

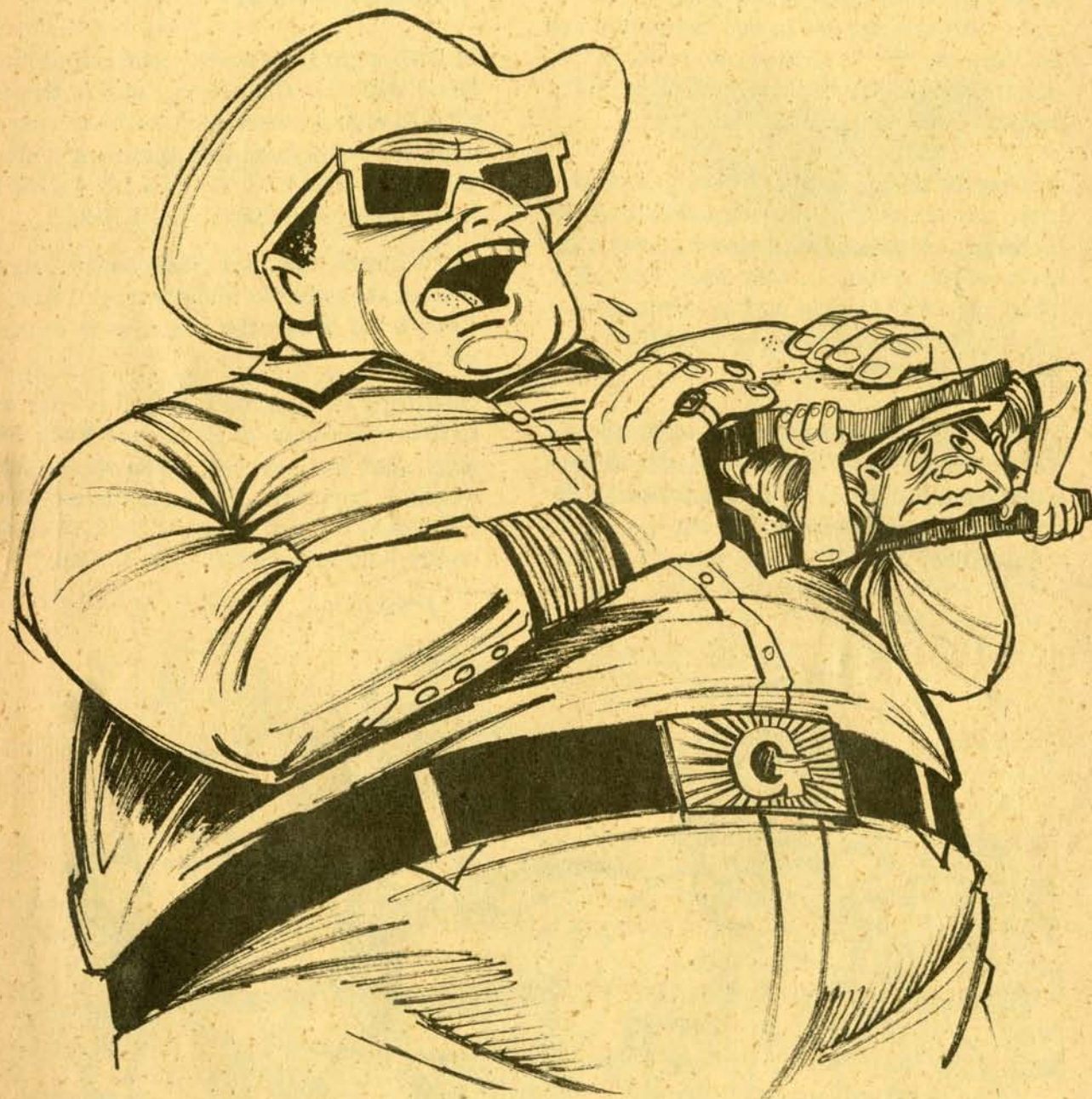
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# NEW TREACHERY AT DIGIORGIO

The NFWA signed an agreement with DiGiorgio setting up elections on the Sierra Vista Ranch for August 30, 1966. The farm workers agreed to end the strike and the boycott. We have kept our promise. But DiGiorgio has broken their part of the bargain time and again.

1) They fired 192 workers barely one week after the agreement was signed ending the picketing. Most of these workers were in favor of the union, so they were laid off. Then DiGiorgio began hiring workers who would vote the way they were told, who were for the Teamsters.

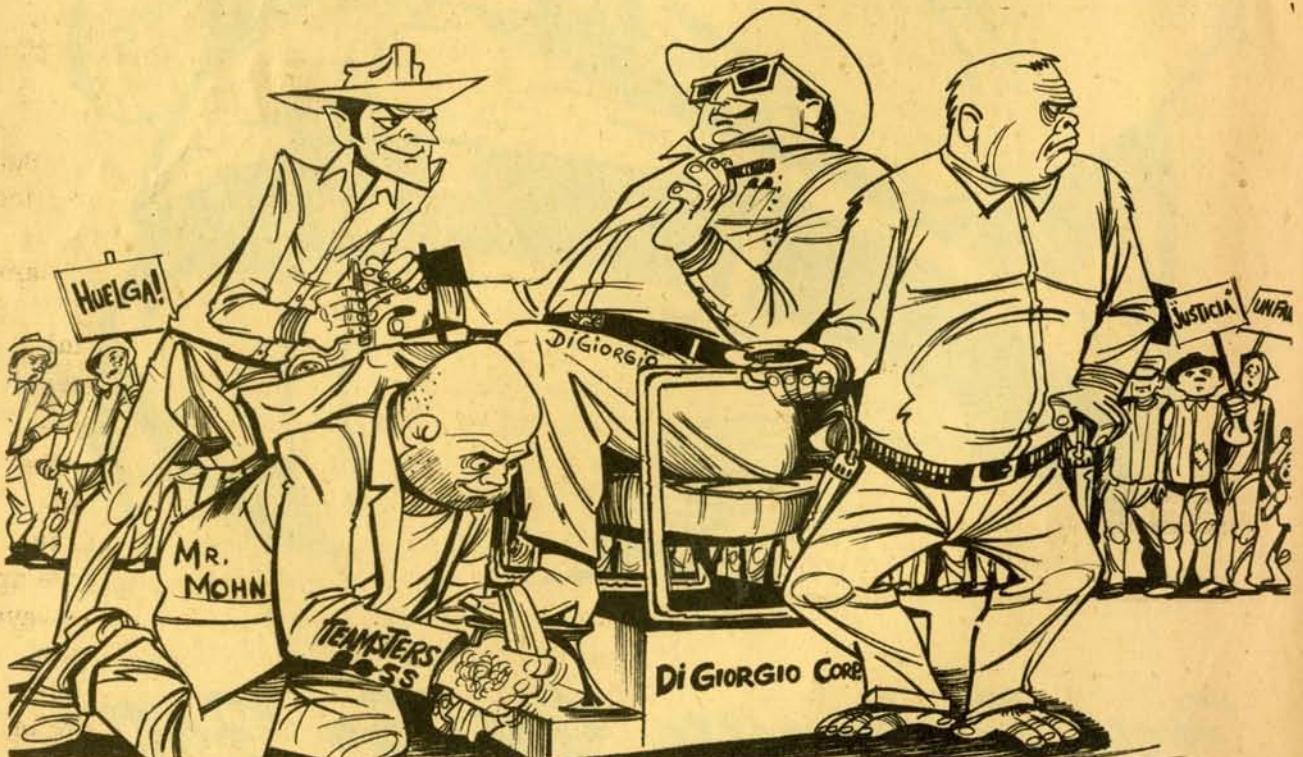
2) DiGiorgio has continued to favor the Teamsters. They let the Teamster agents work openly in their camps and fields, at working hours, when the NFWA members are barred. Yet NFWA members are still

being arrested for simply setting foot on DiGiorgio property.

