



# El Malcriado

THE VOICE OF THE FARM WORKER

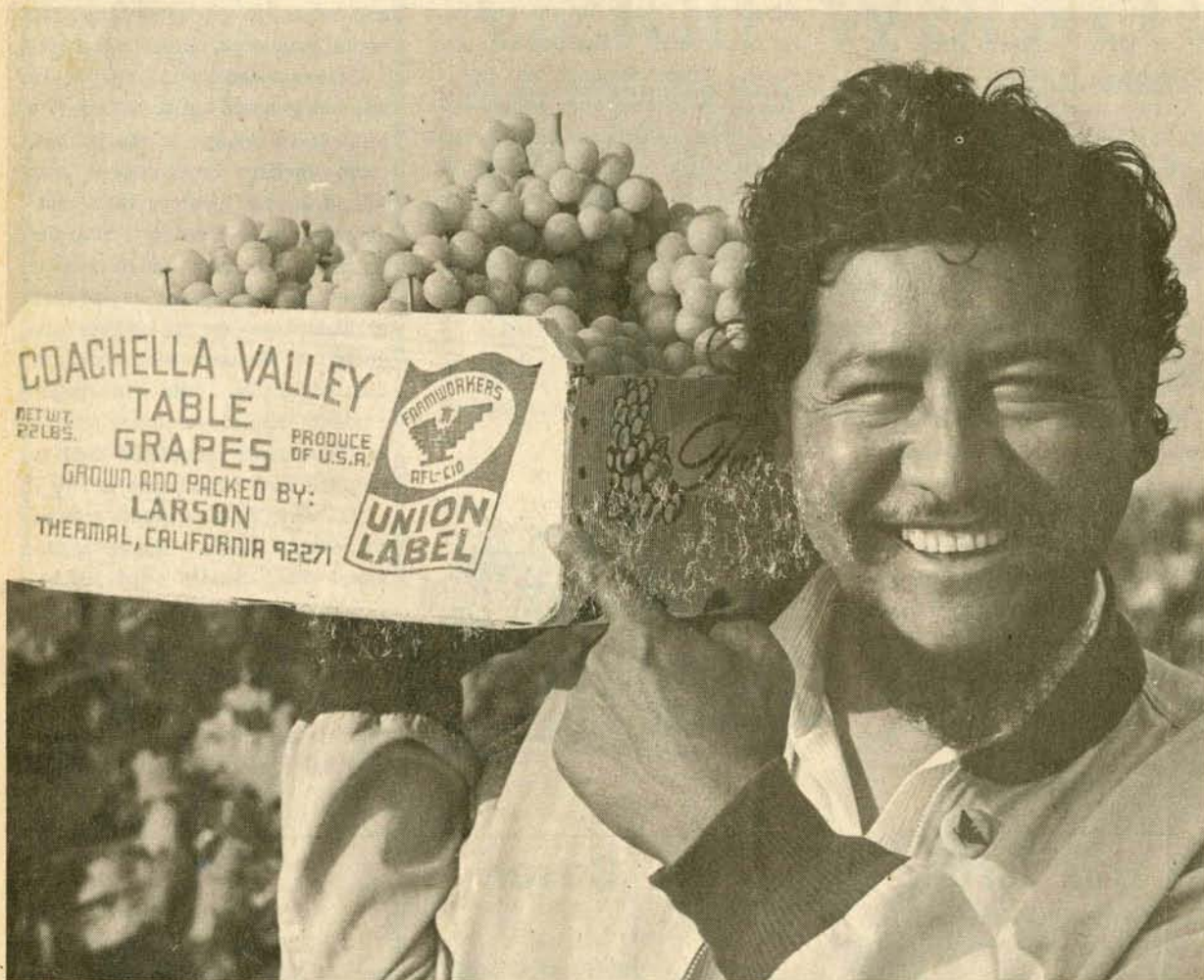
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**BULLETIN:**

More growers to sign with U.F.W.O.C.

**UNION PROTECTION  
EXPANDS TO INCLUDE  
MELON AND PEACH WORKERS**

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## EDITORIAL

# STUDENTS- Now Our Allies In The Struggle For Justice

Students have been among the most important allies in the struggle of the farm workers since the strike began in 1965. They came to Delano to walk picket lines, to work as organizers and as office personnel. They have gone to work on the boycott in distant cities. They have lived on a shoestring, never asking anything in return. Without their help the strike might have been lost.

Not only is UFWOC grateful for its student support. The Farm Workers Union also supports the struggle the students are waging against the injustices they face in our society, especially within the educational system of our country.

Farm workers also realize that education is geared toward making an affluent and warlike society more affluent and warlike, rather than with alleviating poverty and suffering.

On June 1st, 1970, Cesar Chavez

spoke to Chicano students and their supporters at a rally in Fresno. He told them: "The students are right. Their demands are just. The day has come when school systems have to educate for the needs of the people and not to the system. No longer does a student just want to know the problem. He wants to find the answers. When he

goes beyond the academic realm and seeks to do something about social problems, the school rebels."

