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## El Malcriado says

BY THE EDITOR

The time has arrived for me to write an editorial on the subject of the holiday season. Somehow the holidays sneaked upon us here in Delano.

The rhythm of life in the Union changes with the seasons. There is jubilation and hope during the harvest. Workers under contract bring home fat paychecks and truckloads of succulent grapes roll through town on their way to the wine crushers.

Picket lines surround the fields and the red and black banners beckon the tired, harried-looking scabs to leave the vineyards until the growers agree to negotiate with the Union.

In July, our boycotters left in cars and pickups, on the bus, and hitch-hiking, to spread the message of the boycott across this country and Canada.

Their spirits were good, and though the offices were quiet after they left, there was great optimism.

I am sure the feeling in the air was the same when the corn crop was brought into Teotihuacan and Chichen Itza centuries ago.

Then came the lay-offs in the fall. Despite victories on the boycott from Boston to Berkeley, the winter ahead looked bleak--another season would pass without victory.

Franzia and Paul Masson signed

contracts, adding two new ranches to the list of vineyards where some element of justice prevailed, but for the majority of California's farm workers, another winter of privation and bitterness...

When Thanksgiving came, we tried hard to be thankful--we had come a long way since the beginning--but there was so much more to be done.

The workers are pruning now. It's bitter cold in the mornings, and fog blankets the valley at this time of year. It was so thick last week a Greyhound bus got lost on a side road and needed a policeman to guide it back to Highway 99.

Our many friends will be here on Saturday for the Christmas party. They have not forgotten us. But our brothers and sisters on the boycott will not be home. Their job goes on--Christmas or no Christmas.

We have no doubt that one day this will all be over. A new year is coming up, and 1969 will be the year we have been waiting for... the year when the growers will realize that to continue fighting is wasteful and foolish.

To our subscribers and friends we wish a year of fulfillment and happiness. Perhaps next Christmas's message will be a little more exultant.

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# Di Giorgio Sends Workers to Camp

LAMONT, December 12--Three large grape-growing corporations who have purchased the 6,000 acres Di Giorgio ranch in Lamont may refuse to honor the former owner's contract with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, according to spokesmen for the Union in an interview with EL MALCRIADO today.

M. Caratan of Delano is purchasing \$475,000 worth of the property. M. M. Sabovich has bought a similar ammount. The largest purchase, though not yet publically announced, is reported to have been made by S. A. Camp Inc. of Shafter. Camp is reported to be buying nearly 5,000 acres of Di Giorgio land, valued at over \$5,000,000. As of this writing, Camp has failed to answer the UFWOC telegram to him asking for negotiations and for an orderly transfer of the contract between Di Giorgio and the new owner.

UFWOC leaders pledged their support for the Di Giorgio workers, who are demanding that the new

owners recognize and honor the provisions of the old contract. The Di Giorgio workers are planning a parade and demonstration of solidarity in Lamont on Saturday, December 14.

In the meantime, a UFWOC grievance against Di Giorgio for violation of the agreement which was in force until the sale was legally completed, has gone to arbitrator Sam Kagel in San Francisco.

Union officials and ranch committeemen have denounced the use of scab Caratan employees on the Di Giorgio property while Di Giorgio was still bound to its UFWOC contract, and before the Union was notified of the alleged sales.

Lamont representative Mack Lyons headed a Union delegation which testified at arbitration hearings in San Francisco last week.

Lyons said that while the Union was not notified of the sale or the resulting cancellation of the contract, non-union workers were in the ranch doing the pruning.

Jim Drake, assistant administra-

tive director of the Union, compared the reaction of Union workers to that of a man who comes home to find his wife in bed with another man.

"We may be getting a divorce," Drake told 200 workers assembled for a special meeting in Lamont, "but we're sure as hell going to enforce our rights until it is legal, and until we consummate a marriage with the new growers."

Most of the Di Giorgio workers were laid off at the end of the harvest season on November 13. Later, when the pruning season began, workers were supposed to have been recalled according to their seniority.

