

Editorial

The shame of the U.S. Congress

The week of June 18 was a low point for the honor of the American republic, judging by the behavior of the federal legislature. Capitol Hill's record for the week might prompt the ironic observation that "those clowns just have no sense of timing." Unfortunately, the farce is the omen of national suicide.

On Wednesday night, June 20, the Senate narrowly defeated the Nunn amendment and passed a "compromise" resolution which blackmails Western Europe with the threat of U.S. troop withdrawal. This came only *three days* after the clamorous signal of the European elections results that the Western Alliance was in grave and immediate danger.

That Friday, June 22, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Simpson-Mazzoli anti-immigration bill already voted up by the Senate. With its heavy fines to employers caught hiring illegal immigrants (now defined as a crime), Simpson-Mazzoli is a slap in the face to Mexico in particular, since it will shut off the "safety valve" of immigration to the United States for Mexico's large, rurally based poor, triggering a social explosion against "the gringos and the government."

Behind this explosion will not only be the fury and resentment of decades during which Kissinger's liberal Eastern Establishment masters have sabotaged Mexico's industrial and agricultural development, but the past five years' escalated looting through Paul Volcker's high interest rates.

Simpson-Mazzoli passed the House *on the very day* that finance and foreign ministers from all over Ibero-America were gathering in Cartagena to frame their collective response to the international creditors' cartel. They have been forced to come together to fight for survival against the genocide policies Simpson-Mazzoli is designed to enforce.

"Shut the border and watch them scream," is how depopulation planner William Paddock, who has said he wants to wipe out 50% of Mexico's 70 million people, described the policy behind the bill a decade ago.

The Simpson-Mazzoli bill is in the tradition of American anti-immigration legislation going back to

the early 20th century. Such laws have always been used to impose racialist restrictions against "aliens," totally contrary to the Founding Fathers' conception of America as the republic that welcomed every newcomer as the greatest national resource. The Averell Harriman wing of the Democratic Party has been shepherding Simpson-Mazzoli along. It was the Harriman family's "eugenics" institutions which drafted the immigration laws in the 1920s and 1930s restricting entry except for people of "Nordic stock," and preventing hundreds of thousands of Jews from taking refuge from Hitler on these shores.

Like its antecedents, Simpson-Mazzoli is immoral and profoundly anti-American. It is also very stupid, since there is a sane, moral policy-option immediately at hand. All over Ibero-America, a mass movement is being built in support of "Operation Juárez." This is Lyndon LaRouche's plan for a reorganization of the monetary system to defer payment on what everyone admits is an unpayable debt, and generate new credits for the sort of investment, especially in large-scale infrastructure and energy projects, that will spark huge gains in industrial and agricultural productivity.

The U.S. Congress and Executive Branch need only meet the Ibero-American governments halfway in the steps they have taken toward adopting Operation Juárez at Cartagena. Under Operation Juárez, the United States will actually face an acute labor shortage because of the huge markets that will open up for U.S. high-technology exports, and, at the same time, we will acquire the means to preserve our threatened alliance with Europe.

The U.S. borders should be opened to "guest workers," not under the slave-labor conditions imposed by Simpson-Mazzoli, but at American union wages. Their training and education here will make them and their children valuable members of their own societies when they return home, or of the United States should they decide to remain.

Without delay, President Reagan must veto Simpson-Mazzoli, and every member of Congress must repudiate it. For once, the timing would be right.