Chavez added that the farm worker who has gone on strike has educated himself by doing. In the process, farm workers have done a better job than the professionals the growers have hired to break the union. The farm union leader stated that farm workers and their children who go to college are going to demand that they be treated justly. He also urged students to become more involved in community problems and to help the strike and boycott.

EL MALCRIADO pays tribute to today's youth. Never before have young people been so generous and dedicated, and never before have they faced such bitterness and repression. May their efforts continue to win justice and dignity for the victims of poverty and oppression throughout the land.



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## Cover:

Richard Chavez, brother of Cesar Chavez, displays a box of union label grapes during the Coachella Valley harvest. Chavez is the Executive Director of the National Farm Workers Service Center in Delano. He is a carpenter by trade, and has supervised the construction of the Farmworkers Coop Service Station and the new UFWOC headquarters both located one mile west of Delano. In the past year Richard has initiated several new branch offices of the NFWSC. He lives in Delano with his wife, Celia, and their four daughters: Dorothy (18), Becky (16), Susan (14), and Lupita (7). His son, Freddie (19) is a Freshman at UCLA.



# TWO-DAY STRIKE IN CALIFORNIA'S IMPERIAL VALLEY 100% EFFECTIVE

For the last six months, Manuel Chavez Cesar's cousin, has been working in Imperial County organizing farm workers on both sides of the border. The target: a massive harvesttime strike against one of the area's melon growers. Unlike grapes and many other crops, melons must be harvested and shipped out within 3 or 4 days of ripening and the growers, therefore, are extremely vulnerable. This presents a problem to the organizer also. An agreement must be made with the grower on the first or second day of the walk-out or the plans and sacrifices of the strike become meaningless. There is no time for a boycott. The economic pressure on the melon grower must be immediate and total. The following is Cris Sanchez' account of the 2-day strike at the Abatti Brothers Produce Co., a major melon grower in Calexico. Abatti has about 1,200 acres yielding \$1,100,000 a year.

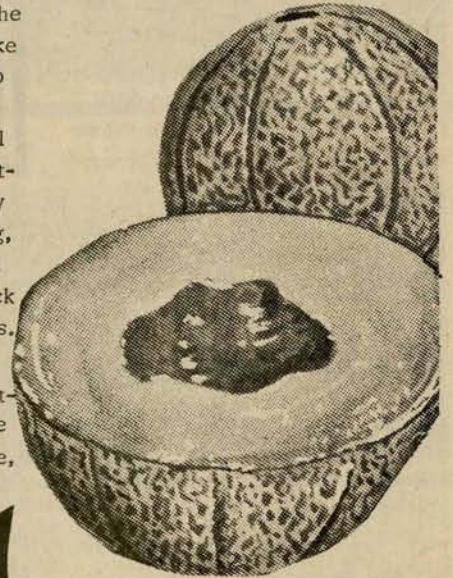
## U.F.W.O.C. to Represent Melon Workers



When we received the news in Delano that 200 workers in the Imperial Valley had gone on strike on June 4th, I went to Calexico UFWOC attorney, Jerry Cohen. Jerry was sent to advise Manuel Chavez about the fantastic injunction he had been issued the day before. It prohibited picketing, gathering, sitting, standing and marching, and even the use of black and red flags around Abatti's fields.

Jerry said that it was unconstitutional. "If one judge can outlaw red and black flags, maybe the next judge will outlaw red, white, and blue ones," he told reporters.

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### DECISION TIME

Back at the office, Jerry Bre-shears of the Packinghouse Workers Union told us that Abatti talked to him, was scared, and might sign if more pressure was put on him. Abatti was losing over \$30,000 a day in rotting melons. That set-

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Cohen had talked to the chief judge of the District Court of Appeals in San Diego. The judge agreed to have a hearing on the injunction on the following Monday. But the workers refused to go back to work, and Abatti was finally forced to settle with UFWOC.





# MELON STRIKE

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tled it -- tomorrow we would pull the men out.

SATURDAY- The kid from Mexico brought the leaflets at 3:30 a.m. We sent some down to the border crossing to be passed out to the green carders as they came from Mexico to the U.S. in daily search for work.

## SLAVES IN THE U.S.

We took the rest to 'El Hoyo', the slave market, which is run by the U.S. Government. It rents workers to growers and contractors. 'El Hoyo' is an awful place: rows of trucks line one side, and mass of humans are on the other waiting to be packed up together and shipped to the ripe fields. Today there was on difference: a third column of farm workers, UFWOC members with our outlawed red eagle flags, and workers who had struck Abatti the day before. Their quiet pleas of "No trabajo con Abatti hoy" mixed with the Employment Bureau men's shouts of "Watermelon pickers over here... canteloupes on the left...ckenshaw melon over there...cotton choppers in these trucks over here..."

As the people filled the busses, we saw that Abatti's stayed empty. Nobody went near them. The radio announcements and leaflets had had their effect.

Even earlier, scouts had gone out to Abatti's fields to see if any scabs had come yet. We were all nervous. This was the crucial day. The busses crammed with workers had started to move out, and we wondered...

