

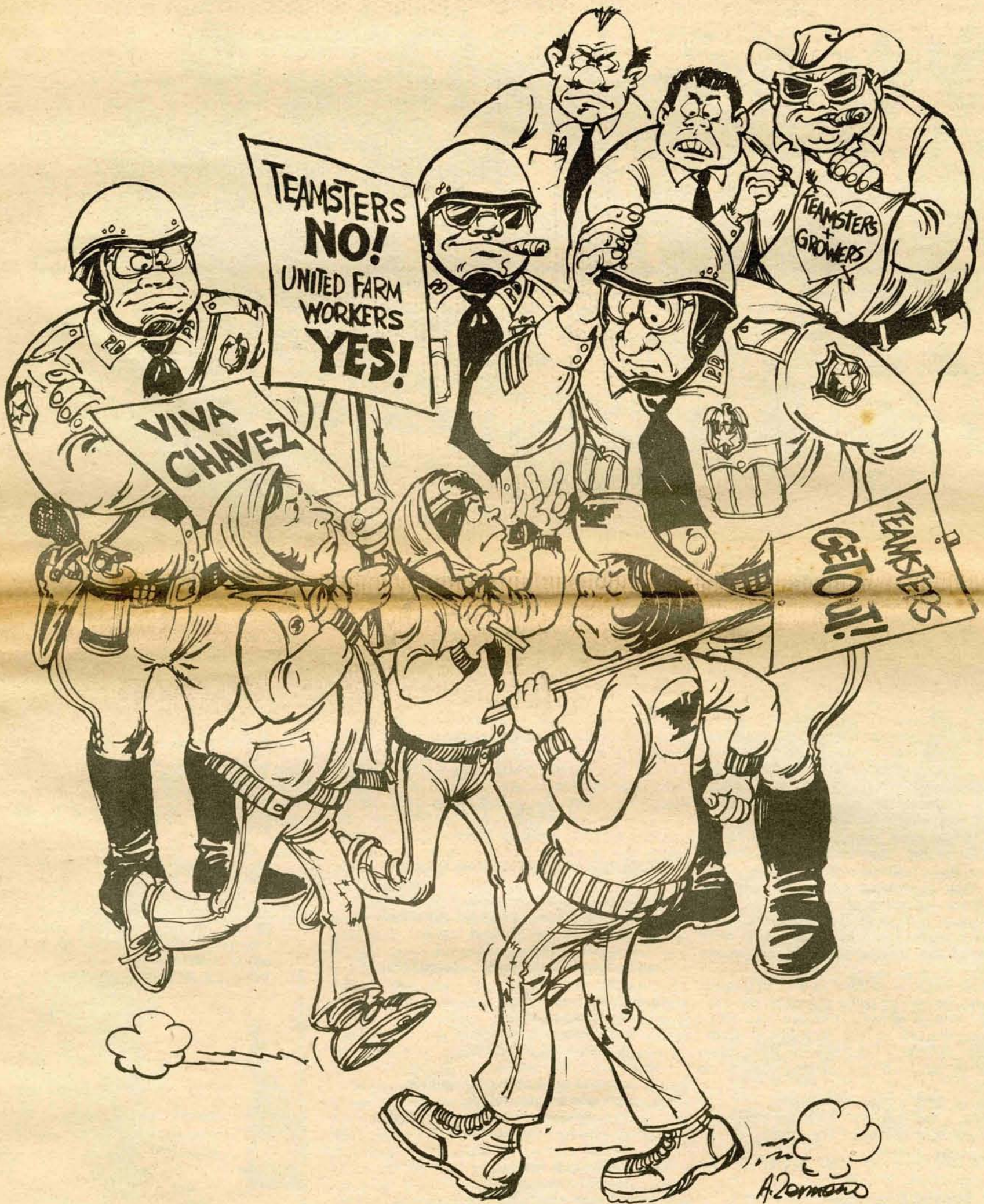
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Last Minute Bulletin

BOMB BLAST AT FORTY ACRES

DELANO, California -- A bomb blast shook the Forty Acres at 6:20 p.m. January 17, blowing a three-foot hole in the 18-inch, steel-reinforced adobe walls of the gasoline station there. The blast was so powerful it smashed one auto into another and blew out windows in a neighboring house 100 yards away.

"The explosion was so powerful we thought the bomb had gone off in our offices," said Union Vice-President Philip Vera Cruz, who was

at the hiring hall, about 100 yards from the blast. The explosion also shook the clinic building which is from 150 to 200 yards from the gasoline station. It is agreed that if anyone had been at the station, death would have resulted.

It is not yet known who set off the bomb or and it is speculated that the bomb was made up of a high-powered dynamite. However technical experts from the Kern County Sher-

riff's Department and from the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the U.S. Treasury are investigating the bombing.

Richard Chávez, Director of Union Field Offices, said "We are urging Union members not to be alarmed. The investigation into the bombing is continuing and we will have more details for you in the next issue of EL MALCRIADO."

Women and Children at the Forefront

Last week farm worker women and children wrote a new glorious page in the history of our movement.

Numbering about 500, they went to the very heart of the Teamsters union in Burlingame, to tell its so-called union leaders that farm workers are not afraid of them and that farm workers want the United Farm Workers.

Our sisters in the Union do their part on the frontlines of our struggles because without the liberation of women, a movement is not really a movement. The same is true with our children.

In its struggle for justice, the farm worker family is indivisible. The other day, a customer in Santa Maria was upset because farm worker children were on the picketline. One of the farm workers told the customer: "Our entire families are forced to work in the fields and

together we will do strikes and boycotts, which are the best schools our children can have."

And during the demonstration in Burlingame a mother told her child, who was frightened by the police: "You have to take it, dear, some day you'll have to run the Union and you must be strong."

Women and children, who have endured so much suffering, know that the lives of migrant farm workers have been a long march of thousands of miles of hardships to escape hunger. But they also know that we still have to march thousands of miles more, but this time, to win our rights and our liberation.

So there they go, women and children, together with men, bringing their enthusiasm and courage to press onward toward the final victory in a movement in which, as the Mexican saying goes, "those who are willing can do more than those who can."



LETTER FROM FLORIDA

Dear Fellow Workers:

You wrote to me asking if I had lost interest. No I haven't, but I appear to be in a section of Florida where your members do not work. Oranges and grapefruit are grown here.

I want to help as much as I can, but I am retired on a pension, am developing according to an oculist a cataract and so do not drive. We live six miles out of the town of Melbourne.

If there are any people in my area working with you please give them my name and phone number. I attended the meeting of Concerned Democrats last month and met two young men from the Miami area backing you and wearing the Black Eagle pin. They may be at tomorrow's meeting, also. I would like to have a pin.

I feel that boycotting compares with refraining from crossing picket lines. Also, I feel that your efforts at preventing excessive use of insecticides and keeping people from being sprayed with them are beneficial to society as a whole.

I am enclosing five dollars as a contribution. Please send me two or three copies of the current issue of your paper. I would also like a list of contributors to the Republican Campaign Fund so that I can boycott them also. I think it is unlawful for corporations to so contribute.

