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# 1973 YEAR OF THE BOYCOTT



# **TEAMSTERS, GET OUT!**

On December 29 the California Supreme Court rendered a decision invalidating the injunction by a Salinas judge that prohibited picketing in the Salinas Valley.

This decision clearly proves, with a few exceptions, that there is no justice for farm workers in lower courts located in rural areas.

The Supreme Court permits legally what our Union has held all along: that the strike against the lettuce growers was not jurisdictional as the Salinas judge erroneously declared; and that it was a legal strike against those growers who refuse to let their workers build a union.

In effect, the Supreme Court declared that farm workers do not want a company union and that the Teamsters had crooked and fraudulent agreements with the growers, who signed the sweetheart contracts with the attitude of "I'll scratch your back, if you'll scratch mine." And now, finally, the decision returns to farm workers the right to strike growers who refuse to recognize their Union.

The company union has lost out in the courts and has lost out with the farm workers. So now is the time for the Teamsters to end their marriage of convenience with the lettuce growers and to get out of the fields.

The time has come for the Teamsters to make an effort to give true representation and better services to the thousands of workers who work in the packing houses, in the canneries and in the coolers. The time has come for the Teamsters to clean their own house and stop interfering with the legitimate rights of farm workers to build their own Union.

As far as farm workers are concerned, it does not matter what moves some of the Teamster leaders make against us. We know very well that our movement enjoys the respect, support and admiration of a vast number of the Teamster rank-and-file members who realize we are working class sisters and brothers that should work together rather than against each other.

And to the growers we offer this advice: it is time that you abandon your politics of greed and exploitation, listen to the wishes and aspirations of farm workers, and negotiate Union contracts with the only and true farm worker union, the United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO. Boycott lettuce! Boycott A & P! Boycott Safeway!



# Teamsters, Growers Worked to Block Chavez, Justices Rule

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURTS' 6 - 1 JURISDICTION DECISION UPHOLDS CHARGE MADE BY UNITED FARM WORKERS



Farm workers on their way to picket the grower and Teamsters who were meeting at the Kona Kai Hotel in San Diego to "renegotiate" their sweetheart contracts.

Photo: Gene Cubbison

By Harry Bernstein and Daryl Lembke

(Reprinted from the Los Angeles Times, Saturday, December 30, 1972)

The California Supreme Court Friday ruled, in effect, that the Teamsters Union worked in collusion with a group of growers to block César Chávez' farm workers' union.

The 6-1 decision thus upheld the charge by Chavez that the growers and the Teamsters Union joined forces without the consent of the workers themselves to try to stop an organizing campaign by Chavez' AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Union.

It was one of the first cases in which a major, established union has been found by the state Supreme Court to have been working with an employer group to help the employer keep out another union.

There was no immediate comment from either the growers or the Teamsters Union, but Chavez said he was "pleased because the court has exposed the fraudulent claim by the growers that the fight we have with the growers is just a jurisdictional dispute between our union and the Teamsters Union."

## STRIKE BAN SOUGHT

The decision stemmed from an attempt by the growers to get a court order preventing Chavez' farm workers' union from striking, picketing or demonstrating against growers who signed contracts with the Teamsters Union.

The growers argued that any strike attempt by the farm workers' union was in violation of California Jurisdictional Strike Act which prevents strikes that trap innocent employers in the middle of a battle between two legitimate

unions.

The court noted that "on the same day (July 24, 1970) that the Teamsters Union made its demand" on growers for recognition as bargaining agent of farm workers, the growers granted such recognition.

Shortly thereafter, the court noted, the Teamsters and about 45 growers signed five-year contracts giving the Teamsters the exclusive right to represent farm workers.

"During the first few weeks of August, when the rank-and-file workers were finally advised of the agreements negotiated on their behalf, most of the workers refused either to join the Teamsters Union or to ratify the grower-Teamster agreements," the court said.

While the growers had no official comment on the long-awaited ruling, one official said that "this still doesn't prove the Chavez union represents the workers any more than the Teamsters do."

But the court said that "although there is some dispute as to the precise number or percentage favoring the Teamsters or the UFWU, it appears clear that by mid-August (1970), at least a substantial number, and probably a majority of field workers desired to be represented by UFWU (Chavez' union) and expressed no desire to have the Teamsters represent them."

## NOT REPRESENTATIVE

The court said it would be wrong to let an employer use the power of state law to keep out a "feared union desired by his employees"

by simply granting exclusive bargaining status to a union he knows is not representative of the workers.

The court also noted that the growers denied "many but not all" of the affidavits filed by farm workers alleging that some of the growers and their foremen threatened to fire workers who did not back the Teamsters.

The UFWU had appealed the case to the Supreme Court after the Monterey County Superior Court issued a preliminary injunction restraining the farm workers' union from striking or picketing growers which have signed contracts with the Teamsters.

The Supreme Court found that injunctive relief was not merited because of the Teamsters-grower relationship.

"From a practical point of view, an employer's grant of exclusive bargaining status to a non-representative union must be considered the ultimate form of favoritism, completely substituting the employers' choice of union for his employees' desires," the Supreme Court said.

The 2-million member Teamsters Union announced recently that it has started renegotiating the five-year contracts negotiated two years ago, but Chavez said Friday he has wired the growers asking them "to meet and negotiate a contract with the legitimate representative of farm workers."

Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons told a convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation here recently that Chavez's union is a "revolutionary" organization and that its boycott of lettuce produced by workers under Teamster contracts was a "fraud" on the American people because such lettuce was not "non-union."



# BOYCOTT NEWS

## BUTTES GAS & OIL STRIKERS CONTINUE TO PRESSURE GUILD

Milwaukee, Wis.: Out of 261 liquor stores, 216 are now clean of Guild wines and liquors. On December 26, the Buttes Gas & Oil strikers had a big breakthrough with Ray's Liquor Store in the Bircher area of Milwaukee when the store finally took Guild off the shelves.

In addition to the 216 stores clean, 20 more are negotiating with the strikers which leaves about 20 hold-outs. On December 26, the strikers picketed a liquor store in the Black community, the Dash-Inn, beginning at 3:00 p.m. By 6:30 the store had no more customers and the owner locked up and went home. Normal closing time is at 9:00 p.m.

Madison: 29 liquor stores are clean. The 30th was picketed on December 20 and took off Guild. On the first round through the city the strikers removed only Guild Brandy and now they are going through again to remove the wines. Racine-Kenosha: 30 stores clean. The strikers had to picket Timers, a holdout who finally gave in on December 20th. Timers had about 2,000 cases of Guild brandy in stock and was the largest liquor store in Racine.

Appleton-Oshkosh: 30 out of 39 stores are clean of Guild products. The strikers are now working in Green Bay as well as putting pressure on the nine remaining stores in Appleton-Oshkosh. In Green Bay a successful press conference was held in which representatives of unions in the area gave their support to the strikers. A television news program showed them going to liquor stores and putting the Guild back into boxes after taking it off the shelves.