3) DiGiorgio is secretly continuing to make deals with the Teamsters, and is threatening to sign a sweetheart sellout contract with the Teamsters for Arvin and Yuba City. **THEY REFUSE TO ALLOW FREE ELECTIONS ON THESE RANCHES.**

4) DiGiorgio used the State Senate hearings to repeat many old and disproved lies. They tried to use the hearings to smear us.

DiGiorgio is showing bad faith. They hope to delay elections at Arvin and Yuba City until after the harvest, when all the farm workers have left. They plan to rig those elections, if they are ever held. Will they really hold fair elections in Delano?





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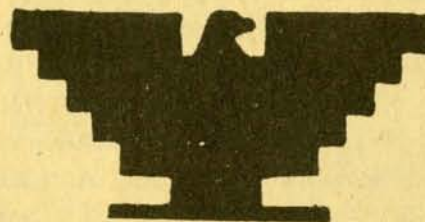
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## Farm Workers Unite

The National Farm Workers Association and AWOC, the AFL-CIO, will probably merge this month into one strong union. We have been working together for ten months now, in the strike in Delano, and this new unity will make us even stronger to fight the growers. We as farm workers, must have one strong union, of farm workers, for farm workers.

This move is full of hope and promise. But we farm workers must never let some union boss, from some office in the city, tell us how to run our union. That's how the Teamsters are. And though we may join the AFL-CIO, we must never forget the wonderful help we have gotten from the Longshoremen, the Mine and Smelter Workers, and many, many other workers, including the many fine Teamsters who helped us, and are still helping us, but who are not in the AFL-CIO. We must never forget that we are brothers with all workers. We must always build towards the day when every worker, regardless of race or religion, has a decent wage, a life with dignity, and a life of justice.

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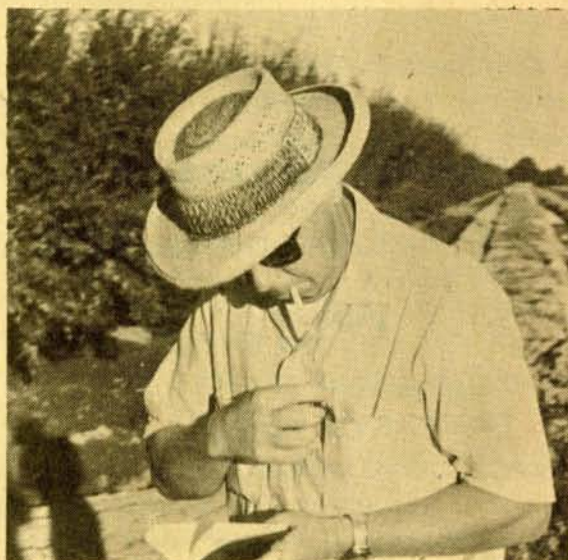


# NEW POWER FROM

## DIGIORGIO WORKERS JOIN N.F.W.A.

The NFWA is signing up members so fast in the Sacramento Valley that NFWA Vice-President Gil Padilla has been sent North to handle the movement there. There is a new office at 914 -4th-Street in Marysville. Hundreds of peach pickers throughout the Valley have joined the union. And hundreds of pear pickers from DiGiorgio's two big orchards, New England and Dantoni orchards near Marysville and Yuba City have also joined the union. DiGiorgio is just as bad in Marysville as in Delano. He pays \$1.40 an hour in the sheds and only \$6.00 for 1000 pound bins. He even cheats on the bins. The bins really hold 1200 pounds. For every five bins the picker gets paid for, he gives DiGiorgio one for free.

The FWA has demanded elections at these ranches, and also at the DiGiorgio ranch at Arvin. BUT DIGIORGIO HAS REFUSED TO HAVE ELECTIONS AT THESE RANCHES. They know they would lose. They hope to stall until the harvest is over, and then hold another rigged election. The Teamsters are in complete agreement with DiGiorgio. When the harvest is over and the farmworkers (who support the NFWA) have left, then



DiGiorgio Rent-a-Cop in Yuba City

DiGiorgio and the Teamsters can hold their own little teaparty, another fake election. They could vote the carpenters and the cooks and all the other non-farm workers. The NFWA will fight any such rigged election, just as they fought, protested, and boycotted the last rigged election.



"Welcome to DiGiorgio"

in Yuba



# ARVIN TO YUBA

## PEACH PICKERS

### DEMAND CONTRACT

Peach pickers by the hundreds have been joining the FWA recently in the Sacramento Valley. There is an increasing demand for higher wages and the protection of a union and a written contract. There will probably be no strike in peaches this year, but the workers have warned the growers of how they feel. The workers have suggested \$1.90 an hour minimum guaranteed, or \$4.50 per 1000 pound bin of peaches on a piece rate. They also want 10¢ for medical insurance. All this must be in a written contract. Clive Knowles, a farm worker leader in Marysville, sent letters to almost two dozen major growers of the area who each own 1000 acres or more. He said they better sign contracts now or face strikes and trouble later. Unless the growers sign by next year, there may be peaches rotting on the trees. Knowles suggested that the peach growers have fair elections if they want proof that the workers want a union. But so far, all growers have refused to hold elections.



