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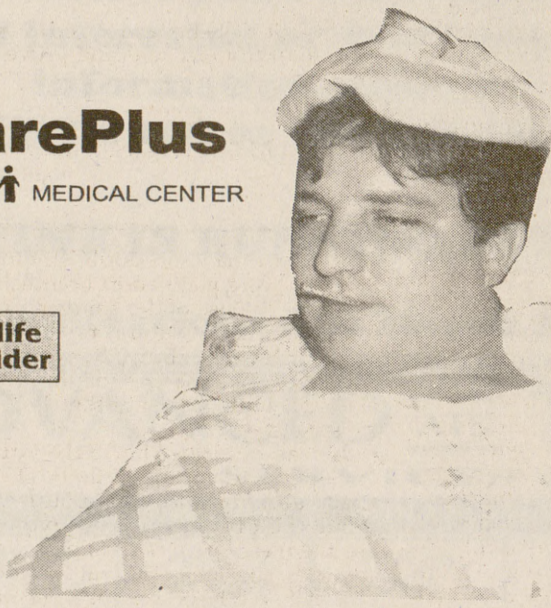
Have completed or be registered in JOUR 210 (Graphics) or equivalent.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to the Student Publications Manager's office, room 230 Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: 5 p.m. Monday, March 21, 1994. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Publications Board Meeting beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 1994.

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Mexican government  
makes promises to  
deter Zapatista revolt

The Associated Press

IBARRA, Mexico — The government is tempting the people of this little village with offers of things they never had: roads and electrical power, good schools and clinics, democracy and justice.

That package of promises, aimed at ending the New Year's Day revolt by the Zapatista National Liberation Front, may be a tough sell in Indian villages like this, where rebels began debating the offer Sunday.

"The worthless government offers only tricks," said a local Zapatista leader named Hector, who — like other Zapatistas here — gave only his non-deguerre for fear of government reprisals.

The government made its offer Wednesday. Rebel negotiators are now explaining it to their supporters in tiny villages across Chiapas state to decide if they should sign a peace treaty or hold onto their guns. An answer could take weeks or months.

Zapatista supporters in Ibarra, about 50 miles southeast of Ocosingo, and in nearby Santa Elena said they were skeptical of any government promises after decades of being ignored or pushed aside.

"If the government delivers this in 90 days, then we would agree," said Ricardo, a Zapatista in nearby Santa Elena. But he said that if the government does not come through, violence could start all over again.

Two weeks of fighting that began Jan. 1 and left some 145 people dead has garnered more government respect for the people here than generations of legal, peaceful requests for help.

There are no roads to these two hamlets of a few hundred people. A bush plane or hours of driving on muddy jungle paths are the only ways to reach them.

Few have the opportunity to get the legal minimum of nine years of schooling. There is no electricity, no telephone and precious little water.

The government first invited impoverished settlers into this Lacandon forest area, then in 1972 gave them 60 days notice to leave after the area was declared a reserve for one small Indian group. That planted the seeds of anger from which the Zapatista rebels eventually sprang.

Dozens of Zapatistas gathered in the dirt courtyard of a thatch-roofed safe house to discuss the proposals with two visiting reporters. Most spoke only Tzeltal Mayan. Others spoke a little Spanish and relied on reporters and a woman named Oralia to read the government commitments.

Struggling through the wordy passages promising greater democracy, Oralia looked up with a bemused grin and said, "I don't understand anything."

But then she added: "What the government wants is that we not fight with arms, that I understand ... We have achieved nothing here by naming deputies ... only with arms."

To many here, the government promises have a fantastic ring.

For everyone, there are vows of more roads, houses, electricity, new and improved schools and clinics and increased support for farmers.

For the barefoot women who spend long days grinding corn, hauling water, cooking over wood fires and caring for children, there are promises of aid for tortilla-flour mills, community kitchens, water projects, nurseries, buses.

For second and third sons with no prospect of inheriting land — a category that includes the three Zapatista soldiers who escorted the reporters through the jungle — there is a promise to cut up some large estates.

The government says it will outlaw discrimination against Indians and will create better local government in areas now part of Ocosingo.

Ice, Ice, Bevo



A beef steer catches drippings of melting snow as it falls from a rain gutter on a farm near Greenvillage, Pennsylvania.

Tenure

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"All tenure is a guarantee to a hearing if your job is in question," he said. "It's nothing but a guarantee of due process. Professors without tenure can be fired at will, whereas tenured professors cannot."

He said the University would be greatly damaged if tenure was ever abolished

and would be put on a censured list by the American Association of University Professors.

"No quality professor would take a job here as a result and you'd see a mass departure of high-quality professors and department heads to schools with tenure," Davenport said. "Frankly, A&M would be a laughing stock."

The article reported Texas isn't the only state challenging tenure.

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