Eau Claire: 11 stores are all clean. Group of strikers there are now starting on Wassau and Stephen's point.

Reports from throughout Wisconsin indicate that Christian Brothers wines and liquors are now selling twice as much as Guild. Christian Brothers has a Union contract.

## UNION LETTUCE BETTER THAN NON-UNION LETTUCE

A study at the University of California at Santa Barbara showed that a box of Union lettuce had almost 15 percent more edible lettuce than the box of non-Union lettuce, even though the box of non-Union lettuce weighed more.

(Information: Phil G. Torres of the Huelga Committee de U.C.S.B.)

## BOYCOTT BACKED BY PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

"...RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Sixth Provincial Chapter of the North American Province recommend all its member communities to buy only head lettuce which bears the official United Farm Workers' label--the black Aztec Eagle--and that they avoid all other head lettuce.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Chapter make public this stand and issue a statement to the Press."

(The community of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus represents 265 members of the United States of America with houses in California, Texas, Mississippi, Missouri, South Dakota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Massachusetts).

## MORE ENDORSEMENTS....

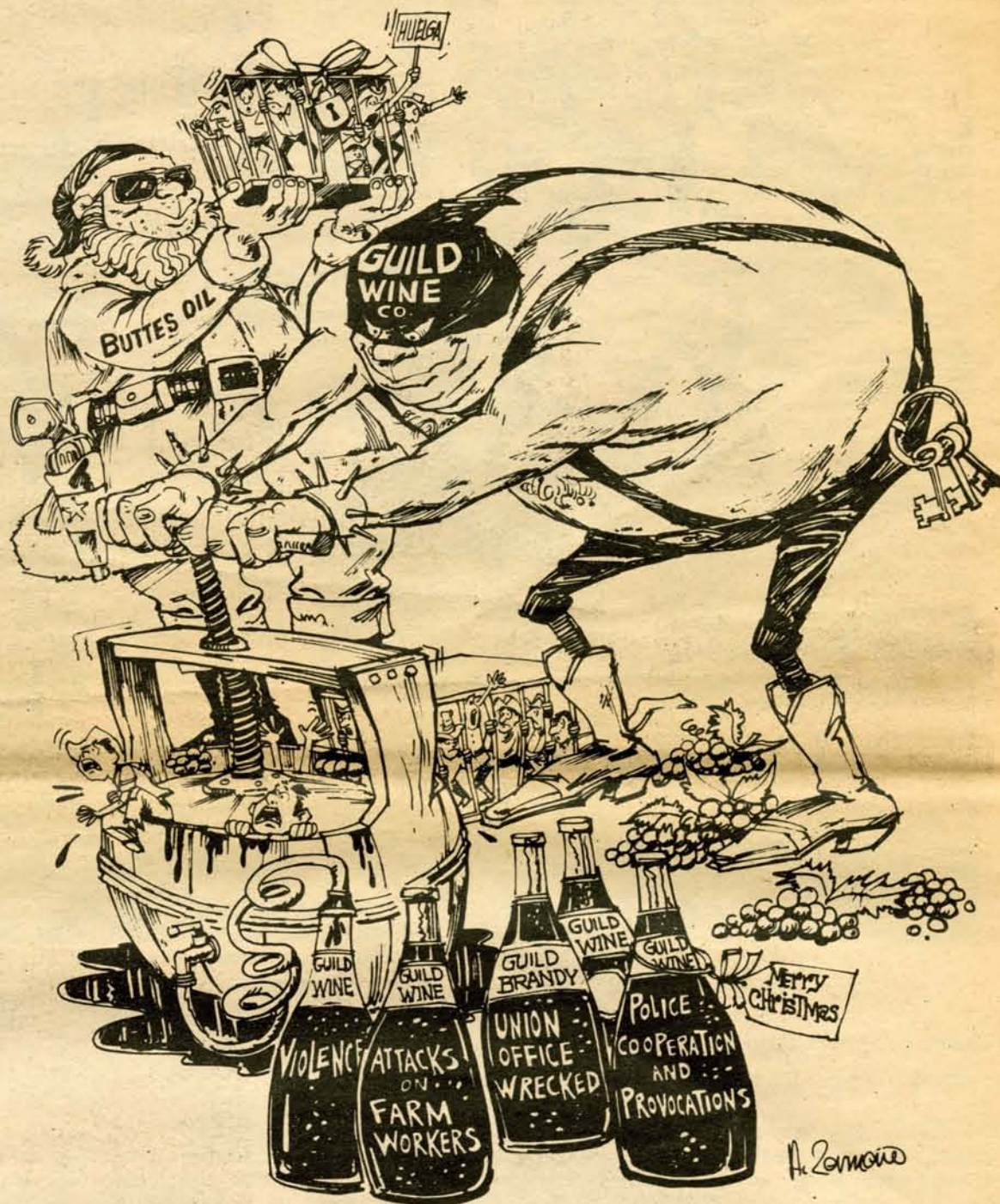
"...I support the farm workers struggle for dignity and social justice. I will support the boycott of all head lettuce....SI, SE PUEDE.  
--Dick Gregory, Chicago, Illinois

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DETROIT, Michigan -- The WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has voted to support our Union's strike and boycott against non-Union lettuce growers in Arizona and California. The county normally buys \$10,000 worth of head lettuce for use primarily at the county jail, Wayne County General Hospital, Child Development Center and the Youth Home.

## SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA SUPPORTS LETTUCE BOYCOTT

"...the Synagogue Council of America resolves to support Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers in their efforts to improve labor conditions for lettuce workers. We further resolve to endorse the boycott of all Iceberg lettuce not packaged under the official United Farm Workers "Black Eagle" label...."



## Farm Workers' Don't Patronize List ....

The Union urges all farm workers and supporters not to patronize wines and liquors bearing the labels of Guild Wineries and Distilleries until White River Farms signs a new Union contract with its workers:

### TABLE AND DESSERT WINES

Winemasters Guild  
Tavola  
Roma  
Famiglia Cribari  
J. Pierrot  
La Boheme  
Cresta Blanca  
Mendocino  
Garrett  
Alta  
C.V.C.  
Virginia Dare  
Lodi  
La Mesa (Safeway only)

### SPARKLING WINES

Winemasters' Guild  
Tres Grand  
Cook's Imperial  
Roma Reserve  
Cribari Reserve  
Jeanne D'Arc  
La Boheme  
Ceremony  
Versailles  
Cresta Blanca  
Saratoga  
J. Pierrot

### SPECIALTY WINES

Ocean Spray Cranberry Rose  
Vin Glogg(Parrott & Co.)

### BRANDY

Ceremony  
Guild Blue Ribbon  
Roma  
St. Mark  
Citation  
Old San Francisco  
Parrott V. S.