FWA office in the DiGiorgio Hacienda near Arvin

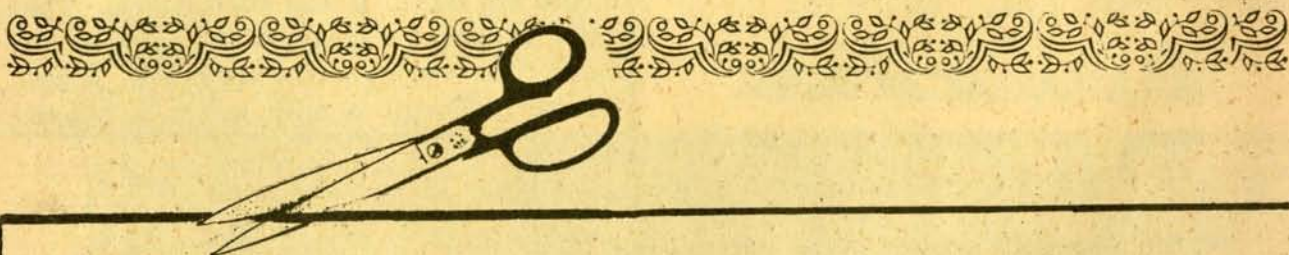
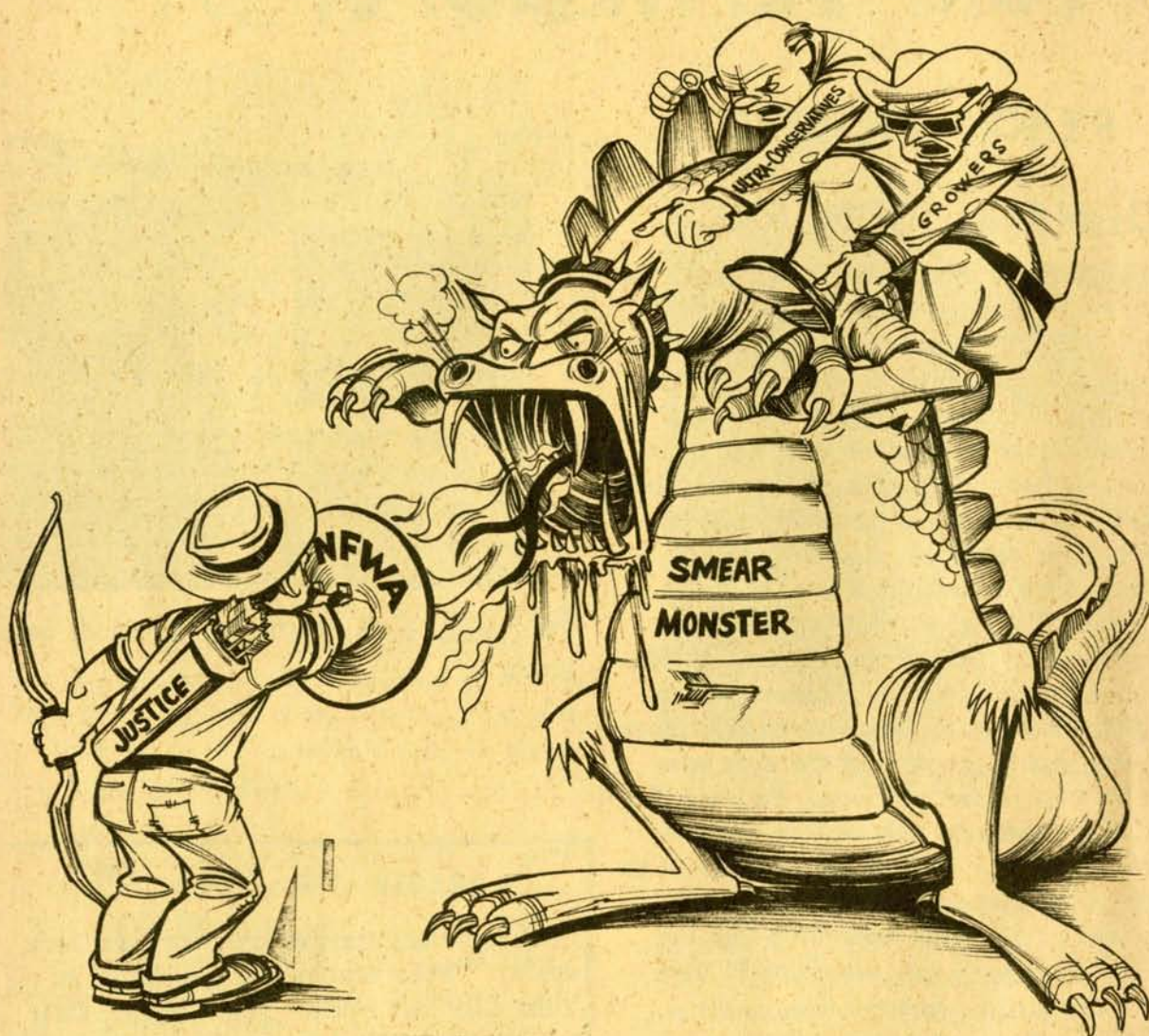
### ARRESTS IN YUBA CITY

DiGiorgio has started arresting strikers again. Three women were arrested in Yuba City last week. Their crime: they were talking about the strike to other DiGiorgio workers. It was after hours. There were Teamsters agents in the camp at the same time who were not arrested. It just shows: DiGiorgio simply cannot be trusted.



Apolonio Flores, who is helping the NFWA organize in Marysville, signs up field workers who work for DiGiorgio.





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## Texans Continue 400 Mile March

The great Farm Worker March across Texas continues as the workers approach Corpus Christi. Their 400-mile protest march from the lower Rio Grande Valley to the State Capitol in Austin, is now 1/3 over and the marchers are growing in numbers with each new day. Only a few marchers



started, but now there are over 80. Mrs. Gregoria Villareal of La Jolla, shown above, joined the march on the third day. Most of the marchers are younger, but all have the same burning faith, the same desire for justice. They plan to meet with Governor John Connolly in Austin on Labor Day, and also hope to visit President Johnson on his big Texas ranch. Their demands: \$1.25 an hour as a guaranteed wage.

Many of the marchers are the same workers who made the strike in the melons in Starr County in early June. The workers took a second vote in late July, and again decided, by a vote of 101 to 3, to be a part of the NFWA. This vote commits these workers to the struggle and sacrifice until victory is won for all farm workers regardless of race or religion. It was a hard vote to take. But brave men are never afraid of sacrifice and struggle.

### EL PASO N.F.W.A.

The boycott of DiGiorgio is over, but NFWA centers across the country are still busy raising money and collecting food for the strikers, and trying to stop scabs from coming to Delano. One of the busiest of these centers is in El Paso, Texas, where NFWA leader Tony Orendain is in charge. Many people in the El Paso area have now joined the NFWA and thousands of others have been told, through radio and newspapers and leaflets, by individuals, other unions, the bishop himself,

DON'T COME TO DELANO  
THIS YEAR...DON'T BREAK  
THE STRIKE!

Only the first step towards victory has been taken, and until victory is complete, no one should come to Delano to work this year. The growers are trying to recruit scabs in El Paso. This, like all their other tricks, too will fail.

This picture shows a new car donated to the NFWA by the El Paso Smelter Workers Union. This union has been helping us a great deal, and are true friends of the farm workers. In the center is Alfredo Montoya of the Smelter Workers, with Tony Orendain and Jesus Chavez, NFWA leaders in the El Paso area.





# A DON COYOTE STORY...

## HOW PATRONCITO

"Chihuahua, but its hot," thought Don Coyote, the contractor, as he loaded the buckets into his pickup. He had been sitting in his air-conditioned 1966 pickup almost all day, watching the men work. Every time he had to get out of the truck, he had felt that heat, and it made him glad that he was a contractor, and at least didn't have to work 10 hours in that awful sun. Here it was 5 o'clock and it was still 100 degrees or more.

"I guess I'll stop off at the bar," don Coyote decided as he headed into town. As he pulled up at the bar, there was the big new Cadillac of Sr. Gordito, the Patron himself. "Hmmm," thought don Coyote, "he usually doesn't come to this bar." As he walked in he saw the Patron, sitting at a table in the corner. The Patron was short, but very fat. He took up half the table. He motioned to don Coyote. "Sit down," he said. Don Coyote got a pitcher of beer and sat down. "Boy its hot," said the Patron. For a couple of glasses, they drank in silence. But the beer soon loosened the tongue of Sr. Gordito.



"Did I ever tell you how I got so rich?" said Sr. Gordito.

"By hard work," replied don Coyote quickly.

"Yes, yes, but it took more than that," said the Patron. "When my old man kicked off, he left me 4,000 acres of desert. But NOW I'm the biggest rancher in the country-and the richest, too." The Patron leaned back and patted his huge belly.

Don Coyote thought, "No one THAT FAT could work in MY crew. He'd be too slow. He'd break all my ladders and he couldn't bend over. His fingers are so thick that he couldn't hold a short-handled hoe. And he wouldn't make enough off me to buy pants big enough to fit."