## WORKERS FOOLED

Sure enough. The scouts came and reported some scabs at a certain struck field. The driver of a Jackson Farms bus had told his workers they were going to a non-struck ranch, then took them deep into an Abatti cantelope field. The scout said he already talked to some of those workers near a road

and told them this was not Jackson, that they had been tricked. The surprised workers went to tell the others. He also said a sheriff had come and wanted to "talk to Manuel".

When our caravan of 50-60 people arrived we called out to the workers deep in the fields with the bull horn to come out, and explained to them how they had been coerced. All the workers walked out, hollering "HUELGA" and "VIVA CHAVEZ". They signed authorization cards and we assured



them that we wouldn't allow them to be blackballed. That's what the Union is for. They would get jobs with Abatti when he signed a contract, and until then a place to sleep and food and \$5 a week.

## COPS AMAZED AT OUR NON-VIOLENCE

Our line numbered about 200 then, all farm workers, most from Mexicali and Calexico. Several carloads of cops came to help the sheriff arrest all us injunction-breakers, but I guess they weren't prepared for what they found. Here was no handful of outside agitators throwing stones at scabs, but rather 200 genuine Abatti workers peacefully deciding which field to hit next. Hardly anyone noticed the cops, and no arrests were made.

There was a strong sense of

solidarity and organization in our group of strikers. Everyone had something to do; no one stood back or was ashamed. The object was clear--to clean out Abatti's fields. The cantelopes could rot in the fields before a single worker would go back in and break the strike.

## GREEN WORKERS PICK GREEN FRUIT

We knew that Abatti had requested the local high school board to let school out a week early so he could use the kids to break the strike. This request was denied, but today was a Saturday. The promise of extra spending money (at \$2 an hour, Abatti was by far the highest paying grower in the area that day) would certainly send many kids into his fields. A strike or a Union would mean nothing to the kids, for they had no family to support, and probably would never do another day of field work in their lives.

We decided to see how these 15-year old scabs were doing, now that the sun was up and it was beginning to get hot. We went to the field opposite Lions Road. The kids, all but two of them Anglos, were completely unprepared for the difficulty of this kind of work. They had no hats, sweating and itching in the fierce sun, were unable to lift the heavy melon filled sacks onto the trucks, picked unripe melons, etc. The kids quit early. Abatti would surely lose money on this kid-picked field, and we felt sorry for him... almost.

## THE FINAL CREW

The scouts again came and told us that farm workers (real ones) had shown up at one of Abatti's watermelon fields a half mile down the road. Our caravan had by then enlarged to include 2 sheriffs' cars, several more cops, reporters, Border Patrol, local growers, foremen and irrigators from nearby ranches, workers at a dairy



# MELON STRIKE

ranch across the road, and other curious spectators.

We led our following down a narrow road into the watermelon field, where the women in the crew had cut but not yet bagged or loaded the melons. I guess those watermelons are still sitting there between the rows, because the cutters and loaders all joined the picket line in just minutes.

Then from nowhere came Ben Abatti in a pickup, looking frustrated, and behind him a beaming Manuel Chavez with the announcement that all the scabs were out and that Abatti would talk to the workers and the Union immediately.

What had happened was this: Because the "spectators" were nearly as numerous as the strikers, Manuel had been able to slip away unnoticed to Abatti's main field. There he pulled out the last remaining crew. The strike was complete, and Abatti knew it.

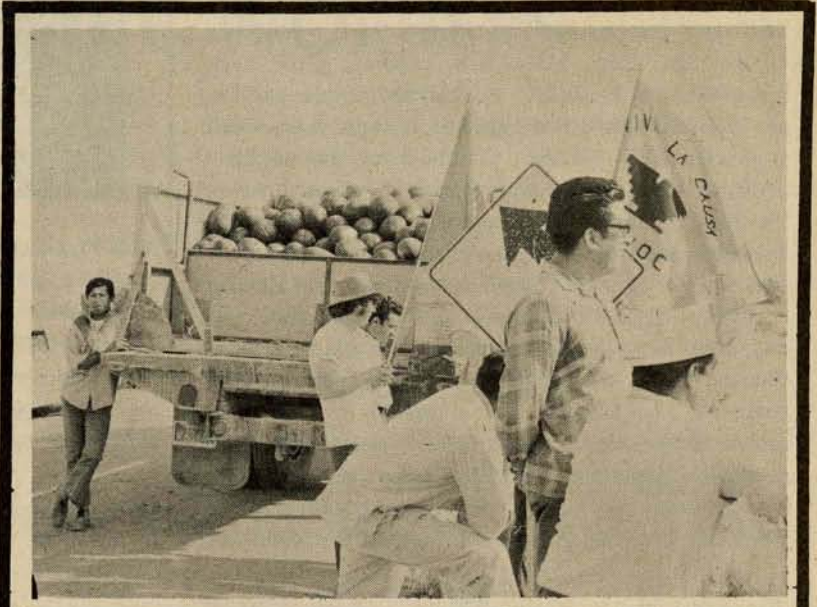
## AGREEMENT REACHED

At a meeting held later that day, Manuel Chavez and Ben Abatti came to this agreement:

1. The workers would vote on whether or not they wanted a Union.
2. If they do, a contract will be negotiated.
3. If they don't want a Union, U.F.W.O.C. has promised to keep the organizers away from Abatti workers for one year.
4. The strike is over. Workers can return to the fields and rescue Abatti's crops.