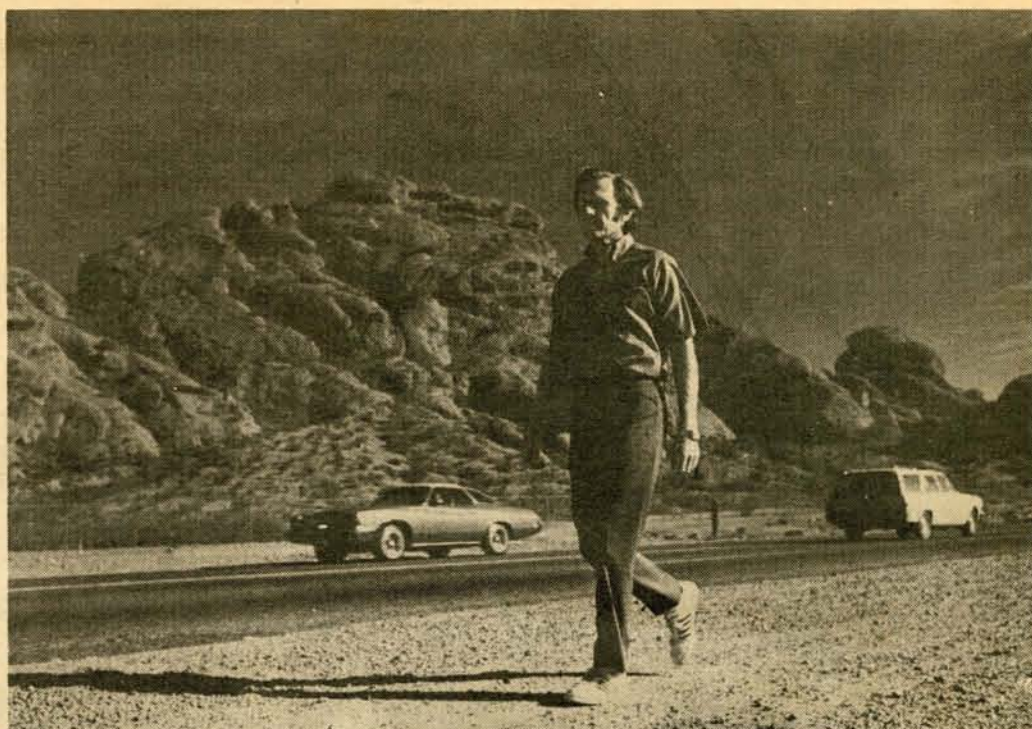
# JERRY POLLOCK WALKS ACROSS ARIZONA

Jerry Pollock is walking across the state of Arizona as part of the final attempt to unseat Republican Governor Jack Williams.

Pollock has the support of the United Farm Workers and is cooperating with the Union's seven-month drive to recall Williams. The recall campaign began last May after Williams signed repressive anti-farm worker legislation and Union director César Chávez held a 24-day fast in Phoenix in response to Williams' action.

Many observers both inside and out of Arizona said that the signatures necessary to achieve a recall of Williams--over 100,000 valid signatures are required--would be impossible to get. But word is that in excess of 160,000 signatures have been gathered by the recall committee, and even Jack Williams seems resigned to having to face Pollock in a special election which may be held in the spring.

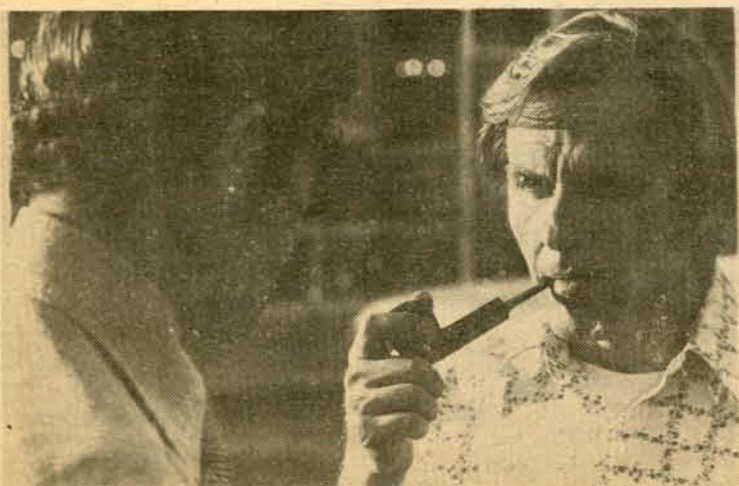
Pollock is using his walk in order to meet the voters and discuss their concerns, and in an attempt to dramatize his opposition to Williams' policies. Far more than the farm worker issue is working against Williams, as dozens of groups embracing all ages and parts of the political spectrum have joined in the recall effort.



## Jerry

for a better Arizona Governor

- for workers who don't have a minimum law ... adequate workman's compensation insurance programs ...
- for families whose property taxes climb while income remains far below the national average
- for Arizonans who live without the protection of medicaid while the rest of the United States enjoys its benefits
- for Arizonans who must endure some of the highest hospital costs in the United States
- for Arizonans who care about Clean Air & the preservation of the awesome beauty which makes Arizona -- Arizona ...
- for Arizonans who want leadership --
- for Arizonans who want a governor who listens to the poor and middle class -- not just the wealthy few . .





# D'Arrigo Strikers Fight on Two Fronts: Strike and Boycott



As the strike against D'Arrigo Co. continues over 80 workers have volunteered to go to the cities to heave D'Arrigo into the spotlight of the lettuce boycott. 50-60 families from the Brawley and Calexico areas, plus 30 families from Salinas, are committed to going together, or to separate, if necessary, to carry the message of their struggle to the consumer.

Meanwhile, the 120 workers and their families have daily been surrounding the struck D'Arrigo fields.

According to César Enríques, Union volunteer in the Brawley Field Office, 99.9% of the scabs are green-carders from Mexico--Juarez or Agua Prieta, Sonora--who, until a recent court decision, were forbidden to come across the border for the express purpose of breaking a strike.

Now, Uncle Sam is standing on his bearded head to accommodate grower demands for an un-

limited, cheap, and guaranteed labor supply--and labor contractors are now happily busing scabs across picketlines within an easy half hour's drive from the Mexican border.

Labor contractors Ray Alva and Ben Zamudu and the company "labor relations" agent, "Baldy" Flores, bused in Filipino workers from Bakersfield in the age-old grower tradition of using one minority group against another in order to stimulate and encourage racism for their own economic gain.

But the newly unrestrained labor contractors are meeting with a few surprises. As is the illegal contractor custom, workers are rarely informed that they are being hired to break a strike--and groups of workers daily walk out of the struck fields.

In an attempt to control the scabs, D'Arrigo now has resorted to picking up each individual

scab at his doorstep in the early morning hours, complete with a sheriff's escort from the house door to the door of the bus.