May you all have a happy new year, Rose Moore, member of Chicago Teachers' Union and member of Hyde Park Co-op. West Melbourne, Florida

ANTHEM OF THE FARM WORKER

by Gabriel L. Valencia

I work at the farm
the most of my life
and I sacrifice
my kids and my wife

When I was a kid my
dream was a Union
but a strong Union,
a Union like this

To be a farm worker
you have to be tough
to work in the rain,
to work in the frost.

To early in the morning
you have to wake up
and work 16 hours without
overtime.

My sisters and brothers
will never give up
my sisters and brothers
is time to wake up.

Brothers, auto workers,
brothers at the mills,
you cross all the
mountains, you cross
all the hills.

many an organizer got shot
and got killed
to build this great union
for you and for me.

THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

(Sent by Richard B. & Jean Tussey)

Ten thousand times
has the labor movement stumbled
and fallen and bruised itself,
and, risen again;
been seized by the throat and choked
into insensibility;
enjoined by courts,
assaulted by thugs,
charged by the militia,
shot down by regulars,
traded by the press,
frowned upon by public opinion,
deceived by politicians,
threatened by priests,
repudiated by renegades,
preyed upon by grafters,
infested by spies,
deserted by cowards,
betrayed by traitors,
bled by leeches,
and sold out by leaders.

But, notwithstanding all this,
and all these,
it is today the most vital
and potential power
this planet has ever known,
and its historic mission
of emancipating the workers of the world
from the thralldom of the ages
is as certain of ultimate realization
as the setting of the sun.
--Eugene V. Debs

GREETINGS FROM OUR ARAB BROTHERS



Photo: Jesús Martinez

The following is a message from an Arab brother who works for Elmco Vineyards in the Porterville area:

In behalf of all of my Arab brothers who are in the photo above, I want to wish all of you a prosperous new year, that it may be a better year for all of us.

We also want all to know how happy we are that Mohsin Saleh Hussen was elected to represent Arab farm workers in the Terra Bella area.

We also want to say that we are very happy to be members of the United Farm Workers because we are learning that the Union protects us and gives us benefits. We are ready to fight and defend our Union and our greatest desire is that all farm workers organize and become members of our Union so that they too may enjoy protection and benefits.

VIVA LA HUELGA, Mansoor Yahya Ali Morshed

أخواني العمال العرب في كل مكان
يسرني بأني أفتخر من الفهم والوعي
بأننا في العالم في ساحة جبهة العمال العرب
ونريدكم من الأجناس الذين هم في ساحة جبهة
العمال العرب الموجودين في العالم ولدينا
للمؤمنين بأنهم يقدرون أن ينجحوا في لقائنا
العمال لنا يقوموا العمال من جميع الأجناس
لما يسرني أن أفتخر من جميع العمال
فيما فيهم بناسيتهم دخول العام الجديد
والصحة والبرهان بغير علة كرامة العمال والخير والبركات
عن كنهه في الجهرين
منصور يحيى علي
VIVA LA HUELGA

D'Arrigo Strikers Fight Courts, Police, Scabs



EL CENTRO, California - 81 farm workers were bussed to jail from the picketline in Calipatria in an elaborate three and a half hour police maneuver involving 30 deputies, a rented greyhound bus, and over 25 police vehicles--and at an untold expense for the tax-payers. The Imperial County Sheriff's Office called it "the largest group arrested in a single incident in the history of the county."

Workers were arrested as they mass picketed at D'Arrigo Farms in violation of an injunction which limits the total number of pickets to 25.

Marshall Ganz, Boycott Director, was the first to be arrested as the sheriffs converged on the picketline armed with myriad copies of the 4-page injunction, which they carefully passed out and read to each striker.

But the workers refused to go along with the ritual, and the area was strewn with discarded copies of the court order.

The Union legal department believes the injunction to be illegal, as the grounds for its issuance--violence--were unjustified, and the charges were not supported by affidavits.

As the incarcerated farm workers sang and chanted inside the jail, families, strikers, farm workers and supporters held a candlelight vigil outside the jail.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

The vigil lasted from the time the arrested workers were taken inside January 6 until the last 26 were released the night of January 7.

Led by Oscar Mondragon, Alfredo Figueroa, and Facundo Moduena, people stood and sang in the police parking lot all night in support of the brothers and sisters inside.

Victor M. Lopez, one of the arrested, reported that the strategy of the police inside the jail was to keep the people separated in order to stop communication and break morale.

Workers were urged by police to sign statements leading to their release on their own recognizance.

Four Sheriff deputies at a time tried to coax and cajole each worker into signing such sheets. Marshall Ganz later noted that the police desperately wanted everyone to sign out immediately because the arrests were so clearly unjust that they were afraid of the publicity.

Workers were urged by Union representatives not to sign on the grounds that a promise to appear in court could be constituted as an admission of guilt, whereas the injunction itself was illegal.

Antonia Gastedo and Tony Uribe were among those in jail who were most actively encouraging the other strikers to be careful and not sign the papers. They were quickly placed in solitary confinement.

As the boycott volunteer who will be accompanying the D'Arrigo strikers to New York, Oscar Mondragon, observed, "It seems they were trying to intimidate the workers in every way possible."

BRUTALITY IN COUNTY JAIL

Nellie Bravo was one of 14 strikers who shared a cell in the El Centro County jail with a family from El Salvador caught for being illegally in the U.S.

Nelli was an eyewitness as the daughter in the family was kicked to the floor by an immigration official, who claimed it was his "duty" to "rough up" illegals.

The girl's mouth and face were bleeding



from the fall, but her repeated requests for medical attention were ignored.

It was not until she fainted in the cell that she was finally taken for medical treatment.

Staff from the Union Legal Department in El Centro were instructed by Union organizer Manuel Chavez to assist the family.

SCABS ATTACK STRIKERS

Strikers were working on a roving picket line January 12, when Rosalba Aramburo was attacked by D'Arrigo foreman, Pete Cabanyog, who pushed her and pulled her hair. Afterwards two crews of scabs came out of the fields attacking the sisters and brothers on the picketline with their knives.

Boycott Director Marshall Ganz, who is working with the strikers, got the strikers out of the area as quickly as possible in an attempt to stop the violence.

When the police came, they questioned the scabs, who claimed that the strikers had attacked them with tree trunks, rocks and other weapons. But instead of questioning the strikers to find out their side of the story, the police jailed strikers Salvador Chavez and Gregorio Martinez for "assault with a deadly weapon." They were released only after posting a bail of \$2,000.

The newspapers in the region, like the San Diego Union and the Brawley daily, are taking their news accounts directly from reports by the scabs and police, without bothering to talk to either strikers or Union representatives.



LOCAL NEWS

Santa Maria Valley

JORDANO'S PICKETED



Santa Maria, California -- A special farm worker mass, ending the day's picketing, was celebrated January 7 on the parking lot of Jordano's, a local supermarket chain that refuses to stop selling non-Union lettuce.

Starting at 10 a.m. more than 50 farm worker children marched on the picket line with their picket signs and huelga flags, while their parents talked to consumers in attempt to get them not to shop at Jordano's. Among those having the most success in turning away customers were Alfredo Atie and Miguel Cañas. They turned away every customer they talked to.

At 2:30 pm mass was celebrated on an altar set up on the flatbed of a truck in order to give thanks for the recent decision rendered by the California Supreme Court affirming the right of farm workers to organize their own Union. During the mass, Paulino Pacheco, director of the Unión in Santa Maria, declared: "We must wage a serious and effective boycott and tell every customer what Jordano's is doing against the interests of farm workers. We must tell them that even though the lettuces is wrapped in what appear to be very beautiful leaves, what is really wrapped inside are the injustices suffered by farm workers."

