

Narrative of the Plenary Session of the Other Campaign

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AGENDA

- 1. Concerning the ratification, broadening or modification of the features of the Other Campaign as proposed in the Sixth Declaration.**
- 2. Concerning the definition of who is being convened and who is not.**
- 3. Concerning the organizational structure of the Other Campaign.**
- 4. Concerning the special place of differences in the Other Campaign: indigenous, women, other loves, young people, children and others.**
- 5. Concerning the Other Campaign's position vis-à-vis other organizational efforts (Promotora, Frentote, National Dialogues).**
- 6. Concerning immediate national political/general organizational tasks (dissemination and information).**
- 7. Concerning what is missing.**

The EZLN is announcing that it will be holding bilateral meetings throughout the month of October with all those member organizations, persons and groups who wish to disseminate the Other Campaign. I am asking them to note those bilateral meetings through *Revista Rebeldía*.

The EZLN is proposing that there be political, artistic and cultural events throughout the country in memory of our dead, political prisoners and disappeared on October 29, 30 and 31, as well as on November 1 and 2. It is also being proposed that a large event be held in San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas. The EZLN is proposing that the month of November be for dissemination, and that an event or several events be held in December for the Other Campaign.

Present for the EZLN are Comandantas Rosalinda, Kelly, Yolanda, Gabino, Gustavo, Omar, Zebedeo, Tacho, David, Hortensia, Miriam and Lieutenant Colonel Moisés. Comandantas Hortensia and Miriam will be in charge of recognizing speakers. Comandantes Zebedeo, David and Tacho will be in charge of monitoring the time for members of the audience so they don't run over their five minutes.

An Initial Discussion Took Place Concerning Tasks

1. **POS:** We propose that there be immediate tasks and that a package be prepared of different kinds of tasks. That a distinction be made for some national political tasks. That the point be divided in two: national political tasks and the rest of the tasks. If this is what we do, that this point take place prior to the definition. Before that point. And that afterwards the Other [Campaign's] position vis-à-vis the Promotora, the Frentote and the rest.

The division of immediate tasks into two parts was approved.

2. **Comité de Lucha José Martí** [José Martí Committee of Struggle]: proposes that general or global projects be presented and the discussion not be about small details, but rather involve large proposals which are to be voted on at a general level. That each organization present global proposals.

3. **Mariana, of the SCLC**, proposes devoting a specific space for gender, ethnicity, but not just a special place, instead that these issues be addressed within each point in order to ensure that these points are discussed in each issue. How to build a "we" which includes a space against discrimination at all different levels.

Whether differences should be addressed in all the points or if they should be handled in a special manner was put to a vote.

If they should be addressed in all the points:
247 in favor

If they should be handled in a different manner:
419 in favor

Subcomandante Marcos:
It stands as it is.

4. **Armando Martínez Verdugo:** As a first point, the national political situation. It is not possible for us to begin seeing the characteristics of the Other if we don't clearly define what the challenges are which must be confronted. We should first discuss the political situation here in Mexico.

The proposal was not approved.

5. **Jesús Franco, DF:** Concerning the proposal by the *compañera* concerning differences in each point, that two very specific points be included. If it remains as one point, you run the risk that it would be nothing more than a general statement, and we won't all discuss it. Everyone understanding the national political situation. That what we understand within the Other concerning other excluded sectors be very precise and that it guide the discussion a bit.

6. **Angélica, from Un Puente a La Esperanza [A Bridge to Hope]:** This campaign is an opportunity and a political space for reinforcing the autonomous projects of the indigenous communities. They exist in Xochimilco and Zirahuén. That it serve to build ties, networks and to strengthen the *autonomías*. That we can begin to build and to provide new ways of doing politics that are more than just words.

7. **A compañera:** First of all, we're missing the contents: what kind of opposition are we going to engage in against the political parties.

8. **A compañero:** We support what the *compañera* said. It's not necessary to travel all over the country, but rather an economic self-management effort. Creating the brigades. That they deal with it in all the tasks.

9. **María Elena, of the FZ:** That the agenda stay the same, because it's part of the identity of number five [fifth Agenda point, see above]. They are organizational and structural proposals. That the fifth stays as it is, and then the tasks, the how-to.

Approved.

The discussion concerning the agenda begins:

FIRST POINT. Concerning the ratification, broadening and modification of the features of the Other Campaign as proposed in the Sixth Declaration.

Sup:

The list of speakers is opened.

1. Coordinadora Anarquista Feminista [Anarchist Feminist Coordinating Group]

As to the first point, where the features of the Other Campaign have to be defined, the *Coordinadora* proposes that it be civil, peaceful, national and in solidarity with resistance struggles throughout the world. That it be anti-capitalist. We are proposing that the Other Campaign be of the left, but an anti-hierarchical and antiauthoritarian left. A left which tries to change relationships.

2. Jesús Franco, DF:

Proposing that listening is emphasized in the Other Campaign, we have to turn around all the propaganda from the political parties, where they conceal the country's problems, and, like Subcomandante Marcos said, turn the country on its head. All of us are ready here to make a statement, to take a position and to debate, but it seems like we're not ready to listen to other people's proposals. And so I'm proposing that what we really stress in the first parts of the Other Campaign is linking ourselves with diverse organizations, NGOs of various types that work in different places, not just sector organizations or political organizations. We have to work a lot with human rights *compañeros*, so we can find out and see the real conditions in the country, in order to build a national program of struggle.

3. Francisco, of POS:

Mentioned that one of the activities is to hold an international *encuentro*, which is very important because the movement has to be linked with struggles in the world. But the Sexta posits that the *encuentro* be convened against neoliberalism and for humanity. This statement is ambiguous, and that is why it would be appropriate to specify that it should be convened on the same basis as that of the Sixth Declaration. Concern that the international *encuentro* would be a copy of the world forums which have demonstrated their limitations. Da Silva attended some of them, and that is why it has to be clear from the beginning. There has to be correlation between the national and the international *encuentros*. The national even has to go further. Proposes that it be clearly defined as anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist at the national and international levels.

