

TABLE 1

DATA ON 84 MEXICANS EMPLOYED IN 1930 AT BETHLEHEM PLANT, BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY, 46 OF WHOM (GROUP A) WERE TRANSPORTED BY THE COMPANY FROM TEXAS TO BETHLEHEM IN 1923, THE REMAINING 38 OF WHOM (GROUP B) WERE SUBSEQUENTLY EMPLOYED WHEN THEY CAME AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE TO BETHLEHEM\*

Place of birth:	Group A	Group B	Total
Mexico.....	43	38	81
Texas.....	1	....	1
California.....	1	....	1
No data.....	1	....	1
Year of arrival in United States:			
1909.....	....	1	1
1910.....	1	....	1
1915.....	1	....	1
1916.....	1	1	2
1918.....	1	1	2
1920.....	1	....	1
1921.....	....	1	1
1922.....	6	4	10
1923.....	26	2	28
1924.....	....	2	2
1925.....	....	6	6
1926.....	....	3	3
1927.....	....	3	3
1928.....	....	8	8
1929.....	....	1	1
No data.....	9	5	14
Year accepted for employment:			
1923.....	46	2	48
1924.....	....	3	3
1925.....	....	4	4
1926.....	....	7	7
1927.....	....	2	2
1928.....	....	11	11
1929.....	....	9	9
Age in 1930			
20-29 years.....	12	21	33
30-39 years.....	27	14	41
40 or over.....	7	3	10
Marital status at date of employment:			
Single.....	17	16	33
Married.....	28	22	50
No data.....	1	....	1

\*It appears that United States-born Mexicans were omitted from group B. Note the qualifications on the representative character of these groups stated in the text, and the distortions produced by the omission of data on some points.

The employment of members of group A was not necessarily continuous from 1923 to 1930. Indeed, separations from employment and re-employment were frequent; although it was reported that there were "birds of passage" who went southward during the winter months, returning to Bethlehem in the spring, the records of those in this particular group who were on the rolls in early 1930 show irregular employment rather than seasonal departure from and return to Bethlehem. Perhaps more "birds of passage" would be included in a list of Mexicans employed in the month of June.

Analysis of group B, table 1, reveals the process of accretion which maintains this outpost colony of Mexicans seven years after its establishment. The group includes persons who arrived in the United States as early as 1909, and as recently as 1929; ten of thirty-three for whom data are available arrived in 1923 or before, twenty-three arrived subsequent to that date. Examination of the years in which members of this group were accepted for employment shows fresh accretions every year, slightly over half having been taken on during 1928 and 1929. Comparison of the age groupings indicates clearly the heavy preponderance among the newly employed of young men in their twenties; the members of group A employed seven years ago, naturally reflect the passage of time in advancing age.