THE PEOPLE SPEAK OUT

MIGUEL IBARRA, strike captain: "I virtually live on bread and water, but I continue with La Causa 100 percent. I am ready at any time to fight any grower, any labor contractor...."

MIGUEL CANAS: "...The trials have been so hard, our circumstances has been many times terrible. We have been black balled for being with the United Farm Workers--we cannot find work, anywhere. It is a kind of persecution. I can't ask the government for help, I can't get welfare, I can't get medi care....Sometimes I'll get a job, but then I'm discovered by some strikebreaker who easily gets me fired. But I think we are made of special material, the kind of stuff individuals are made of who are lovers of freedom....I think we are now really on the road to a new life and our people has gained much experience in the heat of battle...."

MANUEL MAGANA: "...We hope to continue organizing and fighting to see if we can change the educational system in this valley, which is very, very poor to say the least. We also hope we can give our children a better life so they won't have to suffer so much to earn their daily bread."

JOSE C. REYES: "I want to let you know how the growers treat us in this valley. Four times my sons and I have been fired for refusing to sign with the Teamsters. We have gone through very difficult years since 1970. But we strikers want the union of César Chávez, the United Farm Workers, the true union for farm workers."

CELEBRATION CARAVAN

Report, photos: Marie Cain

Santa Maria, California -- Twenty five cars carrying United Farm Worker members and supporters formed a "Caravana de Celebración" Wednesday (January 3) in the Santa María and Arroyo Grande Valleys.

Paulino Pacheco, head of the Santa Maria Union office rode in the lead car using a loudspeaker to tell the people about the recent decision of the California state Supreme Court upholding the right of the union to picket, boycott and organize those fields where growers and other unions have made sweetheart deals.

The caravan formed at the Santa Maria office and began its tour by circling the local Teamster office. The cars, each displaying signs applauding the court decision or reflecting the campesinos' opinion of the Teamster Union, flew bright red and black union flags as they passed through Santa Maria, Guadalupe and the Arroyo Grande Valley.

Many persons gave shouts or other signs of approval as the caravan passed by.

"The spirit in Santa Maria is fantastically good. We are going to win our battle with the growers because we have the hearts of the workers," Paulino Pacheco said.



JORDANO'S DOUBLE-CROSS

Report, photos: Marie Cain

Santa Maria, California -- Jordano's Markets a chain of supermarkets in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, double-crossed the United Farm Workers by first agreeing to carry Union lettuce, and then saying no such agreement was possible.

According to Santa Maria Union officials, representatives of the Union met with Jordano's assistant manager and produce manager in the Santa Maria store.

The store representatives agreed to carry only United Farm Worker lettuce, and assured the Union representatives that the whole chain would also carry only the Union's lettuce.

But, when the store's stock was checked by the Union a few days later Union representatives discovered that half the lettuce supply was non-Union.

In a talk with the store manager, who was not in the store during the original negotiations, the Union representatives were told that the chain could "not possibly agree to carry only United Farm Worker Union lettuce."

Within five minutes after the Union representatives left the market, a United Farm Workers picket line was established at the market.

The picket line has disrupted the flow of customers into Jordano's market in Santa Maria and will continue "till the store begins carrying United Farm Worker Union lettuce," according to Paulino Pacheco, head of the Union office in Santa Maria.

CESAR IN SANTA MARIA

Report, photos: Marie Cain

Santa Maria -- Cesar Chávez, General Director of the United Farm Workers, spoke in Santa Maria January 8 to an overflow crowd at Union headquarters on West Main Street.

César called for continual observance of the principles of non-violence and told the group of Mahatma Ghandi's successful, non-violent fight to free India from British rule earlier in this century.

"With solidarity within the Union, such as we see here tonight, there's no human force that can destroy us," César said.

Imperial Valley

CAR CARAVAN

On Thursday, January 4, farm workers in the Imperial Valley staged a car caravan around the Valley to dramatize to their grower neighbors they are ready to fight for their right to have their own union.

More than 65 cars and over 200 flag-waving workers participated in the procession, which made its way from Calexico through Holtville, Brawley, El Centro and back to Calexico in the late afternoon and early evening.

The spirited caravan passed by the warehouses of the most notorious scab companies in the area--Bud Antle and D'Arrigo Brothers.

Salinas Valley

CHICANO TEACHER FIRED



Report, Photos: Jesús Guadalupe Varela

Roberto Flores-Gonzalez, a member of Teacher Corps Cycle 7 in Salinas, has been dismissed from Alisal High School, the school where he was serving his internship. The dismissal was made known to Roberto December 19, conveniently after the rest of the interns and teachers had left for Christmas vacations.

Chicano students at the school believe Roberto was dismissed because he attempted to offer an alternative method to educate, which is based on the needs of the student and his community.

The administration says the reason for his dismissal is that Roberto failed to report an arrest on his application to the Teacher Corps. But Roberto says that he had been informed at the time he was applying that "my record was not serious and that I did not have to include it in my application."

Roberto has been arrested several times while demonstrating against racism and social injustice. It is unfortunate he says, that "the principles of Teacher Corps are in favor of institutional change, self-pacing, instruction, flexible scheduling, individualized instruction and many other good things but unfortunately the Directors are for themselves. They have no other principle."

A petition drive by students and some parents has started to get Roberto Flores reinstated.

Roberto Flores is a Union supporter who last April marched on Union picket lines during a conflict with Mel Finerman, a grower in Oxnard. He carried a sign saying: "Long live justice."



LOCAL NEWS

San Joaquin Valley

ARAB WORKER ELECTED



Report, photos: Jesús H. Martinez

The above photo was taken a few moments after our brother, Mohsin Saleh Hussen, who is an Arab, was elected by the majority of the workers at Elmco Vineyards to represent them at the grape pickers meeting in La Paz Jan. 6.

The following are the words of Mohsin Saleh Hussen, first in English and then in Arabic:

I want to let know all UFW members and to all my Arab brothers that I was appointed by Mexican and Arab Elmco farm workers to come to La Paz, the UFW's central offices, as Arab delegates from the Terra Bella area.

I want to make at this time, a commitment to all of my brothers, that I will do all I can to bring you all information available that can help us to enforce our farm worker Union.

Because it is now the right time to get our minds and hearts together so in a short future we can all be prepared to defend our Union from those that want to destroy our Union.

