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## TEAMSTER VIOLENCE IN COACHELLA

### Fr. John Bank Brutally Assaulted

COACHELLA, California -- A Teamster goon smashed in Father John Bank's nose as he ate breakfast at the Trukadero Restaurant in Coachella May 30 about 9:00 a.m.

On their way to the Union strike office after visiting the grape strike picketlines, Fr. Bank and Wall Street Journal reporter William Wong went, at Wong's suggestion, to the restaurant to continue their discussion. As they ordered breakfast, about ten Teamster goons came in and sat down at the tables around them.

The goons recognized Fr. Bank immediately and harrassed the two men with loud remarks about "those AFL-CIO guys over there." The remarks, along with animal noises and hysterical laughing, continued for about ten minutes.

Finally, Fr. Bank told them: "This man is a reporter from the Wall Street Journal. You are giving him a good show. You're like a cast from a 'B' movie."

One of the goons, Mike Falco, 24, Buena Park, came over to the table, saying, "So you think its funny? I'm going to stop laughing and then its not going to be so funny."

Did not strike back

Falco took off his dark glasses, stared at Fr. Bank, and said, "This is going to be worth going to jail for." Two or three goons suddenly pressed Fr. Bank against his table from behind.

Falco swung as hard as he could with his left hand and slugged Fr. Bank square in the face. Fr. Bank's nose shattered. He did not strike back.

Blood gushed out of his nose and a waitress brought him a towel. He asked the waitresses to call the police, but they refused. Fr. Bank was finally obliged to call the police himself.

While he was waiting for the police to come, one of the goons told him, "Don't stand around here bleeding. People are trying to eat.

You'll make them sick."

Hospitalized

The Coachella police arrived, but did not make any arrests until Fr. Bank said he wanted to make a citizen's arrest. Falco was then searched and as he was taken away, he waved playfully at his fellow thugs.

Bill Wong took Fr. Bank to Indio Memorial Hospital where a doctor from Palm Springs reshaped and set his nose the best he could.

Mike Falco will be charged with assault with intent to inflict serious bodily harm--a felony. He was released on \$625 bail. Arraignment has not yet taken place.

Later Fr. Bank, who as a teenager was a Golden Glove fighter, said he had never been hit so hard in his life.

Fr. Bank returned to the picket line the next day where strikers expressed their concern for his injury. But a flat-bed truck filled with Teamster goons continued their ridicule as he walked along the line bandaged up like an auto accident victim.

Fr. Bank is on loan to the Union

from the Diocese of Youngstown Ohio and has been doing press-liaison work for the Union since mid-June. He began his work in support of the Union in 1969 when he became involved in the Grape Boycott in Ohio. Fr. Bank was co-ordinating the boycott in Ohio prior to coming to the Coachella Valley.



Fr. John Bank. His bishop, James W. Malone, immediately sent Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons a telegram condemning his union's politics of violence.



The arrow points to Mike Falco, six feet four inches tall and weighing 300 pounds, surrounded by fellow Teamster goons. The day after the assault, Msgr. George C. Higgins, Director of the Department for Social Development of the U.S. Catholic Conference issued a statement in Washington, D.C. saying the Teamsters' failure to denounce the attack on Fr. Bank proves the Teamsters condone such violence and continue to encourage it by hiring thugs at \$67 a day.



# WORKERS STRIKE

STRAWBERRY WORKERS AT SECURITY FARMS  
REFUSE TO SIGN WITH TEAMSTERS

SANTA MARIA, California -- The majority of the strawberry workers at Security Farms near Santa Maria struck May 26 after Teamster goons attempted to sign them up using insults and abusive language.

Security Farms, which cultivates about 210 acres in strawberries and between 2 to 3 thousand acres in lettuce, signed a sweetheart contract with the Teamsters Union in 1970 and has had labor difficulties ever since because workers leave their jobs rather than sign with the Teamsters.

The latest encounter, which triggered the strike, began May 21 when the company announced it would

pay a bonus only after 20 boxes of strawberries were picked, rather than 10 as done by other companies in the area.

At the same time, the Teamsters gave the workers ten days to sign up with the Teamsters Union or get out.

## Forced to negotiate

The workers responded with a three-day walkout during which 1,200 boxes of ripe strawberries went unpicked.

Company owner Yataro Minami was forced to negotiate directly with the workers and on May 23 agreed



Grower Yataro Minami: the sweetheart contract with the Teamsters is not paying off.

to pay the bonus after 10 boxes and promised the workers would not have to sign with the Teamsters.

The Teamsters stayed away from the negotiations.

The workers went back to their jobs. But May 25, the Teamsters came into the fields again. This time the workers called the Union office in Santa Maria and a group of Union organizers came to the fields to confront the goons.

The company called the sheriff's department and deputies told both the Union organizers and Teamster goons to leave.

## Refused

### to sign with Teamsters

The next day at 7:00 a.m., the goons appeared again, determined to make the workers sign, using insults and abusive language. 42 out of the 52 workers in the field responded by walking out, some of them pulling Union flags from under their shirts.

As the strike continues, the Teamster goons themselves are trying to pick and load the strawberries, as they are taunted by the very workers they supposedly represent: "Hey, hurry it up, boys. Maybe you can take some of that fat off."

Santa Maria Union Office Director Paulino Pacheco explained that the company is hurting because it needs about 100 experienced workers at this point in the strawberry harvest, but has only about 20 of which more than half are inexperienced.

"The reason the company only had 52 workers in the first place," he said, "is because the company keeps losing workers every time the Teamsters try to sign them up."

About 100 pickets show up mornings at the strawberry farm located at East Stowell and Phillrick roads. Many of the pickets are farm workers and supporters from the valley and as far away as Oxnard.



Paulino Pacheco talking to strikers.

## Sheriff Fails To Stop Teamster Violence

SANTA MARIA, California-- The Union will file charges of assault against Teamster goon Rudy Pili for driving the staff of a Teamster flag he was carrying into one of Union member Jose Garcia Garcia's hands June 2, reported Santa Maria Union Office Director Paulino Pacheco.

## Complicity with Teamsters

Pacheco also charged the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department "of complicity with the Teamsters" for not heeding his warnings that Rudy Pili would sooner or later hurt someone.

The incident took place as 100 farm workers picketed Security Farms, which was struck May 28. According to witnesses, Garcia leaned on a "No Trespassing" sign, placing his hand at the top of the post to which the sign was attached. At that moment Pili rushed up and stabbed him on the hand with the flag stake he was carrying.

Garcia's hand was hurt seriously enough to require hospital treatment.

The incident was reported to the sheriff's department, said Pacheco, but nothing happened.

## Rudy Pili dangerous

The day before, Pili showed up at the picket line with several other goons. All were carrying blue Teamster flags and were waving them at the strikers and standing so close to them that they almost struck the strikers in the face.

In another incident, Pili grabbed one of the strikers' flags and returned only the stake. Charges were filed against Pili for stealing and destroying private property.

After these and other incidents during the past several months, said Pacheco, the sheriff's department was warned that Pili is a dangerous man. "If someone gets hurt even worse," he said, "They are the ones responsible, because we gave them adequate warning."



Rudy Pili



# Hearings Probe

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACTING "LIKE A PRIVATE ARMY FOR THE GROWERS" CHARGES UNION ATTORNEY JERRY COHEN

## Kern Court, Police Injustice

BAKERSFIELD, California -- Union General Counsel Jerry Cohen charged the Kern County Sheriff's Department with acting "like a private army for the growers" during hearings by the California State Senate Subcommittee on Labor chaired by Senator David A. Roberti.

Jerry said the sheriff's department sided with the growers' interests at the expense of farm workers and other taxpayers and accused Kern County courts of "imposing mathematical straitjackets" on Union picket lines with unnecessary and unjust rulings. He said anti-Union temporary restraining orders and temporary injunctions have been issued in one-sided hearings, without proper supporting evidence and with no opportunity for the Union to present its side.

### Courts acted unconstitutionally

In granting these orders without notice to the Union, he said, the courts have clearly acted unconstitutionally. They are void orders, yet arrests and prosecutions stem-

ming from those arrests continue in Kern County, he said.

"What business is it of the county to be enforcing these civil orders when the growers have a civil remedy (lawsuits) at their disposal," he asked.

According to Kern County Sheriff Charles A. Dodge, the county is spending an added \$50,000 a month even in the pre-harvest season (the grape harvest comes next month). Dodge said the county had issued the "order to enforce" to his department because the growers "want action now."

### Courts crippled Salinas Strike

Union attorney Bill Carder gave a history of the Court's actions during the 1970 Salinas strike. TRO's and injunctions were employed to cripple the Union.

All strike activity was enjoined in Salinas, just when the strike was on the verge of victory, he said.

Not until two years later, in December 1972, did the State Supreme Court vindicate the Union and vacate all the injunctions. Had there been fair hearings at the

time, he said, the strike would have continued and been settled in a fair way.