4. Alejandro Varas Orozco (UNIOS)

We want to strengthen one of the criteria used in the Sexta regarding the kind of political and social movement that the Other Campaign will be. It seems to me, after yesterday's speech by the *Comandancia*, that many *compañeros* and *compañeras* might have the feeling that it is an anti-establishment campaign against the presidential campaigns which have already, in fact, begun and to which the Mexican political regime has given 13 billion pesos. As the name says, this Other Campaign basically seeks to position itself, as Marcos defined it, below and to the left. That is why it seems to me today that we have to strengthen the issue that it is a political and social movement in defense of those who are struggling, of those who are victims of this neoliberal system, of this savage capitalism. In this regard, definitions are fundamental. It is not an election campaign, but it is national, and it speaks well of you that you are calling on us to build another country. A country where we will be able to change the direction of the economy in favor of the workers. We have to go out now and organize the trip which is being planned and begin the work of the Other Campaign in favor of the Social Security workers, in defense of sovereignty. Solidarity with other peoples is fundamental. I join in with it.

5. Andrés, from CLETA

Regarding the Other Campaign's decisions, it would be good to respond as to how we are going to transform the social relationships of domination and exploitation in community relations. Political, social and cultural mediations must be found in order to create a fabric and networks of collaboration. While at the same time creating a permanent space for theoretical discussion, from below – micro-politics it's called – in order to create new relationships in the political sphere, which will clarify and allow us to discuss the direction, the path.

6. Emiliano Thibaut

Invitation to be precise in the presentations. It is necessary to define this new project as being of the left, anti-capitalist and not Stalinist. His argument is that Stalinism has been a burden which has destroyed wonderful programs. Capital and the US government are also guilty, but something which weighs on the left, like a tumor, is Stalinism. I propose that the huge image of Stalin which is hanging in the auditorium be taken down, because he is was guilty of genocide.

7. Marcos, ONPP

I would like to talk about the Sexta. All of us meeting here are supporting the Sexta because it provides us with a fundamental point of agreement. But the Sexta has to present the specific theme of re-founding the

nation in perspective. We need a concrete nation proposal. What we will present in response to the great national issues. This is what is going to allow us to build a popular unity. The building of popular unity has to do with the unity of resistances, not just of the people who like to make speeches to us, instead linked with the process of resistance which is going on in other places. All forms of resistance. The Other cannot be an election campaign. It is for re-founding the nation, in order to build national dialogue, in order to posit that Mexico can recover its libertarian traditions and create a new program, not just for the country but for the world. To fill those words – which sound so pleasant to everyone, like anti-capitalism – with meaning. We have to explain what anti-capitalism is so we don't end up delivering slogans. This is one of the risks we face. We have to be the people, Lucio Cabañas said. We have to merge with the people. The Sexta is a good starting point, but we need the First to come from all of us gathered together here, because the Sexta does not meet all the needs of all of us meeting here. This is just the first step.

8. *La Guillotina*

We would like to insist on the Sixth Declaration and the Other Campaign work from a territorial and municipal manner, in order, by sectors, to discuss the problems. Experience has been gained, we believe that the experience of the Zapatista *consulta* of 1999 must be revisited, which called on already structured organizations and which set the political class aside. We are proposing an assembly and a horizontal method of work.

We should also work on very precise and defined initiatives, in a territorial and horizontal way, so we structured organizations can make way for new forms of popular organizations and in that way not repeat the faults and errors of the political class.

9. Nuria Fernández, of *No en Nuestro Nombre* [Not in Our Name]

What should be included in the Other Campaign is the definition of what we want and what we don't want. What we don't want is for it to be an inverted mirror of the official campaigns, even if it's just criticism. If we limit ourselves to what they say, we are limiting ourselves to a very impoverished world. It's necessary to start thinking about the Other Campaign like a blank slate. The blackboard and the chalk make up our experiences, but we need new ideas. If we impose old ideas, and we don't create new things, we're not going to create an Other Campaign nor another world. What limits us is thinking like a Nation State. The Other Campaign says we have to think about humanity and against neoliberalism. Those who have died in Iraq, more than three thousand persons, and in other parts of the world, demonstrate what is happening outside. A central point of the Other Campaign is to be tied to world struggles and not to be restricted to Mexico, because if we do that then we will be their mirror. What is happening here will not be over on July 6. In order to achieve it we have to begin thinking about the world in an open manner, with new ways of doing politics. I am struck by the fact that when voting here, one of the things Zapatismo has taught us is to seek consensus. Or why we don't shout for people to sit down or be quiet, they haven't taught us that. The affection we have as brothers will be reflected in what we are building as the Other Campaign. I'm proposing that we should add stating No to the War as a central point, since it's not just a problem for those outside, but also for those inside, for us.

10. Arnoldo Borjas, *Mexicanos sin Fronteras* [Mexicans Without Borders]

Compañeros: We are grateful first for this humble but sincere effort at rescuing our nation and the values for which we are fighting: Dignity, liberty, justice, democracy, equality and progress. We salute rebellion.

We, the absent children of the Mexican Patria consider our struggle for our rights as Mexican migrants to be, first, a struggle for Mexico.

We consider our struggle from abroad for a just, free and democratic patria to be legitimate. As our right to fight against those who attack our country and our Mexican brothers is legitimate.

We believe that we cannot conceive of our nation's past, present and future without us.

We will leave our first contribution to the campaign in summary form in these points:

- That the bi-national nature of the Other Campaign be recognized since it will be able to count on the participation of Mexicans residing abroad.
- That we are offering the Other Campaign our collaboration, our office which is located in Washington, DC (capital of the United States) and our resources in order to carry out and coordinate these efforts with persons and organizations who decide to participate in the Other Campaign from abroad.
- That we are leaving our invitation to the *Comandancia* of the EZLN, and to everyone participating in the Other Campaign, open to visit us.
- That the Other Campaign promote the autonomous organization of Mexicans residing abroad.
- That the Other Campaign adopts our proposal to create a national migrant congress for the purpose of achieving real representation for Mexicans abroad.
- That we refuse to recognize the Mexican government and any employee or official as our legitimate representatives: We can never accept as our representatives those who deny us our rights and who are directly responsible for our circumstances.
- That we will not accept anyone negotiating in our name and our circumstances with any other nation's government.
- That the Other Campaign adopts our demand for a constitutional reform of the general population law of the Mexican Constitution which guarantees full respect for the rights of migrants, which guarantees security and respect for human and civil rights on the Mexican borders, and which limits and guides the sovereignty of the Mexican migration policy, currently subordinated to the interests of the United States. That we Mexicans residing abroad are guaranteed our constitutional rights in full, the same as all Mexicans in Mexico.
- That the right not to migrate be recognized within the constitutional rights.
- That our economic contribution through remittances should not be used for profit-making ends, participating in speculative projects, nor charitable, nor to promote the exploitation of Mexicans, but rather to help autonomous community projects of a sustainable nature which dignify the lives of our families.
- That the discussion of the Other Campaign's issues be done in public forums.