VIVA LA HUELGA, Mohsin Saleh Hussen

(إعلان)

أخبر العامل في كل مكان من الله عليكم ورحمته وبركاته
وقد سعدتني بل وبشرتي بأن انتخبتم هذه الفرصة
الكرامة والتقدم بالحب والتفاني واستعد التبريكات
بمناسبتك العام أخيراً بعد عام ١٩٧٢ راغباً من المولي
عند وعلى أن يعيدتم علينا وعليكم وعلى عموم المسلمين
وعلى جميع العمال والمخاضين بالبين والبركات
أخبرني العمال من غرب ووسط وشرق وجميع الأوطان
أنضاركم بأن لديكم نقابة العمال حرة عادية في المقام
العمال في مدينة كد باس وتم ليتم ليتم ليتم ليتم ليتم
الرضا في مقر النقابة في تلك المنطقة وكذا في مارابيه
من بعد المساء وعلمت بجهز سيارتكم كافة لئلا العمال جميعاً
أن أقوم أنا نفسي للوقوف في العادة وقد وافقت النقابة على أن
مقد طبع أخيراً في العمال في الدنكو بصفته فاحصاً وللعاملين جميعاً في نقابة
شربل وصنوعاً عامة والنسوة على إضلال على إضلال وإمانته وغداً يعود
سوف أن قل لكم كل نتائج الجلسه التي التزمتموها والتي أراكم من جميع
الذين انتم في النقابة والتفاني من ووجه الكلمه وأن نقابة العمال
ندعوكم إلى نقابكم جميعاً على إضلال وصلايه وأخيراً سوف
أن قل لكم أخيراً العمال إلى السيد الرئيس النقابة العالمية
والى السادة الأعضاء في الحبيب تبارك الله لكم جميعاً في الخلد
محسن صالح صبر الحار

Arizona

JERRY STILL WALKING

Report by Barry Kirschner

Jerry Pollock, the man who will oppose Jack Williams in the upcoming recall election in Arizona has concluded his first two weeks of walking the state in an attempt to hear the voices of rural Arizona.

Jerry's feet have taken him well over 200 miles in the walk that began in Phoenix. He will go to the Mexican border and finish in Tucson.

So far, Jerry's walk has taken him through sometimes desolate regions where seeing a cactus is a treat.

In Superior, Arizona, Clyde McEnderfar told the candidate, "Apparently you are a statesman and not a politician, and we have too many politicians. If you get elected governor, that will be good because we need someone who is a person, a real human being." Words like these, says Jerry, have greatly encouraged him and inspired him to appreciate even his loneliest and least comfortable moments.



FAMILIES FIGHT EVICTION

Report, photos: Jesús Guadalupe Varela

Salinas, California -- Ever since they were evicted from their homes at the La Posada trailer camp, the families of "La Nueva Posada" have been living at the McCullum Labor Camp, which they were able to obtain from Monterrey County with the understanding that they could stay at the camp until they found adequate housing.

But now they find themselves face to face with a new threat of eviction by order of the county. Federal housing agencies have refused to help the families build their own homes or to at least find some solution to their housing problem. The families say: "And now they want to throw us out into the street, just because they don't have four-bedroom houses for the large families that are left. They think that by throwing us out into the street they are going to solve the problem."

The families of La Nueva Posada have started a petition drive to pressure the county not to act on its eviction threat.

CESAR JOINS CARAVAN



Report, photos: Teresa Amezcua

On January 3 our leader, César Chávez came to the Salinas Valley to join our car caravan of 400 cars that went from Salinas to King City passing through Soledad and Greenfield.

There was a meeting and press conference in Salinas and then in Soledad where a great multitude of people were waiting, anxious to see César. (See photos) During that meeting César talked about the cooperation that was needed to do an action at the Teamster headquarters near San Francisco.

After the meeting, the caravan continued to Greenfield and King City, where we went through the town's main street.



The opposition's anti-recall strategist, Steve Shadegg, has already prepared television commercials smearing Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers as anti-farm worker, using slogans similar to those used by the growers in the Proposition 22 battle in California.

As had been expected by Jerry and his staff, the Phoenix daily newspapers, a monopoly owned by right-wing publisher Eugene Pulliam, have cooperated with Shadegg by attacking the Union in their coverage of the election and the Union.

Jerry is relying on the people and grass-roots organizing to get his message across. Along his walking trail Jerry is leaving behind ordinary citizens willing to work for a sincere candidate who cares about the business of people rather than merely the people of business.

MARIA CALDES DIES

Our sister, María Caldes, died early this month after a long struggle with cancer. She was the daughter of Ted Caldes, a regional director for the AFL-CIO, who is active in helping the Union in Arizona (as was María) and is one of our strongest supporters.

The Caldes family is a beautiful family whose closeness to the Arizona staff has meant much in terms of moral support. Union General Director Cesar Chávez sent the family the following telegram:

María was as beautiful to know as she was to see. In so short a life Maria won our admiration and love. Her deep, self-sacrificing devotion to justice and human dignity was and will always remain a source of inspiration to all of us. Our sorrow, as surely yours too, is tempered by our knowledge that María is now with God, the same God who through Jesus said, "You who are blessed by my Father, come. Come and receive the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world." Peace and Justice, Cesar.

Texas

"EL CUHAMIL"



Here we see Tony Orendain, Union Treasurer and Director of the Union in Texas, in front of "El Cuhamil" where the central offices of the Union will be located in the "valley of tears" (Rio Grande Valley). The first farm worker meeting to be held in "El Cahumil" took place in November. Between 450 to 500 farm workers were present.

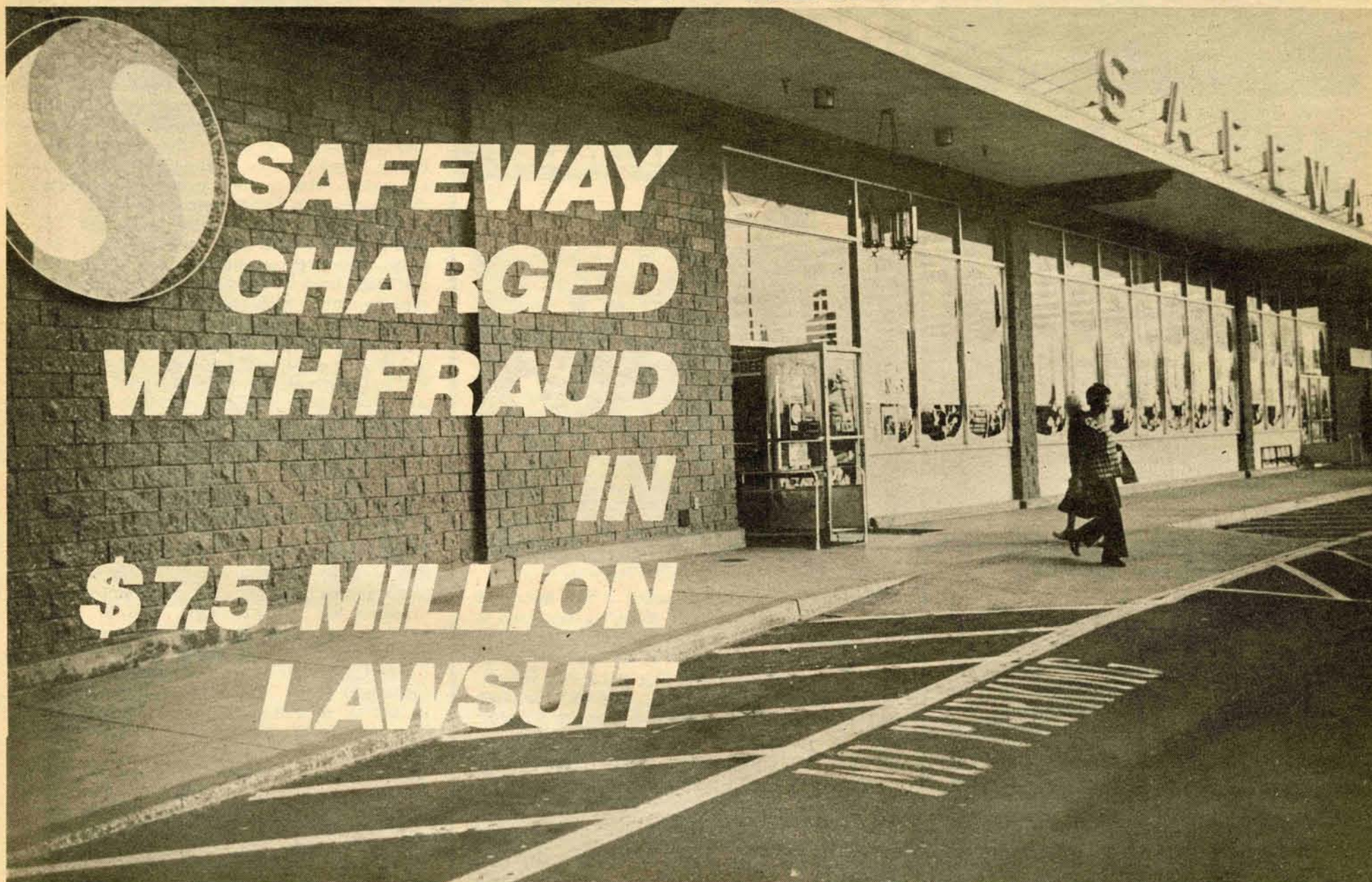
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SAFeway CHARGED WITH FRAUD IN \$7.5 MILLION LAWSUIT