If the Union had been allowed to use direct economic pressure through the organization of workers, their would have never been a national lettuce boycott. The courts acted upon demand from the growers in "rubber-stamping" temporary restraining orders, Carder charged.

By these and other means justice has been perverted, resulting in the current nationwide struggle. The issue could have been settled directly and fairly three years ago, he said.

### No instances of violence cited

Superior Court Judge P. R. Borton, who has been issuing anti-Union injunctions placing restrictions on Union picket lines such as requiring strikers to stand one hundred feet apart and placing limitations on the use of sound systems, admitted he did not visit the fields prior to issuing them because "witnessing a situation" would cause him to lose his "objectivity." During his testimony he referred

to Union picket lines as "mobs" three times, and said that "instances of violence" had caused him to issue the injunctions.

When asked to specify "instances of violence," he indicated that while the affidavits contained none, there must have been some because he remembers "reading it in the papers."

Others testifying at the hearings were struck grower John J. Kovacovich, Harry Weatherholt of Tenneco and Sergeant Howard Thurston.

Conspicuous by his absence was district attorney Albert M. Leddy who assured Senator Roberti that he would appear at the hearings without the necessity of a subpoena.

Leddy changed his mind at the last moment and failed to appear. "I took him at his word," said Roberti expressing his disapproval to the audience.

The hearings took place at the Police Department Auditorium in Bakersfield, which was packed by Union strikers, AFL-CIO representatives, witnesses, a row of Teamsters and a British film crew making a documentary film of the Union's struggle against the grower-Teamster conspiracy.



Sheriff deputies with Marty Bozina, supervisor for John Kovacevich. The only time they pay any attention to farm workers and is when they arrest them.





The strike grows stronger in Coachella.

## HOW THE GROWERS SEE GRAPE STRIKE

According to an unidentified grower quoted by the May edition of the *Desert Rancher*, a grower publication in the Coachella Valley, "There are going to be some skulls cracked. The Teamsters have had about enough of this guff that Chavez and his preachers have been handing out, and if there isn't some bloodshed I'll miss my guess--and my money is on the Teamsters."

As if nothing is wrong, the *Desert Rancher* goes on to report that "the grapes this year look good. They have sized up well, and under normal conditions the growers would look forward to another fairly lucrative season."

"Last year," reports the *Desert Rancher*, "was the first real moneymaking season in several years, however, and growers badly need another good season to help them 'get well.'"

The article ends, perhaps with an eye to the strike, "By this time next month they'll know just how sick or well they are."

## RIGHT TO VISIT LABOR CAMPS UPHELD

OLYMPIA, Washington -- The State Supreme Court, spelled out far-reaching rights for attorneys and Union organizers who deal with migrant farm workers, saying "a union organizer has a right to go where necessary to meet with workers as long as his exercise of that right is reasonable."

The ruling reversed trespass convictions of Michael J. Fox, an attorney from Seattle, and Guadalupe M. Gamboa, a Union organizer, who were arrested when they attempt to talk to migrant workers on the Rogers Corp. farm near Walla Walla.

## RICHARD NIXON: THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME

Much is being said about the Watergate scandal and what it means to Richard Nixon's career as a politician who is unscrupulous and corrupt. But many people are not surprised that Nixon maintains relationships with the Teamsters despite their connections with the Mafia.

Farm workers in the Arvin and Bakersfield area still remember the Werdell report which stemmed out of

hearings brought about by the National Farm Labor Union during the early '50s. One of the members of the congressional committee conducting the hearings was Richard Nixon, who asked one of the union's organizers, Ernesto Galarza, "Don't the growers have as much right to organize as do the farm workers?" Nixon asked this question as if organizing for exploiting others is the same as organizing in defense against exploitation.

## BORDER PATROL CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION

WASHINGTON -- The United States Department of Justice has amassed evidence of widespread corruption in one of its own branches, the southwest region of the immigration and naturalization service government sources have told the *New York Times*.

The corruption, according to the sources, exists for the most part along the 2000-mile U.S.-Mexico border and immigration officers have been found to be engaged in the following activities:

- The smuggling of aliens into the U.S.
- The smuggling of narcotics in the U.S.
- The sale of documents.
- Paroling aliens into the U.S. for illegal purposes.
- The physical abuse of immigrants.

The evidence has come to light as a result of operation Clean Sweep, an inquiry into the workings of the immigration service in the southwest.

Investigations have also uncovered that members of the Border Patrol, an enforcement arm of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, operate their own bracero programs, supplying illegal Mexican labor to big growers in return for hunting privileges, cash payments and other personal gains.

"The best proof of eligibility to enter the U.S. from Mexico is money," one agent said.

## STRUGGLE IN SANTA MARIA VALLEY CONTINUES

Growers and Teamsters recently renegotiated their sweetheart contracts, again without a vote by the farm workers. First contracts were signed during a strike called by the UFW in 1970. In a twenty-four hour period most of the growers in the valley signed with the Teamsters Union in flagrant disregard for the demonstrated wishes of the workers.

Referring to an incident at the Adam Ranch in which farm workers refused to sign with the Teamsters in front of the grower and the Teamster organizers, Santa Maria Union Office Director Paulino Pacheco said "We admire the bravery of these sisters and brothers."

## GENERAL UNION HEADQUARTERS INAUGURATED



The new Union offices in Texas were inaugurated in McAllen, Texas recently in the Rio Grande Valley.

After two years of hard work by many volunteers who sacrificed their weekends to work on the project, the completion of the construction marked another step forward for Texas farm workers.

During the ceremonies celebrating the occasion, Bishop John Fitzpatrick of the Diocese of Brownsville, affirmed the right of farm workers to have the Union of their choice "Even if farm workers were the best paid in the country they would still have the right to unionize, just as businessmen and growers have the right to defend their interests, whether or not they are suffering."



# Cesar Demands Investigation of Grower-Teamster Corruption



"ALL THEY HAD TO DO IS SAY 'YOU ARE UNDER ARREST'," says Doctor John Radebaugh recalling how he was attacked May 29 by several Tulare County Sheriffs' deputies while picketing at a Bob Hamilton ranch near Dinuba. A sheriff's deputy suddenly grabbed him, twisted his left arm behind him. John pulled back to protect his arm because of an old injury and asked why he was being arrested. No answer. Instead, more deputies jumped on him, roughed him up, handcuffed him, threw him into a patrol car and took him to jail.

The 70 strikers and Union supporters who were on the picketline back John and say that at no time was he told he was under arrest, nor did he strike any officer and he was attacked without provocation. At first, John was charged with felonies, but the charges have been reduced to a misdemeanor by the county district attorney.

"I felt like a prisoner of war" he said. John is a doctor at the Union clinic in Sanger.

COACHELLA, California -- Union Director Cesar Chavez sent a telegram May 30 to newly-confirmed Attorney General Elliott L. Richardson asking him to "reopen the files on the blatant violations of law that have occurred here in the fields of California."

When Richardson was confirmed May 25 by the U.S. Senate he said: "This is a time when the institutions of our government are under stress. In the administration of justice, the first concern must be the individual and the second truth. The first of these demands fairness and the second demands fearlessness. I shall do my utmost to be faithful to both."

Cesar's telegram challenges Richardson to live up to his promise:

"In the spirit of equal justice and integrity that you proclaimed on taking over the Department of Justice, we ask that you reopen the files on the blatant violations of law that have occurred here in the fields of California.

We urge you to review the testimony, before a San Francisco grand jury, of illegal pay-offs by growers to the Teamsters Union, that you initiate a vigorous investigation into these violations of anti-labor racketeering laws.

We also urge that you investigate the bombing of our Union offices in Delano, Hollister, Terra Bella and the burning of our office in Calexico to determine whether or not a conspiracy exists to intimidate or destroy us.

We also urge that you resume with the utmost vigor investigations of links between organized crime and the Teamsters Union regardless of the close political ties between the Teamsters and the Administration.

We welcome your call to a return of integrity in our institutions and we believe that you can demonstrate your sincerity by eliminating rampant corruption so clearly evident in California agriculture.

We pledge our total cooperation in that endeavor."

## 'Democrats Afraid to Investigate'

ARVIN, California -- "The Democrats, who are supposed to be our friends, are afraid to investigate our charges," Cesar Chavez, Union Director, told farm workers at a rally in Arvin May 31. (See page 6 for more on rally)

The U.S. Senate Labor and Welfare Committee, he said, has so far failed to investigate the Union's charges of racketeering, payoffs, threats and bombings by the Teamsters and of a collusion between the growers and the Teamsters to kill the Union.

The committee, headed by Sen. Harrison Williams (D) has a ma-

jority of Democrats serving on it.

Cesar also charged local courts and law enforcement officials with making illegal arrests of pickets, condoning violence, mistreating Union members, and fabricating charges in an attempt to break farm worker strikes.

Cesar called for a massive letter writing campaign to encourage the Democrats to initiate an investigation.

