

# Mexican leader knocks business for rejection

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**MEXICO CITY** — Fider Velazquez, head of Mexico's five-million member Confederation of Mexican Workers, blasted private industrialists for "lack of nationalism" because they rejected a wage-price freeze proposal.

The wage-price freeze was proposed to halt an inflation rate of 130 percent over the last 18 months, which has crippled the buying power of Mexicans. Labor leaders said business groups rejected the pact because they want to raise prices to meet

the higher costs of importing raw materials and spare parts.

Despite rejection of his offer, Velazquez said there is virtually no chance for the general strike against private industry slated for June 9.

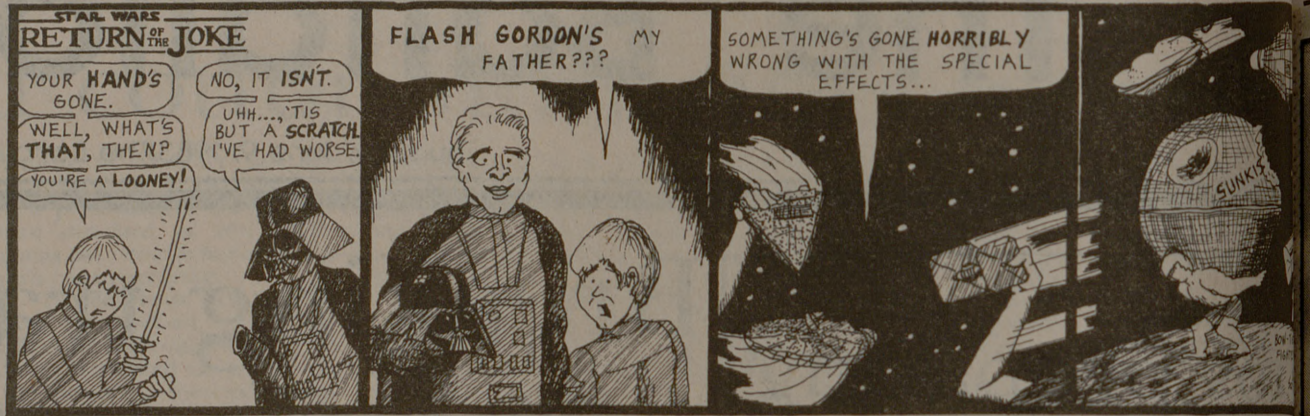
He said the failure of business to respond to the union's call for a pact will not endanger the government stabilization program, "but it does reveal the lack of nationalism of the entrepreneurs."

Napoleon Gomez Sada, president of the 10-million member Workers Congress that includes

the Confederation of Mexican Workers, said that if the pact is not signed, "social tensions will increase throughout the country."

Velazquez said a price freeze was necessary because the price of staple products such as milk have increased in the last month.

"The workers always bear the burden of such problems, but we have to keep on struggling," said Velazquez, who has dominated the Mexican labor movement for the last 40 years.



# Ranchers bringing buffalo to fields of Pennsylvania

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**EDINBURG, Pa.** — The home where the buffalo roam isn't necessarily out West. Increasingly, it's a fenced-in field in Pennsylvania or Ohio.

Last year, Paul Miller of Edinburg, about 30 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, traded in the pigs on his 85-acre farm for buffalo.

In nearby West Middlesex, Joe Mastriani also has switched from cattle to the fabled shaggy beast.

The National Buffalo Association lists 21 active members in Ohio and 14 in Pennsylvania, numbers that don't include associate members who raise buffalo, nonjoiners or producers who don't know about the NBA.

"I feel like a modern-day pioneer," Miller, a Conrail employee, said during a break from stringing cable and barbed wire around a 15-acre pasture.

He wants to build up his herd from seven to a lucrative 55 or 60, and he harbors a dream of hawking buffalo burgers downtown from a pushcart.