11. Luis Miranda Reséndiz, PPS

We should look at the possibility of building a great alliance that would liberate Mexico from imperialism in order to win our second independence and to establish democracy. We are going to present how we can link everyone's efforts in the great Campaign that's being proposed. We are open, we should be flexible and listen to all the proposals. We have to control the effort suitably and stress what the EZLN stated: an alliance of parties of the left conjoined together in a broad front. And this demands respect for the autonomy and independence of the organizations and resisting the temptation to put ourselves in the lead. We should act with humility, respect differences and put the emphasis on areas of agreement.

Proposals:

- Definition that we are for a different society with justice, democracy and liberty.
- State definitively that there is no possibility today for change via the electoral route, because all the parties are neoliberal, and they are at the service of capital.
- Create a broad and inclusive social block, of different classes and social sectors, capable of conquering neoliberalism.
- Take back up the experience of the fronts which already exist (*Frente, Promotora, National Dialogue*).
- That space should include the demands of every social class and each sector, and, above all, avoid being sectarian.

12. Manuel Fernández Guasti

Proposes including that the Sexta should be an initiative of direct participation. This is what is taking place at this plenary: all of us are participating and deciding. Don't delegate the important questions to representatives and have them decide for us. This kind of direct participation must be implemented inside and outside, that is, inside our process as well as in fighting for it to take place in various government and power decision making bodies. In those areas where *autonomías* are not viable, direct participation must be implemented as its counterpart, through mechanisms such as plebiscites, referendums, popular initiatives and recall. If the branches of the union aren't wanted or are incapable, plebiscites!

13. La Neta Amorfa

First of all I would like to offer a reflection, because we are being invited to reflect on the Declaration and the Other Campaign regarding its civil and pacific nature. But first I believe we have to demonstrate that we are capable of behaving with civility and peacefully amongst ourselves. If we do not do things with love, it will be difficult to achieve the results we're seeking. In this regard, with your permission: Regarding the points of the Other Campaign as being civil, peaceful and national, we in the SLP so ratify, and we are now stating, on the other hand, that as we have been carrying out local struggles, that now we are moving from the general to the particular. That we carry the struggle from the general to the particular. Concerning dissemination and propaganda, we are offering in the SLP, in the valley of Tangamanga and Cerro de San Pedro, that the persons who are going to be addressing that work are already implementing it. That everyone come with a specific program about what is going to be taking place further along instead of coming to talk about the theoretical. That we pass from the theoretical to the practical.

14. Neftalí Miranda, of the FZLN

After attending, with delegates, the preparation meeting for the Other Campaign held with the EZLN and political organizations of the left, and with observers at all the other preparation meetings, the FZLN ratifies its support of the Sixth Declaration of the Selva Lacandona, as well as its unconditional participation in all the work and political accords which are collectively reached in the building of the Other Campaign.

15. José Antonio Almazán

He is a retiree from the **Electricians Union**. Proposes that the rejection of structural reforms be stressed, that they support the rejection of the privatization of oil and electricity, that they come out against the privatization of education; reject fiscal reform, in defense of sovereignty, the patria and for union democracy, for the autonomy and political independence of workers of the countryside and the city.

16. Édgard Sánchez

In addition to what we have to say here, we are circulating our statement on some points. In summary, concerning the nature of the Other: it is not another election campaign, it is not engaging in the system's rules of the game, but it is an alternative campaign. Some people have expressed the proper concern that it not be contrarian or "anti", defined in terms of the others. This is correct, but it's clear that what we are committing ourselves to is an alternative campaign alongside the context of parties and political system. As the PRT, we made a proposal which we circulated prior to the Sexta, an alternative campaign to the official system, critical of it, with an unregistered candidate. At one of the preparation meetings which was held with political organizations, we presented the proposal that it be Antonio Almazán. But we want to tell you that for us that is secondary. What is important is agreeing that the Other Campaign is a social force and a political alternative. Moises said that the *compañero* who would be going out first will be the Subcomandante. We believe that it is better represented with the figure of Marcos himself. We withdraw this unregistered candidacy from discussion. The proposal presented last night strongly symbolizes the alternative of a political and social force of the anti-capitalist left, which is what we want to construct.

17. Alejandro Cerezo, Promotora Por La Unidad Nacional Contra el Neoliberalismo

How we understand and propose the Other Campaign to be: We agree with the need to listen. To listen and to be listened to. To listen to the other and to listen to each other, among ourselves. We are all going to speak, and we are all going to listen to each other. It has to do with listening in order to analyze the social actors, the struggles and the local resistances. It has to do with listening in order to identify local, regional and sector agendas. It is about listening in order to identify the national agenda of all the social movements. That is what it is about, a great dialogue of those of below, in order to build, as part of the process, the National Program of Struggle. Listening and dialogue, accepting proposals and the recovery of popular experiences. In that regard, the organizations and members of the *Promotora* will contribute the Non-Negotiable Minimum Program and Statement of Querétaro. In addition to listening, the Other Campaign is a magnificent opportunity for making visible, for nourishing and strengthening local and sector resistances, for coordinating them, in dialogue and in action, in order to connect local struggles with the great mobilizations that are national in nature. In that way, that same process of listening and engaging in dialogue should resolve how the resistances will be coordinated. Listening and engaging in dialogue with all sectors in struggle also creates the necessity for supporting and accompanying the different struggles and demands. Because of that, the Other Campaign should also be understood as a campaign of

mobilization, mobilization of ideas and popular mobilization in the streets. In summary, we understand, and propose, the Other Campaign to be a combination of efforts directed towards listening, to creating dialogue between those of below, to connecting struggles and unifying resistance, to strengthening the mobilization against neoliberalism, to demanding the resolution of the demands of the peoples and organizations, to building a national program of struggle, and to defining the route for achieving a New Constitution. Thank you for your attention.