"We must remind them that the next time they come panhandling for farm worker votes, if they don't help us now, they can go to hell later on," he added.

Union members and supporters urged to write to:

Senator Harrison Williams  
Chairman, Senate Labor and  
Education Committee  
Old Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

## Anti-Loudspeaker Ordinance

### 180 FARM WORKERS CONFRONT TULARE COUNTY SUPERVISORS

VISALIA, California -- About 180 Tulare County Union members forced the Tulare County Board of Supervisors June 5 to hold hearings on an ordinance the Board passed prohibiting the use of loudspeaker systems.

The Union members headed by Selma Office Director Joe Rubio and Delano Office Director Ben Maddox and accompanied by AFL-CIO national representatives appeared at the board's regular session to protest the "emergency ordinance" the supervisors passed outlawing "the human voice or any recording...when amplified by any device whether electrical or mechanical or otherwise to such an extent as to cause it to carry on to private property or to be heard by others using public highways or public thoroughfares."

Joe Rubio told the board the ordinance was unconstitutional, and that no one was informed it was going to be passed. The board passed the ordinance May 29 without discussion.

Rubio said the aim of the ordinance was to cripple strike activity against several growers in the Dinuba-Selma area because loudspeaker systems are the only way to reach workers deep in the fields.

After some discussion, the board agreed to hold a hearing on the ordinance June 29 at the Tulare County Courthouse in Visalia. One of the main questions that will be asked at the hearing is who made the ordinance such an "emergency" and who pushed it through the board.

It is known that the Tulare County Sheriff's Department has had several meetings with the growers on what to do in case of strikes and Tulare County Sheriff Bob Wiley says he will "warn and then arrest" to enforce the ordinance.

## Pik'd Ripe Signs New Contract

SALINAS, California -- The Union signed a six-month contract with strawberry grower Anthony Gerich, president of Pik'd Ripe, Inc., May 23 covering about 300 workers after a four-month strike.

The contract provides for a minimum wage of \$2.41 until July 1, when it will go up to \$2.45. Teamster contracts in the area set the minimum wage at \$2.30.

The new contracts sets the following piece rates for strawberries picked for freezing:

May-June 1973 -- \$1.25 per flat

July-August, 1973 -- \$1.55 per flat

Sept.-Nov., 1973 -- \$1.75 per flat

The contract also calls for the company's contributions to the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Plan, the Farm Worker Fund and a Pension Plan.

When asked why he signed a contract with the Union, Gerich replied that the Union's continued picketing had posed problems for him in getting enough skilled workers to harvest the strawberries now ripe and ready for picking.

He described the new contract

as "very satisfactory to me."

The field covered by the new contract is really owned by David Walsh Company, which is also being struck by the Union, but Gerich bought the rights to the crop. Gerich plans to buy or lease more strawberry fields and says he will re-negotiate with the Union when the contract expires.

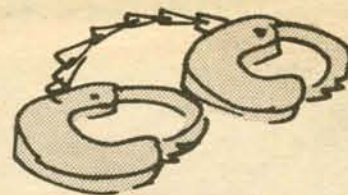
According to David Burciaga, Union Director of Negotiations, a negotiating committee elected by the workers participated in the talks leading to the new contract. The members of the committee were: Antonio D. Guevarra; Jose Ortiz; Jennie Gonzales; Connie Muñoz; Antonio Sanchez; Noe Navarro; Antonio Guevara D.; Jose M. Hernandez; Agustin Avila M.; and Jack Deaton.

The strike continues against the David Walsh Company. Despite Walsh's attempts to get enough skilled workers into his strawberry fields with the help of labor contractors Juan Gomez and Tony Guzman, he has already lost the fresh strawberry market and is being forced to freeze his strawberries at a lower profit.

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# ABUSE OF LEGAL PROCESS



ARVIN, California -- Speaking to a standing-room only crowd of farmworkers at the Arvin High School Auditorium May 31, Union Director Cesar Chavez accused local court judges of "using and abusing their power to pass injunctions to break our strikes" and that this is "illegal".

Cesar directed his most pointed words at Kern County's Sheriff Dodge saying that Dodge is doing everything possible to destroy the Union because he, as well as the judges, are subservient to the interests of the growers.

"If Sheriff Dodge wants a fight with the Union," he said, "we'll give it to him. We are going to fill the jails with those damn injunctions."

He drew enthusiastic applause when he added: "We are going to put the spotlight of the entire world on Kern County and see how they (the judges and the sheriff's department) will respond to the whole world. These men in Kern County better face up to their responsibilities because we are fighting back."

## Hostile Attitude

Union attorneys also say that in a number of specific instances Kern County law enforcement authorities failed to carry out their jobs in an impartial manner. Union attorney Tony Gaenslen said, "There has been a hostile attitude on the part of a number of members of the Kern County Sheriff's Department."

He said that since the strikes against Roberts Farms, John Kovacovich and Tenneco started, 54 strikers have been arrested in Kern County: 19 in one mass arrest; 14 in another and 21 individual arrests. Out of these he said, 7 persons had been charged with felonies by sheriff's deputies and all but one of the charges was reduced to a misdemeanor. He charged the original charges would not have stood in court.

The Union legal department says that most of the arrests were the result of alleged violations of anti-Union injunctions that should not have been issued in the first place.

At a meeting with Sheriff Dodge on May 18, Union attorney Tony Gaenslen charged the Sheriff's Department with an oppressive interpretation of certain clauses of the injunction and with refusal to act or even to accept complaints by Union members when grower agents violated the law.

Perhaps the greatest single factor serving to exacerbate the feelings of pickets has been the arbitrary arrest and hostile treatment meted out to them by the Sheriff's Department.

## Illegal Arrests

On May 22 at 9:30 a.m., Arturo Quintana was picketing at the Kovacovich ranch along with two other persons when Sergeant Howard Thurston of the Sheriff's Department came by and warned the strikers to stay one hundred feet away from each other as stipulated by the court injunction there.

According to Quintana and the other witnesses, Gregorio Cortez and Gayanne Fietinghoff, they cooperated with Thurston. Quintana was talking to a scab when Thurston and a deputy sheriff rushed up

to Quintana saying "Arturo, I have two complaints against you already. On the third one I'm going to take that flag away from you and take it to the office where you will not be able to get it."

Quintana said, "Okay," and slowly turned around. As he turned around, his flag may have brushed Thurston's face. Thurston accused Quintana of hitting him on the head with the flag's staff and arrested him, and then changed his accusation, saying Quintana had hit him across the face.

Quintana and the witnesses point out that if Thurston had been struck across the face, his glasses would have been knocked off. "There wasn't so much as a scratch on his face," they said.

But nevertheless, Thurston and the other deputy sheriff grabbed Quintana and took him away.

## Condone Violence

While picketing at Kovacovich's peach orchard May 21 near Arvin, John Osborne, a Union legal aid, told some scabs they should be ashamed of themselves for what they are doing--breaking the strike.

Suddenly 3 or 4 of the scabs came out of the fields armed with knives and formed a semi-circle around him. One of them told him, "We are going to get your ass."

John said that two sheriff deputies were talking to Mary Bozina, Kovacovich supervisor, about 30 feet away. He shouted at them for assistance, but they did not respond. Shirley Mandel, of the Union's Computer Programming Department, witnessed the incident.

## Mistreat Union People

Union volunteer Roger Terronez, 18, was stopped May 27 in Bakersfield, along with four other persons, allegedly for reckless driving by a Kern County Sheriff's deputy.

Roger said the deputy approached the car with gun drawn and accused Roger of trying to escape. Other deputies arrived. He was ordered to put up his hands, was frisked and thrown into a car.

Since Roger did not have a driver's license on him, he was questioned about the car he was driving. "Where did you steal it?" he was asked.

When Roger complained about the tightness of the handcuffs, he was told to "shut up."

At the county jail, an officer, went through Roger's wallet, found his Union membership card and said, "You are one of them, aren't you? Yeah, you are one of those Communist people."

"What do you mean?" Roger replied and told the officer "to go back to Europe." He was shoved into a cell.

"I was treated like an animal," he recalls. He was in jail for three days.

## Thurston Fabricates Charges

Sergeant Thurston arrested Union volunteers John Gibson and Susan Heller May 18 for violating a temporary restraining order that was no longer in effect at the Kovacovich farm near Arvin, limiting



Sergeant Howard Thurston

the number of persons that can picket at one time.

John Gibson arrived at the picketline, got out of his pickup and went to talk to Jim Lefever, one of the picketers.

Susan Heller, knowing that John was on his way back to La Paz, the Union headquarters in Keene, went over to talk to him too.

At that moment Thurston rushed over in his patrol car, pointed a finger at John and Susan and said, "You and you are under arrest."

They told Thurston they were on their way home. The other witnesses, Jim Lefever, Josie Echavarria and Martina Contreras backed them, but were ignored. On their way to jail, the deputies refused to talk to them.