LOS ANGELES, California -- Fraudulent and illegal meat labeling practices by Safeway Markets are deceiving Southern California consumers and endangering the health of heart patients and diabetics, according to a \$7.5 million consumer fraud suit filed January 4 in Los Angeles Superior Court.

The suit was brought by the Interfaith Committee to Aid Farm Workers, a coalition of 180 rabbis, priests, ministers and lay persons, after tests by two independent laboratories showed Safeway is misrepresenting the fat content of its ground beef.

The Rev. Fred Eyster, chairman of the Committee's Consumer Fraud Task Force, said, "Lean ground beef, which is priced 20¢ to 30¢ higher per point than ground beef, was found in some stores to have a higher fat content than regular ground." Rev. Eyster noted that "extra lean" ground beef, priced 30¢-50¢ per pound higher than ground beef, was found in some stores to have higher fat levels than the "lean" ground variety.

The Interfaith Committee tested meats from Safeway Stores located in the San Fernando Valley, West Los Angeles, Wilshire District, Southeast Los Angeles, San Gabriel Valley and Inglewood.

"In the stores tested there was no significant fat content difference between grades of ground beef at Safeway," Rev. Eyster stated.

The fat level deception was revealed in tests by Alchem Laboratories, Inc. of Culver City, and Agri-Science Laboratories, Inc. of Hawthorne. (Agri-Science Laboratories are USDA certified meat chemists.)

Rev. Eyster continued, "We find it reprehensible that Safeway Stores would engage in such wholesale fraud on consumers whose food budgets are already severely taxed by inflated meat prices.

"But we are shocked and angered that Safeway's thrust for increased profits compels them to gamble with people's lives.

"We filed this suit on behalf of a class of people who have been advised by their doctors to buy lean meat. For years these consumers--heart patients, diabetics, weight-watchers and high blood pressure victims--have paid 30¢-50¢ per pound premium for "extra lean" ground beef thinking they were protecting their health.

"Now we find they have been deceived. Their health has in fact been endangered for the sake of more corporate profits for Safeway."

Filing suit for the Interfaith Committee was Beverly Hills attorney J. Paul Spector. Mr. Spector represented the Committee in a successful court action that enjoined three Proposition 22 television commercials during the November election campaign.

Rev Eyster said the Interfaith Committee's creation of a consumer fraud unit was prompted by numerous complaints against major area supermarket chains. "Since 1970, the Interfaith Committee has dealt with the supermarket industry regarding the farm workers struggle for fair play and justice. This has brought us into the whole arena of the industry's attitudes towards poor people and other consumers."

A national boycott of Safeway was recently started by the Union because Safeway, a long time foe of farm workers, refuses to stop selling non-Union lettuce.

Cesar Wins Support for Guild Boycott

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin--Union General Director Cesar Chavez won support here January 12 from Milwaukee Mayor Maier and several labor unions for the boycott against Guild products.

Later, at a rally at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, about 2,000 persons cheered Cesar, who was accompanied by 50 Buttes Gas & Oil strikers. Buttes Gas & Oil Co., which also controls Guild Wineries and Distilleries, is being struck and boycotted by the Union because it refuses to negotiate with its workers, Cesar told the crowd.

Cesar said the Buttes Gas & Oil strikers were concentrating their efforts in Wisconsin because the state consumes 25% of all the brandy in the United States, 1.2 million cases a year, much of it from Guild. He said that surveys of store counters showed that the boycott was effective.

Raymond Majerus, regional director of the United Auto Workers, announced that the Wisconsin segment of the union would give financial support to the UFW. The initial contribution from the union's Community Action Program is \$1,000.

Support also came from the meatcutters and the public employees unions.

Mayor Maier introduced Cesar at a press conference at the Holiday Inn Midtown. Asked whether his presence indicated support of the boycott, Maier replied: "We have--most of the leaders of the United States Conference of Mayors--have been on record, myself included, as supporting this movement for two to three years."

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Union Sues Growers— Teamsters \$128 Million



Union General Counsel Jerry Cohen explains lawsuit hitting at sweetheart arrangement between lettuce growers and Teamsters. Union General Director César Chávez (on Jerry's left) told workers not to be afraid and to continue their repudiation of the grower-Teamster contracts.

SALINAS, California -- Union General Director César Chávez and Union General Counsel Jerry Cohen filed a \$128,440,000 lawsuit January 3 against 169 lettuce growers and companies and the Teamsters Union charging them with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Black, Chicano and Filipino farm workers by denying their rights to the union of their choice by signing "sweetheart" contracts.

In his statement at the press conference announcing the lawsuit, Cesar said:

"The California Supreme Court has found there was 'ultimate favoritism on the part of the growers to choose a union that was convenient to them but that did not represent their workers.'

"We charge and the Supreme Court found that each grower knew the Teamsters did not represent a majority or not even a substantial number of the workers when those contracts were signed.

"We charge and the Court found that the growers were in collusion with themselves and also with the Teamsters to prevent the workers from effective, true union representation.

"Therefore, the Court found there is no jurisdictional strike, so the crippling injunction that

broke our strike and in fact, kept us from having a union here today, is dissolved and we are now free to pick up from where we left off on September 16, 1970."

The lawsuit, which was filed in behalf of all lettuce workers, is a move to redress other rights that were taken away from farm workers by the actions of the growers and Teamsters, according to Jerry Cohen.

The lawsuit indicates, that besides the initial purpose of breaking the Lettuce Strike, the contracts signed by the growers and the Teamsters had at least two other illegal purposes.

First, it is charged that the growers were motivated solely by impermissible racial motivations in illegally depriving Black, Chicano, and Filipino farm workers of their right to negotiate through bargaining representatives of their own choosing. The growers apparently would rather bargain with a "lily white" union, which they refer to as "more responsible" or "more traditional". For example, in a Los Angeles Times article January 11, a grower attorney, William F. Spalding, said, "UFW's leaders are highly emotional and irresponsible."

