

Mexicans Threaten Tourists in Celebration of Oil Seizure



BACKERS OF \$400,000,000 OIL GRAB

Students parade streets of Mexico City in anti-Americanism demonstration shouting support of President Cardenas's expropriation of American and British oil properties. This group carries a coffin symbolizing death of foreign capital.

(AP Wirephoto)

Paraders Cry 'Down With Americans!'

JUAREZ (Mex.) March 23. (AP)—American tourists were hissed today by women marchers who, with gestures, shouted: "Down with the Americans!" Six thousand Juarez workers paraded in a demonstration of support for the action of President Cardenas in expropriating foreign oil interests.

Mexican troops armed with rifles and bayonets were assisted by squads of Juarez police officers in maintaining order among the marchers. The parade lasted from 9:30 a.m. to about 11 o'clock.

FIVE ABREAST

Laborers of the C.R.O.M. (Confederacion Obrera Mexicana) and the C.T.M. (Confederacion Trabajadores de Mexico) walked five abreast through the streets leading to the Benito Juarez monument.

The march was a demonstration of loyalty to President Cardenas in his seizure of seventeen British and American oil companies in Mexico valued at \$400,000,000.

Red and white banners denouncing "American imperialism" were carried by leaders of union chapters.

CHILDREN TAKE PART

Officials said the demonstration was the largest ever held in Juarez. Electric power was cut off from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hundreds of school children took part in the parade.

Labor leaders spoke to an assembly of nearly 7500 persons at the Juarez monument and demanded "more rights for Mexican labor."

Demonstration Held In Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, March 23. (AP) Thousands of men, women and children, displaying marked anti-United States feeling, marched today in the country's greatest mass demonstration to show their support of President Cardenas's expropriation of the \$400,000,000 foreign-owned oil industry.

The colorful parade, which included representatives of all industries and commercial establishments led by bands and drum corps, showed the participants' opposition to all foreigners, but principally Americans.

SHOUTS OF "GRINGO"

Some groups shouted as they marched: "One, two, three, four, the gringos are going!"

The word "gringo," usually spoken contemptuously, is used to designate an American in Mexico.

A delegation of Cubans carried a banner inscribed: "The people of Cuba who are victims of American imperialism dream of following Mexico's example."

COFFIN CARRIED

A group of workers carried a black coffin, on which was painted in white: "Here lie the petroleum companies."

The coffin was soaked in gasoline and burned in front of the newspaper Excelsior, while the leader of the group assailed "reactionary newspapers."

Mexico will "honor its obligations abroad" and will organize "to begin immediately indemnification" of the American and other foreign oil companies whose properties were expropriated by the government, President Cardenas told the marchers in a speech from a balcony of the National Palace.

DEFENDS SEIZURES

The President defended his expropriation decree which, he said, was made necessary by the "rebellious attitude" of the petroleum companies.

He assured his listeners there was no foundation for the "alarmist versions" concerning the country's economic condition, and said that the people, in the face of danger—"which certain-

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ly is not of an armed intervention"—had responded "by offering not only their economic contribution but their lives if necessary."

Mexico Deal to Sell Japan Oil Suspected

NEW YORK, March 23. (Exclusive)—An agreement for the sale of a large part of the surplus oil products of Mexico to Japan is considered probable by oil executives here. Despite the recent statement of President Cardenas that he would not permit the recent seizure of the foreign-owned oil properties in Mexico to cause "the Mexican government to drift an inch from its moral solidarity with the democratic countries of the world," a Japanese tanker today completed the loading of 100,000 barrels of crude oil at Tuxpam on the east coast of Mexico.

Cardenas Praised at Tijuana Meeting

TIJUANA (Mex.) March 23. (AP)—A parade in honor of President Cardenas by his local supporters was staged in the downtown streets today, followed by a speaking program. The speakers praised the President for his work in behalf of the Mexican people.

Throughout the community hundreds of posters with a 3000-word proclamation from Cardenas on expropriation of private oil properties were displayed. Similar demonstrations were staged in Ensenada, Mexicali and Tecate.

England Protest Tells of Anxiety

LONDON, March 23. (AP)—The British government announced today it had made representa-

tions to Mexico against President Cardenas's expropriation of properties of British oil companies.

R. A. Butler, parliamentary undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons the government "have drawn the attention of the Mexican government to their profound anxiety" concerning the expropriation.

He said Britain informed Mexico she "reserved full rights in the matter" and was now "examining the situation resulting from the decree."