At the county jail, Susan was asked by the matron, a Mrs. Tomlin, "What are the charges?"

"I don't know," Susan replied, "I wish someone would tell me."

"Oh, com'on," said Tomlin taunting her, "They just don't arrest people without telling them why."

"Sorry, but that's the truth," protested Susan. She then explained she had been on a picketline.

"Oh, you are with Cesar Chavez?" asked the matron.

"Yes, I am."

"Oh, now I understand everything," said Tomlin and immediately booked Susan with what appeared to be a special code.

Susan again asked what the charges were, and the matron told her that she could tell her generally what the charges were, but not specifically.

And finally she told Susan she was being charged with contempt of court (for violating a temporary restraining order).

But as it turns out, the restraining order was no longer in effect when

the arrests took place. Thurston admitted his error when confronted by Union attorney Tony Gaenslen, but said he would not change the charges because it involved "paperwork", which "is not my department."

However, when he filed the case, he charged John and Susan with "obstructing a public highway."

But witnesses say that there was no traffic on that road at the time of the arrests and that John and Susan were not standing on the road.

## Thurston Racist and Prejudiced

Several times, Sergeant Thurston has demonstrated racist attitudes towards farm workers and prejudice towards Union volunteers. On one occasion Thurston approached Lamont Union Office Director Pablo Espinosa with a racist slur, saying: "Hey, Pablo, you are looking a little sleepy. Too much 'cerveza' (beer), eh?"

In another incident, Thurston asked long-haired Union legal aid John Osborn, "What alley did you come from?" and refused to talk to him when Pablo Espinosa and John questioned him about the sheriff's department's unequal treatment of the strikers.

## Room For Hope

Meetings between the Union, AFL-CIO national representatives, and sheriff's departments are taking place. If fair treatment by the sheriff's deputies is achieved, there is some room for hope that major tensions can be avoided when massive strike activity reaches the San Joaquin Valley later this season.





(Just before going to press, EL MALCRIADO received the following report from Union Vice-President Dolores Huerta, who co-ordinates the boycott throughout the eastern half of the United States.)

## BOSTON

All of the major food chain stores have agreed to carry only Union lettuce and grapes. They also gave a commitment to not carry D'Arrigo Brothers products and any other product the Union is boycotting. Boycott workers in the city are now concentrating on the smaller chains.

## BROOKLYN

A Teamster goon is facing charges of assault with deadly weapon after he attacked a picketline at a Patmark store. The pickets were teenagers, headed by Denise Jaquet. Another picket, Jose Lopez, had his nose broken on May 26 at another Pathmark store. Ellen Caffrey of New Jersey was arrested at a Pathmark store for "molesting" the dignity of the community.

## NEW YORK

More than 1,000 stores are supporting the boycotts of lettuce and grapes and over 2,500 are not carrying D'Arrigo Brothers products. There are 16 major chains, with up to 175 stores each, supporting the Union now.

The Consumer Affairs Department of New York City has filed charges against A&P for more than 300 violations. "They showed a consistent pattern of non-availability in a substantial percentage of items advertised," the charges said. In addition to this A&P is still facing charges for having excessive fat in their ground beef.

## CHICAGO

Governor Walker of Illinois attended a mass rally and told Cesar Chavez he would publicly support secret ballot elections to settle the dispute between the Union and the Teamsters. At a meeting called by Charles Hays, a Vice-President of the Meatcutters Union, Black union leaders pledged continued support of both the lettuce and grape boycotts.

Charges were dropped against 10 workers from the Arizona recall campaign against Gov. Jack Williams who were arrested while picketing an A&P store three weeks ago. Charges are pending against three other pickets who were arrested for trying to get a meeting with A&P officials. They were arrested during a sit-in in A&P's offices.



## NEW JERSEY

Kings' Supermarkets have become the first chain to pledge Union support in this state.

In Trenton, an A&P store was closed by the State Health Department because it did not meet requirements of the state sanitary code. Two pickets, Hector Galarzo and Oscar Mondragon, had charges dropped after they were arrested for carrying a huge banner which read "Where Exploitation Originates?" (A&P's slogan is: "Where economy originates.").

## WEST VIRGINIA

An A&P manager maced some youngsters who were picketing his store. That picketline was sponsored by the United Mine Workers.

## MARYLAND

A Broken Hill A&P store was given six-months probation for selling ground beef which contained excessive fat.

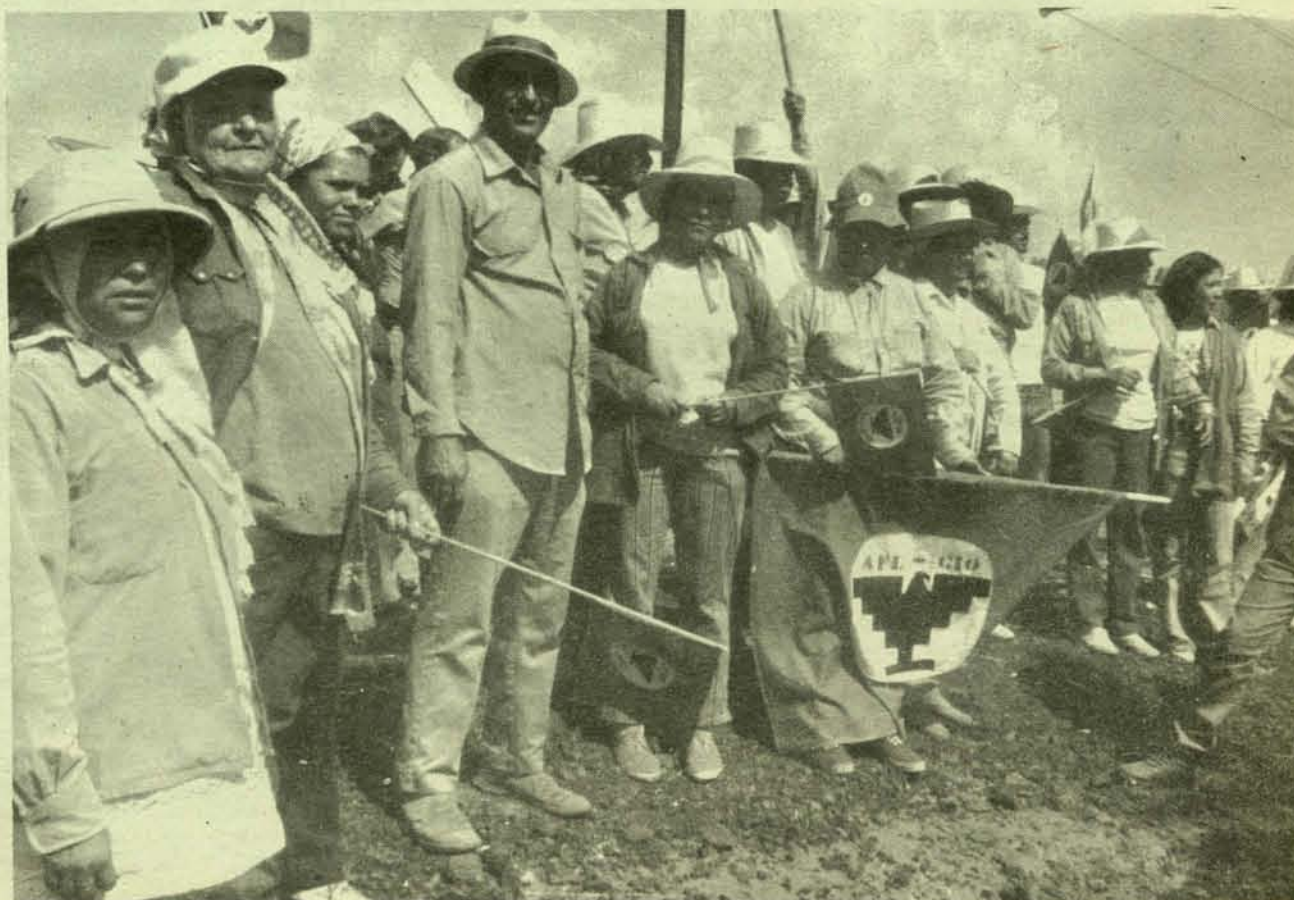
## DETROIT

The Peace Center has voted to support the Grape Boycott.

## OHIO

Western Conference of Teamsters President Einer Mohn was scheduled to speak to a group called the City Club, a weekly radio forum. Mohn cancelled out and was to send his organizing director, Bill Grami, in his place. When pickets showed up, Grami, too, did not show.

Eliseo Medina has moved to Ohio and brought 30 people from the Florida Boycott with him. They have opened up several new offices and last week turned away over 1,000 customers. They are using a new slogan, "Help us get A&P off our backs."