18. Liga de Unidad Socialista [League for Socialist Unity]

The situation in the country is difficult, because the workers who filled the streets in 2003 and in 2004 reached a dead-end, because the union machine took the movement to a pact with this country's institutions, with the government of the bourgeoisie. Organizations against structural reforms can only work against the country's institutions, they cannot be work within institutions. A collection of forces promoted the struggles to create another country, where the workers could change the relations of forces in order to solve the problems. The problems of these movements still exist. An example of this is the 20 plants which are being closed, the country's petrochemical plants which are being sabotaged. The *compañeros* from the IMSS are proposing the struggle against privatization. In their new program, in Guanajuato, on the 24th, at a meeting of oil owners, they called on activists against the privatization of water and other struggles to seek forms of organization. They linked their struggle with the Other Campaign in order to seek solutions and new social relationships.

19. Compañero Sergio, from Tlaxcala

We cannot reduce the Other Campaign to one campaign by the EZLN in two time periods throughout the country, where they travel to our places of origin, where they go there and then comes the forgetting and desolation. We need to build the popular power of those of below. We should understand it as a permanent campaign of agitation, of dissemination, a campaign whose starting point is the complex of struggles or fights which are going to be coming over the next weeks and months. From that concrete fight that frees our *compañeros* so a political fight can spring up. We need a strategy of dialogue, the social construction of that political program, in order to build the democratic and popular part. That will have to be the nature of the social transformation we're all looking for. A program which presents what the necessary conditions are for re-founding the nation. We should try to emphasize the fundamental points that will make possible the construction or reconstruction of the free and popular patria. Not just the recovery of our energy sources, but the development of our *autonomías* in the full exercise of our territoriality as the central focus of the campaign. A program centered around these points is fundamental for confronting the oligarchy.

That the campaign be summarized in three great slogans:

- 1) Raise the resistance, occupy all the territories.
- 2) Develop control from those of below and eliminate all forms of the neoliberal oligarchy's control.
- 3) During this first stage, it's absolutely necessary to form not the committees of the Sexta, but popular committees for the transformation of the country.

20. Aurelio Ángel Villanueva, of the Rumbo Proletario collective [Proletarian Direction]

This is the first time we've been here, and we are here in order to contribute to the work which the *compañeros* of the EZLN have presented us. We do not want to be more Zapatista than them. We came, humbly, in order to build. It seems to us that the Other Campaign is not just about going out through the national territory and saying that we're making the Other Campaign. No, what is fundamental is building a new Mexican society. We are in agreement with the discussion points, but we are presenting other propositions:

-That the Other Campaign should build a mobilizing, progressive and inclusive project for the construction of a new democratic form.

-That we not only carry out actions in the national territory, but also study how the people who aren't here are participating, those millions who don't have the opportunity to travel. The Other Campaign should be inclusive and purposeful.

-It's necessary for all sectors to say what demands they're fighting for and for which programs we should all be fighting.

21. **Ángel Librado Cruz**, from the **Reflexión en La Acción collective [Reflection in Action]**

Proposes that we should make up an historic block through a system of new alliances and of various currents against neoliberalism. Proposes that the new historic block replace the hegemonic block which currently exists. This is necessary because that's the only way the system can be overthrown.

22. **Gabriela Arteaga**, from the **Reflection in Action collective**

Also in the name of the Reflection in Action collective. We believe we are experiencing an historic moment. At this moment we are building, and we're going to continue doing so. The Other Campaign should take on the space for outlining the revolutionary direction which is going to include the forces which are present here and those which could not accompany us. We're fed up with the evil system which keeps us in poverty. We want to overthrow it. We are going to study it. We're building. This, the revolutionary direction, is a guarantee for popular victory. Either the evil capitalist project is consolidated or space is given for the inclusive and democratic project in which all of us are going to put all our efforts so the peoples' demands can be met. We are at the moment where the necessary conditions are in place for building the guarantees for our victory.

We propose the following five points:

- 1) Building a popular movement.
- 2) That the project includes all of us.
- 3) Defining the spaces that are identified for the struggle.
- 4) Alliances.
- 5) This, which we've already seen here: the revolutionary direction.

Let's keep joining in, *compañeros*. There's room for everyone. Those who are here and those who aren't.

23. **José Antonio Yáñez**, from the **Reflection in Action collective**

We believe that the Other Campaign is an opportunity for all of us to see, in practice, what we really are, if we are really democratic and inclusive. In addition to being peaceful and civil, the Other Campaign should be radical, even though this doesn't necessarily mean carrying out extreme acts. If we call ourselves inclusive and democratic, but we're not able to present proposals and projects, we run the risk of excluding or being excluded. Insofar as the Other Campaign is radical, it should address the root problems in order to establish a new model of social relationships. In order for the Other Campaign to not be just about dissemination, or propagandizing and the lifting of spirits, it has to be oriented towards real social change. We believe that, as we achieve the ability for analysis and understanding, we will be able to build a program of struggle which is not just anti-establishment. Specifically, if we want this Other Campaign to be different from the one the parties are carrying out, it should go to the fundamental and stress that we are different in practice.

Armando (from the same collective) (The assembly protested and asked him to sit down. He apologized in the name of his collective. He said he hadn't intended to monopolize the time. He withdrew without speaking.)

24. **Julio Muñoz Rubio**. UNAM Professor, Faculty of Sciences.

There is a risk that this campaign will be a campaign strictly tied to the political. This would be a mistake, because it would lead to limiting the campaign to just one part of the problems of the world, of the country and of the left. I am therefore proposing that the campaign be cultural in nature, which should not be confused with the artistic, because the cultural is much broader. We have the wrong idea about what capitalism is, because it's thought to be a strictly economic system with political consequences. That is false. Capitalism dominates all aspects of life, in philosophy, the arts, the natural and social sciences, technology. Capitalism is an entire world vision. It is true that it's a fragmentary, partial and limited conception of the world, but, at the end of the day, it is a vision which must be confronted by another world vision, another global vision, but one which is coherent and integrated. If this campaign doesn't emphasize all this, it's going to fall short, because it's not going to be able to provide an answer for the totality of the forms of domination and of capitalist oppression: the classic capitalist oppression against wage earners, but

also the domination and oppression of human beings against nature (including the mistreatment of animals), that of the adult or “mature” against children or adolescents, the heterosexual and monogamous against all other forms of sexuality and affective relations, of the “healthy” against the sick; the “whites” against other populations (not races), all of society against the indigenous cultures, and the urban countercultures being dominated in the arena of ideas, scientific theories and pseudo-scientists who justify all these oppressions. The Other Campaign should question capitalism’s ethical, epistemological and ontological values, especially in Mexico. Their esthetic bosses, their words in the political world and in the media, their dehumanizing, vulgar hedonism contained in various kinds of entertainment. Finally, the Other Campaign should emphasize the way capitalism has inserted in our minds the authoritarian values and principles of its conduct in order to convert us into reproducers of those values in all arenas of daily life. The campaign should, therefore, be “counter-hegemonic”, understanding hegemony as a world vision. That is why the struggle should be against capitalism and for the building of another vision. I am proposing that the Other Campaign declare itself to be “contra-hegemonic.”