The Patron continued, "Here's how I made my fortune. First I got elected to the irrigation district and got the government to build a canal straight to my ranch, so I get free water, all I want. Now my land is worth a fortune. HO HO HO! They certainly are stupid, those government

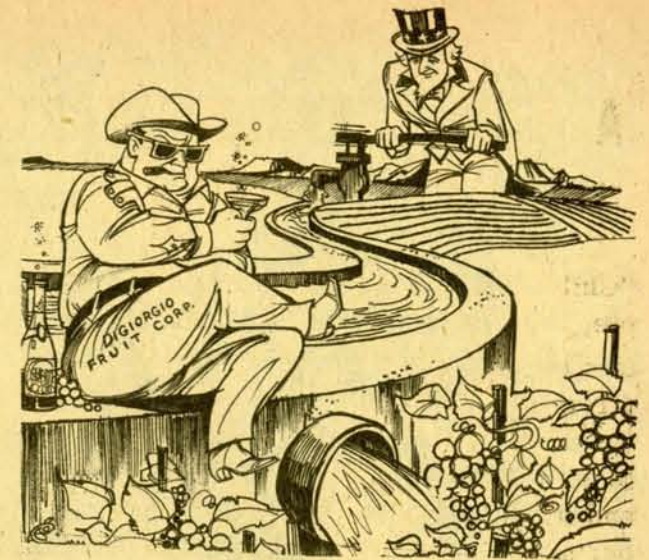
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## GOT SO FAT

people. Us ranchers can always cheat and never get caught. I also learted that if you are smart, you don't have to pay taxes, no matter how rich you are. Look at Kern County Land Company, cheating the government out of \$4,000,000 A YEAR, and they are the biggest ranchers in Kern County. But they got caught. Not me. I'll never get caught. HaHaHaHaHaHa...."

Don Coyote thought to himself, "The Patron is drunk, telling me all his secrets. But maybe I can learn his tricks."

"Next," said the Patron, "I gobbled up all the small farmers around me. I cheated them on my cold storage prices, wouldn't let them get water, got the banks to refuse to give them loans. But I must admit, most of my riches have come from the workers. They are the ones who have made me so



fat. They do all the planting, all the pruning, all the picking...in fact, they do everything except make money!! Make high profits but pay low wages, that's my secret. For years, I had Okees and Arkees, then Braceros, but Texans are almost as good. If a man is starving, he'll work for anything. That's the way I like 'em. Those Okees were dumb but you Mexicans will work for peanuts." And the Patron let out another big laugh.

"This Patron is a beast," though Don Coyote, "but he's so rich I should act like he does."

Next issue Don Coyote tells the Patron how contractors get rich.







## State Senators

## Study Strike

A group of California Senators spent three days last week studying the Delano Grape Strike. All the Senators seemed more concerned with the problems of the growers than with the problems of the farm workers. But the hearings were surprisingly fair. Senator Vern Sturgeon of Paso Robles and Senator Walter Stiern of Kern County seemed genuinely interested in the problems of the farm workers, and deserve special praise.

The worst senators were Schrade of San Diego and Way of Exeter, both growers themselves, and Senator Cobey of Merced, a lawyer who works for the Merced Tomato Growers Association and the Merced Eastside Growers Association. EL MALCRIADO plans to expose many of these politicians before the November election, and will then tell the whole story about people like Cobey and Way.

Many growers got up and told their same old lies. "There is no strike," claimed Patróns Pandol, Steele, and Dispoto, while many of their ex-workers booed and jeered from the audience. Obviously the senators and most of the people in the state no longer believe the lying Patrónes. Many people predict that the government will pass a law next year to protect farm workers' rights and allow them to vote whenever they want a union. This would be a GOOD LAW. It already protects city workers. We should have the same rights as city workers, so we can begin to catch up in wages and all the other benefits that they already have.





## "POVERTY CZAR"

### VISITS TULARE



Sergeant Shriver was visiting Tulare County a few days ago. Shriver is top boss of the government "War on Poverty", and also the brother-in-law of President Kennedy and of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Shriver meets residents of Woodville Camp.

Shriver saw plenty of poverty when he visited Tulare County. First he saw Woodville Camp, between Woodville and Poplar. There he saw the awful tin shacks that Tulare County is charging \$22 a month for. "Disgusting," said Shriver. He had lunch with some of the rent strikers and some county officials. The officials seemed pretty embarrassed about their county slums. The rent strike is still going on after 13 months because the tenants will not let corrupt Housing Officials push them around or cheat them ever again.

Nine-year old Marcos Lopez of Pixley shakes hands with Shriver. "Work hard and you'll be rich some day," said Shriver.

Shriver was later driving near Pixley and came on a crew picking potatoes. Over half of the crew was under 15 and some were under 10 years old. Shriver stopped to talk. There were no toilets in the field, no drinking water. When Shriver asked the children what their pay was, they didn't know. The contractor refused to tell Shriver the pay rate until they were out of the earshot of the workers. The contractors probably told Shriver a much higher wage than the workers were really getting, and that's why he didn't want the workers to hear.

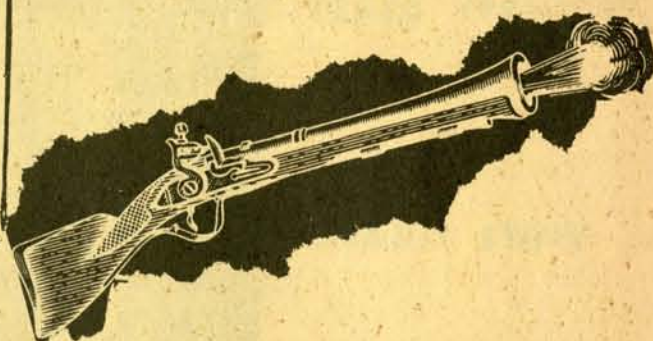


most of the poverty programs are a waste of time and money. If Shriver had ordered that contractor arrested on the spot, as a lesson to other cheating contractors, it would have done more for farm workers than most of these "poverty projects".

EL MALCRIADO SAYS: We think that



We have been striking DiGiorgio for 10 months now, and victory is at last in sight. But DiGiorgio has more tricks up his sleeve than an army of witches. Farm workers will not be able to trust DiGiorgio until a contract is signed and DiGiorgio is paying a fair wage. Here are some of the histories of past strikes at DiGiorgio, and of some of the trickery and tactics that DiGiorgio used to break the strikes in the past.



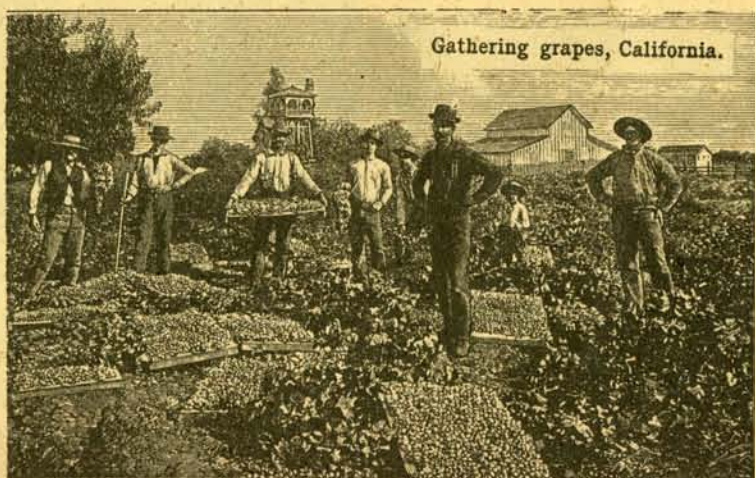
## Beatings, Arrests Meet Strikers in 1939

DiGiorgio owns one of the largest pear orchards in the world, with 600 acres at the Datoni Ranch near Marysville, and the even bigger "New England Orchard" a few miles away. On May 1, 1939, at least 652 workers walked off the job because DiGiorgio was trying to lower wages. The workers demanded a 30¢ an hour wage and job security. This first strike lasted 10 days and then DiGiorgio agreed to raise wages, so the workers went back to work.