New D'Arrigo strikers. They walked out May 30



# WITHOUT US THE GRAPES CAN'T BE PICKED!



INDIO, California -- "We have the strength. Without our hands, without our sweat, the grapes cannot be picked. If we understand this clearly, we will win very quickly." With these words, Union Director Cesar Chavez renewed his strike call as he spoke to the 2,000 farm workers and their families who filled the Taj Mahal at the fairgrounds in Indio May 28.

Accompanied by shouts and acclamations from an enthusiastic crowd, Cesar warned foremen who oppose La Causa that this time "it won't be like in 1970. By necessity we will have to discipline those that break the strike, possibly by the loss of their jobs. Cesar reported that the growers are 'really scared' because they did not expect the AFL-CIO to give out Union such strong backing. The growers are now getting angry at the Teamsters, he said, because

the Teamsters have not been able to win over the people and have not been able to provide enough scabs to replace strikers. At the same time, the Teamsters campaign in the Coachella Valley is turning out to be a costly affair.

"The growers have committed a grave error," said Cesar, "They thought that the workers no longer wanted the Union because some of them had grievances against it. But it is proper that workers have grievances and present them. And the growers thought that because they had their grievances, they were ready to kick us out."

He finished with a personal call to all grape pickers to register immediately in the strike, so that they can start receiving their strike benefits.

Several union leaders and legislators voiced their support for the Union. Among them were: J.J. Rodriguez, president of the Los

Angeles County Central Labor Council and secretary of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters in Los Angeles; Bill Soltero, president of the Laborers Union in Arizona who is presently working with the Union in the Coachella Valley; Samuel Rodriguez, secretary-general of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM); Nick Kurko, AFL-CIO regional director, Texas, who is presently co-ordinating the efforts

of the AFL-CIO representatives in the valley; State Senator Mervyn Dymally and Assemblyman Richard Alatorre, both of Los Angeles.

Two chicano theater groups from San Diego State University, singing groups, and a mariachi band performed for the people.

The 1,500 pounds for the barbecue that was served was donated by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters of Los Angeles and the bread by the L.A. Bakery Workers.



Cesar Chavez and Bill Soltero join the crowd in singing "We Shall Overcome."

AFL-CIO Strike Support

## Growers Worried

INDIO, California -- "I never thought the AFL-CIO would get involved like they have," said Henry J. Reider, general manager for CID (Coachella-Imperial Distributors), commenting on the \$1.6 million the AFL-CIO contributed to the Union's strike fund. CID is a firm that manages the vineyards and markets grapes for 23 independent Coachella Valley growers.

Grower Charlie Keyan, who operates Key-Kas Ranches, said, "Those strike benefits really change things. They could get enough workers to join the strike now so that they really could cripple the crop."

Reider said growers already have made "tremendous investments" in this year's grape crop.

"I've got at least a half-million dollars invested in this crop already," he said. "My payroll has been running about \$65,000 or \$70,000 a week since April 16 when we started thinning, and we had spent a lot of money before that with spraying and dusting the crop."

In addition to costs, Reider said United Farm Workers' activity "has affected the quality of the (thinning) work and run our costs

up." According to AFL-CIO Director of Organization Bill Kircher, the growers worries are just starting. The AFL-CIO's \$1.6 million strike contribution to the United Farm Workers "is a beginning, not an end. An AFL-CIO constitutional provision allows us to give another \$1.6 million. Our constitution allows us to provide 4 cents per member monthly for up to six months."

"And we haven't even begun to tax the members," he said. "This financial support comes out of dues they have already paid."

"If the growers have the guts," Bill went on, "They could tell the Teamsters they were mistaken originally and that the United Farm Workers represents the majority of their workers, and they're calling the Teamster contracts off."

He said the growers wouldn't have to be concerned about Teamster reprisals, "legal or otherwise, because the climate of public opinion is a deterrent that would prevent the Teamsters from doing anything that would make them look more foolish."



Union organizer Marshall Ganz presents some of the AFL-CIO national representatives who have come to help the Union in the fight against the growers and Teamsters.



"I have 'mucho dinero'," says the grower to farm workers during an act by the Teatro Mestizo of San Diego State University.



# News Briefs



FOOD FOR THE STRIKE.

## HIT BY TEAMSTER GOON

Teamster goon Larry Kirchner, Jr., hit Union picket Rudy Reyes in the nose as he taled to Filipino orkers about clinic benefits at the Tenneco - Ducor farm. Kirchner was arrested by sheriff's deputies and later released.

## D'ARRIGO LAWSUIT

D'Arrigo filed a lawsuit against the Union May 31 charging that workers violated the Union contract when they took a day off to help picket Tenneco. According to Delano Union Office Ben Maddox, whenever a company official dies or if the company decides to have a party all work stops, but the "growers get upset because workers are making up their own minds and sometimes decide to take off from work for personal reasons, such as defending their union."

## WANTS HIGH RENT

Grower Milton Karahadian, in an eviction summons to striker Pompeyo Alvarado is asking damages of \$5.00 per day which he claims is the rental value of the house Alvarado lives in, which amounts to \$150 a month. Alvarado says the two-bedroom house is barely worth \$75 a month. "But I'm not getting out," he said, "I don't want some scab to take my place."

## FIGHT DANCE PROHIBITION

Union Director Cesar Chavez and his wife Helen, danced at the rally in Indio May 28 (see pages 8-9)

violating a city ordinance prohibiting public dances, which Cesar said was unconstitutional.

In discussions leading to the passage of the ordinance by the city council, Indio's Assistant Chief of Police claimed that grape strikers "like to gather at dances where fighting always results."

The Union went to three superior court judges to get an injunction excluding the Union from the ban, but they wouldn't hear the case. The municipal court judge was finally appointed superior court judge to hear the case and decided against the Union.

The Union announced it would hold the dance anyway and police threatened mass arrests. But after Cesar and Helen were not arrested, everyone joined in the dancing and had a good time.

## ORGANIZING IN YOLO COUNTY

EL MALCRIADO has received word that an organizing drive is now in progress among Yolo County farm workers in Northern California. According to the report, farm workers are enthusiastically "signing with Chavez."

The organizers, whose names cannot yet be published, said they had an encounter recently with the Madison Migrant Labor Camp in Madison. The camp manager interrupted a meeting they were having with farm workers in one of the cabins. He kicked in the door, forced his way into the cabin shouting "We don't permit politics around here."



Valley Vineyards workers donated \$200 to the Coachella Valley Strike Fund.

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These men do not have the same rights enjoyed by millions of other workers throughout this land. That is why the U.S. labor movement is going all-out to aid the Farah strikers.

Tens of thousands of union members, backed by local community and religious leaders will be demonstrating against Farah products today and tomorrow in front of stores across the country that continue to sell Farah slacks — to protest the unfair labor practices of the Farah Company!

Join them! They need your help. Don't buy Farah pants for Father's Day, or any other day!



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## WE'VE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT!

### NEWSPAPER GUILD SUPPORT

The Bakersfield Newspaper Guild recently passed a resolution supporting the Union and donated \$50 to the strike fund after hearing Union organizers Pancho Botello and Beatriz Martinez speak. The Stockton Newspaper GUILD also went on record in support of the Union May 12 after an appearance at their meeting by Union Vice-President Pete Velasco.

### CONVENTION IN MEXICALI

Striker Jose Castillo informed EL MALCRIADO that a group of Mexican farm workers held a convention May 20 in Mexicali during which they declared their solidarity with the Union.

Attending the convention were representatives from the Mexican states of Vera Cruz, Puebla, Michoacan, Jalisco, Nayarit, Sinaloa, Sonora, and Baja California.



# Gallo Admits Union Represents Workers

LIVINGSTON, California -- "We have no reason to believe that any one other than you (UFW) represents our workers," said Bob Deatrik, chief negotiator for E. & J. Gallo Winery, to Union Director of Negotiations David Burciaga and Research Director Jim Horgan during a negotiating session May 29.

He told David and Jim that "we have never departed from our position--and that's why we are sitting down with you--that you represent our workers."

## Teamster intrusions

The admission came after negotiations stalled for 15 days as a result of at least five Teamster intrusions onto company property, in some cases with express consent of company supervisors.

The Union contract expired April 18 and the workers agreed to continue working during negotiations as long as the company stuck to its policy of not permitting neither Union organizers nor Teamsters onto its fields. Teamsters were seen entering Gallo fields as early as April 25.

## Supervisors

### Let Teamsters in

Teamster organizers came to Gallo's Fresno operation May 10, talked with ranch superintendent Ferd Bernardi, and proceeded into the fields. They were asked to leave by the workers. When the Union confronted the company with the incident at the May 11 negotiating session, the company replied Bernardi had probably not been informed of company policy.

On another occasion, company supervisor Bill Wolgamott arranged for a Teamster meeting to take place at Union member Fred Huckobey's company-owned house. David Burciaga went to the meeting to find the workers very upset and trying to run the Teamsters off company property. But a company supervisor, Alberto Cardenas, told the workers that the Teamsters had a right to be there and even challenged some of the workers to a fist fight.

