
TRIO NEWS

The Latest Information on THE CALIFORNIA TRIO

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STRIKE HITS TRIO NEWS!!!

No Settlement In Sight!!

A wildcat strike has hit the TRIO NEWS. Disgruntled workers abruptly walked off the job late last week forcing management to man the presses. Picket lines have been formed around company headquarters and police have been called on two occasions to quell outbreaks of minor violence. The strike comes on the heels of a work slowdown action earlier last month.

Workers bitterly complained about alleged intolerable working conditions, low pay, lack of health benefits, unfair labor practices and isolated incidents of sexual harassment. They vowed to fight to the bitter end to improve conditions.

Management categorically denied all the allegations and characterized the striking workers as a group of "sniveling slackers lacking any semblance of a work ethic". The spokesperson further stated that the earlier work slowdown was not noticed for several days. Chances for an early settlement appear remote.

Last 1998 TRIO Appearances!!

THE CALIFORNIA TRIO has announced five playing dates in the next few months. These will be the last local appearances by the group in 1998. THE TRIO has plans to return to this area in late January, 1999.

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The group will be appearing at Rutabegorz on Saturday night, September 12th and on Saturday night, November 21st from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Ruta's is located at the corner of Main and C Streets in old downtown Tustin and features fine food and drink in a unique atmosphere. THE TRIO will debut several new songs including one featuring the long-necked banjo! Some things don't change; Ruta's hasn't.

THE TRIO returns to Don Jose's in Fullerton on a three Saturday nights, October 3rd and 17th and November 7th from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Don Jose's is located east off the 57 Freeway just south of Yorba Linda Boulevard on Placentia Avenue. All roads, albeit some circuitous, lead to Don Jose's. Come and join THE TRIO in the cantina!

Accordion Controversy Grows!!

The last edition of the TRIO NEWS reported that the Rivoli "Little Maestro", considered by many to be the Holy Grail of accordions, was purportedly in the possession of THE CALIFORNIA TRIO. The article has prompted a wave of public interest in the famous instrument.

Although sightings from as far away as Pattaya Beach, Thailand have been reported, the actual whereabouts of the "Little Maestro" is unknown. The TRIO NEWS has learned, however, that two TRIO members have separately traveled to the Seattle area within the last sixty days.

The escalating controversy has attracted media people and papparazzi from around the world. THE TRIO is attempting to keep an even lower profile than usual, if that's possible.