25. David Domínguez

What I’m bringing are some proposals for broadening the campaign in the sense of security, because we’re all exposed to dangers by the State’s apparatus of repression. That we should, among ourselves, form self-help groups in order to protect each other. If anything were to happen to anyone, they would be recovered immediately. Also that we would have martial arts classes in order to defend ourselves. They are questions of security. If we don’t think the State has really swinish apparatuses of repression, this isn’t going to grow, and it’s going to fail from the beginning. It’s a proposal I have.

26. Mauricio Villegas

I think this could turn into an act of self-deception if we don’t understand the spirit of the Other Campaign. We say we’re anti-capitalist, but how many products have we decided not to buy from the big companies? We keep on buying, consuming. If we don’t sabotage things, like Gandhi did, we’ll be left with just very general positions. If Marcos and the EZLN want to direct this great movement, we have to sabotage the products of the big companies, promote fair trade in the communities. If we don’t do it, we’re going to come up short, we won’t get anywhere.

27. Alejandro Cruz, of the ODHHO

He belongs to **Indian Organizations for Human Rights in Oaxaca**. A question came up at a meeting with his peoples: How should this meeting be dealt with? After discussing it, they concluded they had to listen to other thoughts. How to respond to ideological confrontation, and how can it be resolved? The solution would be to have more to do with the practical, organizing without going so much into the ideological. Placing more emphasis on how to engage in the practical before theorizing. He is willing to share his experiences in struggle against repression. That is why his concrete proposal is to create unity. They are worried because many *compañeros* are going to come to the meetings, but accords have to be created. We have to change the way of doing politics, create processes of accord and unity. He cited: “A cause doesn’t triumph because of its justice, but because of the strength and work of its followers.”

23. José Antonio Yáñez, from the Reflection in Action collective

We believe that the Other Campaign is an opportunity for all of us to see, in practice, what we really are, if we are really democratic and inclusive. In addition to being peaceful and civil, the Other Campaign should be radical, even though this doesn’t necessarily mean carrying out extreme acts. If we call ourselves inclusive and democratic, but we’re not able to present proposals and projects, we run the risk of excluding or being excluded. Insofar as the Other Campaign is radical, it should address the root problems in order to establish a new model of social relationships. In order for the Other Campaign to not be just about dissemination, or propagandizing and the lifting of spirits, it has to be oriented towards real social change. We believe that, as we achieve the ability for analysis and understanding, we will be able to build a program of struggle which is not just anti-establishment. Specifically, if we want this Other Campaign to be different from the one the parties are carrying out, it should go to the fundamental and stress that we are different in practice.

Armando (from the same collective) (The assembly protested and asked him to sit down. He apologized in the name of his collective. He said he hadn't intended to monopolize the time. He withdrew without speaking.)

24. Julio Muñoz Rubio, UNAM Professor, Faculty of Sciences.

There is a risk that this campaign will be a campaign strictly tied to the political. This would be a mistake, because it would lead to limiting the campaign to just one part of the problems of the world, of the country and of the left. I am therefore proposing that the campaign be cultural in nature, which should not be confused with the artistic, because the cultural is much broader. We have the wrong idea about what capitalism is, because it's thought to be a strictly economic system with political consequences. That is false. Capitalism dominates all aspects of life, in philosophy, the arts, the natural and social sciences, technology. Capitalism is an entire world vision. It is true that it's a fragmentary, partial and limited conception of the world, but, at the end of the day, it is a vision which must be confronted by another world vision, another global vision, but one which is coherent and integrated. If this campaign doesn't emphasize all this, it's going to fall short, because it's not going to be able to provide an answer for the totality of the forms of domination and of capitalist oppression: the classic capitalist oppression against wage earners, but also the domination and oppression of human beings against nature (including the mistreatment of animals), that of the adult or "mature" against children or adolescents, the heterosexual and monogamous against all other forms of sexuality and affective relations, of the "healthy" against the sick; the "whites" against other populations (not races), of all society against the indigenous cultures, and the urban countercultures being dominated in the arena of ideas, scientific theories and pseudo-scientists who justify all these oppressions. The Other Campaign should question capitalism's ethical, epistemological and ontological values, especially in Mexico. Their esthetic bosses, their words in the political world and in the media, their dehumanizing, vulgar hedonism contained in various kinds of entertainment. Finally, the Other Campaign should emphasize the way capitalism has inserted in our minds the authoritarian values and principles of its behavior in order to convert us into reproducers of those values in all arenas of daily life. The campaign should, therefore, be "counter-hegemonic", understanding hegemony as a world vision. That is why the struggle should be against capitalism and for the building of another vision. I am proposing that the Other Campaign declare itself to be "contra-hegemonic."

25. David Domínguez

What I'm bringing are some proposals for broadening the campaign in the sense of security, because we're all exposed to dangers by the State's apparatus of repression. That we should, among ourselves, form self-help groups in order to protect each other. If anything were to happen to anyone, they would be recovered immediately. Also that we would have martial arts classes in order to defend ourselves. They are questions of security. If we don't think the State has really swinish apparatuses of repression, this isn't going to grow, and it's going to fail from the beginning. It's a proposal I have.

26. Mauricio Villegas

I think this could turn into an act of self-deception if we don't understand the spirit of the Other Campaign. We say we're anti-capitalist, but how many products have we decided not to buy from the big companies? We keep on buying, consuming. If we don't sabotage things, like Gandhi did, we'll be left with just very general positions. If Marcos and the EZLN want to direct this great movement, we have to sabotage the products of the big companies, promote fair trade in the communities. If we don't do it, we're going to come up short, we won't get anywhere.

27. Alejandro Cruz, of the OIDHO

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28. Cihuatl Arroyo

Greetings, and I hope everyone listens (Reads a poem)

"Here we are the forgotten ones even by ourselves..."