Teamsters were seen in front of the company ranch superintendent Bill Heuer's house. The following day the Teamsters had the names and addresses of all the workers at Gallo's Snelling Ranch.

## Collusion

### with the company

In another incident, Horonato Pimientel, a Union member who is siding with the company, told the negotiating committee he was working for the Teamsters in collusion with the company. The negotiating committee is comprised of workers elected by the general membership at Gallo and attends negotiating sessions with the company.

On May 13, Pimientel threatened the negotiating committee and spat on one of the members, Jose Villasaes, and threw him to the ground.

He also threw Frank Perry, another member of the committee, to the ground. Negotiations stalled May 14.

## Serious doubts

The workers, the vast majority strong Union members, began to have serious doubts about the company's good intentions. These doubts were further aroused when Robert J. Gallo, one of the company owners, sent a letter to the workers May 18 telling them "you are in the middle of a contest between two unions."

"You will not lose your job for signing, or not signing a union card. You have been told the company is close to reaching agreements on a new contract. The company is not close to an agreement with any union," Gallo wrote.

## Cesar demands elections

After he saw a copy of the letter, Union Director Cesar Chavez sent Gallo a telegram stating, "We do not agree with your position that there exists a contest between two unions, as to which Union represents the company's workers...."

"...There seems to be some doubt in your mind," Cesar wrote, "as to which Union represents the workers; we are demanding an immediate election supervised by an outside party acceptable to both the company and the Union."

When the demand was publicized in the newspaper, the FRESNO BEE, Gallo could not be reached for comment.

Gallo sent the Union a telegram stating there had been a misunderstanding, "the Teamsters do not represent our workers," and negotiations would be resumed at any time. When negotiations resumed May 29, the Union pressed the election issue, but the company admitted the Union represents the workers.

## Differences

### with the company

Perhaps not by accident, the "Teamster problem" paralleled the emergence of differences between the Union the company on some basic issues.

The company wants to abolish the hiring hall and so far, refuses to extend the Union contract to all of its subsidiaries. The company wants to undermine Union security by establishing a 30-day probation period in which a worker could be fired for any reason without recourse to grievance procedures.

David Burciaga says workers are dispatched anew before every phase of work and they would be continually under probation and in danger of losing their jobs, if the company's proposals were accepted.

Commenting on the company's proposals, he said, "Maybe this is one of the reasons the Teamsters are around. This is the type of contract language acceptable to the Teamsters, in which workers have no job security."

E. & J. Gallo Winery has 10,000 acres in crops, including 1,500 acres in apples. From the apples, Gallo produces "Boone's Farm", until now, the company's most popular seller in the "pop-wine" field.



# WORKERS ROUT TEAMSTERS AT GALLO

LIVINGSTON, California -- A crowd of 125 aroused Gallo workers showed eight Teamster organizers what union they want as they drove them away May 11 from a meeting the outsiders were conducting on company property in Livingston. The Teamsters left the scene with shouts of "Chavez Si, Teamsters, No." "Huelga" and "Get the hell out of here" ringing in their ears.

The abortive meeting had begun even as UFW negotiators, led by David Burciaga, were in session with company representatives in the fifth in a series of talks to renegotiate the six-year-old contract which expired on April 19.

Gray-haired Jim Smith and his seven young, showcase chicano and filipino cohorts from the "Western Conference of Teamsters Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee" in Stockton and Fresno were were arrogantly boasting of their \$300 a week salaries and cockily describing the features of their so-called contracts.

But the ten workers who had been persuaded to come and listen to the Teamsters rejected the shallow bribes and disputed their claims.

Along with Bobby de la Cruz, who had been fired from his job at Gallo two weeks earlier, and Juan Perez of the Union staff, also present at the open-air meeting, they

accused the Teamsters of selling out workers, offering phony benefits, and trying to restore the labor contractor system. And when the crowd arrived, the Teamsters quickly saw that they have no business messing with farm workers. They retreated to their three new Catalinas, handily parked nearby, with one Teamster meekly flashing the peace sign.

In the midst of this, the day's negotiating session had adjourned, the four company representatives, on their way to their Livingston Ranch headquarters, could not miss what was happening only 100 feet away. The Union negotiators and the Negotiating Committee joined the workers in the demonstration. There could be no doubt in the minds of company officials or the Teamsters as to who represents the Gallo workers.

Mexicans, Anglos and Portuguese, those Gallo workers, led by Basilio Chavez, Jose Villasaes, Clyde Huckobey, Bob Abbott, Mario Vargas, and Frank Perry, and organized by tri-lingual Livingston Office Director Aggie Rose, are spirited, determined and outraged at the thought of losing their union to what may be yet another Teamster-grower conspiracy. And there is no doubt that the Gallo workers will win.

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SAFEWAY**



# Teamster Boss Meets With Mafia, Then With Nixon

In a recent issue, EL MALCRIADO reported how the Nixon Administration is tied in with the Teamsters and Growers in a conspiracy to destroy the Union. On May 30, Union Director Cesar Chavez asked newly-confirmed U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson to investigate, regardless of the close political ties between the Teamsters and the Nixon Administration, anti-labor racketeering by growers and Teamsters, attacks on Union offices, and links between the Teamsters Union and organized crime.

The next day an article appeared in the L.A. Times making new disclosures about Teamster-Mafia dealings that seem to make no difference to President Nixon as he continues his cozy relationship with Teamster president Frank Fitzsimmons.

## Green light to the Mafia

In light of mounting evidence pointing to Nixon's complicity in the Watergate Operation and the large number of Nixon's high officials who have been ousted as a result of the scandal, it is easy to understand the suspicions aroused by a situation in which Fitzsimmons huddles with a man identified by the FBI as a major Mafia figure, then several hours later boards Air Force One with President Nixon for a flight to Washington.

The suspicions grow when, in Chicago, the Illinois Legislative Investigation Commission files an intelligence report quoting a federal investigator as saying the Nixon Administration decided not to prosecute Fitzsimmons' son, Richard (a Detroit Teamster official), in a fraud case "due to the 'love affair' between Fitzsimmons and the White House."

An FBI agent who reviewed the report and who is investigating widespread Teamster-Mafia financial deals says:

"This whole thing of the Teamsters and the mob and the White House is one of the scariest things I've ever seen. It has demoralized the bureau. We don't know what to expect out of the Justice Department."

The fact is that because of Watergate and the warm Fitzsimmons relationship with the White House, some federal and local law enforcement officers seriously question whether the Nixon Administration is committed to uncovering what they say is a major scandal--Mafia schemes to loot the Teamsters' Union's Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund.

## Nixon-Fitzsimmons romance

They point out that the Administration courted the 2-million-mem-

ber Teamster union and that Fitzsimmons is President Nixon's strongest supporter within the labor movement.

Not only does the Teamster President enjoy a political alliance with President Nixon, but also close friendships with former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, a central figure in the Watergate scandal, and with his successor as attorney general, Richard G. Kleindienst, who also resigned because of Watergate.

The Nixon-Fitzsimmons romance was first kindled on June 21, 1971 when they posed for photographers and Nixon said: "My door is always open to President Fitzsimmons and that is the way it should be."

The romance has flourished;

At the Teamster convention July 5, 1971, James D. Hodgson, then secretary of Labor, told the Teamsters the doors to various government agencies would be opened to them.

Through the efforts of presidential assistant John D. Ehrlichman, Atty. Gen. Mitchell (both deposed by Watergate) and White House counsel Charles W. Colson (also linked to Watergate), former Teamster president James Hoffa, who was serving a 13-year sentence for pension fund fraud and jury tampering, was freed by Nixon.

## Money for Nixon re-election

Fitzsimmons announced July 17, 1972 the Teamsters Union supported Nixon's re-election. It is estimated Teamster contributions to the Nixon campaign totaled as much as \$250,000.

Former Teamster president David Beck, who went to prison in 1962 for tax fraud, received a moratorium on paying \$1.3 million in back taxes. John B. Connally, then Nixon's secretary-treasurer, arranged the deal in exchange for Teamster support of Nixon's anti-labor economic policies.

Members of the Nixon Administration pay tribute to Fitzsimmons at dinners well-attended by a large number of persons with criminal records and others identified by investigators as "musclemen".

## Too late to quash probe

The Nixon administration refuses a wire-tapping request in a FBI probe of Teamster-Mafia ties because it was producing information potentially damaging or embarrassing to Fitzsimmons.

However, Nixon's attempt to quash the probe came too late. The FBI affidavit in which the wire-tapping request was made was leaked to the press, bringing the entire case into public view.



Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons with President Richard Nixon

So widespread is the evidence of fraud and schemes for looting Teamster pension funds through illicit finders fees, payoffs and kickbacks that an investigation is under way on two fronts--federal and local--into at least four Mafia operations, reportedly bankrolled by Teamster money in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Chicago and Detroit.