The Union grievance alleges workers without seniority were called to work before the agreement was terminated. The Union has demanded back pay for the workers whose seniority was ignored. The Union also plans a new phase of non-violent experimentation to assure the peaceful transfer of the contract to the new owners.

*JUSTICE AT DI GIORGIO...* This photo was taken at the Di Giorgio ranch in Delano in 1965, when hopes were high that the strike would bring justice to those who harvested the crops there. The struggle goes on. See page 11 for more details.

Photo by Ballis





# MAYORS REJECT ANTI BOYCOTT MOVE

NEW ORLEANS, December 11--Two UFWOC supporters distributing leaflets at the annual conference of the National League of Cities became the personal guests of Philadelphia's Mayor James Tate after a run-in with Delano's Mayor Clifford Loader and Mayor Russ Karlen of Bakersfield, it was reported today.

The Rev. Jerry Fuller and Mrs. Roberta McLaughlin, members of the New Orleans Friends of the Farm Workers, were distributing leaflets near the conference hall in a New Orleans hotel, when Loader, Karlen,



*Mayor Loader of Delano*

and others reportedly began harassing them with insults.

The hotel manager showed up, and Rev. Fuller and Mrs. McLaughlin were being forcibly ejected from the hotel when Mayor Tate arrived and assured the manager that the leafletters were not only welcome, but that they were his personal guests.

Loader and Karlen had introduced a resolution earlier calling on other mayors to keep their political noses out of the grape strike and other labor disputes.

Mayor Tate, a past president of the League, strongly opposed the resolution, noting that the grape boycott represented a moral as well

as an economic problem, and that it was right and proper for mayors and cities to take stands on such questions.

The resolution was defeated overwhelmingly in a voice vote, and the boycott of California table grapes received a rousing cheer from the assembled mayors of most of the cities in the United States.

Later, during the discussion with Mrs. McLaughlin, Loader accused the UFWOC supporter of knowing "nothing about the strike."

"I am the mayor of Delano," he told her.

"Who elected you, the growers?" asked Mrs. McLaughlin.

"No, the farm workers elected me," replied Loader.

"Well then why are you opposed to letting the farm workers vote on whether they want a Union or not?" asked Mrs. McLaughlin.

Loader had no answer, Mrs. McLaughlin told EL MALCRIADO.

## MICH. HEARS FROM FORGOTTEN POOR

DETROIT, November 26--A group of 25 Mexican-Americans walked out of a Michigan Welfare League conference today in protest against the League's refusal to pass or even discuss a proposed resolution supporting the California grape pickers strike and the nation-wide boycott of California table grapes.

The conference, which had called together representatives from poor peoples' groups throughout Michigan, had scheduled resolutions and debates on problems of poor people for the morning session, and panel discussions, on such topics as "The Forgotten Poor," "The Future of Michigan's Migrants," and "Hunger in Michigan--Telling It like It Is" for the afternoon.

When Rubén Alfaro, a representative from the Bishop's Committee for the Spanish Speaking in Lansing, proposed that the group support the strike and boycott, he was ruled "out of order".

In protest, he and the large group of brown and black delegates walked

## Farm Bureau Blasts Boycott

KANSAS CITY, December 12--

The American Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention has come out strongly against the boycott of California table grapes, against inclusion of farm workers under the National Labor Relations Act, and in favor of their own boycott of Jewell Tea Stores (a large supermarket chain in the Midwest) because of its reported discontinuance of handling California grapes.

The Farm Bureau, which is controlled by large banks, insurance companies, food processors, packers, canners shippers, and some of the largest of American Agribusiness, called on its members to eat all the grapes they could stomach, and encourage their friends to do so.

The convention was picketed by a group led by Robert Bustos, Kansas City UFWOC representative, who passed out leaflets describing the farm workers' plight and calling upon delegates to boycott grapes.

out of the conference.

Tom Chávez, a member of the League Board of Directors, announced his resignation. Miss Lupe Anguiano, UFWOC grape boycott representative in Michigan, who was scheduled to participate in the panel on Michigan's migrants, expressed "surprise and disgust with the League's refusal to discuss an issue so basic to the future of all of America's farm workers."