"Even here it is all the same."

"I wish it were something else."

"I hope the women speak a lot. There, with you in the other, on the left side of the heart..."

"Is it true that you are here? That your encouraging voice is full of love for the land?"

"I hope your voice will be a call for attention, but not for a López, Sánchez...the adversary is called consumerism and indifference."

"Let us move forward with the work which awaits us every day."

29. Claudia López, from the Promotora

While we reach agreement, we have to look for what unifies us, what makes us brothers. Our thoughts unite us, our identity, the mother, those thoughts that are born from these lands. We are lost when we look for people to fight with, and nonetheless we should join together because of the land. Of what use is victory if, when it comes, we're going to be dressed in Nikes and we forget our identity? My proposal is to center ourselves in what identifies us as Mexicans, to reclaim the identity and those values which we share.

30. Cecilio Pérez Hernández, from CNPI

They have a proposal-invitation: to come to San Felipe, Ecatepec. Proposes fighting for the defense of the lands and for rejecting government programs; that throughout the country education be redirected to the education of the indigenous peoples and that ancestral values be taken into consideration when learning history. That the free determination of the peoples be respected.

31. Francisco Reyes

Only **National Front of Active Workers, Retirees and Pensioners of the IMSS**. We believe that the Sixth Declaration of the Selva Lacandona is, right now, the best expression of the struggle of the workers of the countryside and the city, of the oppressed and exploited sectors. In the past, other efforts attempted to unify the struggles, and they lost their opportunity (like the front against privatization of the Electricity Industry). They lost by playing the election game, and their strength was reduced until it reached the point of extinction. They became institutionalized. The Sexta concurs with everyone's desire to not engage in scattered struggles. The Sexta should form the organizations for the anti-capitalist left that we will be building. We should gather strengths in order to make a qualitative leap that will tell us that we are prepared for something wonderful. Everyone who should be here isn't, but they will join together along the way. Meanwhile, the responsibility of those of us who are here is to care for each other, everyone from their movement, so that the Other Campaign is successful.

32. Enrique Guerrero, of the Friends of Puerto Rico committee

We have a proposal for the Sexta: That it explicitly include Puerto Rico's struggle for independence and against US colonialism and imperialism (We're bringing a gift, an independence flag from Puerto Rico).

33. Pietro Ameglio, of the Gandhi collective Pensar en Voz Alta [Thinking Out Loud]

The nature of the Sexta is primarily political, nationally and internationally, and they believe that the key aspect is educational. The Other Campaign is educational in nature, we cannot let that remain implicit. Knowledge must be constructed. The Other Campaign is going to allow there to be a map of *autonomías* and of social struggles in the countries. We have to create a shared knowledge of how to struggle better, to create a tactical and strategic plan for civil, peaceful struggle. The EZLN established three guidelines: listening, opting for moral strength and trusting in civil organization. All of this is summarized in our proposal which states the educational nature of study-action in the Other Campaign.

34. Sister Edith Hernández González

Brothers, sisters, my proposal is that the Other Campaign have the following characteristics:

1. That it be fully revolutionary. That all of us here break with our concepts of *compañeros* and families and see ourselves as a family. That we leave aside egoism, we have to listen to each other.

2. That we enter into a profound process of spiritual, personal, family and social transformation. We need to be born again, like Jesus said to Nicodemus.
3. To become aware of the fact that we ourselves have to become aware, to reorganize ourselves in this Other Campaign. We are going to become subjects of change, to be really anti-capitalist.
4. The Bible says that one does not have to follow the currents of the world.
5. That during the trip those who are going to go out in order to train ourselves, we should hold our meeting, see how we are going to do it and see what was accomplished. Then reorganize what comes next.

35. Alejandro Castillo

I think that, in the building of the Other Campaign, there are many aspects which can be developed from the cultural identity of the peoples. Recover the teachings of the Indian peoples. We have to present the discussion quite well, and the way the relationship with other peoples is presented, a dialogue with the world. We have to have a true debate through multiple points of view, from positivism, the dialectical, theological and from a neo-positivism.

36. Victor Guzmán, of Xi Nich

What stands out is that the indigenous peoples who talk about the characteristics of the Other Campaign are for a multicultural country, where all the recognized peoples of this country fit, and it should be oriented towards accompanying the struggle of the indigenous peoples in all corners of the country, for recognition, for the *autonomías* and the territories. They are struggling for the reconstitution of the peoples and for *autonomía*. The Other Campaign should be for the reconstitution of the country.

37. Martha Figueroa

A concrete proposal for the Other Campaign: the women's organizations are not going to apologize. As women, we make up more than half the population, and we are mothers of the other half. As part of these others who think and feel differently, we came to propose that agreements are reached for this campaign in which equality of gender, class, ethnicity, differences and self-determination are expressed in all the struggles. We hope that these equalities will be considered to be irreplaceable principles for this campaign. That we who are different, women, indigenous, who have another political form of expressing ourselves, will have a place that will be guaranteed in an egalitarian manner. This is our unwavering principle. This vision of culture - which is the collective as being sometimes above the individual - means it must be guaranteed that all visions are part of which the Other Campaign is built. It should be a transversal vision. Forms of affect which are a political position. We do not want little separate houses. There are specific forms for each of our participations. This identity is made manifest every time we participate as young people, as indigenous. Participating in the campaign in all places is part of our identity and of this struggle which we want to continue engaging in.

38. Javier Fernández

I would suggest that, as this initiative is disseminated, the discussion should not be centered just around the political class, but directly on capital, that is the issue. We have to deal with the issue of capital and attack it. The other campaigns, those of the political parties, don't want to affect capital. We have to accustom them to the fact that it is going to change. On the other hand, I sense that there's not much emphasis on what has been presented, especially in the manner of linking with social struggles. There's the case, for example, of the IMSS pensioners. We should seek the proper means of linking ourselves with everyone and of participating in and strengthening other struggles.

39. Beatriz Baños, of the Colectivo Homo Sapienz [Homo Sapiens Collective]

Came out in favor of the Other Campaign stating that it is of the left and anti-capitalist, that alternatives be proposed for fighting capitalism. It has to be extended throughout the world.