## \$1.4 billion in pension funds open to Mafia

The focal point of the probe is the scheme to loot the \$1.4 billion Central States, Southeast and Southwest Teamsters Pension Fund. The fund is headquartered in Chicago and is comprised of contributions--currently \$14 a week per employee--paid by employers covered by Teamster contracts.

One high-ranking federal official said, "My observation is that the Teamster (pension) fund is sort of an open bank to people well-connected in Las Vegas and well-connected in organized crime."

Millions of pension fund dollars have been lent to build Las Vegas casinos and developments like the Teamster-financed La Costa Country Club near Carlsbad in San Diego County, described by a Justice Department attorney as "the

West Coast R&R (rest and recuperation) center for all sorts of hoods from throughout the country."

## Fitzsimmons meets with Mafia figures

Part of the investigations have center on meetings at La Costa and in Palm Springs attended by the Teamsters president and known Mafia figures Sam Sciortino, Peter J. Milano, Joe Lamanchi, Lou Rosanova and several others.

Investigators are still probing into the mob-union real estate deals and plans for the prepaid legal service, similar to a program reportedly being set up with a pension fund loan in Minnesota.

Pension fund frauds and racketeering are nothing new to the Teamsters Union. They have plagued the union for almost a quarter of a century.

This is the union the growers have picked for farm workers because "Teamster leaders are more sophisticated than UFW leaders in running a modern trade union." Their contracts with the Teamsters may provide no security or protections for farm workers, but they do provide that the growers pay 15 cents per worker per hour into the Teamster pension fund.







# International News

## Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Called "New Hitler"

### Farah Strikers-Mexican Workers In Solidarity

A group of workers on strike against Farah in El Paso, joined in a demonstration of Mexican workers demanding that the government there do something to stop the rapid increases in prices. They also demanded a 40-hour work week.

Tony Sanchez, who led the Farah strikers' delegation said they marched with their Mexican brothers to show their solidarity, because they support the Farah boycott.

### Most Profitable Part of the World--Asia

SAN FRANCISCO, California (TNS) -- The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that U.S. direct investments in manufacturing were more profitable in Asia than in any other region of the world, and that U.S. direct investment is increasing at a faster rate in Asia than in any other region.

U.S. investments in manufacturing in 1971 showed 16.2% profit in Asia, as compared to 11.5% in Europe and 10.1% in Latin America. Figures are based on net earnings as a percent of book value of direct equity investments.

Direct investment has increased 118.5% in Asia from 1966-71, 84.8% in Africa and 70.5% in Europe.

When manufacturing investments are combined with other U.S. investments, the Middle East and Africa top Asia in profitability, largely because of oil investments.

### Brazilian Women Used as Guinea Pigs By US Drug Firms

BAHIA, Brazil (TNS) -- North American and Brazilian doctors are using Brazilian women as guinea pigs in testing the effects of a new contraceptive pill.

The project is based at the Bahia University Medical School, which is partly financed by the Ford Foundation.

This charge was made by a local doctor whose name must be withheld. He stated that for more than a year a team of Brazilian doctors under U.S. supervision have been conducting experiments at the Clinico de Oliveira Clinic in Salvador, capital of Bahia State, using a contraceptive pill whose effects are still unknown.

According to the physician, there is a law in the U.S. prohibiting such experimentation, which has led the big drug firms to use Latin Americans for guinea-pigs.

He said the Family Welfare Society is the main Brazilian recipient of funds to support population control plans. The funds come through the International Planned Parenthood Federation, which finances some 72 Brazilian organizations.

Another important organization is the Population Council set up in 1952 by John D. Rockefeller, which has provided \$117,000 to Brazilian universities and laboratories for research on fertility and birth control.



SAN FRANCISCO, California -- The National Committee for the Restoration of Civil Liberties in the Philippines issued a statement May 22 pledging its full support to all of those who have been blacklisted by the Marcos dictatorship and its representatives here in the United States.

The statement was prompted by the resignation May 18 of Ruperto Baliao, 47, acting Consul General of the Philippines in Los Angeles, to protest the "dictatorship policies" of President Ferdinand Marcos.

Baliao, who asked for political asylum in the United States, signed document denouncing the suppression of the civil liberties of

the Pilipino people by Marcos' dictatorship.

Baliao called Marcos "the new Hitler" and exposed the existence of an espionage network directed from the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C.

He said the network is charged with collecting the names and activities of Pilipino leaders and civil libertarians here in the United States.

He presented a list of 150 names which he said forms part of the Philippine government blacklist, names of Philippine citizens whose lives and/or freedom would be in danger if they returned to their homeland.

According to the NCRCLP statement in support of Baliao, "the

arbitrary blacklisting of people here in the U.S. is a reflection of what is going on in the Philippines. There are now at least 8,261 political prisoners who several months ago, were languishing in the known Philippine concentration camps, many of whom were originally arrested on the flimsiest of charges and NONE of whom have yet been given a fair and democratic trial."

"The arbitrary blacklisting revealed by Mr. Baliao," the NCRCLP said, "and the continuing espionage is a glaring attempt on the part of the Marcos dictatorship to terrorize and harass the Philippine-American community and extend the martial law dictatorship to Philipinos and Philipino-Americans in the United States."

### Pilots' Wives Fight to Stop Indochina Bombings

The wives of the pilots that daily continue bombing Indochina five months after the signing of the peace agreement, are organizing to stop the bombings and to bring their husbands home again.

Women from different air bases have been in contact with attorneys and senators in order to put pres-

sure on the Nixon Administration.

Their husbands are supporting their efforts and many refuse to go on bombing missions. The pilots at the air force base in Guam call themselves POG's, Prisoners of Guam.

The Nixon Administration, completely discredited by the Watergate scandal, stands isolated in

his criminal bombing policies.

Both the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have voted to cut off funds for bombings in Indochina.

Meanwhile, the U.S. - supported dictatorship in Cambodia, which was set up with CIA help, is about to fall to liberation forces.



"It's more practical to divide the profits among 2000 generals than among 10 million Brazilians."



# FARM WORKER FORUM



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Yngvar Christophersen  
Oslo, Norway

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Dear friends,

Enclosed please find my check for \$5.00 for which please send me a bundle of 50 copies of EL MALCRIADO. I shall be giving them out to the youth at our Reach Outs who will be observing and participating in work with the agricultural migrants as part of their study of Christians and the Responsible Use of Power.

I thank you.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Mrs. Jay Hoddinott, Project Director  
United Methodist--"Reach Out"  
Woodsfield, Ohio

## Sends Receipts

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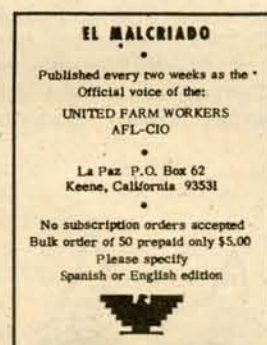
I am rigorously supporting your boycott of Safeway stores. I was a regular customer of the Safeway store at Lincoln and Rose. Several months ago I heard of the boycott and have not bought anything since. Enclosed are the receipts from the other grocery stores. You may send them to Safeway.

Best of luck with your boycotts and to your union. I am a loyal supporter.

Sincerely,

Taylor Tronbridge  
Venice, California

(Enclosed with the letter were receipts representing \$221.90 Safeway lost in a four-month period for just one customer. Multiply this by hundreds of thousands of customers and it is easy to understand why Safeway has been so uptight about the boycott--EL MALCRIADO.)



## Letter to the President

Mr. Nixon,

I have just finished working four months with the United Farm Workers Union. Since you are opposed to the boycott which are now engaged in, I wonder if you intend to include the farm workers and their families in your reported present administration objectives to "advance the nation's health and education," create "more livable communities, in which ALL (my emphasis) of our children can grow up with fuller access to opportunity and greater immunity to the social evils and blights which now plague so many of our towns and cities."

In many rural communities, the courts, with their restraining orders and injunctions, cooperate with the growers to keep the workers' living and working conditions poor. The Union has found that, against such odds, the only effective weapons can be non-violence and economic pressure.

Good faith negotiations on the part of growers have not been voluminous.