The Detroit News reported on a speech to the conference by an H. M. Meredith: "H. M. Meredith, director of the Midland County Department of Social Services, said that the rural poor are more numerous than the poverty-stricken in city slums, but are ignored because of their silence. He called them the 'forgotten poor' who only attract attention as they migrate to the cities, at a national rate of 600,000 a year."

Is it we who are silent? Or they who refuse to listen?





More than a 1,000 Canadians were present for a march and rally in support of the boycott recently. More pictures by Morden Lazarus on page 9.

## CANADA RALLIES TO UFWOC

TORONTO, CANADA, December 10--The boycott of California table grapes in Canada reached a new level of intensity in late November and early December, according to Jessica Govea and Marshall Ganz, UFWOC representatives in Toronto. Some of the highlights:

\*A special fact finding investigation by three Canadians, William Archer, Ronald Haggart, and Rev. Ed File, visited Delano and returned to Canada convinced of the justice of the farm workers' struggle. In a report carried in the press and over radio and T.V. through much of Canada, the three charged, "The overriding issue in the California grape dispute is the right of collective bargaining which is being denied to the farm workers. From our examination, it is clear that the table grape growers are unwilling to allow their workers to choose their own representatives

and let them bargain freely for them." The report charged Giumarra had refused to allow elections though the UFWOC "would undoubtedly have received majority support."

The report concluded "Rather than surrender or turn to violence, UFWOC has taken the only alternative, which is to reach out to the consumer to apply economic pressure on the growers through a boycott of table grapes. The boycott offers the only viable method for bringing the grape growers to the bargaining table."

\*The Mayor and City Council of Toronto proclaimed "Grape Day" on November 23, in honor of the grape pickers and in support of the grape boycott.

\*Over 1000 Canadians attended a march and rally in support of the boycott. Included among the mar-

chers were labor leaders and workers, nuns, priests, students and concerned individuals. The march received nationwide publicity.

\*Grape growers, desperate at the rising tide of boycott support, tried to stop the boycott with a special injunction. After a court hearing, the Canadian judge dismissed the growers' charges and demanded that the growers pay all the costs of the trial, over \$4,500, including fees for the lawyers defending the boycott!

\*John Giumarra Jr. made a frantic trip to Canada to appear on Canadian T.V. to defend the "poor growers." But UFWOC Attorney Jerome Cohen met Giumarra before the T.V. cameras and debated him. By all reports, the UFWOC lawyer overwhelmed Giumarra with facts and statistics supporting the justice of the boycott and strike.



## OREGON ARRESTS:

# COPS ARREST PICKET LINE

NORTH SALEM, OREGON--Local newspapers, radio and television objected strongly in North Salem, Oregon, recently, when 28 picketers protesting the sale of scab California table grapes in a local market were arrested by police.

The 28 who were arrested, including ten adults and 18 children were released on their own recognizance on November 29, two days after they had been arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, according to UFWOC organizer Nick Jones.

Jones said the group was picketing a market during the evening. At about 8:30 PM, five squad cars and a paddy wagon arrived, carrying a dozen cops clad in crash helmets and carrying billy clubs.

Pickets were told they had three minutes to cease leafletting and disperse, Jones said. Ignoring police demands, the picketers continued their picketing. The 28 were promptly arrested. Eighteen children were taken to the Juvenile Center, while the ten adults were held incommunicado. Bail was set at \$100 a piece.

The adults were listed as Mr. and Mrs. Juan Narvaez, Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Ruiz, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Vinton, Martha Fullenwider, Peter Tunno, Berna Wingert and Jones.

Jones said bail was dropped at a preliminary hearing on November 29 and the adults and children were released. He attributes the cancellation of bail to the strong support of the local press for the right to demonstrate peaceably.

Jones said the adults refused to eat during the time they were held.

## WORKERS VS. WITCHES

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO--The regional director of the National Relations Board on the island of Puerto Rico has dismissed charges of sorcery and witchcraft originated in Hato Rey during a workers representation election which the IAM won.