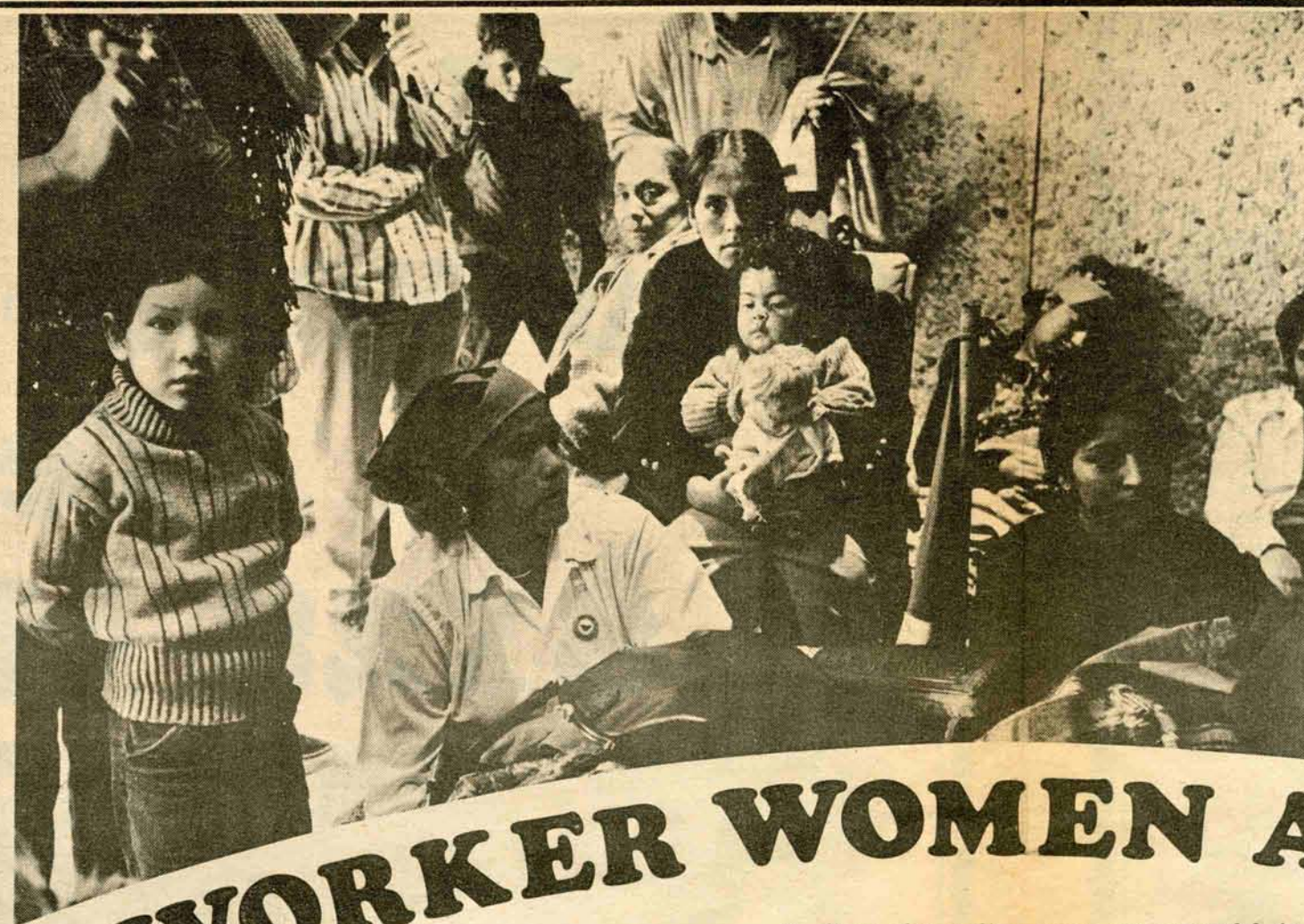
Ann Merrill, wife of one of the growers, also illustrated this attitude when she called farm worker strikers "a bunch of orangutans."

Second, it is charged that some of the growers, in violation of the federal Sherman Anti-Trust Act, signed with the Teamsters in order to artificially suppress and depress competition.

Under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, it is illegal for the growers to conspire among themselves not to bargain with a particular union and in a furtherance of that conspiracy, to sign sham contracts with the Teamsters to help them avoid bargaining with the United Farm Workers.

The Union is seeking \$28,440,000 damages and \$100 million punitive damages for wages workers have lost so far by being forced to work under Teamster contracts as compared to what they would have earned under United Farm Worker contracts: a total of \$128,440,000.

Since then, the Union is also seeking an additional \$28 million in damages for what it says are violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Under the Act the damages would be trebled to total more than \$85 million.



FARM WORKER WOMEN AND CHILDREN

About 500 farm worker women and children took the Union's struggle against the sweetheart arrangement between the Teamsters and the lettuce growers to the Western Conference of Teamsters' headquarters in Burlingame. Taking Teamster leaders Einer Mohn and Bill

Grami by surprise, they picketed the Teamster offices for more than six hours carrying signs saying: "Chavez SI, Teamsters NO," "Whatever Happened to Union Solidarity?"; "Teamsters Get Out."; "Teamsters and Growers, Just Married."

"The Teamsters say they want us, so here we are," said the pickets, but apparently farm workers are not welcome there. Instead of meeting with the farm worker women and children, Mohn and Grami shut themselves up in their offices and called in the police. One farm worker sister said, "They want to take our dues, but they don't want to see our faces."

The police came in full riot gear and by order of the Teamsters blocked the entrances to the building trapping about 150 of the women and children inside the main reception room. More cops swarmed into the building from behind, but the farm workers stood their ground and continued to demand that the Teamster leaders talk to them.

At first the police were unsuccessful in carrying out their blockade of the building. Pickets formed an "airlift" operation, tossing diapers, cartons of milk and other items for the children over the cops' heads or through their legs into the front doorway. The doors were then shut. No one was permitted to enter or leave the building.

The pickets outside, as well as the sisters and children inside the building kept up such a barrage of cheers, chants and songs that the Teamsters' telephone operator gave up making telephone calls and abandoned her post.

According to the sisters who were inside, Teamster officials would peer from behind their office doors or look at the demonstration from the hallways, not believing what they saw. Mohn looked terrified and was so angry it looked as if he would burst.

The pressure on the demonstrators to leave increased. The restrooms were locked. The drinking water was turned off. The heat was turned up. The cops with their masks, guns, mace and clubs looked more and more menacing. But the sisters and children stayed on.

For six hours they demonstrated non-violently with songs, dances and prayers, their dedication to Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers and made clear their repudiation of the Teamster officials' efforts to force themselves on farm workers in the fields.

At one point during the six hours, as the demonstrators were saying the rosary in front of a picture of the Virgin of Guadalupe, which was surrounded by Huelga flags, a Chicano

Teamster official came over and crossed himself looking defiantly at the other Teamster leaders.