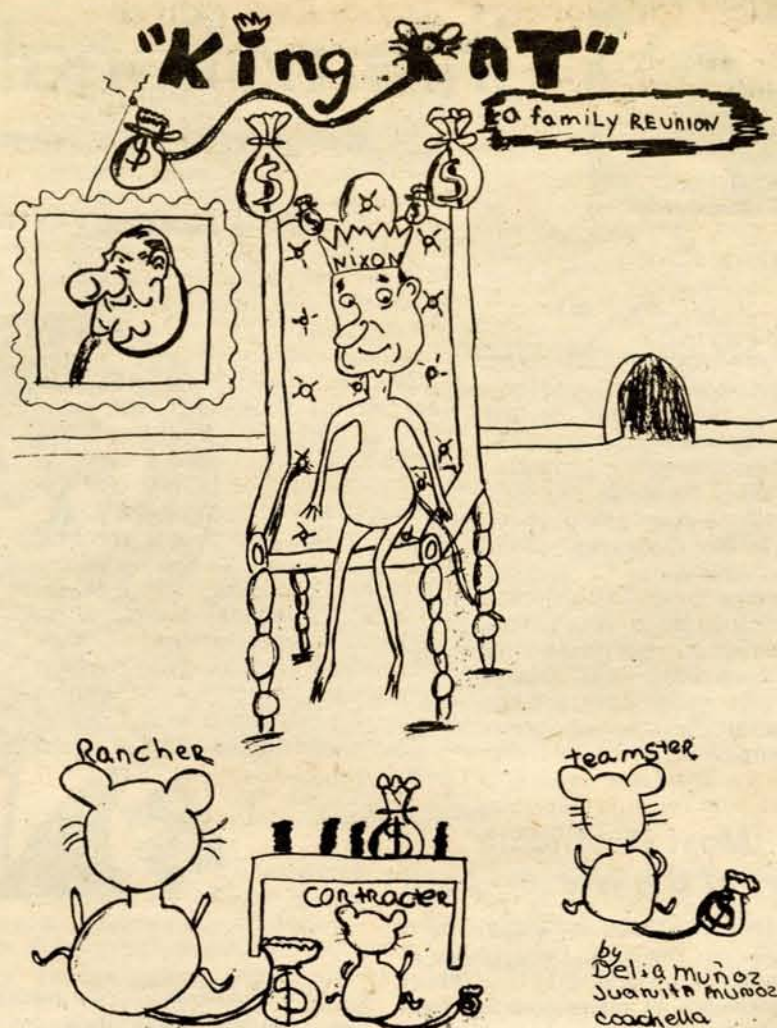
Safeway and A&P stores are the keys to the farm workers' obtaining Union lettuce contracts because they are the two largest grocery chains. They can use their positions in obtaining justice and dignity for farm workers by stocking Union lettuce. I hope that you see the need for representative contracts.

The California Supreme Court has recently ruled that the "sweet-heart" contracts signed in '70 by Teamsters and growers do not "represent" farm workers and thus, there is no jurisdictional dispute between the two unions.

I request that you urge the cooperation of these two major stores so that farm workers may have a fairer, healthier, safer environment.

In your plan to "increase productivity" in this country and to "keep farm income high," don't forget those who suffer and yes, die in the process of accomplishing that, as there were those who suffered and died and still do in your war production.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Kennedy  
Long Beach, California



## Letter to Higinio Rangel

Dear Higinio:

I see by reading the April 20th edition of EL MALCRIADO that you are now the director of organization for this paper. I hope that this position will prove rewarding to you and that you will be able to further the cause of economic independence for the farm workers in this position.

Now that I have been elected to the Board of Supervisors, I am not as active now as I was or as much as I would like to be; however, I still do what I can to help the cause.

I agree very strongly with you that EL MALCRIADO can be an instrument of struggle and a means by which farm workers can express themselves. I wish you the best of luck in this regard, and if you are back in San Jose at any time or if I can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,

Dan McCorquodale  
Supervisor, Third District  
County of Santa Clara

## My People

We are farm workers,  
Chicanos, ready to fight  
From Salinas to Coachella  
We are on STRIKE

I see my Raza, campesinos  
working together to unite,  
Our leader is César Chávez,  
Because we know he is  
on our side

When the 'División del Norte'  
got to Coachella,  
We learned what suffering  
and having a good time is like.

We 'HUELGUISTAS' from Coachella  
and Salinas, we had a good time  
Although we were in jail,  
SO WHAT  
our spirit was always outside

Well my Carnales,  
LA CAUSA SE VA A GANAR,  
Cause we know que los  
'Teamsters' no toda  
La Raza pueden comprar  
SI, SE PUEDE

## Good Luck Flower

Honorable strikers.

I found this flower today, when my older brother, Helge, your boycott organizer in Norway, celebrated his birthday. I first thought to give it to him, but then thought that you certainly would need it much more.

It is the very first time in my 13-year-long life that I have found this kind of flower (firklover we call it in Norwegian) with four leaves.

Usually they have only three. It is very seldom one finds four leaves on this common wood flower. Always when that does happen, the

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## Farm Worker Fight a Fight for Workers' Rights Everywhere

(This letter was published in the Salinas California, May 3, 1973)

To the Editor:

This letter is concerning the story "Teamster President Says Cesar Chavez Desperate," that you ran April 25, Frank Fitzsimmons, president of the Teamster union, said that Cesar Chavez was "whining" about conspiracies.

Chavez was right to call public attention to Coachella Valley to show the public that the Teamster officials are up to their old tricks again.

The Teamsters were expelled from the AFL-CIO in the late 50's for corruption and a number of top Teamster leaders have been found guilty of extortion....

The Supreme Court in California found the Teamsters guilty of signing "Sweetheart" agreements with the growers in the Salinas Valley. More than that, workers everywhere know well about the Teamster practice of raiding other unions and lining the pockets of Teamster big-wigs. James Hoffa said recently that labor is big business. The Teamsters are certainly the best friends big business has among labor.

Teamster officials don't fight for workers' rights. They go along with the 5.5 percent limit on wages despite the cost of living going up far higher than that. Fitzsimmons who makes \$125,000 a year, doesn't feel the pinch of rising prices. What does he know about the needs of farm workers, or any other workers for that matter? He's too far away. Maybe if he made \$10,000 a year he wouldn't be such a sell-out.

Last week Congressman Ed Roy-

bal from Los Angeles said, "An apparent conspiracy exists between grape growers (like the giant Tenneco Corporation) and the Teamsters against the farm workers movement."

Roybal visited 31 farms and took a poll from 795 farm workers; 83.4 per cent voted for the United Farm Workers Union, 8.4 per cent for the Teamsters. Who is really afraid of an election?

George Meany of the AFL-CIO charged the Teamsters with union busting, and he called upon the entire AFL-CIO to support the UFW.

Fitzsimmons' claim that the UFW is losing support among the clergy is false. Clergymen were arrested in large numbers in the mass arrests in Coachella. But the real point is who has the loyalty of the workers. Three hundred workers went to jail in Coachella; perhaps a thousand more are on strike. Where are the Teamsters?

There are about 100 of them guarding the fields; they are hired as thugs...and paid \$67 a day. As one of them said, "I'm a mercenary; I'm in it for the money."

The top Teamster official in Coachella, Alan Droughty, is the nephew of one of Coachella's largest growers.

I say hurray for Chavez and the farm workers and hope that all unions and rank and filers can see that we must not be divided by people like Fitzsimmons and the growers. All working people must realize the farm workers' fight is a fight for worker's rights everywhere.

Dale Speegle  
Salinas, California

### Makes Suggestions

Editors,

The recent issue of EL MALCRIADO I have read and support your union's recent activities. Your actions are historical for the liberation and defense for a reasonable and respectful living.

I was talking with a United Farm Worker representative in East Lansing, Michigan. We talked for a few minutes and I signed a petition to impeach Nixon.

I have an understanding of the California and Arizona Union activism. But for me to be more alert of your activities send a copy of the illegal contract signed between Teamsters and lettuce growers--if you can acquire a contract to send.

The readers of EL MALCRIADO would better understand the United Farm Workers demands and support the union demands if the editors would print in an issue of EL MALCRIADO the current non-union wages the workers receive. Your list of demands for better wages, unemployment compensation, paid holidays and other benefits are knowledgeable for current union demands. But it would be of greater value to readers and supporters to list the current wages for job classifications under union demands and compare and evaluate these to non-union demands in similar job classifications.

This list of data would serve to reveal (1) the low wages being received for the work done and exploitation the lettuce growers use for profits and (2) further reinforce U.F.W. demands for a decent living wage. Shalom.

Sincerely,  
Raymond W. Oram, Jr.  
East Lansing, Michigan

(Thanks for your suggestions--EL MALCRIADO)

### Hopes Teamsters Lose

I'm sending some Dr. bills. The way the Teamsters are trying to get our union out of the way I hope they never win. If for some reason you don't accept any more claims because of the way things are going please explain and write to me so I'll know. My dues are paid for this quarter of April, May, June.

Thank you,  
Luis Arteaga  
Porterville, California

### Keeping the Faith

Let's all keep faith,  
with our fore-fathers  
Who trudged these hot,  
and dusty farm roads  
While slaving for,  
those inhuman starvers  
And being forced to hop,  
around like toads.

Officials were never known,  
to draw their saber  
To protect the rights,  
of farm workers from harm  
They only drew it,  
when they needed slave labor  
To keep the crops growing,  
at the County Pea Farm.

The torn bodies of many,  
bygone farm workers  
Are nervously sleeping,  
from here to Delano.  
And the battles must be,  
real tear jerkers,  
As they watch,  
the United Farm Workers grow.

Perry Boland  
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