As the bus crisscrosses the Imperial Valley towns, a little procession of two county sheriff cars and three foremen's pick-ups tag along behind.

But nevertheless, the scabs and contractors are finding it hard to concentrate on cutting the scab lettuce. The huelguistas are constantly talking to them through bullhorns and the company has provided radios equipped with speakers to blare at ear-shattering levels to drown out the message of the Union.

But the picketline is not something which can be drowned out--morale is big, spirit is high, and the company's production loss is daily mounting. ¡Que VIVA LA HUELGA! ¡Que VIVA EL BOICOTE!





# 1972: A Year of Battles and Victories for the Union

## — JANUARY —

- Strike against Talisman Sugar Corp. in Florida. Union supports strike.
- January 30: Farm Workers Credit Union pays dividend for first time--4.5%.
- College student Nan Freeman killed while helping strikers picket Talisman.



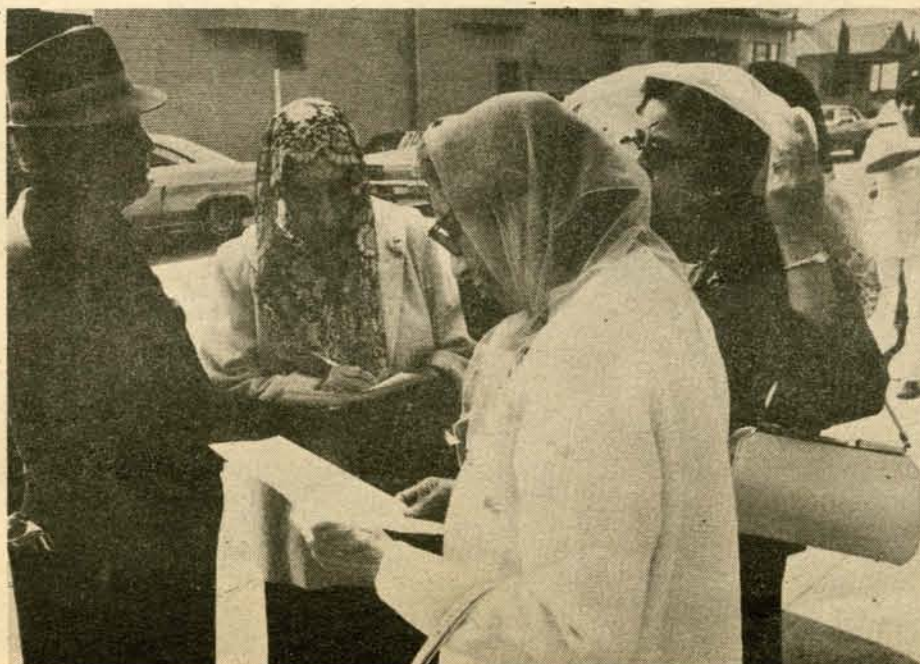
## — FEBRUARY —

- Rómulo Domínguez Avalos killed without provocation by immigration officers in Dinuba.
- February 21: The United Farm Workers is granted a national charter by the AFL-CIO.
- February 29: Coca-Cola Company signs the first Union contract for farmworkers in Florida. A new era of hope starts for the 150,000 farm workers of Florida.



## — MARCH —

- Letter-writing campaign launched against Republican Party in order to prevent Peter Nash, the Nixon-appointed general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, from prohibiting the boycott.
- March 24: EL MALCRIADO resumes publication after being suspended for more than a year. "Farm workers should appreciate it and use it as a weapon. We must support our newspaper so that EL MALCRIADO will be a good paper," said Union Director César Chávez.





- APRIL -

- Letter-writing campaign ends after more than one million letters hit the Republican Party. As result of the pressure created by the letters, the hearing at which the move against our right to boycott was going to be made is suspended.
- Salvador Santos, Credit Union administrator, killed in auto accident.



- MAY -

- May 2: Union Director César Chávez holds press conference to announce that the National Labor Relations Board re-affirms the right of farm workers to boycott and to once again launch the lettuce boycott.
- May 12: César Chávez starts his fast of love in Arizona after Arizona Governor Jack Williams signs a repressive, anti-farm worker law. The Union launches a campaign to recall Governor Williams and the people of Arizona, especially minority groups, are inspired by César's fast and respond enthusiastically.
- Mario Reyes Barreras killed by racist cop in Blythe, California.
- Melon pickers strike in Arizona completely paralyzing harvest.



- JUNE -

- June 4: 6,000 farm workers and Union supporters join César Chávez as he ends his 24-day fast.
- June 26: Court decision in Texas declares that Texas Rangers conspired with growers to deprive farm workers of their civil rights during the Starr County strike of 1966-67.





## - JULY -

- The National Convention of the Democratic Party supports the lettuce boycott.
- July 29: Second Anniversary of the winning of the Grape Strike. Lamanuzzi, Pantaleo and Vignolo Vineyards workers strike.



## - AUGUST -

- Union supports strike against Farah, a clothing manufacturer struck by members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America: "Don't buy Farah pants."
- August 22: César speaks to 2,000 delegates at the California State AFL-CIO convention charging that Proposition 22 is a fraud financed by the growers and other right-wing groups to kill the union. The delegates respond by supporting the fight against the anti-farm worker initiative.
- August 28: Buttes Gas & Oil (White River Farms) farm workers go on strike after the company refuses to negotiate a new Union contract.



## - SEPTEMBER -

- September 14: After a 13-day strike, the 1,500 workers of Inter Harvest in California and Arizona win a new Union contract.
- Strike against Buttes Gas & Oil: company tries to stop strike with violence and court orders.





