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1. CONGEN RECEIVED TODAY ADVANCE COPY OF WORKERS CATHOLIC ACTION MAIFESTO NE DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT JUSTICE DESCRIBED REFERENCED AIR-GRAM. DOCUMENT CONTAINS 89 PAGES AND WITHIN STRONG FRAMEWORK OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL STRUCTURE, GIVES DETAILED AND SOMETIMES POLEMICAL DESCRIPTION INJUSTICES SUFFERED BY NE WORKERS. MAIN POINT MANIFESTO IS ALIENATION OF WORKER FROM DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS. MANIFESTO HIGHLIGHTS SUMMARIZED BELOW. FULL TEXT BEING AIRPOUCHED. MANIFESTO WILL BE MADE PUBLICNAAY 1.

2. DEVELOPMENT.0

MAINIFESTO SEES DEVELOPMENT AS "A CYCLE OF CONFLICTS" BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS, PROGRESSIVE AND RETROGRESSIVE FORCES,0 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURES. WORKER IS VIEWED AS VICTIM OF THESE CONFLICTS.DEVELOPMENT IN THE NE BEING CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM CHARACTERIZED BY PROGmatic LIBERALISM AND VALORIZATION OF CAPCLAL WHOSE SOLE OB-JECTIVE PR PROFIT. LARGE ENTERPRISES (BOTH FOREIGN AND FROM SOUTHERN BRAZIL) HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN NE AND ARE TAKING OVER CONTROL OF REGIONAL ECONOMY. THE DOMINANT ECONOMIC CONCEPT OF THE INDUSTRIALIZATION PROCESS IS LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

3. NORTHEAST WORKER.

WORKER IN NE SUFFERS FROM LOW WAGES, RISING UNEMPLOYMENT (PARTIALLY CAUSED BY INDUSTRIALIZATION), A GENERAL CLIMATE OF EXPLOITATION, INCREASING DISRESPECT FOR LABOR LAWS AND ABSENCE OF AN EMPLOYMENT POLICY TO CREATE NEW JOBS. LATTER RESULTS IN "PROGRESSIVE DIS-PROPORTION BETWEEN THE VERY SMALL NUMBER OF NEW JOBS AND THE VERY LARGE NUMBERS OF UNEMPLOYED WORKERS.

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4. RURAL LABOR.

"THE SITUATION IS ONE OF MISERY, OF HUNGER, OF INJUSTICE AND WHAT IS MORE SERIOUS IS IS WITHOUT PROSPECTS OF IMMEDIATE PROGRESS." AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAMS ARE OVERLY TIMID OR SIMPLY FAICL. REASON IS APPARENT LACK OF COURAGE TO MAKE BASIC REFORMS WHICH WILL CHANGE THE OBSOLETE STRUCTURE SO THAT PRODUCTION WILL INCREASE AND THE WORKER HAVE ACCESS TO LAND. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR HAS BENEFITTED ONLY THE LANDOWNERS BECAUSE IN HIS FAVOR THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUNCTION.

IN CONSEQUENCE, THE GREAT MASS OF PEASANTS SUFFER ALL KINDS OF INJUSTICES-THE LARGEST AND MOST FREQUENT OF WHICH IS LACK OF REGULAR WORK WHICH LEADS THEM TO ACCEPT EXPLOITATION OF EMPLOYERS OR TO EMIGRATE TO BIG CITIES WHERE THEY FORM NUCLEUS FOR "CHEAP AND AVAILABLE LABOR" FOR SOUTHERN BRAZILIAN AND FOREIGN BUSINESSES.

5. URBAN LABOR.

RURAL AND URBAN WORKERS UNITED BY "UNEMPLOYMENT, INJUSTICE AND EXPLOITATION". THEY ARE BOTH VICTIMS OF SAME ERRORS, SAME OMISSIONS AND SAME DEFORMATIONS OF ECONOMIC PLANNING.

THESE ILLS ARE MIFED TOGETHER WITH "ILLITERACY, HUMILIATING LIVING CONDITIONS. BEGGING, ENDEMIC DISEASES, INFANT MORTALITY, TRAMPLED DIGNITY, MALNUTRITION OF THEIR SCHOOLLESS CHILDREN, IN

LABOR UNIONS WITHOUT VITALITY, INOPERATIVE SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS ETC.

6. SUDENE

AS ITS PRINCIPAL MEANS OF DEVELOPMENT SUDENE USES A SERIES OF INCENTIVES WHICH CONSIDER ONLY THE INTERSRS OF CAPITAL, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF BIG, FINANCIALLY POWERFUL ENTERPRISES. THERE IS TENDENCY WHICH CAN BECOME IRREVERSIBLE, FOR THE "CONCENTRATION OF WEALTH IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY VERY RICH".

