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California turns against its force of Latin labourers

Report by Phil Reeves in Los Angeles

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The scene is the same every morning. As the sun rises over the mountains of southern California, scores of bedraggled-looking Latino men gather on street corners in the suburbs of Los Angeles, and watch the rest of America drive to work. They are standing there, smoking cigarettes and chatting softly among themselves, in the hope that they will be recruited as temporary manual labourers.

Every so often, a smart-looking Jeep or a Ford Bronco pulls up and one of the waiting crowd is spirited off for a day clearing a garden in Los Angeles, shifting lumber in Ventura, or pruning bushes on a golf course in Palm Springs. After a few hours, the rest wander home, only to return the following day in the hope that they will be chosen.

Many of the men - Mexicans, Salvadoreans, Guatemalans and others - are members of California's 2.1 million population of illegal immigrants, most of whom have slipped across California's southern border with Mexico in search of dollars to send home. For years they have been tolerated by the resident population, although never much liked. Now the mood has changed; they have become the target of one of the toughest recent measures against illegal immigration drafted in an American state, laws that some predict will set a pattern nation-wide.

On 8 November, Californians will decide by public ballot whether to strip illegal immigrants of their rights to non-emergency health care, welfare services, and education for their children.

The measure would compel state officials, including teachers and health workers, to "snitch" on anyone they suspected of being in the US illegally. If a Mexican child appears to have undocumented parents, his teachers would be obliged by law to pick up the telephone to the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service. "It is the police state mentality," Al Lundeen, one of the principal opponents, said.

Despite such draconian terms, the proposal - known as Proposition 187 - has won considerable support in California, even among elements of the Latino population. In

the past few years the Golden State, once seen as the engine that drove the vast US economy, has seen the worst slump since the Great Depression. Not least because of deep post-Cold War cuts in the defence and aerospace industry. As jobs have become increasingly scarce, an anti-immigrant mood has uncoiled ...

The proponents of the measure - which they call the Save Our State initiative - argue it will make life so uncomfortable for illegal immigrants that they will eventually return home, relieving an annual burden of around \$3bn on Californian taxpayers; who have grown tired of paying for their schooling, their health care, and their crimes (there are some 16,000 illegal immigrants in California's prisons).

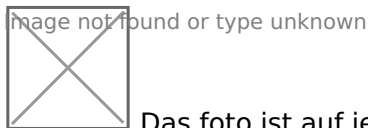
However, the figures are much disputed ... Nor is it clear whether the proposal, if passed, would be legal. A decision by the US Supreme Court in 1982 outlawed denying a public school education to any American child, whether he be in the country legally or not.

In reality, the issue has more to do with politics than with economics. The prevailing hostility towards illegal immigrants has been seized upon and stoked up by the state's politicians, who have made it a central theme in the forthcoming mid-term elections. [...]

Assignments

1. Describe the situation illegal immigrants in California are confronted with.
2. Why has Proposition 187 "won considerable support in California" (l. 34)?
3. Characterize the text type the author employs to oppose Proposition 187.
4. Give a personal evaluation of Proposition 187 taking the political situation in the USA into account.

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