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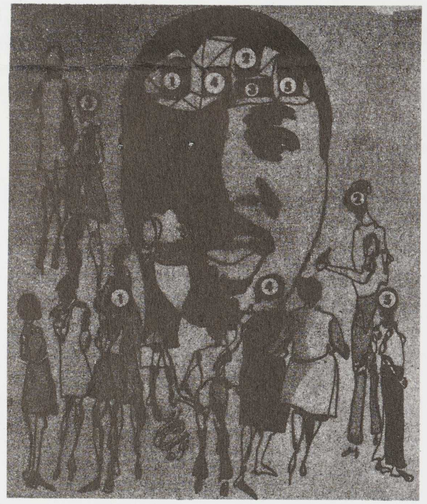
JULY 9: GREAT DANCE!: The Boston Committee for Puerto Rican Civil Rights will give a dance with Heriberto Colon and the Caribbean Express at 8:00 p.m. in the Jamaica Plain Arts Council, at 659 Center St. The Caribbean Express has been nominated for the prestigious "Grammy Award" for the Best Tropical Latin Performance. Admission $10. Cash Bar. For more information: 524-7002.

The Prison Book Program at the Red Book Store sends free reading materials to prisoners all over the country. They are in great need of books in spanish, on Latin American politics and cultures. Materials can be deliver at the Red Bookstore, 92 Green St. Jamaica Plain. The prisioners will appreciate this.

A campaign is underway to denounce the repression at the Colomoncagua and San Antonio refugee camps in Honduras. People are beign asked to contact their congresional representative to investigate the continual harasment by the military, the permanent precense of government officials inside the camps, and the prohibition of the presence of internationals in the camp. Defend the rights of the refugees and write a protest letter to: Mr. Waldo Villapando, Apartado Postal 976, Tegucigalpa, Honduras America Central.

AUGUST 27: MARCH TO PRESERVE OUR CIVIL RIGHTS: there will be a great demonstration in Washington to conmemorate the 1963 Civil Rights March of 1963 where the Reverend Martin Luther King gave his famous speech, "I Have a Dream". Please set this date aside so you can celebrate this memorable event with us . We'll have more information available soon.



People working on this issue included: Elba Crespo, Juan Vargas, Tubal Padilla, Lenore Glaser, Maribel Pintado.

On August 5 and 6, 1988, The Comite de Mujeres Puertorriquenas Miriam Lopez Perez is sponsoring an "Encuentro" of Latina Women. The goal of this "Encuentro" is to bring together Latinas who are working on various issues and struggles in different Massachusetts communities. Not since 1980, when the conference "Latinas Face the 80's" was held, has there been an opportunity to come together to share our experiences and to discuss and prioritize the many issues that affect our lives. The objectives of the "Encuentro" are:

**To share our experiences, knowledge, and resources.*

**To project the existing organizations of Latinas.*

**To set priorities and a workplan.*

**To acknowledge and reaffirm our organizing capacities.*

**To establish networks of women in the area and to measure our capacity for mobilizing other women.*

**To prepare a document that will summarize our political position on each area discussed in the "Encuentro" which presents suggestions for change and action.*

**To give voice to Latinas and to give visibility to their opinions.*

If you are interested on working with El Comite on the development of the "Encuentro," have suggestions or want more information, contact us at P.O. Box 279, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 or call (617) 524-4145 or (617) 727-7222 and ask for Elba Crespo.

Please fill this out and return with your donation to:
BOSTON COMMITTEE FOR PUERTO RICAN CIVIL RIGHTS
Box 1222, Jamaica Plain, MA. 02130.

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BAY TOWERS WORKERS

TAKE ACTION TO STOP ABUSES

June 24 marks a day of great opportunity for the workers at the Bay Tower Room and Bay Club in downtown Boston.

On this day, the workers at the Bay Tower Restaurant and Bay Club will have a chance to vote to join local 26 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union in a secret ballot election.

The Bay Tower Room operates as a fancy restaurant during evening hours and during the day it becomes the Bay Club where the wealthiest and most prominent business executives in Boston do lunch.

Over the last several years, management has arbitrarily cut benefits and changed work rules. This, along with issues of management disrespect, work overload, and no grievance procedure has led the majority of the workers to sign Local 26 union authorization cards.

The organizing drive has moved very quickly, propelled by overwhelming support for unionization especially among the latino workers, who make up almost 50% of the total workforce. Less than 3 weeks after the first union meeting was held, the date for the representation election was set.

Local 26 stands proudly by its history of successful struggle for dignity, respect, and justice for all workers. The local represents workers in a wide variety of establishments, including hotels, restaurants, clubs, cafeterias and caterers. The membership includes immigrants from all parts of the world and many different types of workers; dishwashers, cleaners, cooks, waitpersons, bussers and bartenders.

During the last eight years, the members of local 26 have fought for and won pay raises, improved working conditions, and an excellent benefit plan- which includes major medical insurance, disability benefits, dental plan, optical plan, pension, English classes and a prepaid legal plan. Local 26 has also been on the

forefront of the fight against all forms of discrimination in the industry and in the community at large and for equality for people of color, immigrants, women, and lesbian and gay people.

Although the union has challenged Gerald Blakeley, owner of the Bay Tower Room/ Bay Club, to an open debate on the issue of unionization, neither Blakeley nor his associates have responded to the offer. Thus it is apparent that management fears any open discussion of the union and will continue, in the days leading up to the election, to resort to closed, captive audience meetings and harassment of individual workers by supervisors. Bay Tower workers can truly gain a voice in the workplace and win greater control over their lives by voting "YES" on June 24. !VIVA LA UNION! !VOTEN SI EL 24 DE JUNIO POR LA JUSTICIA!

Bay Towers Workers Prepare For Union Election

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