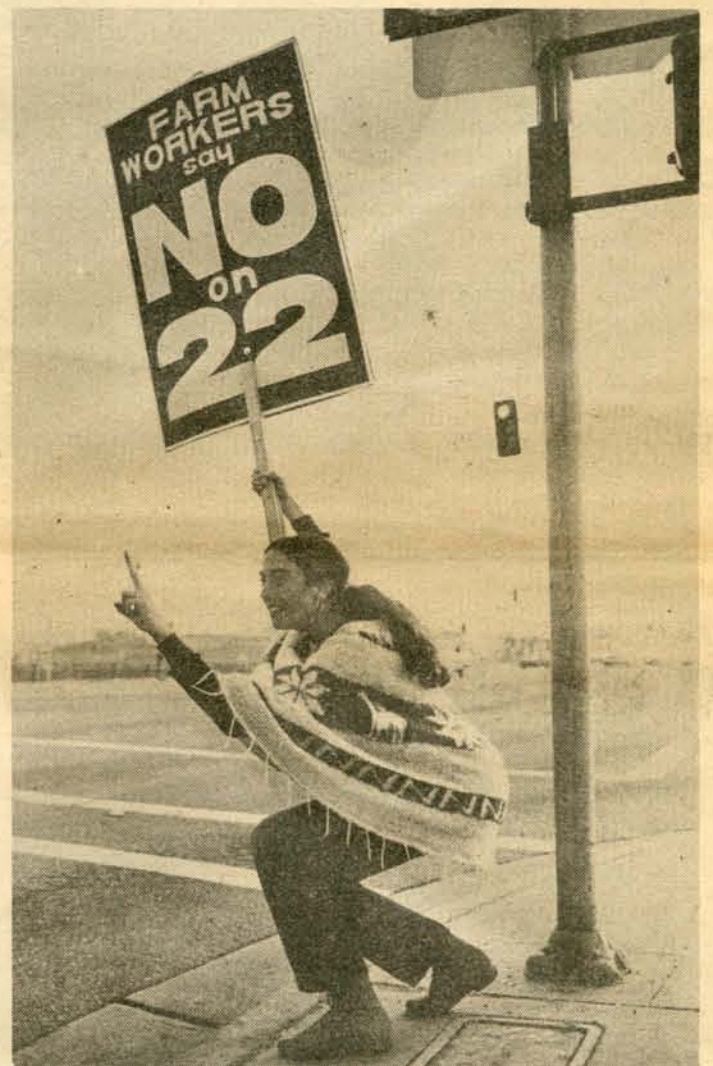
— OCTOBER —

- Mass farm worker rallies against Proposition 22 take place throughout California.
- October 10: A simple ceremony is celebrated during which the blueprints for the construction of Agbayani Retirement Village are presented.



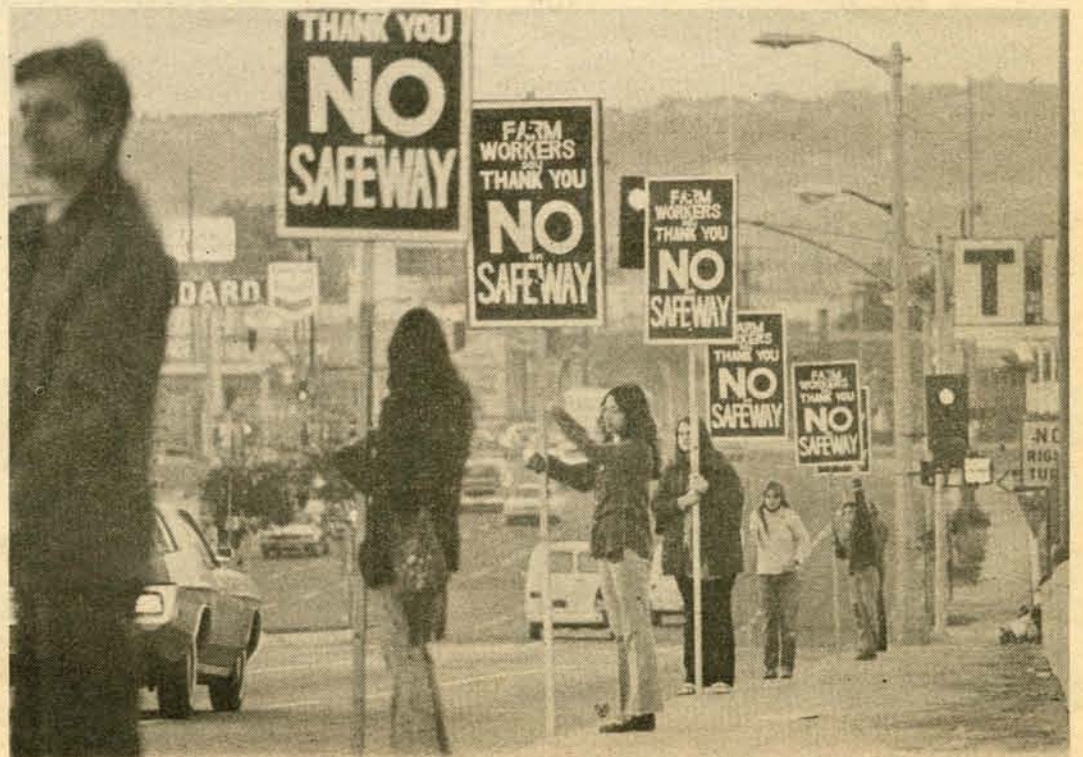
— NOVEMBER —

- November 7: Anti-farm worker Proposition 22 is decisively defeated by voters in California by a margin of 1,236,608 votes; or 58% to 42% of the vote. The Union receives more voter support than Nixon in California.



— DECEMBER —

- Buttes Gas & Oil strikers go to Wisconsin to ask people not to buy Guild wines and liquors until Buttes, which controls Guilds Wineries and Distilleries, signs a new Union contract.
- December 6: D'Arrigo workers in Brawley Yuma, San Luis, Salinas and Calexico strike after D'Arrigo refuses to negotiate a new Union contract. The strikers decide to take their struggle to the cities and join the lettuce boycott.
- Union launches boycott against Safeway and A & P.
- Jerry Pollock, candidate for governor of Arizona in the recall campaign against Jack Williams, starts his walk across Arizona.
- Union wins great legal victory when California Supreme Court votes 6-1 to throw out an injunction issued by a Salinas judge that prohibited strikes and picketing against the lettuce growers who signed sweetheart contracts with the Teamsters in 1970. The decision leaves the Union with complete freedom to move against the lettuce industry. Boycott lettuce Boycott Safeway Boycott A & P UNTIL THE FINAL VICTORY.





# Educate and Organize: READ AND DISTRIBUTE *EL MALCRIADO*

EL MALCRIADO is the official voice of the United Farm Workers. EL MALCRIADO:

- exposes and denounces the exploitation of farm workers by the growers and their lackeys.
- supports and helps to develop our belief in non-violent action.
- informs and brings to light the new life of dignity and justice that farm worker unionists are winning for farm workers day after day.

EL MALCRIADO is a weapon of information and organization.

EL MALCRIADO asks farm workers and boycotters to send news about the life of struggle they live. Letters, songs, poems, cartoons and drawings are always welcome. If you send photographs or undeveloped film, please send only black and white, along with information on what they are about.

In order to reduce postal costs and collection problems, EL MALCRIADO is sold only in bundles of 50 issues, in any combination of English and Spanish, at \$5.00 per bundle pre-paid.

This distribution system enables every person who buys the newspaper to become an organizer for La Causa by helping to establish a person-to-person network of information wherever farm workers and Union supporters are found.

One way of distribution making it easy to sell 50 copies of EL MALCRIADO is to find several persons willing to buy five or more copies every two weeks.



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# Kennedy Plan in Action



## FARM WORKER FAMILY RECEIVES BENEFITS

The Billy Ray Pritchett family, who live near Delano, recently had to have their daughter Tammy hospitalized because of pneumonia and a heart condition.

