towns are making it even more difficult, according to one legal expert.

Quinton Cross of the Texas Legal Services Center says the difficulties arise from the translation of the term "notario public." A "notario publico" in Mexico must undergo a strict examination, be an attorney and is considered to hold influential status in society.

By comparison, the only requirements a notary public must meet in Texas are to be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the state, pay a \$1,000 bond, and receive the secretary of state's approval to possess a notary seal.

"These people go to the notaries here thinking they have the same powers as those in Mexico," Cross said.

Some Mexican aliens pay these notaries hundreds of dollars with the mistaken notion that they are lawyers who can help in securing American citizenship papers.

"The problem is extremely widespread, especially in areas where there are Spanish speaking people," said Erica Gurb, also with TSLC. One legislator has introduced a bill to help combat the problem.

Sen. Tati Santiesteban, D-El Paso, has a bill regulating advertising by notaries by requiring those who are not attorneys to note that when advertising in a language other than English.

The bill prohibits the translation of the phrase "notary public" into Spanish without signifying the true meaning of the phrase, and it specifies that failure to comply with the law would be a deceptive trade

practice. The bill also requires notaries state in their advertisements they may charge.

Santiesteban's bill was passed by the Senate State Affairs Committee and will now go before the Senate.

"A similar bill passed in Grubb said. "You see that could crop up where even migrant workers traveling out the United States."

Crippled A-plant no longer of concern, hearing told

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Government officials told Congress Wednesday the troubled Three Mile Island nuclear power plant is no longer of urgent concern and Middletown, Pa., area residents have received only as much radiation as two chest X-rays.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Joseph Hendrie and a number of top government experts underwent a difficult cross-examination by a Senate health sub-

committee before hundreds of spectators and a bank of television cameras.

Hendrie acknowledged that the crippled atomic reactor is not completely cut off, but "it does not offer urgent concern."

"We are getting closer to a long-term shutdown," he told Chairman Edward Kennedy, D. Mass., "but we do not by any manner of means regard our situation as hunky-dory and we can all go home."

HEW Secretary Joseph P. Kamp was able to provide the requested information, told Kennedy, a radioactivity dose to people one-half mile of the plant amounted to about what they have gotten from two chest X-rays.

Hendrie defended the monitoring of the incident. He conceded "it is less than we would like but it's not all that bad."

The NRC was not informed of the incident at Three Mile Island three hours after it had occurred, March 29.

Hendrie said there was no reason to suspect the integrity of the Metropolitan Edison Co. in its handling of the problem at the plant.

However, he said he had urged plant officials to quit dumping radiated water directly into the Quehanna River in the immediate aftermath of the second major outage that occurred on Friday.

But Kennedy told Hendrie the system really broke down. He said this kind of procedure and the lack of protection for the American public is completely unacceptable and completely inadequate.

Earlier, Kennedy called for a dependent agency to investigate the incident and guarantee adequate coverage for citizens in affected areas.

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