Luisa Moreno

Guatemalteca
Communist
UCAPAWA-CIO
Organized Calpak, Del Monte, Campbell’s and Libby’s

El Congreso de Pueblos de Hablan Española
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First meeting April 1938

Attracted over 1,000 delegates, combined base of 70,000 people

McCarthy era

Hardly recognized amongst historians, Latin-Americanists
Hillsborough CTA
Emma Tenayuca

Born in San Antonio

Communist, secretary of the Worker’s Alliance

Popular education (critical consciousness?) began as a child

First demonstration at age 17
Pecan-Shellers Strike of 1938

12,000 strikers, almost all women

15% wage increase

Abysmal working conditions
Emma Tenayuca

Elected strike chair at age 21

La Pasionaria

Blacklisted by House UAAC

San Francisco State University

Retired as a migrant tutor
“Coming from Alabama, this seemed like the civil rights struggle ... the labor movement and the civil rights movement, you cannot separate the two of them.” – Hattie Canty

Mother of 10, widowed

First female head of CW 226
Frontier Strike of 1991

Extremely successful

Gained back pension credits & seniority

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Obama gains key labor backing in Nevada
Support from UNITE HERE could soften sting after candidate’s N.H. loss

LAS VEGAS — Presidential candidate Barack Obama won a key national labor endorsement Wednesday, a coup that could boost the Democrat’s candidacy against Hillary Rodham Clinton in Nevada’s nominating contest.

Leaders of 450,000-member UNITE HERE announced the endorsement in a news conference in Las Vegas Wednesday, the day after Obama narrowly lost the New Hampshire primary to Clinton.
Obama gets major labor endorsement

By ROBIN ABCARIAN,
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The head of the politically powerful Los Angeles County Federation of Labor said Tuesday that she is endorsing Barack Obama for president.

The endorsement by Maria Elena Durazo is a coup for Obama that could help the Illinois senator in his uphill struggle against Hillary Rodham Clinton to win substantial support among Latino voters in Southern California. Obama has won the backing of other Los Angeles-area Latino leaders, but this is probably his biggest such endorsement yet, given the broad reach of the county labor federation.
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