A word about the cops: most of them were young, and in contrast to Kern County police, they never once harassed us, and were not hostile or impolite to the workers one bit. I think our dedication to nonviolence had a lot to do with that!

EL MALCRIADO SAYS: Viva Manuel Chavez! We won't say where the Union is sending him next, but growers across the country had better hide under their beds... Paternalism won't satisfy farm workers any more.



On page 3, Manuel Chavez, organizer of the two-day melon strike, explains the reasons behind Thursday's walk-out.

On page 4, Young boys learn that farm work is no picnic. Those melon sacks must weigh a ton!

On page 5, (top) It's early morning: a group of strikers call out to workers in an Abatti watermelon field.

(middle) Several Imperial County Police study U.F.W.O.C.'s peaceful picketting methods. No scabs in sight yet.

(bottom) Workers hear that the grower has lied to them, and quickly decide to leave the struck field.



COACHELLA, CA JUNE 6, 1970 -- The Coachella Valley was the site of a very successful Chicano Student Rally today. The rally, sponsored by M.E.C.H.A. (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanos ddn Aztlan) and run by Carlos Legrette and Jose Uribe of the San Diego M.E.C.H.A. chapter, drew about three thousand students. While the growers, police, and National Guard had expected trouble, there were no incidents. Instead, the students showed their solidarity with the farm workers. Over cries of "Viva la huelga" and "Boycott non-union grapes", speakers Bert Corona, Abe Tapia, and Ralph Guzman spoke of the Chicano movement and history.

Corky Gonzalez of Denver, Colorado, spoke on the need for Chicano unity, and the release of all Chicano political prisoners. The author of the poem "I Am Joaquin" got a standing ovation as he called for a general strike of all Mexican-American people for September 16, 1970. Gonzalez, who heads the Crusade for Justice, has brought awareness to thousands of young Chicanos throughout the Southwest.



*Farm workers and students from all over California gather to hear Chicano leaders urge commitment to La Causa.*

"A wrong done to one is a wrong done to all of us. If you go to school just to get a diploma, then that is wrong. You are hurting not only yourself, but others. You have to be students, you have to stand up to these problems. The fastest way to solve a

# worker-student coalition seen



*Corky Gonzalez of Denver's Crusade for Justice and UFWOC leader Cesar Chavez at rally in Coachella.*

problem is to work together.

"We, the farm workers, have been struggling for five years. We have found that by working together we can accomplish our goals. Today, with your being here, you show your concern for the farm workers' problems. With your help we can end this long fight."



*Viva la Union!*

When Corky introduced Cesar Chavez, the students stood for ten minutes, shouting and clapping. "This fight is the fight of all. You students have done a good job. We have to respect all, from the very small to the very large," Cesar told the students.



# PANICKING GROWERS GET EXPENSIVE WORKERS

EL CENTRO, JUNE 8, 1970 -- When Imperial Valley growers saw the effectiveness of UFWOC organizing and the resultant strike at Abatti Bros. melon ranch, they panicked. Their fear that their own workers would follow the example set by Abatti's last week drove them to a hasty and poorly planned action: they advertised on the radio for workers, asking especially for high school age recruits. The 'clever' growers, in their frantic attempt to create a backlog workforce, had forgotten one thing. California law does not permit child (under 16) labor.

So when 160 youngsters showed up from Yuma, Arizona, growers had to send more than a third back home to Mother. Growers have housed the remaining youths at a motel, free of charge, paid for all their food, and promised them a wage of \$2.00 an hour. Farm workers, on the other hand, get \$1.65 an hour, pay to live in animal camps, and must provide their own beans. Mr. Grower, get smart -- at the rate you're going, a Union contract would be cheaper than maintaining those kids....



## Roberts Farms Signs!

On Wednesday, June 10th, the United Farm Workers signed a precedent setting contract with Hollis B. Roberts of Roberts Farms Incorporated of McFarland, California. Roberts is one of the largest fruit and nut growers in California. He owns and manages 46,798 acres of land. His nurseries contain over 400,000 trees, and his employees exceed 4500 during the year.

UFWOC conducted a strike against Roberts Farms two years ago. In its last edition, El Malcriado announced that over 70 Roberts workers went on strike in Kingsburg in the last week of May. It was this pressure

## 50,000 ACRES IN A VARIETY OF CROPS; HIRING HALL TO HANDLE 4500 WORKERS

and a willingness to negotiate that led to the speedy June 10th pact.

The contract is similar to the grape agreements, including \$1.75 per hour wage plus 10 cents an hour which will be contributed to the Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Plan, plus a union hiring hall.