Finally at 4:30 pm, the local sheriff, accompanied by Teamster officials, announced that office hours in the building were over and that the demonstrators had to leave or be arrested. Immediately the cops started to move in on the women and children pushing and shoving them with their riot sticks. At one point, a woman was heard telling her child, who was frightened by the sight of the approaching cops: "You've got to take it, dear, some day you'll have to run the Union and you have to be strong." The people refused to panic and marched out of the building singing "De Colores."

Outside, the rest of the pickets kept up their demonstration despite the rain that began to pour down on them. Babies had trouble keeping their eyes open as the water ran down their faces. Little children kept marching alongside

their mothers through puddles of water holding on to their flags and signs.

But despite the hardships they did not give up and at the end of the day one farm worker sister summed up their feelings: "We should picket here once a week."

Photos: Gayanne Fietinghoff
Susan Pearcy

TAKE ON TEAMSTERS IN BURLINGAME



Teamsters, Growers Re-Kindle Love Affair



'JUST PUT US DOWN AS MR. AND MRS. JONES OR SMITH'

On January 16, Bill Grami, organizing director of the Western Conference of Teamsters, announced that the Teamsters and the growers had altered a few of the clauses of their sweetheart contracts. Union General Counsel Jerry Cohen charged the Teamsters and the growers are trying to smokescreen the recent California Supreme Court decision which characterizes the Teamster-grower relationship as "the ultimate favoritism on the part of the growers to choose a union that was convenient to them but that did not represent their workers."

"The Teamsters and the growers have re-kindled their love affair," said Jerry, "This is an attempt to trick the public but the workers are not fooled."

"The growers are just kidding themselves if they think that by changing some of the terms of their phoney contracts will stop the strike and boycott because the workers were angry when they were used by the growers in 1970, and they are angry now because the growers and the Teamsters are trying to control their destinies from a motel room."

Jerry said that, once again, the growers have refused to bargain with the true representatives of the workers. He pointed out that the "phoney contracts" have no provisions for a hiring hall, they perpetuate the corrupt labor contractor system that farm workers have fought so long to destroy, they have no strong protections against pesticides, and they have no protections against the irresponsible introduction of machines into the fields, which force farm workers to go on welfare in the cities.

In addition, Jerry reported that Bill Grami, in response to a reporter's question in San Francisco, said that "farm workers will not be forced to sign with the Teamsters for one or two years." "The reason he announced that," said Jerry, "is that he can't get the workers to sign up because the workers have already signed up with the United Farm Workers. So the Teamster contracts are nothing but pieces of paper."

Teamsters Sue for Visit by Women and Children

It looks as if Teamster officials are really afraid of another visit by farm worker women and children. They are now suing the Union for \$5,000 damages for the Burlingame demonstration, during which Teamster officials refused to talk to the workers and called the cops instead. The Teamsters have also obtained a court order limiting picketing to three persons per city block near their office building in Burlingame.

Cops, refusal to talk to farm workers, court orders--could it be that Teamster leaders have been in their offices so long that they are acting more and more like their sweethearts the growers? Perhaps self-respecting rank-and-file Teamster members are going to be greatly disturbed to see their leaders act so much like employers.

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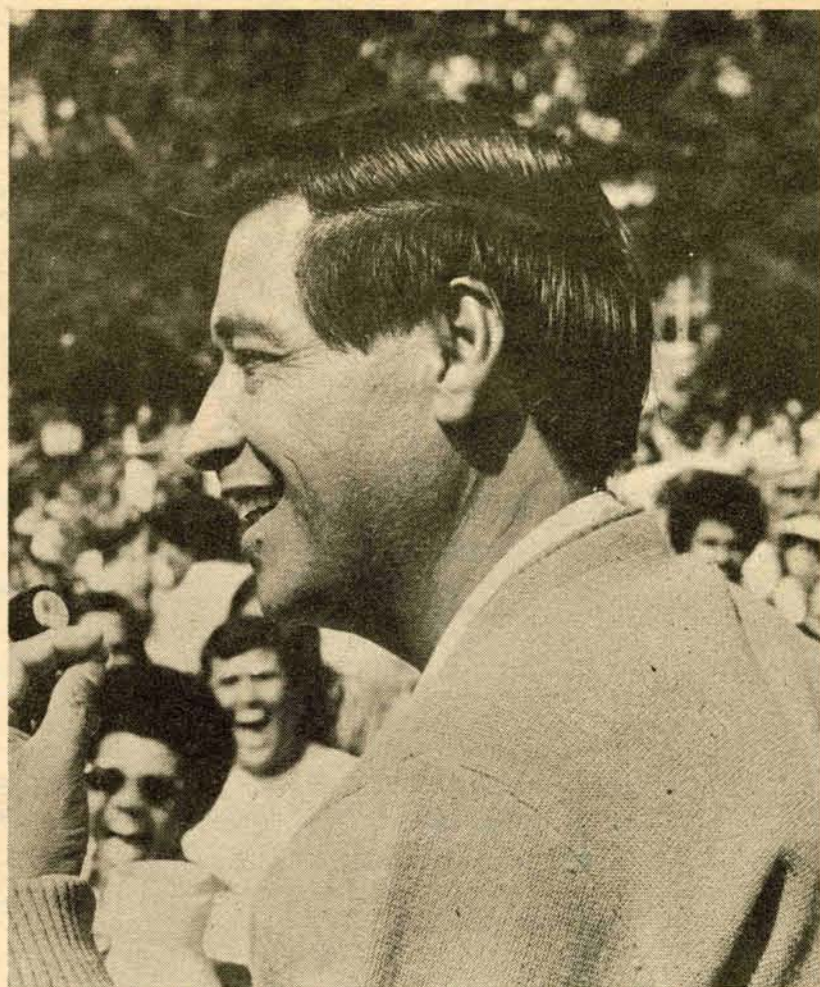
VIVA LA CAUSA

James T. Hunter



All over California farm workers are picketing Safeway stores in solidarity with the National Safeway Boycott in order to strengthen the Lettuce Boycott and to force the lettuce growers and companies to negotiate contracts with the United Farm Workers, the only legitimate farm workers' union.

May The Sacrifices of Those Using The Union Clinics Give Birth to Other Clinics



People are healthy not because of good hospitals or good doctors, or good medicine. Healthy people are the product of a healthy life. A healthy body demands that you have decent living conditions and decent working conditions.

Human living conditions and healthy food do far more to promote good health than all the doctors and all the medicine in the world. A strong Union contract will bring you decent wages so that you can feed yourself and your family. It will bring you healthy working conditions so that you might enjoy the fruits of your labor; it will bring you dignity as a worker so that you might decide on the nature of the work that you do.

Without a strong contract, medical care is impossible. Medical care without a contract is like trying to keep dry in a storm. Some one might throw you a towel as a gesture of good will, but a strong contract will bring you inside and offer you shelter. A strong contract is of much more value to the health of you and your family than a dozen clinics. Unless a clinic is under the shelter of a strong union it is useless to you.

The clinic is not given to farm workers life a gift, but is the result of struggle and sacrifice. The same struggle and sacrifice that goes into building a union goes into organizing a clinic.

That struggle will not end once a particular contract is signed or once a particular clinic is opened but will go on until every farm worker is protected by a contract and until every farm worker family is assured of decent medical care.

The struggle does not end at the door of the clinic but must be brought inside. The clinic staff must not rest until good health is a reality for all farm workers and not just a hope. Farm worker patients must sacrifice so that they might share the health benefits they receive with all their brothers and sisters throughout the country.