## CATHOLIC BISHOPS BACK RIGHTS OF FARM WORKERS

DELANO, December 11--The Catholic bishops of the United States during their recent annual fall meeting in Washington issued a statement on farm labor in praise of the organizing efforts of the UFWOC.

"For 30 years the disadvantaged field workers of this nation have stood by helplessly and listened to other Americans debating the farm labor problems," the statement said. "Burdened by low wage scales, mounting health problems, inadequate educational opportunities, substandard housing, and a lack of year-round employment, they have often been forced to live a life

devoid of security, dignity and reasonable comfort. For the past three years, however, many of them have been attempting to take their destiny into their own hands. This is a very healthy development."

The bishops also urged Congress to enact legislation to

1. Include farm workers under the National Labor Relations Act.
2. Include farm workers more effectively under a national minimum wage which will ensure them a decent standard of living.
3. To include farm workers under the national employment insurance program.



# PAPER SHANTIES FOR MIGRANTS PLANNED

BERKELEY, November 15--Architects Sanford Hirshen and Sim Van der Ryn of Berkeley have designed a new type of house for migrant farm workers which is made of "paper and plastic foam," according to a report in Time magazine's November 15 issue.

The shanties, euphemistically described as "shelters" by Time, can be built for \$1200. "So far, 20 communities of these and similar quarters have been built with a combination of funds provided by localities, the Rosenberg Foundation and the Economic Opportunity Act," Time reports.

Time also was pleased that the houses "fold up like accordions." "The paper and plastic foam shelters will replace the reeking hovels inhabited by California migrant workers," Time rhapsodized.

EL MALCRIADO SAYS: We have some advice for the bureaucrats and tax-exempt foundations and all the other agencies that are trying to "solve" the migrant housing problem with such unique new ideas. If migrants were paid a decent wage, they could buy or rent decent houses like any other workers. We don't ask that the tax-payer provide us with housing, or subsidize the rich growers in yet another form. As for those "paper and plastic foam shelters," we doubt very much that the people that designed them and are building them would live in them. Why should we have to?



## TULARE CAMPS REBUILT

VISALIA, December 14--Construction began today on 200 units of migrant housing for Tulare County farm workers, with the groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$1.9 million project at Linnell Labor Camp and Woodville Labor Camp.

Each camp will have 100 dwellings, grouped in 25 four-unit buildings.

Construction will be of cement blocks with fiberboard interior. Rent for the 825-square foot homes will be \$50 per month plus gas and electricity. The homes include heaters and coolers.

The housing project is aimed at replacing the tin shacks in which Tulare County workers have been living since the 1930's.

In 1965 the Tulare County Housing


Authority attempted to raise the rent on the one-room, unheated, uncooled, leaky shacks to \$25 per month, setting off a massive rent strike among the tenants.

County officials investigated the camps and condemned the shacks, finding 52 violations of health and building codes.

A District Judge later upheld the rent strike and condemned the rent increases as illegal. Under all this pressure, the TCHA finally moved to improve the deplorable conditions in the camps. The present ground-breaking ceremonies, after three years of delays, will begin construction of improved housing which is long overdue.

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# Students strike in Texas

ELSA, TEXAS--Militant students at Edcouch-Elsa High School in Texas walked out of their classrooms on November 14 and refused to return to class until a list of their demands were considered by the School Board.

The walk-out came after a meeting of the Board, which the students expected to present their list of 15 grievances, was cancelled without explanation.

The students' demands included "the immediate halt of discrimination against Mexican-American students," "the right to speak Spanish on campus without being submitted to humiliating and unjust punishments," and the improvement of educational facilities and the quality of instruction.

The students had attempted to present their grievances in normal channels, but when they announced they would attend the November 11 meeting of the School Board, the meeting was cancelled. They had also spoken with the superintendent of schools, but he advised them that the School Board would have to consider their grievances.

Little ever happens in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, which has an overwhelmingly Mexican population. The school is located between the towns of Edcouch and Elsa, which are about 1 mile apart in the northern part of Hidalgo County. Most of the students are the children of farm workers.

Thirty-one students were expelled as a result of the boycott. Others were forced to apologize for their actions. Federal Judge Reynaldo Garza of Brownsville later ordered the expelled students back to school, since the law requires a hearing before schools can take such action against the students.