The hospital bill came to almost \$600, but because Billy Ray had the working hours to qualify for high-plan benefits the Kennedy Medical Plan took care of over \$500 of that bill.

Tammy's mother, Mrs. Sandra Pritchett, says that "the Kennedy Plan is the best thing that ever happened to farm workers."

"Farm workers in general make so little that they usually can't afford medical insurance on their own," she noted, "and as a result one serious illness can wipe them out. But the Kennedy plan guards against that."

"This is the first time we've had to use the Plan," she noted, "but when we needed it badly, it was there."

## KENNEDY PLAN HELPS PAY HOSPITAL BILL



Daniel Advincula

Farm worker Daniel Advincula came to this country many years ago to work in the fields of California, leaving his family behind in the Philippines and seeing them only once in twenty years.

A few years ago they joined him here, and his three sons followed him in his work and also became farm workers.

But last June one of his sons, Bayani, became seriously ill and had to spend a week in the Kern County General Hospital. The total bill came to over \$1,200.

When it came time to pay the bill, Daniel fortunately had enough working hours to qualify for "high plan" benefits under the Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Medical Plan. As a result, about half of his massive bill was taken care of.

Daniel himself has been so pleased with the Kennedy Plan and the treatment he has received at the Union Clinic in Delano that he recently switched from a private doctor in Delano to the Clinic.

Daniel explains that a recent visit to the Clinic cost him only \$8, whereas an earlier visit to his former doctor had cost \$38.

## FARM WORKER COUPLE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT



On December 2, Ramón and Trinidad Acosta who had married one month before, died instantaneously in an auto accident while traveling in Idaho. They were on their way to visit one of Ramón's brothers and to look for work in the fields of Idaho.

Trinidad had been a member of the Union for three years, while Ramón had just become a member.

We send your deepest condolences to the parents of Trinidad, Mr. and Mrs. Juan and Aurora Gaona of Lamont, Ca., and to Ramón's mother, Mrs. María Acosta of Madera, California.

(Information: Pablo Espinosa, Lamont, Ca.)

## NEW QUARTER STARTS

Sisters and brothers:

Just a note to remind you that the new Quarter has just started and to urge you to pay your Union dues on time in order that there be no interruption of the protections and benefits you enjoy when working under Union Contracts.

As you may already know, the \$10.50 that we pay in dues every three months are the lowest of any union in the country. By paying our dues on time we insure that our Union remains strong and able to continue fighting the growers and others of our enemies who are constantly trying to destroy what we have gained with so much sacrifice.

# Chicano Cannery Workers Sue Teamsters Local: Union Election Fraud Charged

SAN JOSE, California (LNS) -- Last month a major step was taken toward returning the power of the Cannery Union (a local of the International Teamsters) to the hands of the rank-and-file cannery workers.

Rudolfo Garcia, president of the Mexican-American Cannery Workers Educational Committee (MACWEC) is suing for a new election in Local 679, Teamsters Union, which represents some 11,000 cannery workers in the San Jose area.

Garcia's claim that he was unfairly denied a place on the ballot was climaxed by a tape recording of a telephone conversation which not only proved his allegations beyond a doubt, but left six highly paid union officials with the threat of perjury charges hanging over them.

The evidence given in the Palo Alto courtroom of Federal judge Robert Peckham has already been strong enough to impound the votes taken in the last union election.

Garcia contends that Local 679 business agent Jim Henry refused to accept his dues last December. The union contends that Garcia's failure to pay his dues on time that month disqualifies him from running in the recent election.

Garcia's testimony on the stand was that he had tried to pay his dues but that Henry had told him he didn't have to pay while he was laid off and refused to accept his check. Jim Henry insisted that the matter was never discussed and was backed in that claim by the testimony of five other Local 679 officials.

But as the recording was played, Teamster officials never looked up from the floor. Time and again Jim Henry's voice said, "Keep me out of it. I can't afford to get involved."

Henry rose to leave the courtroom without looking at anyone as his voice boomed out over the court public address system in a barrage of obscenities in which he said, "...If you force me to testify, I'll lie and you can't prove a thing." Agasp went up from the astonished court audience.

According to Garcia, "The piecards are scared because they know we will win in the long run....I would be scared too if I were trying to hold onto a fat job against the wishes of the members."

MACWEC was started several years ago by Garcia then shop steward at Duffy-Mott (a canning factory), along with a core of workers who felt that the overwhelmingly Chicano workforce was caught in a racist squeeze between the cannery owners and the traditionally Anglo officialdom of the union. The group now claims more than 2,000 members and freely serves its members in areas where the union fears or refuses to tread.

MACWEC successfully fights for safety conditions, seniority rights, against discrimination and abuse of women workers, and against abuse by company supervisors who are favored by union officials; and on behalf of injured members who are ignored by the union.

The established leaders of Local 679 and the Western Conference of Teamsters are greatly disturbed by this rank-and-file activity. MACWEC is not only rocking the local boat, but it panics the union officials that the only political move made by MACWEC has been a solid stand alongside the United Farm Workers against the union-busting Proposition 22 on the California ballot which was defeated in the November elections.

## A BRUSH WITH TRAGEDY AT DUBERT MID VALLEY FARMS

by Higinio Rangel, Dinuba, Ca.

MADERA, California--On December 22 Union organizers José Rubio, David de la Fuente and Higinio Rangel went to Dubert Farms Mid Valley in Madera to meet with a crew on Union business. They talked to Chester Dubert, the supervisor, who was pruning.

When he was told they were going to talk to some Union members he stiffened up and said: "If you don't have written permission I'm going to kick you out." He went at José trying to push him around. José warned him saying: "You touch me and I'll take you to court."

"Take me to court nothing," replied Dubert, "You are nothing but a bunch of wethacks. I'm going to go to my house and get my rifle to kill you if I find you here when I get back."

Ten minutes later Dubert returned, but without the rifle he threatened to bring. However, he continued to shout insults at the organizers. But they ignored him. Five minutes later Dubert returned with two men armed with an automatic.

The organizers thought they would all be shot and maybe killed, a repetition of the tragedy suffered last year by our brother Avalos who was shot down without cause by immigration officers in Livingston. But just in the nick of time, the owner of the ranch arrived on the scene, who, embarrassed by the whole situation, put a stop to it.



## CALEXICO:



I would like to congratulate the sisters and brothers are on strike against D'Arrigo for the way in which they remain faithful to La Causa despite the constant legal harassment by the the authorities and the filthy paid propaganda used by D' Arrigo.

•Angel Quintero•

Everyday 2 or 3 strikers are volunteering to go on the Boycott. Also, I would like to add that since we don't have the money to buy the advertising that D'Arrigo can buy for his lies, I urge all farm workers to read EL MALCRIADO to you'll be informed as to what is really happening.