But DiGiorgio never admits defeat. They were out for vengeance against those workers, who had been brave enough to strike. They decided to divide the workers by playing one race against the others. So DiGiorgio began bringing in Japanese and Filipino workers, and firing the whites. Again, DiGiorgio tried to lower the wages.

The workers were madder than ever, and over 600 went out on strike on July 1, 1939. But DiGiorgio got a special law passed by Yuba County and began arresting all the strikers. Over 200 strikers were arrested and many were brutally beaten by DiGiorgio officials and police. The ranchers even had a secret army organization called Associated Farmers, which brought machine guns and clubs to attack the workers. And when the governor tried to stop the violence and asked DiGiorgio to come to a meeting and try to settle the dispute, DiGiorgio refused.

TODAY we see DiGiorgio using some of the same techniques, beats up workers and strikers, trying to play off one race against the others, trying to get special laws to make the strike illegal.



# A History of DiGiorgio's War Against the Workers

## Arvin Strike of 1947

Nearly 1300 workers went on strike against DiGiorgio in Arvin in July, 1947. They had signed up with the National Farm Union and the Teamsters (who were helping farm workers in those days). They had asked DiGiorgio to sit down and discuss wages, but DiGiorgio refused. Even with over 1000 people on the picket line, DiGiorgio said it was all "outsiders".

DiGiorgio evicted workers from the camps and he got the government officials to force all the Braceros back to work. DiGiorgio also used many wetbacks to break the strike. Over 315 were caught, but DiGiorgio was never punished. There was also violence as a scab mob of 40, led by a DiGiorgio foreman, beat up pickets. Three were hospitalized. Growers later shot up a union meeting. DiGiorgio used its high-paid lawyers to harrass the strike and the boycott that had had been organized. They even got a friendly judge to outlaw a movie about the strike called "Poverty in the Valley of Plenty." The Lions Club of Delano was threatened with a lawsuit when they wanted to show this movie in September, 1949.

DiGiorgio broke this strike with Braceros and wetbacks and illegal recruiting.



ROBERT  
DiGIORGIO

## Yuba Workers Win

### Raise in 1960

Workers were getting \$1 to as low as 75¢ in 1960, in DiGiorgio's Yuba County Pear Orchards. The workers finally got disgusted, and in July, 1960, demanded \$1.25 an hour. When DiGiorgio refused, the workers went on strike. As usual, DiGiorgio claimed there was no strike. But at the same time, they asked the government to give them Braceros. Labor Secretary Mitchell refused, saying he had proof that at least 130 out of 186 Americans had joined the strike, Braceros could not be used as strikebreakers this time, he said,

So DiGiorgio went to his old friend, Governor Brown, and asked that the State Farm Placement Service give him 750 workers. And a friendly Judge ordered the State to supply strikebreakers. But DiGiorgio finally figured it was easier to pay a better wage. He offered \$1.10 an hour and 10¢ a box, which the workers accepted. The strike lasted only a week. DiGiorgio proved that he was so powerful he could make the state supply strikebreakers if he wanted them.

A PLAQUE IN PRAISE OF PATRONCITO  
(IN THE TOWN OF DIGIORGIO)





In the last issue, El malcriado printed the story about the kidnapping and false arrest of Cesar Chavez, two priests, and with workers in Borrego. Here we print another shocking story about illegal arrest of a farm worker, this time in Santa Paula. It reminds us that false arrests are the oldest trick the growers use against us to keep us down. Here is the whole story, as told by Sr. Pablo Izquierdo, the arrested worker, and Ignacio Garcia, F. W. A. leader in Ventura County:

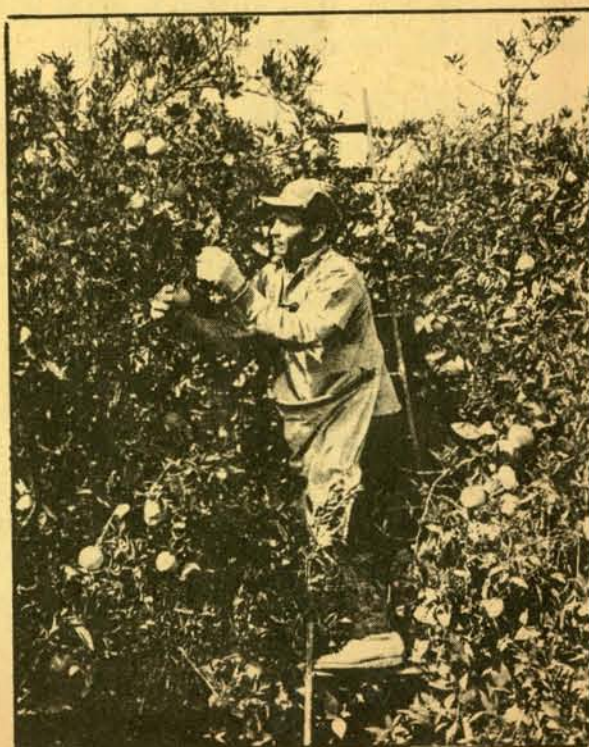
Sr. Pablo Izquierdo was one of 28 workers in a crew picking oranges for L. & O. Growers Association of Santa Paula. The workers had not been told specifically what the piece rate was, but it had been 35¢ a box last year and everyone figured it was the same. After finishing two groves in two weeks, the workers learned they would only get 24¢. Each time, they were told to pick but were not told the rate of pay until they had finished. On the third grove, with trees much larger and taller, the workers started picking and then demanded to know the rate of pay. The foreman, Victor Morua, said he did not know, that only the field boss, "Mister Bob," could give the prices. So the workers said they would just wait until the field boss showed up and told them the wage rate.

"Mr. Bob" arrived after about 30 minutes. "Why aren't you working? What do you want?" he said. The workers all answered that they wanted to know if the pay was going to be 35¢ a box, as it had been last year. Bob said, "No! It is only 24¢ this year and if you don't like it, you can turn in your equipment." The workers were mad that they were being cheated, and everyone started to turn in his equipment. When Bob saw this, he said, "Wait... Not yet... We will go to the office. Then if you still want to quit, you can turn it in and get your checks." He hoped that the men would change their minds as they rode back to the office in the truck. But the workers were disgusted with the low pay and the tricks of the field boss. Sr.