The students had the support of their parents in most cases. Attorney Robert Sanchez, who represented the students, said most of the improvements they demanded



*Mexican - American students in Elsa - Edcouch High School demanded an end to discrimination and an upgrading of the quality of education in this South Texas community.*

"were long overdue."

About 85 percent of the students are of Mexican descent, and they rebelled against what they said were favoritism shown in the school towards Anglo students and discrimination against Chicanos. At the heart of the problem is the students' desire to have the rich Mexican cultural tradition recognized in their classrooms.

One student summed up the situa-

tion by saying, "We're tired of getting pushed around."

In the meantime, legal maneuverings continued in Brownsville, in hopes that the courts would forbid the expulsion of students by extra-legal procedures.

State Senator Joe Bernal told a rally in Edcouch, "These students are saying what we didn't say when we were young or students. They are asking for dignity and respect."

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# SUBSIDIZED GROWERS SCORN WELFARE

MADERA COUNTY, CA.--81 percent of Madera County growers who receive farm subsidies between \$5,000 and \$133,000 per year oppose a guaranteed annual income of \$4,500 for a family of seven, a recent survey shows.

Ninety-four percent oppose providing a minimum of \$4,000 to a family of five.

Stanford graduate student Robin Yeamans recently conducted telephone interviews with growers in Madera County, which ranks as the 37th wealthiest agricultural county in the nation.

It has the highest concentration of poor families (29.8 percent) in California, and its infant mortality rate is among the highest (10.1 per 1,000) in the state.

Growers there received \$3,008,901 in farm subsidies in 1966.

Here are some comments from growers interviewed in the survey.

"Giving causes loss of pride," said the wife of a Madera County grower who opposed federal welfare assistance to the poor. Her husband received \$29,000 in cash from the Feds in 1966.

"The Bible says a man should work," said a grower who opposed federal aid to the poor, but grabbed \$18,000 for himself in 1966 farm subsidies.

"I can't understand having things handed to you," said the wife of a grower, but evidently her husband could understand the \$16,000 crop subsidy he received in 1966.

"Idleness causes many evils," said a grower who got \$8,000 in 1966 from crop subsidy programs but opposes all federal aid to the poor.

The following comments came from growers who received from \$7,000 to \$27,000 each in farm subsidies in 1966:

"Everybody should have it as hard as I did."

"Anyone healthy shouldn't get more than what they can earn."

"We don't want to create generations of idle people."

Miss Yeamans showed only eight percent of the growers or their wives interviewed recognized a parallel between the federal money they get and the federal aid to the poor they oppose.

A total of \$3,281,621,070 was paid to U. S. growers in 1966 by the Federal government. Of the total, \$103,881,250 went to California growers. The bulk of this was for not growing cotton.



The march in Toronto, Canada. See story on page 5 of this issue. Fotos by Morden Lazarus, Ontario Federation of Labour.



# Letters



Editor:

Imagine my surprise when I received December 1 issue today, only a day after December 11 I think that your paper is really hip. Thanks especially for the tuf pix of Jaime "Scoop" Reyes. Keep up the good work and good luck.

Please feel free to print my letter in next copy of your fantastic sheet.

*Tommy Dee*

Bryn Mawr, Pa  
Dec. 3, 1968

We suspect Mr. Dee got EL MALCRIADO confused with "Movie Passion" or some similar magazine, but we print his letter because the praise is so heart-warming.

*The Editor*

Editor:

Please take me off your mailing list. The contribution I made was in the name of the Pastor, Rev. C. J. Wood and with parish funds for the "poor" people. This in no way means to show on what side of the dispute I am on.

God Bless,

*(Rev.) Louis Gutierrez*  
St. Ann's Church  
Santa Monica, California

## YOU ARE THE GROWERS!

Editor:

I hope you'll excuse my anonymity--I'm a foreigner and in danger of being deported for political activity. Having grown up in a country where unions are strong, I am disgusted by the robber barons who exploit workers here, especially farm workers.