The contract was announced at a press conference in McFarland chaired by Bishop Joseph Donnelly of the Catholic Bishops Farm Labor Committee. Donnelly praised the spirit of cooperation that prevailed throughout the negotiations, and commended the assistance given by

Rich Richardson of the Central Labor Council of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Hollis Roberts said that he was impressed by the negotiations and felt that Cesar Chavez and his negotiators had dealt with him in good faith. Chavez commented that Roberts was extremely honest and truthful in his dealings with the union, and was exceptional among the employers that UFWOC has dealt with thusfar. The farm labor leader added that he felt pleased with the contract--"the largest one we have to date," he added.



*Above: Cesar Chavez and Hollis Roberts sign the \$1.85 an hour pact between Union and grower.*

*Above, left: three of the strikers in last month's walk-out at Roberts Farms peach orchards.*



**GROWERS DUMP SCAB GRAPES THROUGHOUT THE U.S....**

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**BOYCOTT SUPPORT BUILDS IN HUNDREDS OF SMALL CITIES**

# ...BUT NOBODY IS BUYING!

## Growers search for new markets

The strength of the grape boycott has already produced ten contracts with the table grape industry. Two of the most recent contracts were signed with Bianco and Dispo, who have large holdings in the Delano area. But other grape growers are in real trouble. Prices have dropped on the grapes, and major market cities are refusing to buy scab grapes.

But growers are frantically looking for new markets across the United States and in Canada. One Delano

## THE BOYCOTT REVISITED

Rallies, demonstrations, and marches have taken place in every major city of the U.S. and in parts of Canada to bring the boycott to the attention of the public, especially the housewife.

Chavez' union counts among its supporters such men as the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern and a host of other national leaders. Its foes, besides the growers, include Governor Ronald Reagan, Senator George Murphy and Vice-President Spiro Agnew. Agnew ate grapes at his inaugural banquet.

Growers have manipulated the local and federal courts to restrict picketing activities in the vineyards, but have not been able to stop the boycott.

In April of 1969, growers launched a multi-million dollar publicity campaign against UFWOC, but it failed. Whittaker and Baxter, the PR firm that campaigned for Barry Goldwater in 1968, promised growers that they would put the boycott out of business in one year. The surest proof of their failure are the ten new contracts and an extremely powerful boycott.

Growers are now trying to spread the word that the boycott has terminated so that they can sell their scab grapes.

Only two per cent of the table grape industry is now organized. The remaining 98 per cent are trying to sell their scab grapes.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ON BOYCOTT '70, PLEASE WRITE TO US. THE GRAPE BOYCOTT, P.O. BOX 130, DELANO CALIFORNIA 93215, OR CONTACT OUR BOYCOTT OFFICES IN YOUR OWN CITY.

A sampling of boycott activities in major cities appears on the following pages...



grower has gone all the way to Japan in search of a new market.

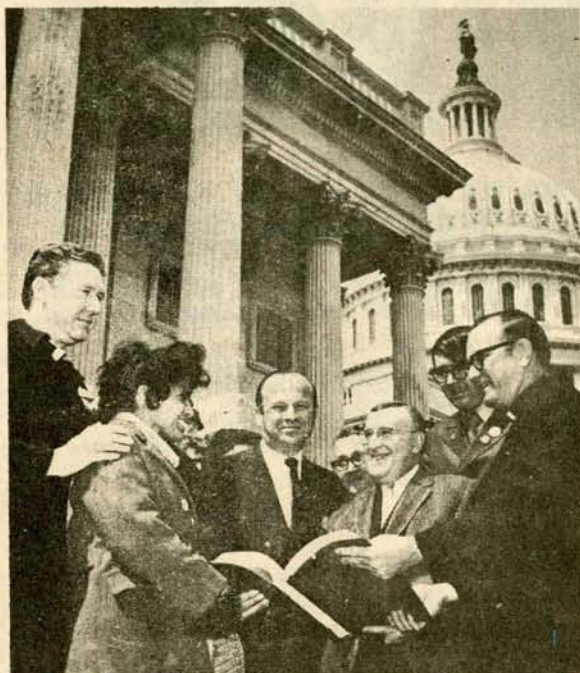
Meanwhile students, labor unions, churches, and other support groups are preparing for what promises to be the most intense boycott effort to date. Boycott support committees are being organized everywhere from Waxahachie, Texas to Limerick, Maine.

The international grape boycott went into full swing when the Giumarra Vineyards Corporation began to use the labels of other growers to fight the boycott UFWOC had begun against the 9000 acre operation. When all grape growers refused to discuss recognition procedures with the union, the boycott was extended to cover all table grapes.



# PHILADELPHIA-

## 50,000 sign boycott petition



In April, a group of over 100 Philadelphians journeyed to Washington D.C. to present petitions signed by over 50,000 Philadelphia area residents calling for justice for farm workers. The petition campaign, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Cardinal's commission on human relations, called on Congress to extend to farm workers the rights and protections long enjoyed by other American workers. The rally was hosted by Congressman Green who reminded the group that legislation took a long time to get through Congress--and that the most effective way to help farm workers was to join forces with the grape boycott. Mrs Hope Lopez, director of the Philadelphia grape boycott called on all Philadelphia residents to pressure their stores into discontinuing the purchase of non-union grapes. Pictured above are Monsignor Philip Dowling, Mrs. Hope Lopez, Congressmen Joshua Eilberg and William Barrett, Jim Shaw, and Fr. Charles Devlin.