# False Arrest in Santa Paula Grower-Police Conspiracy?

Izquierdo tells what happened next:

"Since I thought that it was an unjust price, 24¢ for a box of oranges--I went to Campo Nuevo to turn in my equipment and to ask for my check. The person in charge of camp and office--Eddie Beason--received me by pushing me and calling me a striker. I asked, 'What is wrong, Mr. Eddie? I came for my check, that's all.' Eddie says, 'No--I cannot give you the check--go first and see Mr. Bob.' So I went to see Bob and ask him, 'Why did you go to the office and tell them I was a huelguista? You knowing perfectly well that all the workers were asking for a just price which was paid last year--35¢. Knowing that during the 11 years that I have worked here, never have I been accused of being a huelguista.' Bob stated that everything would be settled tomorrow. 'We are going to divide people into different crews to--to change prices--so that workers can



earn a little more. So report at the campo tomorrow.'

"Since Bob told me that next day we were going to earn a better wage, I reported to work. All reported to work at the Campo Nuevo at 7 A. M. We were waiting for the foreman or field boss to tell us the price as had been understood yesterday. I, upon seeing that nothing was being related to us approached the foreman, Victor Morua and Eddie Beason. That instant police arrived. Victor told us the field boss had decided not to continue to employ ten persons and that I was one of them. Being told that, I asked Eddie for my check time. I had not finished talking to him, when two policemen grabbed me, and took me to the station--in the process they roughed me up a little and left my arms swollen.

"From the police station, I was taken at 9 A. M. to the court. The Judge asked me if I was guilty. I said, 'Of what am I accused?' The judge said she didn't want any questions--if I didn't plead guilty to ask for a lawyer to represent me in the respassing charge. I stated 'not guilty because I was an employee of the company and just asked for my check.'

"The trial was set for June 28, but on June 24 the District Attorney announced he was going to dismiss the case. The D.A. stated he had 'decided to dismiss the case as a result of complete investigation of the facts which led up to the arrest and his conclusion that it would not be in the best interests of justice to prosecute you arising out of this misunderstanding. Therefore, I hope that you are pleased that the D.A. and the complaining witness, Mr. Beason, did not proceed with the action.'"



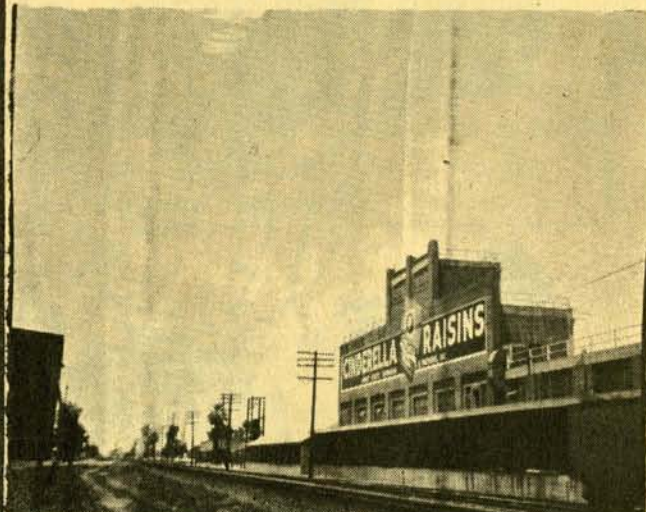
EL MALCRIADO SAYS: These arrests make us sick to our stomach. They happen all the time. The police are often willing to arrest anyone a grower tells them to arrest. And judges often encourage farm workers to plead guilty when they are not even aware of the "crime" they are charged with. Lack of English may leave a worker at the complete mercy of police and courts.

Luckily, Sr. Izquierdo had the bravery to stand up for his rights. And the FWA is now in Ventura County to help farm workers in just this kind of situation. The FWA is not satisfied when such a false arrest is merely dismissed. It is an insult for the D.A. to say we should be "pleased" that he isn't sending us to jail, WHEN WE HAVEN'T BROKEN ANY LAWS. We say that Mr. Beason and anyone else who makes these false arrest should be punished. Unless Beason is punished for his criminal false arrests, he will try it again, and again, and again, whenever he doesn't like a worker. So Sr. Izquierdo is suing Beason for false arrest.

We might also add that the growers will always try to lower wages, or change the rate from field to field, and cheat us in any way he can, until we have a written contract.



# What is the Name of This Town?



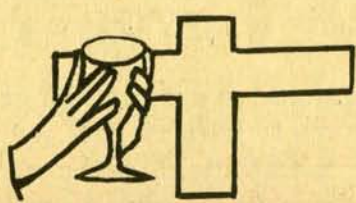
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Last issue we had two winners. The correct answer was THE TULARE HOSPITAL. Winners were OLGA PALACIOS of Tulare, and SALLY MARQUEZ of Earlimart.



## F. W. A. LEADER IN FRESNO



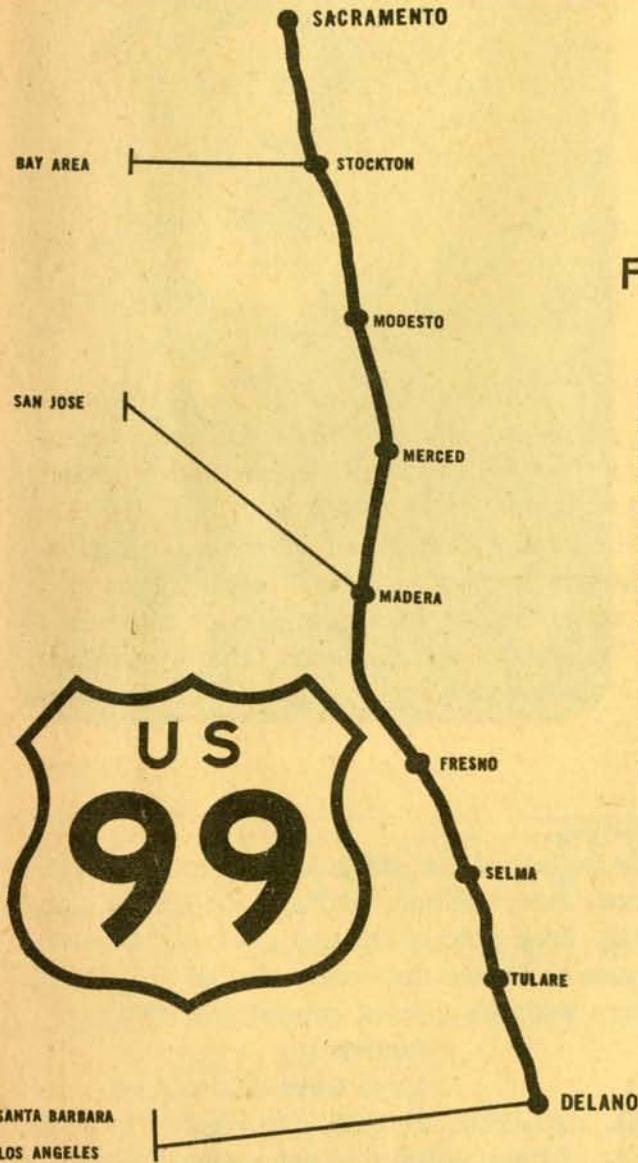
Cresencio Mendoza, a leader of the NFWA and the representative of the Association in Fresno, is one of the hardest-working members of the NFWA staff. He has been explaining our cause and the Association to hundreds of new farm workers every week. He has spoken to groups all over Fresno County, in towns from Mendota to Malaga and Madera. Cesar Chavez worked quietly in Delano and the Kern-Tulare-Kings counties' area for two years before we finally had the strength to strike and win a contract. Now Sr. Mendoza is doing the same kind of work in Fresno County, building the union towards the day when we can stand up for our rights.