40. Mariana Mora

I have a concrete proposal about how to build an anti-capitalist struggle for the transformation of the nation. We have been fighting for eleven years for the recognition of indigenous rights and culture. It was never a separate point. It was always a central point for the transformation of the nation. We have listened to *Comandantas* Esther and Ramona over these last few weeks, who have also talked about the right of women to participate as a focal point of the struggle. We have heard about the right to different forms of

love, but also of speaking, understanding the idiom, not just of the peoples, but also as forms of communication, for example, as young people do it. That is why the issue of respect for differences is a focal point, a principle which has to be part of the characteristics of the Other Campaign. My concrete proposal is that the Other Campaign include that it is against discrimination against indigenous peoples, against sexism, against homophobia and in favor of a Mexico where many Mexicos fit.

41. Faustino Santiago, of the Only National Front of Active Workers, Retirees and Pensioners of the IMSS

We aren't for the government's politics, a politics of handouts which have done much damage to our culture. It is difficult, but not impossible, to destroy this system. We reaffirm our support of the Sexta. A very important goal of this train that is the Other Campaign is that we will be going very far. Some will want to get off at the next stop. But we don't. We are going much further.

42. Reinaldo Beltrán, of the Che Guevara Collective

They are in agreement with declaring the Sexta anti-hierarchical and anti-capitalist. Given that the Other Campaign will be fighting capitalism, there has to be a program for linking different economic programs, through the creation of self managing economic programs in different communities and to create networks of production and consumption. They said the Other Campaign should assume the basic infrastructure for the other economic program. They proposed that the only flag that the members of the Sexta should carry is *Comandanta Ramona's* embroidery piece.

43. Virginia Ortega

I'm from the **Popular Defense Committee of the Valley of Mexico**. We are here because of the interest we have had in this struggle over the last eleven years. The Sexta is ours. We have supported it, we are participating and we issued a communiqué to all our bases to be with us. We are holding assemblies in order to release the communiqués from this important place. We have come in order to join and to tell Marcos that he is not alone. He can count on our associations in the DF. We will continue holding assemblies and adding more people for a new country, a patria we have forgotten. Our country has always been large, combative, well-informed. We will continue being committed to giving our people all the information about everywhere we are. The Other Campaign is, for us, information. The people are not ignorant, it's a lack of information. We have to exercise the right to do, say and state. We are doing so. That is going to be the Other Campaign's success.

44. Martha Patricia Ortiz

We are saying our small word from the village of Tetelzingo, Morelos. Greetings from those in Tetelzingo who have joined with the Sexta. We want a new world without exclusion, where the poor listen to the poor and believe in their word. We are ratifying our support of the Sexta. That is why we are here. Saludos.

45. Mayan Peninsular Forum of Quintana Roo

They summarized some affirmative characteristics and proposed some additions. They proposed that the Other Campaign be representative, democratic, plural, popular and responsive to the needs of the people, establishing democratic procedures for decision making. In addition it should establish conditions for a more just society, promote the development of liberty and enforce universal rights. They proposed that this campaign doesn't just turn into a place for crowds, instead it should establish itself as organized social classes. Another aspect is to transform from dominant and working class and install democracy and a socialized system in order to make the indigenous and the citizens compatible in their constitution. Form a multicultural Nation State which recognizes equality and differences.

46. Gregorio Miranda

Revolutionary Left Force of the People. Ratifying the Sexta and the point [agenda point under discussion], we are proposing that it state that the Other Campaign is the accumulation of the resistance and of the rebellion of hundreds of years and of thousands of Mexicans who have said *basta* to capitalism. That it is the response of thousands of Mexicans in response to the great election banquet which is trying to maintain this system. Today we are coming out as Mexicans for national liberation. A Mexico and a new world is possible.

47. Alan Tapia

Ciudad Juárez is the laboratory of our future. Forty years of the capitalist economic model has resulted in very serious problems, among them, and importantly, the feminicides and the maquiladora industry, which is predatory and exploitative. We have managed to raise the issue of the murders of the women on the national and international level, but they have not been solved. The murders of the women are classist. We propose that solving and ending the murders be put on the same level as the defense of energy, that is, that it not be a local demand, but rather a demand of all of us who are participating in the Other Campaign. What is happening in Juárez is what happens to a city when it counts only on international capital and it rejects community work and society's work.

48. Sergio Rodríguez Arona, from the Citizens Collective Front of Southern Baja California

The Sexta proposes building from below and for below in order to destroy neoliberalism, which doesn't have only to do with marches, but also with the resistance we see in our tables and homes. He proposed that we all build an Economic Development Program in order to confront the neoliberal program. The ejido no longer exists in BCS [Southern Baja California], everything is privatized and in foreign hands. The PRI and the PAN have handed over sovereignty. They want help in forming the economic development program.

49. Compañero Édgar, from the Women and Men for Equality Organization in Tepito

I am telling you that we embrace the Sixth Declaration, and we support the Other Campaign. We are proposing that a vote of confidence be given to the EZLN and in that way conclude the debate.

50. Beatriz Torres

That the Other Campaign not be an alliance just with humanity, but rather a man/nature alliance. That we pay attention to the environment and know how to listen to it. It's not only the neoliberals who could do away with it.

51. Rodrigo Ibarra

Who are the ones who didn't come? Those who didn't have the money, but there are also many others who didn't come, those who are resigned to sorrow, those who have been blinded by hunger, those who don't move because despair has left them in oblivion. Are they not our brothers? Are we willing to build all of them a new world? This campaign is a very otherly hurricane which is born from our mouths and our hearts. It will not be stopped until it carries fertile water to the deserts. When it arrives, we will all be there, and the *caracol* will be called Mexico. Strength is on the path and in the link with the dream. Proposes that we see it without forgetting that it is path, creative process, and that we are defining the first steps.

52. Sergio Santiago Cruz

From the **Martín Lancero Popular Defense Committee, of Cosoleacaque, Veracruz**. As we already stated on August 20 in Dolores Hidalgo, we join in with the Sexta. We are waiting for you in the southeastern region of Veracruz. Seven *compañeros* are willing to give their lives in order to protect Sub Marcos. They have written in their own hand their complete commitment. During your next visit, even though you are going to listen and not speak, we are asking that, when they speak and tell you about all their problems and all their struggles and everything the government is doing to them, you tell them what they are going through is pure neoliberalism, savage capitalism. We are proposing to everyone that we be more of a people. That we learn to feel what the people feel. We are delivering our document of commitment to the EZLN and a document we delivered to the government about the problems we have with the CFE about a dam.