Hugh and Joan Forbes already sell buffalo burgers along with ice cream cones at their New Castle, Pa., drive-in restaurant and keep a herd of 25 buffalo at their dairy farm next door.

Among the earliest buffalo ranchers in western Pennsylvania when they began in 1975, Forbes and his wife have helped start a half-dozen other herds, including Miller's and Mastriani's.

"We were always interested in buffalo. We were both raised on farms. They are a nice animal, interesting and profitable," Mrs. Forbes said.

"They're a lot less work than pigs," said Miller.

While their wild cousins

thrived on the wild grasses and blizzards of the Great Plains, buffalo in Pennsylvania get grass, hay, water and fences.

Mrs. Forbes, whose restaurant was one of 13 last month to receive NBA Certificates of Excellence, said people are beginning to learn that not only are buffalo burgers, steaks and roasts tasty, they are healthful.

Lean buffalo meat is 25 percent higher in protein than beef and contains no cholesterol, she said.

But there's more to a buffalo than red meat, and that sells too.

Mastriani has sold buffalo skulls for \$80 to people in search of unusual decor and has seen hooves turned into lamps and sold.

Forbes has a waiting list of

people willing to pay \$1,200 for a mounted, while wooly robes sell for \$800.

Aside from business transactions, the weird animals seem to charm the chers.

Ornery enough to scolar's pet Husky and fight at weights up to 2,500, buffaloes aren't exactly people.

But "you watch them stantly," Mastriani said, the time you get up to you go to sleep, you take one more look."

He remembers when born in a cold rain die later and the rest of the down in a semi-circle baby.

"It was unreal," he said, ing his head.

# Mine gas explosion kills eight

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**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia** — A methane gas explosion killed eight workers and injured 53, including a woman who helped rescue co-workers, in a newly opened coal mine in eastern Yugoslavia, police said.

Mine officials said there were 135 people in the Morava pit,

124 miles southeast of Belgrade, when the explosion occurred 2,500 feet underground about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"I felt a blow, I hit a wagon," engineer Ljubisa Dimitrijevic told reporters from her hospital bed in the town of Aleksinac.

"The dust was unbearable. It was methane, I knew it immedi-

ately," she said, adding she helped pull two injured colleagues from the mine "but I could not manage to make it for a third time."

Three mine officials, including a female engineer, four miners and a West German expert, were killed in the blast. Seventy-

four miners and West German experts who were installing equipment escaped with injuries.

The officials said the gas explosion might have been sparked by an electrical circuit as firemen were trying to extinguish a fire.

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## Senator criticizes defense contracts

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**WASHINGTON** — Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, says he has some difficulty with the description by a Defense Department agency official of Pentagon contracting practices as "99 and 44 one-hundredths percent pure."

Cohen, chief sponsor of a bill to foster competitive bidding for Pentagon contracts, also accused the agency Tuesday at a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee of trying to seriously weaken the proposed legislation with a draft of amendments.

The bill would restrict the use of non-competitive federal contracts and establish a clear preference for competitive procedures in awarding contracts for services. It already has been approved by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Mary Ann Gillece, deputy undersecretary of defense for acquisition management, said there have been instances where the department has made mistakes in the awarding of non-competitive contracts.

"I would suggest, however, that we believe we are 99 and 44 one-hundredths percent pure," she added.

Cohen replied he didn't know of anything that was "99 and 44 one-hundredths percent pure."

"Ivory Soap is," Cohen said, "the only one-hundredths percent pure."

The Defense Dept. handled \$125 billion, or 10 percent, of the total government contracts awarded in 1982.

Of those exceeding \$1 million, only 35 percent were awarded by competitive bidding, according to the General Accounting Office. The GAO has estimated that competitive contracts could save 10 percent of the total.

Cohen said his bill is one he introduced last year which several departments have resisted. Yet, the agency offered 15 new amendments and some would even change the department's name.

He objected most strongly to the proposed amendment that would let agency officials award non-competitive contracts whenever it is deemed to be in the "public interest."

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