## OXNARD:



We have started a campaign to push the lettuce boycott. Farm worker delegations are visiting stores and supermarkets searching for scab lettuce. We think we'll succeed because most of the small merchants are going to cooperate with the boycott.

•Jesus Villegas•

We are getting ready to hit Safeway full blast. The farm worker sisters and brothers in the area really like the campaign and hope the same action will take place in other areas.

## SAN LUIS, ARIZONA:



The Teamsters have been trying to move in on us, but they do not know how to talk to the workers. All they know how to do is to try to get their own way, without listening to the workers. We are working to defend our rights with every non-violent means at our disposal. The Teamsters are trying to fool us with their paid advertising, but its not going to work.

•David Camacho•

Melchor O'Campo was around this area trying to "organize" farm workers. One day he was talking to a group of workers throwing insults at the Union. Suddenly some Union organizers arrived on the scene and exposed him for what he is, a right-wing scab.

He split immediately and the two buddies of his who were going around with him went away asking him, "What's da matta, Mel?"

ATTENTION: all farm workers are urged to avoid working with that ousy labor contractor José Rodriguez, who crossed our picket-lines during the grape strike in Arizona in 1970.

## SALINAS:



•Jerry Kay•

We are getting ready to launch a campaign of car caravans that will travel throughout the valley to show the entire world that farm workers are ready to fight for their right to have their own Union.

We hear rumors that the Teamsters might try to enforce the sweetheart contracts they signed with the lettuce growers in 1970.

But the lettuce workers are ready for any challenge that might arise! (At the time EL MALCRIADO went to press the caravans were taking place, more details in the next edition.)

## DELANO:



Frank Ortiz

A delegation of farm worker sisters who are own strike against Buttes Gas & Oil (White River Farms) visited all of the grocery stores and supermarkets in Delano looking for scab lettuce and urging merchants to cooperate with the boycott. All of the merchants agreed to cooperate, except for Safeway.

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The pruning is now over at White River Farms and we hear that the company is now trying to repair the extensive damage the machines (they brought in to break the strike) did to the vineyards.

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Grievances against some of the supervisors of Robert's Farms: They want to act like the "bosses" they were before a Union contract was signed; they discriminate arbitrarily against some members and mistreat the workers. But we are not going to let them get away with this.

## SANTA MARIA:

A car caravan of 32 cars with more than 80 farm workers and supporters went throught Santa Maria, Arroyo Grande and Guadalupe to announce and publicize the California Supreme Court decision returning to us our right to continue organizing in the fields. We received widespread coverage by the Press and television news media. We even had a police escort.

We are visiting the fields to spread the good news of the decision. On Sunday January 7 at 1:00 pm, Father Salandini will celebrate a farm worker mass in thanksgiving for this victory. The mass will take place in front of Jordanos, a local supermarket chain that has reneged on its promise not to sell non-Union lettuce.

--Paulino Pacheco, Director of the Union office in Santa Maria.

## STOCKTON:



Pete Velasco

We are now organizing ranch committee meetings throughout the area every two weeks. There is also a possibility that we will do organizing in the Lodi area, where the largest grape grower is John Grapina.

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During the 13-day strike against Inter Harvest last year, we put so much pressure on labor contractor Salvador Ramirez by picketing his buses that he promised he would not go on breaking the strike.

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We hear that Safeway is opening a new store in Stockton and its going to get off to a very bad start with farm worker picketlines surrounding it. Boycott lettuce. Boycott Safeway.

## KING CITY:



Juan Huerta

Once again the windows of the Union Office have been smashed. Juan Huerta says it could have been either labor contractor Joe Silva or some of his scabs, or some of the anti-Union elements from Greenfield who are still uptight about the boycott we launched against the entire city last May.

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On January 3 and 4 we organized large car caravans of farm workers to travel throught out the valley to celebrate the victory against the "Grower-Teamster Marriage" won when the California Supreme Court ruled in our favor. (More details on car caravans in the next issue of EL MALCRIADO)

## BLYTHE:



Alfredo Figueroa

Alfredo Figueroa reports that the lettuce growers and companies are trying to find a sanctuary in the Mojave Indian Reservation across the Colorado River where there is a potential of 200000 for cultivation.

Until very recently the Mojaves had a sell-out leadership that permitted the companies to use labor

contractors like Jose Anaya, who trucks workers 140 miles to the reservation from Mexicali, a round trip of 280 miles every day. Meanwhile 3,000 unemployed workers while away the days in misery. But there is hope that the newly elected Mojave leadership will change all of this.

## FROM THE AREA OF TERRA BELLA, CALIFORNIA:



The Union Office in Terra Bell was attacked again by a shower of rocks one night. It is supposed that scabs were responsible for the deed. In the photo we see the Director of the Office, Rafael Alvarez who says: "Windows or no windows, this office will continue to serve farm workers." Si, se puede, viva la Causa.



Orange pickers in the Porterville area say that the pay is as bad as the pickings and hope that some day the United Farm Workers will come to negotiate contracts in the citrus industry. "We are ready for the Union," says Luis Torres, an orange picker. (Report and photos: Jesus H. Martinez, Terra Bella.)

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The Miners For Democracy (M.F.D.), a reform movement of miners, overthrew the corrupt leadership that had controlled the United Mine Workers for more than a decade in a recent special election.

In his first day in office, Arnold Miller, the new president of the 200,000-member union, gave an example of the new direction the union would take. He went to personally investigate an accident in Itmann, West Virginia in which an explosion in a Consolidation Coal Company mine had just killed five men and seriously injured three more.