53. Yoyo, from Jerusalén

We want a cultural, spiritual and environmental revolution. If we don't take these issues into account in the Other Campaign, we will be forgetting the most important. We are proposing to reform the use of the word anti-capitalist. We are for an alternative democracy. It is inconsistent to attack capital if we continue consuming products. We are all accomplices of capitalism as consumers. We can speak of alternatives through sustainability. The foundation of these alternatives is the organic, autonomous self-sustaining

communities. We are proposing that the Other Campaign reevaluate its methodology and, instead of traveling through the cities where the foci of capital are located, go by horseback through the rural communities.

54. Enlace Civil

They wanted to add characteristics: that the Other Campaign take into account all the aspects of dignified life. That it be exemplary and self-critical, that it favor mutual ethics over ideologies, that it be a joint place of collective conscience and that it express itself against discrimination.

55. Jorge Salinas, from the Zapatista telephone workers collective

We in the collective are very happy to be in this community after eleven years of a successful movement by civil society which was able to bring help here. It's worth remembering. Towards a program of struggle is one of the aspects of this first point. We are making a very concrete proposal. In 1990, Carlos Salinas de Gortari awarded the telephone company to Carlos Slim. Today Peje has awarded him the historical center because he has the telephone industry in his hands. This great popular group should take the struggle for recovering the telephone industry into their own hands, once again into the hands of the nation. Take it away from that swine Carlos Slim and the pro-management unions. If the telephone industry were returned to the hands of the nation, the wealth could be used for the nation's demands.

56. Gregorio Pérez Núñez, from Matías Romero

Fraternal greetings. We can't be beating each other up. It's said we're looking for unity, that's why we can't be enemies between brothers. If we want a new country, we have to work shoulder to shoulder in order to be successful. If we want a new country, we have to build a new program.

57. Juan Trujillo, Political Science student at UNAM

The Other Campaign has to put emphasis on the artistic-cultural. During the Sixth Committee's trip, the cultural organizations will be not only a weapon, but also a means of judgment against capitalist forms. Theoretical-philosophical discussion centers can be organized now in order to achieve unity for constructing the utopia of a better life and for creating a solid movement. They proposed developing political consciousness and achieving legitimacy. We need to recover the pre-Hispanic vision, the Other is a metaphor which is looking for results not in one year, but over several years. In order to understand it, we need to recover cyclical time, the land. Solidarity with Latin America has to be the general nature of the Sexta and the Other Campaign, perhaps not in the short and mid term, but using words, performances, art, etc., in order to link the struggles.

58. Jorge Huerta

From the **Native Art collective**. We're in agreement with what the EZLN has presented, but we're proposing that the organizations make real the statement that we are broad and plural. When we propose a boycott, they tell us it's out of context. As for the professor of the Science faculty, the struggle has to embrace all aspects. We should say what kind of products we're going to boycott. These struggles aren't out of context. The problem of pre-Hispanic history has to be addressed in depth. There is the problem of identity. If we are engaged in a national struggle, we have to make clear what the uses and customs are that we should be defending. The indigenous are fighting for their uses and customs to be respected, because they're clear as to what they are. But we, as *mestizos*, should fight for uses and customs which bring us closer to the land. Consuming *nopal*, consuming beans and the products which bring us closer to our national identity, class, which make us more like other struggles. To make clear which are the products which bring us close to capitalism and we have to eradicate. Make a list of the uses, customs and products that we're proposing should be rejected because they belong to the culture imposed by capitalism, as well as promoting a list of uses, customs and products which help us create an alternative economy and helps us rescue and create a national and class identity (products which bring us closer to our land), as well as rescuing our pre-Hispanic history.

59. Martha Mendoza (in defense of animals)

We are proposing that in the Other Campaign the changing of the patriarchal mental structure be promoted, as well as sensitizing the heart so that as human beings we respect non-human beings. Since we are against the system doing violence to us, we, as non-violent human beings should not abuse non-human beings and

their habitats. If we achieve that, we will be better quality and conscientious beings with our goal of creating a world where many worlds fit.

60. Óscar Chávez

Comes from **Anarcopunk Space**, reporting on the situation of the prisoners in Guadalajara: the two *compañeros* who were talked about yesterday have not been able to leave, since their case is continuing. In addition, there are 31 other prisoners. There has been one year and four months of repression, resulting in 12 people sentenced, one free and four guilty minors. Their concrete proposal is that the Other Campaign be in solidarity with the prisoners. Networks must be created for freedom for political, indigenous, worker and student prisoners. Down with prison walls.

61. Eva Macossay, from the Popular Culture Movement of Yucatan

We have to be humble and a little self-critical. It's fairly obvious how much we're lacking in terms of organization. If the Zapatistas and indigenous organizations have taught us anything, it's that capacity for organization. Reach an agreement, but not just that. Also, do it, not just say it. We don't need the microphone for expressing solidarity and recounting our histories, because that is built with our struggles. Use it for proposing and building. Proposal: that we be consistent with our words about getting rid of conventional methods (westernized). That the Other Campaign not forget about an issue that's fundamental: racism and discrimination (subtle levels, psychological). You're not going to get rid of five centuries of racist culture in a flash. We have to make an effort at introspection in search of that little racist we all carry inside ourselves so we can see how it manifests itself in our daily lives. We have to look for and discuss experiences in order to try and explain this phenomenon in the present. I propose that we especially work on this with the children, racism in schools (in formal education, but also in informal education), because they are the ones who can have the road half done. That the Other Campaign work with children and young people, orient them ideologically and educate them on justice and solidarity.

62. Hermenegildo Aguilera, from Nezahualcōyotl

Greetings to those with whom we're sharing this dialogue. We want to tell you that we join in with this program. It is part of our ideology to support popular movements and be in solidarity with them. The popular movements are those which are fighting for their rights and recognition. We have followed your struggle, and we respect it. The EZLN has the stature to call on us for a struggle for a better Mexico. It is calling on us to struggle for a place for the left, strengthening the resistance. The Other Campaign is necessary in order to question the practices of the political class.

63. The compañera E. González

Her concern – being from Oaxaca – is the safety of the Sup when he goes out for his trip. We need to pick that responsibility back up and decide who is going to enter in a serious manner. We have to be more open and sure about what we're going to do. There is very great repression in Oaxaca with the new government.

[Chiapas95 Note: this is "parts 1 & 2" of irlandesa's narrative, as she completes other parts, I'll add them to this one on this website.]