Book contains petitions signed by more than 50,000 Philadelphia residents.



# CLEVELAND-

## protests Department of Defense grape purchases

The Ohio Coalition of Grape Boycott Committees reports a renewed interest in the farm workers struggle throughout the state. New offices have been opened up throughout Ohio, and citizens are busy protesting Defense Department purchases of scab grapes. In the picture, Mayor Carl Stokes of Cleveland supports Cesar Chavez and the table grape boycott.



# TORONTO-

## fiesta celebrates contract victories



On May 30th, Toronto boycotters held a picnic Fiesta to celebrate the recent signing of the new contracts. A rally featured speakers from labor and church groups as well as the mayor of Toronto.



# CHICAGO-

## funeral held for poisoned grapes



On May 4th, the president of Jewel Food Stores, Harry G. Beckner, officially announced that Jewel Food Stores would not offer table grapes for sale to their customers.

An anti-pesticide demonstration was also staged here against the Food and Drug Administration. Over 100 people participated in the demonstration protesting the lack of controls on dangerous pesticides. During the demonstration, a mock funeral was held symbolizing the effects of poisonous scab grapes. Protestors also issued a statement asking Illinois Attorney General William Scott to order a moratorium on the use of all dangerous pesticides on food grown in the state of Illinois, to prohibit the importation into Illinois of contaminated foodstuffs, and to take action against growers to stop using pesticides on food destined for human consumption in the state.



# EUROPE-

## unions give support

Donna Haber, UFWOC's European representative, reports that the boycott is getting heavy support, especially in the northern countries. The Swedish Transport Workers Union is doing everything it possibly can to stop the scab grapes. The Swedish Food Workers Union also promises to help as much as they can. Fruit importers are being notified as to the new union labels. Donna has received the same kind of support in Norway and Denmark.



# MIAMI-

## students picket A.F.B.

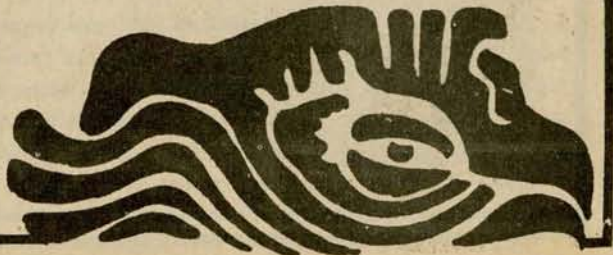
Awareness of the grape strike and boycott has grown a great deal in this southern bastion of conservatism. Perhaps this is due to the Florida Migrant Ministry which has worked hard to help the California grape strikers. University of Miami students have their own boycott committee and recently picketed Homestead Air Force Base to protest the Department of Defense purchase of scab table grapes.

# HARTFORD

## boycott enlists aid of Senate candidate



For the past 14 months, UFWOC organizers in Connecticut have reduced the seasonal sale of table grapes in state markets by 65 per cent. Early in April Joseph Duffey, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate joined Hartford Bishop Donnelly and the state labor leaders in urging Connecticut shoppers to support the table grape boycott.







# NEW YORK CITY

## farm workers day proclaimed

For years New York has been second only to Los Angeles in consumption of table grapes. Now only one chain in the area will touch them. The holdout, Gristede Bros., has been the target of intense picketing by U.F.-W.O.C. boycotters who have established offices in each borough of the city. April 23 was proclaimed FARM WORKERS DAY by the Borough of Queens to "urge all our citizens to assist these neglected people in their non-violent search for economic and social justice by refusing to buy grapes picked by strikebreakers." In the picture, strikers and their supporters sample the first shipment of Union-picked grapes from Coachella.



# MARIN COUNTY

## kids picket: don't eat



Safeway, the largest chain store in the nation, has persistently refused to stop selling scab grapes. And just as persistently, they are being picketed by U.F.W.O.C. supporters. Students at Tamalpais High School, in northern California's Marin County, forgo their lunch hour every day to picket Mill Valley's Safeway. The area's junior high schools have also produced anti-grape picketers at Lucky and Purity markets.

A group called Friends of Delano has been organized to co-ordinate the picketting and fund raising. Additional support was picked up recently when Dolores Huerta, U.F.W.O.C.'s vice-president, spoke to the group on farm worker conditions and the need to control the use of deadly pesticides on grapes and other crops.



# ATLANTA

## flood of endorsements

A campaign to stop the sale of non-union grapes in the Colonial Market chain has resulted in a flood of boycott endorsements from prominent Atlantans. Colonial had once agreed not to handle scab grapes, then reversed its decision. Among those publicly supporting the boycott are State Representative Julian Bond, Reverend Andrew Young of the S.C.L.C., Joi Thompson of the NAACP, district candidate Lonnie King, Oliver Singleton and J.W. Giles of the AFL-CIO, Baptist minister Dr. William Borders, and John Wright of the Atlanta Labor Council. Rev. Young stated: "Every sale of table grapes serves to reassure the affluent growers that they can continue to ignore the quality of existence of their workers."