# STRIKE HIGHWAY

## RUTA DE LA CARAVANA



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Highway 99 may soon be known as the Highway of the Strikers. It is up and down this highway that hundreds of thousands of migrants travel each year. It is up and down this highway that the strikers of Delano marched, on their pilgrimage to Sacramento. And it is up and down this highway, in every county and town, that the N.F.W.A. is building its strength. Unless the growers learn to sign contracts and pay fair wages, we will be making strikes up and down this highway in 1967, 1968, and every year until we have justice and fair contracts and wages.

## FOOD CARAVAN AND FIESTA



In Early August there will be a great caravan bringing food and support to the strikers in Delano. On August 5, there will be a big rally in Sacramento. NFWA Vice-President Gil Padilla will speak and the Teatro Campesino will perform. Food will be collected in Sacramento early Saturday morning August 6. It will stop in Stockton, Modesto, Merced, and Madera. At each point, food will be collected and short rallies will be held. In Madera they will stop for the night and there will be a big rally, with beautiful, fiery Dolores Huerta speaking. On Sunday morning there will be early church in Fresno and then the caravan will leave for Delano, where it will arrive in the afternoon. There will be a grand fiesta in the Park, with plenty to eat and drink, with music and good times. Everyone is invited to come hear Cesar Chavez speak, and to join in the fun.



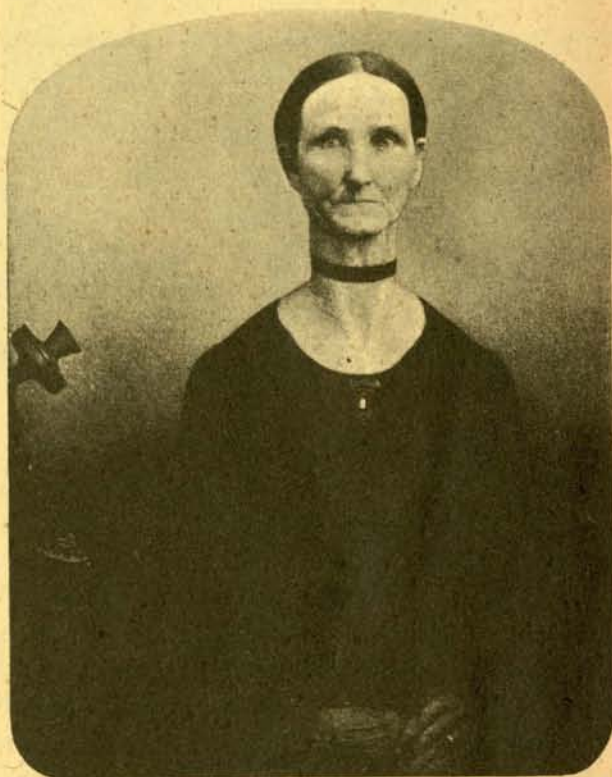


## Letters to the Editor

Mr. Editor,

Well my opinion is this I know you people have a problem concerning the injustice on wages. Now I believe - I believe simply that you people have to get together and fight this thing out. This is not only to better yourself but your families and children as well—everything. You've got a lot to get and nothing to lose. I have said things like this before to different unions— and I know that you people have a good thing going and the most important thing is this— that you people are doing something far greater than a lot of people in the United States are doing. And that is to go to the fields, expose yourselves to the heat, expose yourselves to the cold. These summer days when it's so hot, these winter days when it's so cold. You people don't even say anything— you just go to work—for what? for the measley (lousy) wages.

Lamont worker



NFWA,

On behalf of Mr. Lupe Cervantes, Juan Guerrero, Beto Salinas, and Aubdon Elzondo and Mr. Juan Soto of Orange Cove and Orosi we have collected the small sum of \$15.00 dollars with the idea of helping the strike.

Sincerely,

Lupe Cervantes, Orosi

EL MALCRIADO SAYS: For us farm workers, fifteen dollars is not a small sum, nor is helping the strike a small proposition. We can only thank you with very few words—but we will go out and with your help strengthen ourselves and organize ALL THE FARM WORKERS, brown, white, and black. because we cannot divide ourselves into separate races and call ourselves "Mexicans," or "Filipinos," or "Americans" only. We have only one race, the FARM WORKER; and one hope, UNITY. We will spread from California to every single state in this country.



# What The People Are Thinking

Dear Sirs,

I would like a subscription to the El Malcriado because I have found in its pages bravery, and it seems that in these times it doesn't exist anymore. I would like to congratulate you and all the farm workers who fight so diligently and with anger for their rights, and their sons' rights. Also for the brilliant action that they have done in the strike. I think that if all of us were like the other, equal, then we would understand each others' situations. And long live farm labor with its dignity!!

Jose Reyes Puente  
Five Points, Calif.

Dear Editor,

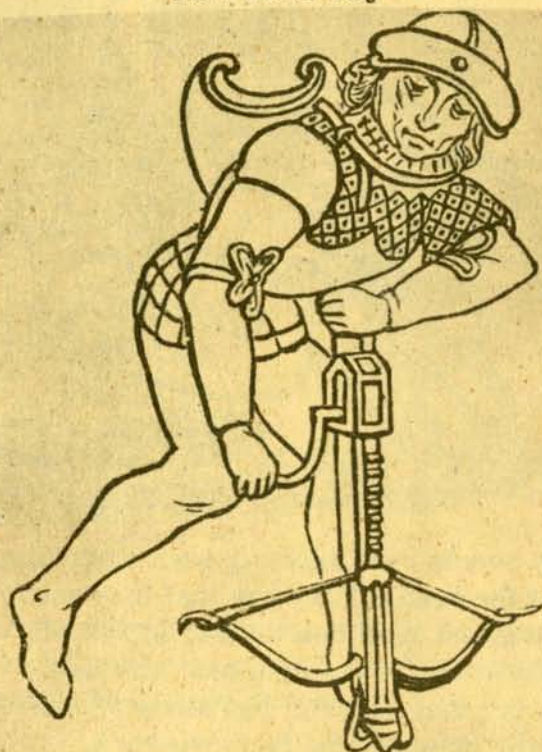
Keep on struggling hard—may this struggle inspire others!

Yvonne Bond  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Keep up the fine work of reporting on and educating about your important struggle.