One little point--you, of all people, should not call the robbers GROW-

ERS. They don't grow the grapes--you do! They should be called owners, which is all they are, and one day they won't be even that. But it's you who are, and always will be, the true and honorable growers.

*Viva la Causa!*  
*A Student*

San Francisco, Ca.  
December 6, 1968

## CATHOLIC WORKER

Dear Friends,

We are always delighted to get EL MALCRIADO, and hope to have a story about the farm workers in the Catholic Worker next issue and also an appeal for subscriptions to your paper.

We are so glad to have the Spanish issue, for the beautiful illustrations. You should have them in the English edition too. Could we reproduce them in the CW? You are welcome to any of ours.

Love to all of you,

*Dorothy Day*

Tivoli, New York  
December 4, 1968

## "I AM WITH YOU"

Editor:

Though I am a long way from your area of struggle, I want you to know I am with your movement and leader the marvelous and wonderful man, Sr. Cesar Chavez. I do hope he will regain his health and strength and continue to lead such a great revolution to free the farm worker across this country.

I was given very much information through your local leader Sr. Julio Hernandez.

Sincerely,

*J. Edward Jorie*

East Cleveland, Ohio  
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# Di Giorgio Sales Involve Huge Water, Cotton Subsidies

The three companies which are purchasing the Di Giorgio ranch have not all been involved in the grape strike, but the M. Caratan Vineyards was one of the original ranches when workers went out on strike in September, 1965, and Sabovich Ranch was also truck. All are large agribusiness corporations owning thousands of acres apiece. Ironically, Di Giorgio was forced to sell the land under provisions of a law aimed at encouraging small farmers.

The sales of Di Giorgio's land resulted from an agreement between the Di Giorgio corporation and the Federal Government, under which Di Giorgio received subsidized water for irrigation of thousands of acres of land in Tulare and Kern Counties. Di Giorgio holdings far exceeded the "160 acre limitation," which was designed to help small farmers irrigate their lands while limiting the amount of free or government-subsidized water provided to large growers. Di Giorgio made an agreement with the federal government by which he would receive unlimited water subsidies for a 10-year period, after which he would sell off his "excess lands."

In 1967, all but 400 of Di Giorgio's 4,400 acres outside Delano were sold. The present sale includes the remaining 400 acres plus the 8,600-acre "Home Ranch" in the Arvin-Lamont area south of Bakersfield.

According to the Fresno Bee of December 8, E. J. and M. M. Sabovich purchased 1,280 acres of the Lamont ranch.

"They purchased the blocks in varying sizes and combinations of purchasers to qualify under the 160-acre limit regulations," the Bee quoted Bureau of Reclamation officials as saying.

The Bureau estimated the land of the vineyards at a value of \$1, 200-\$1,800 per acre. Another large purchaser, M. Caratan of Delano, is buying \$475,000 of Di Giorgio's



Selling the family Farm

*Mr. and Mrs.  
Robert  
DiGiorgio*

land. Thus both of these "family farmers" are buying about a half-million dollars' worth of land.

Both are members of the California Grape and Tree Fruit League, which recently attempted to block enforcement of the \$1.65 minimum wage for women, claiming grape growers are unable to afford such "high" wages.

The biggest purchases of Di Giorgio's land were made by the S. A. Camp ranch, which is estimated to have acquired about \$5 million worth. Camp is no newcomer to agriculture, having built his empire in Kern County during the 1920's and 1930's. The Camp family has been prominent in Democratic politics, and W. B. Camp, brother of S. A. Camp, was an assistant director of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA) during the days of the New Deal under President Franklin Roosevelt.

As head of the cotton division, Camp helped push through the cot-

ton subsidy program, which has since become an annual \$3 billion giveaway.

W. B. Camp himself collected \$238,816 in federal subsidies during 1967, according to the Congressional Record. The payments were primarily for cotton Not grown. S. A. Camp collected \$517,285 for the cotton he did not grow last year.

While UFWOC's contracts with other ranches are protected by successor clauses guaranteeing that purchasers or leasees will be required to abide by the provisions of collective bargaining agreements, the Di Giorgio workers do not have such a clause protecting them.