The Atlanta Friends of the Farm Workers has gathered 4,000 signatures on a petition to boycott Colonial Stores, and presented the petition to officials of Colonial.



# SAN FRANCISCO

## huge chain agrees to boycott scab grapes



Lucky Stores, Inc., in an unprecedented move will no longer sell scab grapes. Lucky Stores are found throughout the West and have been the most stubborn chain next to Safeway to recognize the rights of farm workers. Our thanks to the Bay Area boycotters for their hard work over the past two years. Viva la causa!



# LOUISVILLE

## 300 priests back the boycott

The Senate of Priests of the Archdiocese of Louisville has announced its support of the boycott against scab grapes. The senate represents 300 priests in the Louisville area. Msgr. J.A. O'Brien stated: "We are trying to bring the issue down to the grassroots level. It is our moral judgment that the farm workers are justified in trying to earn a liveable wage."

# BOSTON

## all of New England involved

Boycott activities have been expanded beyond Boston into the other major cities around New England. New offices are opening in Fall River, Worcester, and Springfield, Massachusetts as well as in Providence, Rhode Island, Epping, New Hampshire, Portland, and Bangor, Maine. Support has come from a number of local groups after we showed the film, Decision at Delano. Groups here have been engaged in major mass leafletting action, with a heavy concentration at a number of churches, particularly during the special holidays.

# BALTIMORE

## 3-day march to capitol

The farm workers' bell was wheeled through Maryland to Washington, D.C. at the head of a three day protest march last month. The block-long band of U.F.W.O.C. supporters are protesting the Nixon administration's appetite for grapes -- the Department of Defense has increased its scab grape purchases by 350% since Dickie took office. The demonstration ended with a rally on the steps of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.







# SAN DIEGO-

## boycotters fast, hold workshop



MECHA participants of the Teatro Mestizo

The San Diego boycotters are sending out a newsletter which now reaches about 5000 people. Late in 1969, under the leadership of Carlos Legerette, a "Fast for Freedom" was undertaken. Some of the participants fasted over 5 days in order to "strengthen their commitment to the cause of justice...as well as sensitizing the public regarding the plight of the farm worker." The group belongs to an organization called San Diegans for La Huelga.

In March, the San Diego boycotters received a check for \$1000 from the convention of the National Federation of Priests Councils. In April they began a pledge program which now brings them in over \$100 a month to support the strike and boycott. In May they presented a workshop to educate boycotters on the issues surrounding the farm workers struggle. The hard working SD boycotters report: "Because operations have grown so much, we will be opening a second office in June. We feel that our present progress and growth will help us to draw closer to the goal of justice for America's farm workers."

## SACRAMENTO-



A car caravan hits Safeway markets on a Saturday afternoon in Sacramento.

## INDIANAPOLIS-



S.C.L.C. supporters help boycott a supermarket in Indianapolis, Indiana. Second from left is Maria Salgado, a striker from Earlimart, California.

## BALTIMORE-



Seminarians from St. Mary's Seminary in Catonsville, Maryland, picket a supermarket in Westview, Maryland.

## KANSAS CITY-

Kansas City boycotters report that supermarket chains are promising to carry only union label grapes. Gate collections are being made at United Steel Workers plants as well as at the gate of the United Automobile Workers. Thousands of new leaflets are being passed out in the Kansas City area, and church and civic organizations are spreading the word about the grape boycott in their bulletins.



# FROM OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

DEAR FRIENDS,

ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE MADE USE OF YOUR TALENT AND TIME IN ORDER TO STOP THE SCAB GRAPES.

THE CHAIN STORES IN THE LARGEST CITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ARE REFUSING TO HANDLE NON-UNION LABEL GRAPES. GROWERS AND SHIPPERS ARE NOW TRYING TO CONCENTRATE IN OTHER AREAS.

WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE THE HELP OF INDIVIDUAL HOUSEWIVES WHO REFUSE TO BUY THE GRAPES. BUT WE NOW NEED YOUR HELP TO ORGANIZE ACTIVE GROUPS TO PUT PRESSURE ON EVERY MARKET THAT STOCKS THE SCAB GRAPES.

WITH YOUR HELP AND CONTINUED DEDICATION WE CAN GET THE REST OF THE GROWERS TO THE BARGAINING TABLE.

YOURS IN LA CAUSA! LARRY ITLIONG,  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, U.F.W.O.C.

ESTIMADOS HERMANOS,

A NOMBRE DE LA UNION DE TRABAJADORES CAMPESINOS, QUIERO DARLES LAS MAS CALUROSAS FELICITACIONES Y GRACIAS A TODOS USTEDES QUE HAN USADO SUS TALENTOS Y TIEMPO PARA PARAR LAS UVAS ESQUIROLAS. LAS CADENAS DE TIENDAS MAS GRANDES POR TODOS LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS SE ESTAN REHUSANDO HA VENDER UVAS ESQUIROLAS. LOS RANCHEROS ESTAN TRATANDO DE CONCENTRARSE EN OTRAS AREAS.