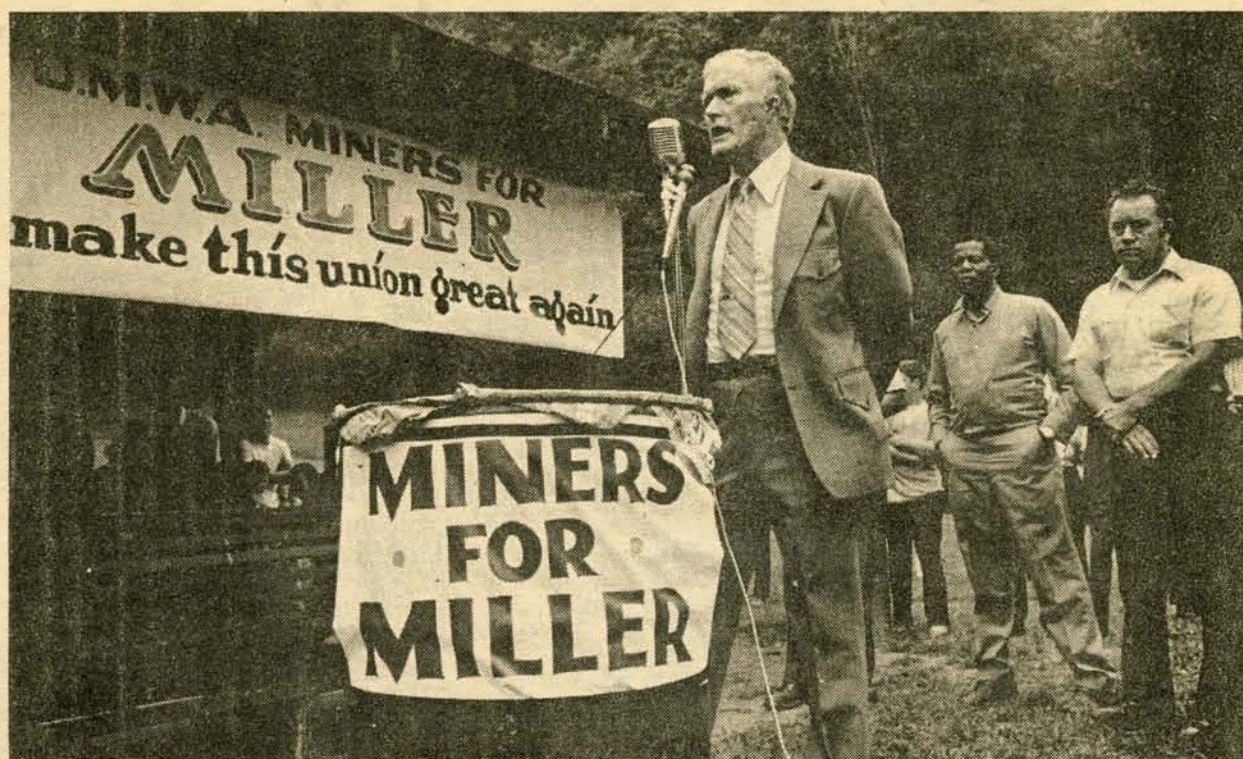
In a confrontation with the company president, Miller declared: "I am sick of these things.... There hasn't been one of these things yet that couldn't have been prevented.... There's just too much plain, ordinary irresponsibility here, and the former leadership of this union has been too close to the industry to see it or fight it. That's over now."

In order to put the principles of Miners for Democracy into action, the new leadership of the United Mine Workers also plans to:

- cut salaries of union officials by 20 per cent;
- raise miners' pensions;
- do away with "sweetheart" contracts and have all new contracts ratified by the members;
- call a new national convention of mine workers;
- move the national offices from Washington, D.C. to a place that is closer to the mine fields where union members work.

In a letter to Arnold Miller, Union Director César Chávez said: "It is a credit to the entire labor movement that the men in the mines joined together behind your courageous leadership to bring honor to their union."

## Miners Overthrow Corrupt Leadership in Special Election



Photos: Earl Dotter/LNS



## Cesar Chavez Condemns Bombing of North Vietnam

CALLS UPON THE CONSCIENCE  
OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

What words are left which could adequately express the profound moral outrage we experience at the unconscionable continuation and the insane renewal and escalation of the bombing in Indo-China? The ancients said, "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad." To us President Nixon seems to be acting like a mad tyrant who looses terrible retribution on everyone who does not bend to his prideful will. And in the end we too may be destroyed.

We ask you, we beg you, that as Congress convenes you make it the first order of business immediately to cut off, by any effective means, the President's capacity to pursue this madness.

Allow him not one more day, one more hour of this brutal destruction. At this time there is no higher national priority. There is nothing you could do more to enhance your own honor and to assuage the battered and anguished conscience of our nation than to bring this damnable war to an end - NOW.

--César E. Chávez, General Director  
- United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO

## LETTER TO CARDINAL JOHN KROL OF U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Your Eminence:

We know the admirable statements you personally and the United States Catholic Conference have made on the urgency of peace in Indo-China.

Those of us who are people of Mexican and Catholic origin are proud that our Church's leaders so well represent Christ's spirit of peace and brotherhood.

In the spirit of Popes John and Paul, we respectfully request that the Catholic Bishops give strong witness to peace now by their articulate presence at the very important religious assembly to be held on January 3 and 4, 1973 at Washington D.C.; that the demand be made upon President Nixon to stop immediately the bombing and killing in North Vietnam, and to urge Congress to cut appropriations of this inhumane bombing.

--César E. Chávez, General Director  
United Farm Workers AFL-CIO

## Nixon promised peace, but carries out most brutal bombing in history

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Starting on Thursday, December 21, B-52's have bombed Hanoi and other North Vietnamese cities and provinces for four days straight--almost non-stop. This time they've hit some particularly sensitive targets -- the Cuban embassy, a Soviet ship, and most incredible of all, the Hanoi Hilton, North Vietnam's most famous Prisoner of War camp.

So instead of bringing the POW's home for Christmas, American bombers brought a little bit of home to the POWs, and brought more American pilots to join them. Thursday night, Radio Hanoi reported that several of the men were injured in the raids and many more were angry.

These raids were the heaviest of the entire war. In three days time, the destructive equivalent of the Hiroshima bomb was dropped on North Vietnam. In four days, at Nixon's order, North Vietnam was bombed at least 1000 times--most often by B-52's. And Thursday, one of those B-52's actually bombed the POWs, the very men Nixon is supposedly so anxious to protect.

The Pentagon's own films show how a B-52 drops a field of bombs a half a mile wide and two miles long. American prisoners aren't the only ones affected by the bombing. When

hundreds of B-52's cover an area, some people are bound to be "exposed to the dangers of war," as the military puts it. By December 19, 215 North Vietnamese civilians had been killed, and 326 wounded.

The bombing has found many targets. Some fell on Hanoi's technical college killing and wounding students there. Bombs were aimed at the villages outside Hanoi, now crowded with residents of Hanoi who had been evacuated from the city as well as their own residents. The bombs have recently hit headquarters of the Swedish Indian, and French representatives in Hanoi.

In the same raids that hit the POW camp, Hanoi's major electric power station was hit, as well as the city's railroad yards and airport. The Egyptian embassy was also damaged in that raid.

Last October, right before the elections, Nixon's representative, Henry Kissinger, had declared that "Peace is at hand". Now bitter and angry, people have already begun to protest the bombing. In New York more than 1000 people met in the rain and rush hour traffic of Times Square Dec. 21. Many were arrested.

Nixon and his friends are maintaining silence. One reason for that silence in Washington and the bombs in North Vietnam was offered by the Paris daily, LE MONDE, in a recent editorial:

"Perpetually in search of victory, Mr. Nixon is thus led to give harder and harder blows everywhere because his enemies are everywhere."



A black and white photograph of two people working in a field. The field is filled with rows of crops, likely lettuce, stretching into the distance. The person on the left is seen from behind, wearing light-colored pants and a dark shirt, bent over and working. The person on the right is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt, light-colored pants, and a hat, also bent over and working. The lighting is bright, casting long shadows across the field.

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