7. PROJECT RIA.

RITA PROJECT IS HERALDED AS ONE OF GREAT INSTRUMENTS OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUT IN VIEW OF MANIFESTO AUTHORS IT HAS BETRAYED ITS OBJECTIVES. THE FACTORIES CREATED BY RIA EMPLOY FEW PEOPLE AND HAVE RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL TECHNOLOGY. LABOR POLICIES IN THESE FACTORIES NO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THOUSANDS OF INEFFICIENT AND OUTMODDED COMPETITORS. EXPLOITATION CONTINUES, LOW SALARIES ARE PAID LABORERS.

8. FOOD FOR PEACE.

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A PATERNALISTIC PROGRAM WHICH IS "AN AUTHENTIC OFFICIAL ALMS-GIVING WHICH REGIONALIZES THE SPIRIT OF MENDICANCY AND DESTROYS THE CAPACITY OF FIGHTING FOR HUMAN ADVANCEMENT."

9. BIRTH CONTROL

MANIFESTO TAKES COGNIZANCE OF SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO POPULATION CONTROL AS REMEDY FOR POVERTY, BUT REGARDS IT AS UNDESIRABLE SOLUTION "INSTEAD OF BEING EDUCATION OF CREATION OF OPPORTUNITIES AND THE REPRESSION OF EXPLOITATION OF LABOR (THE SOLUTION) IS ONE OF MECHANICAL STERILIZATION OF WOMEN.

10. TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

THE NORTHEAST TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS NOW UNDERGOING A MODERNIZATION PROCESS. "IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT, SOME THOUSANDS OF WORKERS ARE BEING HROWN INTO MISERY, WITHOUT PARALLEL DECISONS BEING TAKEN TO PROVIDE NEW EMPLOYMENT FOR THESE SACRIFICED MEN".

11. LABOR COURTS

LABOR COURTS CUNCTION INEFFICIENTLY WITH DRAWN OUT AND TIME CONSUMING PROCEDURES. WORKING CLASS, DESPITE ALL, STILL HAS CONFIDENCE IN THEM BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT COURTS FUNCTION POORLY AND SLOWLY. THE JUSTICA DO TRABALHO BECOMES TRANSFORMED INTO ALLY OF PERSECUTION, OF EXPLOITATION OF MEN AND NEGATES ITS OWN PURPOSE.

12. VALUE OF LABOR

LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS FORCED UPON NE WORKER HAVE DESTROYED HIS RESPECT FOR OWN SOCIAL STATUS AND PERSONAL DIGNITY IN HIS MIND. LABOR, PER SE HAS LITTLE SOCIAL VALUE. "THE GREATEST DISGUST OF MY LIFE", SAID ONE PERNAMBUCO WORKER, IS TO HAVE SHOWN TO MY SON THE MACHINES WHERE I WORK. LABORSOACK OF PRESTIGE CREATES VICIOUS CIRCLE IN WHICH CAPABLE MEN DO NOT BECOME UNION LEADERS BECAUSE NO ONE BELIEVES IN INTRINSIC VALUE OF LABOR OR POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE. HUMAN DIGNITY IS DESTROYED AND MONEY AND ONLY MONEY IS IMPORTANT. CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS AND PRIDE OF CLASS ARE NON-EXISTEN.

COMMENT:

MANIFESTO'S DESCRIPTION REGIONAL LABOR CONDITONS LARGELY ACCURATE. TONE OF DOCUMENT SIMILAR TO BUT NOT AS BALANCED AS POPE PAUL'S LATEST ENCYCLICAL. AUTHORS DID, HOWEVER GIVE PASSING CREDIT TO

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GOOD ASPECTS SUDENE AND TO EXISTENCE OF SAMLL DECENT EMPLOYERS.
MANIFESTO ENDS WITH SERION ENTITLED, "HOUR TO ACT", WHICH POINTS UP
RESPONSIBILITY OF SPECIFIC SECTORS OF SOCIETY WITHOUT ACTUALLY
URGING THEM TO TAKE AND PARTICULAR ACTION.

IN RELATED ACTION, DIARIO DE PERNAMBUCO EDITORIAL WRITTEN BY MANUEL
CHAPPARO LAST SUNDAY DRAWS SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN CATHOLIC SOCIAL
ACTION AND COMMUNIST AGITATION. EDITORIAL IS DEFENSE POPULORUM
PROGRESSIO AND CONDEMNATION THOSE WHO SEE IT AS FOLLOWING MARXIST
LINE. IF RECENT STATEMENTS REVIFE PRESS ANY INDICATION, PRESS REPORT
FOR MANIFESTO IS ALMOST ASSURED. HILLIKER
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