

VENEZUELA AT THE CROSSROADS

Workers on the Move

Luis Primo, Venezuelan Labor Leader to Speak in San Francisco



The U.S. Hands Off Venezuela Campaign invites you to hear Luis Primo, a central leader of the Venezuelan National Union of Workers (UNT), the new labor federation in Venezuela which has replaced its corrupt predecessor which supported the U.S.-backed attempted coup against President Chavez. Luis Primo will address the antiwar rally on Saturday, March 18 and will speak at a public meeting on Saturday, March 25.

Luis Primo is a member of the Expanded National Coordinating Committee of the UNT, and Regional UNT Coordinator for Caracas-Miranda. He was also General Secretary of the Caracas Metro Workers' Union (SINTRAMECA) from 1990 to 1997. He heads the Union/Political Education for the UNT on the national level, and works with the Ministry of Labor on the Committee on the Recovered Factories. Primo will be running for the National Leadership of the UNT at its upcoming congress this spring.

Hands Off Venezuela has been organized around the principle that the people of Venezuela should be able to determine their own destiny, without the interference of foreign governments, particularly the U.S. government. We have organized numerous educational events to inform people in this country about the important events unfolding in Venezuela so that people here can have an informed position. Without the truth, people are in no position to act.

**7PM SATURDAY
MARCH 25, 2006**

**ILWU Local 34 Hall, 4 Berry St.
Located next door to SBC Park at the
corner of Embarcadero and 2nd Street.
MUNI: Take "N" line toward SBC Park.
Admission: \$5, \$3 seniors, unemployed, & students**

We hope that Luis Primo's visit to California will be one of many exchanges between Venezuelan and American trade unionists. In addition to speaking in San Francisco, he will be touring the West Coast where he will speak in a half-dozen cities. To make this possible, Hands Off Venezuela Campaign has launched a fund raising drive to cover the many expenses of the tour. Volunteers are needed to help organize the event, and donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to: HOV, 4579 18th St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Call 415-786-1680 or email sfbay@ushov.org

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