But all Union members have a stake in seeing to it that the Di-Giorgio workers do not lose the benefits of their contract. As one worker put it, "The victories we have won so far will mean nothing if we cannot continue to organize new ranches and maintain the contracts which expire on the old ones."



# SACRAMENTO EYES FARM LABOR LEGISLATION

SACRAMENTO, December 11: California legislators are talking more and more about passing some kind of legislation to deal with farm labor disputes, according to a series of interviews appearing recently in the press. Talk has centered on bills to outlaw boycotts, outlaw strikes at harvest, and, though this has low priority in most discussions, providing a framework for collective bargaining negotiations between growers and farm workers.

More "liberal" growers and even Governor Reagan are talking about raising minimum wages for farm workers (at present, \$1.15 an hour, for men, \$1.35 for minors, and \$1.65 for women, though the latter are not enforced) and providing some kind of unemployment insurance for farm workers. Both proposals are aimed as much at cutting the ground out from under the United Farm Workers organizing drive as improving conditions for farm workers.

Senator Walter Stiern, D-Bakersfield, has proposed a law calling for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes in agriculture. His proposal would outlaw strikes at harvest time. Governor Reagan's "Farm Labor Program" calls for passage of a

action at the federal level to deal with farm labor disputes.

State Senator Howard Way, Rep-Exeter, a former grape grower, commented, "I sense a growing awareness on the part of farmers that they can no longer turn their backs on this problem, that something must be done."

Way suggested studying the situation in Hawaii, where farm workers are covered by a "Little Wagner

Act" and can petition for union representation elections. Farm workers in Hawaii have the highest wages in the nation, are covered by collective bargaining agreements in the main industries (sugar and pineapples), have unemployment insurance, health insurance and pension plans, and most of the benefits that industrial workers in this country enjoy.



## Grower Proposes Anti Strike Bill

SAN FRANCISCO, December 4--O. W. Fillerup, head of the Council of California Growers, today suggested prompt action on state and Federal legislation to settle farm labor disputes.

Fillerup, long a bitter opponent of the unionization of farm workers, and a spokesman for growers who have most strenuously resisted the Union's demands for elections and collective bargaining agreements, recommended a program "which would, of course, include (union representation) elections which could result in collective bargaining."

"The time has come for legislation, at the federal level if possible, to settle labor disputes," he said. The state should act, if the national Congress does not," he added.

Fillerup's proposals indicate a growing concern on the part of corporate agriculture in California over the effectiveness of UFWOC's boycott of California table grapes. According to Harry Bernstein, labor editor for the Los Angeles Times, Fillerup's proposal "was the first strong call from California agriculture for farm labor legislation, although some grower groups have previously indicated the need for such laws in a general way."

Fillerup called for a "special system...with a board or commission, which would take into account the unique factors of agriculture, such as the perishable nature of the product."

Such suggestions are usually designed to set the stage for outlawing strikes at harvest time.

Farm workers, however, feel the strike is the workers' last resort, his inalienable right, and that nothing should limit this right to strike except a contract in which the workers agrees to a "no-strike" clause in return for job security, decent wages and the other benefits.

Fillerup's proposals, while offering no "solution" to the farm labor problem, indicate that some growers are at least aware that a "problem" does exist. Evidently growers are at last beginning to suffer a little themselves from the chaos in agricultural labor relations, just as farm workers have suffered for decades. Perhaps Fillerup's proposals will start a dialogue, discussions, or even that frightening word, "negotiations" word, "negotiations" between the Union and growers. The time for such a dialogue seems long overdue.



State Sen. Walter Stiern

very minimum state unemployment insurance program for farm workers, but Reagan and most large Agribusiness organizations call for



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## BOSTON

BOSTON, November 28--Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston announced his support of the boycott of California table grapes and vowed he would refrain from eating grapes until the dispute between grapes growers and the workers was settled. The Cardinal also endorsed the stand by the Bishops and Archbishops of California who unanimously called for the extension of the National Labor Relations Act to cover farm workers.

The Cardinal's statement came shortly after the annual fall meeting of the Bishops, Archbishops and Cardinals of the United States met in Washington and issued a strong statement in behalf of the rights of farm workers to organize.

## SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, December 10--Lupe Murguía announced today that the San Francisco and Bay Areas Delano Support Committee will sponsor a caravan to Delano on December 21. Murguía, representative for the UFWOC in the Bay Area, said that the caravan will leave the Mission District (24th and Alabama) between 7:30 and 8 AM on the 21st. Delegations from the Labor Movement, the Brown Berets, student groups, church groups, and concerned individuals will be participating. YOU are invited--JOIN US, Murguía said. For information call 655-3256 in Oakland.



## WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, November 28--The Federal Government has issued new regulations for visitors crossing the border from Mexico into the United States. The new entry permit will be dated and will be good for 15 days for Mexican citizens coming to the U.S. to visit, shop, or do business. It is valid only within 25 miles of the border.

The new regulations replace the "72-hour pass" which could be used within 150 miles of the border. The "72-hour pass" regulations were widely abused by people who used the pass to gain entrance to the U.S. and then got a job and remained in the country illegally. The new regulations are designed to curb this practice.

Union spokesmen were doubtful, however, that the new regulations would be any more adequately enforced than the old ones. And the new regulations avoid the much more serious problem of regulating the "Green Card" program. Since growers, Congressmen, Senators, Department of Justice officials, and Immigration Department officials all seem determined that the existing regulations will not be enforced, the passing of new regulations does not represent any improvement of the situation.

## CHICAGO

CHICAGO, December 10--The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee scored major victories in the Midwest in its boycott of California table grapes this week. Eliseo Medina, UFWOC leader in Chicago, reports that Jewel Tea, with over 230 stores in Illinois, removed all grapes from its shelves. Two other major chains followed suit. And in Michigan, Lupe Anguiano, UFWOC chairman, reports that Eastern Michigan is almost clean of grapes, with statements by 6 major chains to stop handling the scab product.

The boycott is also growing stronger in downstate Illinois and in Indiana, Medina reports. The "Calumet Area Pro Farm Workers Committee" led by Lalo Gonzales and Robert Murillo has scored successes in Hammond, East Chicago, Whiting, Gary, and Munster, Indiana. Mayor John Nicosia of East Chicago and Gary's Mayor Richard Hatcher have endorsed the boycott and more and more groups and citizens are becoming aware of the farm workers' problems. "It's groups like the 'Calumet Area Pro Farm Workers Committee' that are taking La Causa to every corner of the nation," Medina said.



## DELANO

Perelli-Minetti workers with seniority are requested to register immediately for work during the pruning season, which begins next month, according to hiring hall director Manuel Sanchez.

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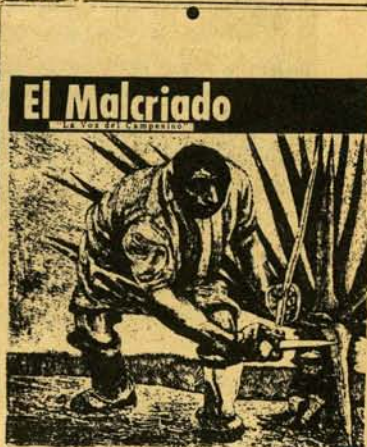
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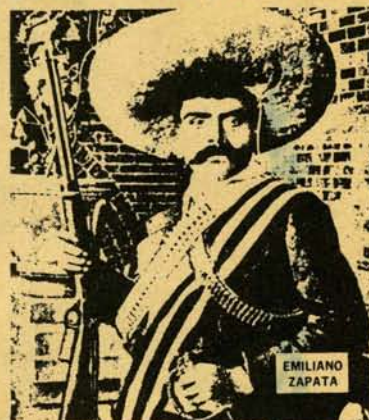
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("ENOUGH"), THE TALE OF OUR STRUGGLE. Photos by George Ballis.

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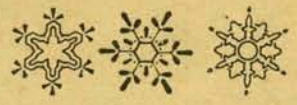
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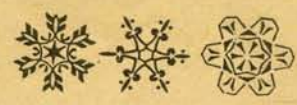
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