NOSOTROS SIEMPRE HEMOS APRECIADO LA AYUDA DE AMAS DE CASAS QUE HAN REHUSADO A COMPRAR UVAS EN EL PASADO. PERO AHORA NECESITAMOS UN POCO MAS DE ESO. AHORA NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA EN CREAR GRUPOS QUE PONGAN PRESION EN CADA UNO DE LOS MERCADOS Y TIENDAS QUE VENDEN UVAS ESQUIROLAS.

CON SU AYUDA Y CONTINUA DEDICACION PODEMOS LOGRAR QUE LOS DEMAS RANCHEROS VENGAN A LA MESA DE NEGOCIACIONES Y ASI FIRMAR UN CONTRATO.

VIVA LA CAUSA! LARRY ITLIONG

## CHAVEZ TO THE CHURCHES: NO EIGHT FOOT FENCES!

On June 5, Cesar Chavez and Assistant Director Larry Itliong spoke to over 300 religious leaders assembled in Delano.

"The problems of rural America are not just our problems. We did not create them. They are your problems," Chavez told his listeners. "We don't want to see these workers gain a union, then build eight-foot fences around their homes--forgetting about their less fortunate bro-

thers."

The meeting was chaired by Rev. Cris Hartmire of the California Migrant Ministry and by Fr. Alan McCoy of the Franciscan order. Church leaders were requested to lend full-time personnel to the farm workers' movement, especially to the boycott, and should avoid preaching abstract doctrine, but rather involve their churches in the task of achieving social justice.

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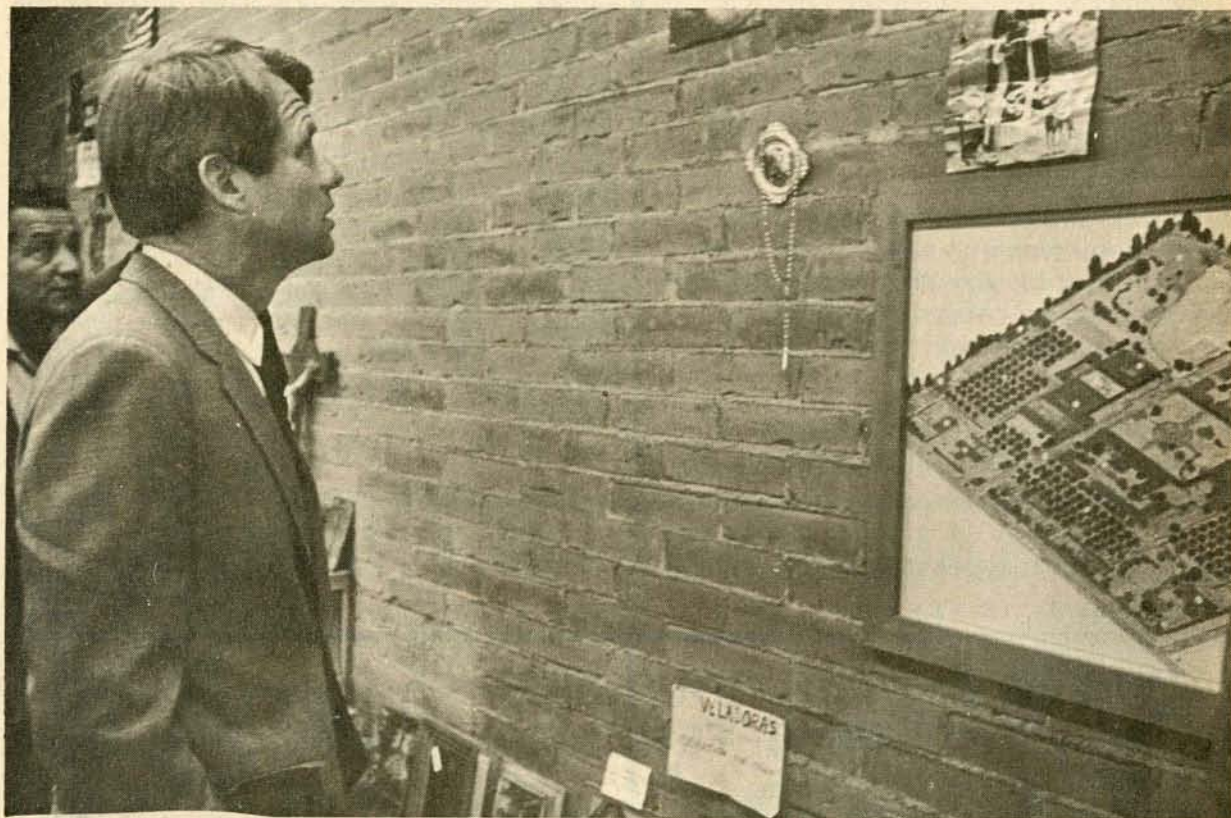
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