Joan Ohlson  
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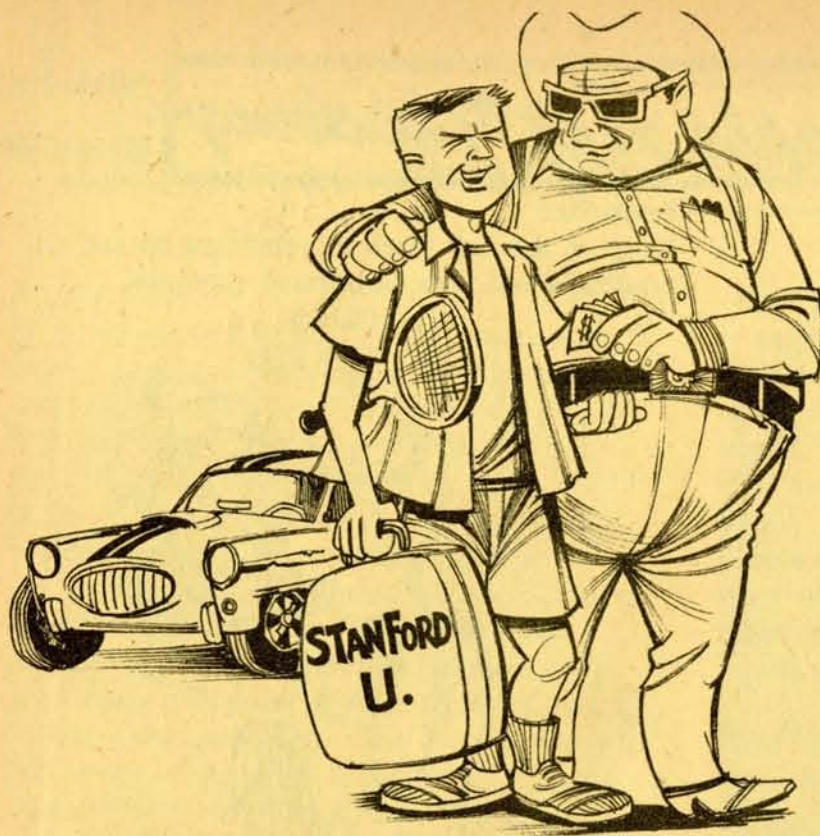
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Almost all the sons of farm workers must serve in the army or the Navy. If they don't volunteer, they get drafted.

Many people have recently been complaining about the draft. They say that it is unfair and that the draft boards that decide who gets drafted are unfair also. And they point out that the draft has always been especially unfair to the farm workers.

In the last world war, many of us were sent to fight in foreign lands while the Braceros took our jobs here at home, and while the growers like Guimarra were getting rich with the cheap labor and high profits. But when the war was over and we came back to get our jobs, many could not get work because the Braceros had the jobs. And it got worse and worse. During the war years, there were 30,000 Braceros in the California harvest. But in "peace years" like 1959, there were over 90,000 Braceros. We finally got the Bracero law ended, but the growers are starting the same crocodile tears again. They say, "We need braceros because there is a war, and there is a labor shortage, and there is no one to pick our crops." While we fight to defend our country, the growers stay at home and get rich.

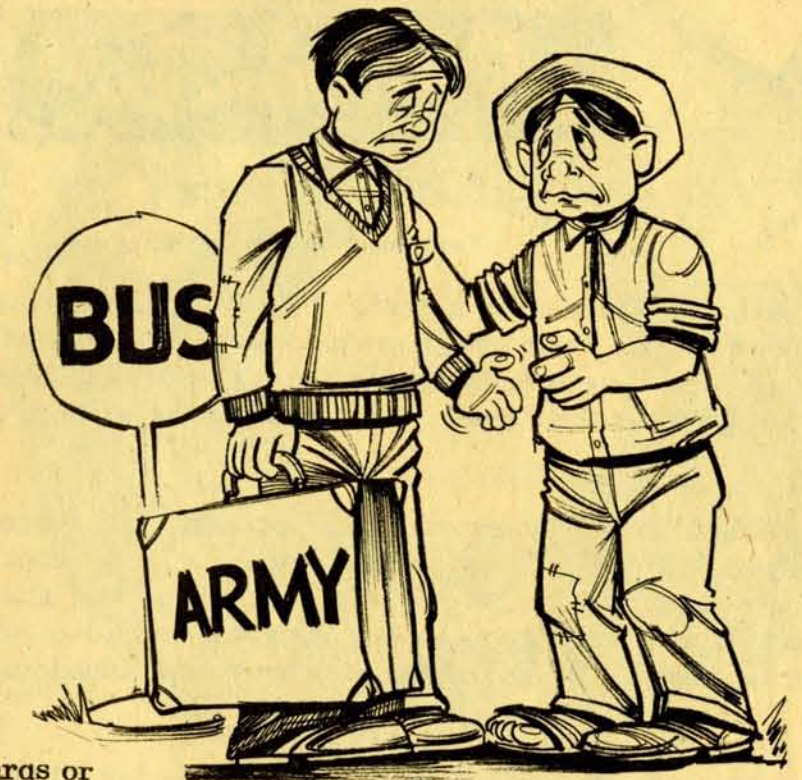
But there are many other things that are unfair. Many families with Mexican citizenship are told that their sons must fight in the U. S. Army. It doesn't matter that they are citizens of Mexico and may only be here for a few years. They are drafted anyway.

And often poor families depend on a son to help support them. The son gets drafted and the family has to go on welfare. But we read in the papers about rich actors who do not get drafted because they are "supporting their families."

And we all know that growers can send their sons to college to escape the draft. The sons of farm workers who cannot afford to go to college are not quite so lucky.

And there is a special law which says that anyone engaged in the harvest can be excused from the draft. This law should apply to all farm workers. But it is the growers who decide who gets this special exemption. Most of the people who get this exemption are the sons of growers, foremen, managers, and contractors.

## SON AND DRAFT



They may end up as security guards or in some other time-wasting job that doesn't help the harvest at all.

A final problem with the draft is the draft board. They have a "quota". They must draft a certain number of people. In the Valley, it seems that they draft Chicanos and Negroes first, then Anglo farm workers, and other poor people, and draft growers' sons last of all. Maybe that is because farm workers are never on the draft boards. Take local Board # 78 in Bakersfield, for example. Out of three members, one is a grower (C.C. Sharpenburg of Sharpenburg Land Company), and one (James Petrini) is a lawyer for Kern County Land Company. The third is a retired steel company manager.

EL MALCRIADO SAYS: We hope they change the draft laws and make them fair. Actually, we hope that they end the draft completely. War is always bad for farm workers. This present awful mess in Viet Nam is especially bad. We are not even officially "at war". The draft should not be necessary in peace time. And we wouldn't have the war or the draft if we didn't go meddling in other people's business so much.

Growers send their sons off to college. Many times, the sons of growers never "serve their country" at all.

If a grower's son is too dumb to go to college, the grower can get him an "agricultural deferment." This is mostly for growers, managers, and foremen and security guards.







## Relampago

Teamster bus at the Stardust.



The Teamsters have come to town. They have opened an office in Delano and have other agents in Arvin. Their agents are paid \$20,000 a year and more, drive fancy air-conditioned cars, stay at fancy motels like the Stardust in Delano. Most have never even done any farm work in their lives. No wonder the workers don't trust them.

The 34 families of Allensworth, Tulare County, have a problem. Their water is full of deadly arsenic poison. They would have to dig an 800-foot deep well to get safe water. So they are applying to the government for a loan to build a new, deep well. As part of the United States foreign aid program, our government digs wells for free for poor towns in other countries. It's about time the government helped its own people.

The strike store is still in desperate need of food of all kinds, especially meat, vegetables, flour, coffee, and sugar.

A group of "VISTA" workers in the Poverty Program in Oregon got disgusted with the do-nothing approach of Oregon's War on Poverty. So they quit and started a new group called "VIVA!" Already two dozen families are working together. When they have 100 families, they plan to join Cesar Chavez' NFWA as Oregon Local #1.

The NFWA has set up a number of programs for children of the strikers for the summer months. There is a day care center from 7:30 to 5, in Delano, with free lunch included. There is also a swim school at Lake Wollomes every day at 3:30. Many of the summer volunteers are helping in these programs. There is also a day care center now operating in Richgrove, paid for by the government.

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