

Mexican News "Made in San Antonio, Texas"

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IF the New York Times believes its own dispatches it must have a great job figuring out who is winning in the counter-revolutionary struggle begun by Generals Gomez and Sarrano against the Calles government in Mexico.

As a matter of fact, the counter-revolution was still-born. General Sarrano was caught and executed. The counter-revolutionary hosts failed to materialize. The few battalions of misguided soldiers who were led out of Mexico City by General Almada had a quick change of heart, and General Gomez was forced to sneak away with a handful of followers through the mountains of Vera Cruz.

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All this was duly reported in the New York Times. But the Times is open-minded. It prints contrary versions as well. For instance, in its issue of Thursday it gives space to a long alleged news story, with a wealth of detail, a series of defeats suffered by federal forces.

The dispatch, which does not come from any place in Mexico but from San Antonio, Texas, refers to "the arrival of car-loads of wounded federal soldiers in Mexico City and Puebla, together with the wounding of General Gonzalo Escobar, commander of the federal troops in pursuit of the rebels, and the REPORTED complete dispersal of the Presidential guards with the killing of their commander, General Limon—these, travelers say, have caused the

citizens of Mexico City to lose faith in the bulletin issued by General Jose Alvarez, chief of the Presidential staff."

The above lines contain not one word of truth; they cause one to lose faith, not in Mexico City, but in the New York Times.

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Dispatches about facts in Mexico emanating from San Antonio, Texas, are not new. For many years—ever since the United States became a base for counter-revolution in Mexico—San Antonio has been the seat of a junta of reactionary ex-personages, who establish themselves close to the Mexican border in order to conduct counter-revolutionary plotting as near to Mexico itself as they dare to go.

San Antonio is to Mexican news what Riga is to news about the Soviet Union. To anyone familiar with the Mexican situation the New York Times dispatch would bear the stamp "made in San Antonio" even if it did not carry the San Antonio dateline, which, obligingly, it does.

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The counter-revolution in Mexico has been crushed. It has not been crushed permanently, however, because of its strong base of support in American imperialism. The Mexican people must remain on guard. There will be new attempts at revolts before counter-revolution is finally made impossible. One thing is certain, however, authentic news of them will not come from San Antonio.