Farm workers built the first clinic in Delano. The completion of that clinic was the beginning of another, because it was the cooperation and support of the members who use it that enabled another clinic to become a reality.

In less than a year the enthusiasm and help drawn from Delano patients contributed to the opening of a clinic in the Imperial Valley. Our clinics are twice as strong now as they were a year ago. Let us rejoice in that strength and carry on the struggle so that through the sacrifice of those using the Union clinics we may give birth to other clinics.

At no time can we forget our brothers and sisters who are without medical care and decent clinics. What the Union is all about is sharing. We know what selfishness and greed have done to us and our families for too long now.

What we have we must share with others who are willing to struggle until all farm workers and their families enjoy the fruit of their labor and can lead a healthy life. Those unwilling to struggle have no place in the Union. Those unwilling to sacrifice so that they might share their medical benefits with others have no place in our clinics.

The Union will struggle until every farm worker can lead a decent life. The clinic will struggle until every farm worker can lead a healthy life. The membership is the Union, the membership is the clinic. The membership must continue the struggle until the last farm worker is reached and the last battle is won.

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César E. Chávez

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

United States:



NEW CONTRACT CBS TECHNICIANS

NEW YORK, N.Y.--Striking members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have returned to their jobs with the Columbia Broadcasting System here and in six other cities following ratification of a new three-year contract. The nationwide vote to accept the settlement was 561 to 509.

The agreement ended an eight-week-old strike that began on Nov. 3, when some 1,200 CBS television cameramen, technicians and engineers walked off the job after union and management negotiations failed to agree on a new contract to replace one that expired Nov. 1.

The new contract provides pay increases of 5.5 percent in each of three years and improved fringe benefits, including two new paid holidays and better opportunities to participate in a company investment program.

TO GET OUT OF POVERTY

Washington, D.C.--It will take more than a \$2 minimum wage for a family of four to rise out of the poverty level.

Minimum wage legislation to raise the present floor of \$1.60 an hour--\$1.30 for farm workers--died in the last session of Congress. But the cost of living kept rising, and the Labor Dept. announced that the poverty line used to help determine eligibility for various manpower programs has been moved up since last year.

The government now considers as "poor" any nonfarm family of four in the continental United States with an income under \$4,200 a year.

Last year's comparable figure was \$4,000. At the present minimum wage, a full-time, year-round worker would earn only \$3,328. And even at a \$2 figure, total earnings would be only \$4,160-- still below the poverty cut-off.

NEW UNION WINS IN MISSISSIPPI

FOREST, Mississippi -- The workers of Poultry Packers, Inc., voted 95 to 76, to join the Mississippi Poultry Workers Union.

The company thinking it was going to win the vote, called a special meeting of all of the workers for the announcement of the vote. When the union won, the workers cheered and applauded loudly.

This victory opens the door to the unionization of the giant poultry industry that employs thousands of workers in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. Most of the plants in the industry are relatively small, but highly efficient. Workers say the pay is miserable and the working conditions horrible.

SAN QUENTIN PRISONERS STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, California-- As the San Quentin work-stoppage enters its fourth day, word continues to come from inside the prison concerning the direct repression of the strikers. San Quentin authorities admitted on the first day of the strike that the action was completely effective; only 250 men of the total inmate population of 1850 went to their jobs after breakfast, and the prison authorities locked-down the entire institution immediately.

Today, lawyers who entered the prison for the first time since the strike began said that several dozen men from the maximum security block were continuing the strike.

The United Prisoners Union has released a list of the demands made by the strikers. The list, prefaced by a powerful, brief statement expressing the unity of all Black, Brown and White inmates participating in the strike, is in part as follows:

- that the Adult Authority (which supervises parole granting and is currently appointed by Gov. Reagan) be replaced by a popularly elected body.

- that all convicts have legal counsel at parole and disciplinary hearings.

- that the San Quentin population be reduced immediately and that the facility be closed in 1975 on schedule; no more "double-celling".

- that the minimum wage Laws be put into effect for all labor in excess of 10 hours per week (current wages are as low as 2¢ per hour).

- that conjugal visits be allowed all inmates.

- that all mail censorship be ended

- that the United Prisoners Union Bill of Rights be implemented.

- that sexual, racial and political repression of inmates by the administration be ended.

- that the Indeterminate Sentence Law be abolished and replaced by a minimum-maximum length of term law; that all convicts have the right to parole after serving their minimum sentence.

Latin America and World:

AMERICAN SHIPS BOYCOTTED

In repudiation of the recent brutal extermination bombing by American bombers in Vietnam, the longshoremen's union of Australia started a boycott of American ships December 28. The boycott continued until January 11.

In Italy, too, the loaders for the ships Genova and Savona declared a three-day boycott from December 28 to January 1.

GROWER LYNDON B. JOHNSON

MEXICO CITY -- The Mexican government is investigating charges that former US President Lyndon B. Johnson is surreptitiously and illegally holding 108,724 acres of ranch land in the border state of Chihuahua.

The charges have been brought by a group of farmers in Chihuahua, who say Johnson is using the land under an agreement with former Mexican President Miguel Aleman.

A spokesman for President Luis Echeverria confirmed that the Agrarian Department is conducting the investigation and added that the government would have nothing more to say at this point.

Large landholdings are an especially sensitive issue in Mexico, one that was a basic cause of the Mexican Revolution 60 years ago. It was the promise of the revolution that every farmer would have his own piece of land to work.

(New York Times News Service)

MALCRIADO RECEIVES MESSAGE



On this Christmas of 1972, millions of farm workers in Latin America subsist in the most inhuman conditions of exploitation and misery, while at the expense of the efforts of these farm workers, the rich and powerful in these countries fill their coffers even more.

That is why, this Christmas of 1972 will not be celebrated by us the way the rich would have us do: displaying and "peace" and "love" that hides their attempts to quell popular rebellions. On the contrary, this Christmas of 1972 and the New Year just starting will be an occasion of renewing and re-affirming once again our pledge to:

STRUGGLE UNTIL THE ULTIMATE
CONSEQUENCES FOR POPULAR REVOLUTION
IN ORDER TO SECURE A JUST AND FREE
SOCIETY.

--LATIN AMERICAN FARM WORKER FEDERATION (F.C.L.)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

The first Symposium on Planned Parenthood was held recently in Venezuela. The purpose of the symposium appeared to be to convince workers that the solution to all of their problems lies in birth control. But the workers refused to swallow the "pill" and the delegation from Codesa, of the Confederation of Autonomous Unions, spoke directly to the point declaring that "the politics of population control should be subordinated to a social politics of a just distribution of wealth."

They said: "We believe the information and services necessary for planned parenthood should be available to every family, but they should have complete liberty, without seeing themselves pressured psychologically by the state or private institutions, or, which is even worse, by sub-human economic conditions of poverty and hunger."

"Change society," they declared, "let us construct a new society in which every Latin American can have the right to develop themselves fully as human beings. It is obvious that this plan is repugnant to the wealthy classes both inside and outside Latin America. It is easier to distribute birth control pills or coils, than to give up the power of privilege and prestige before the advance of those that want to build a new society for ALL Latin Americans."

WORKERS AID NICARAGUA

MANAGUA, Nicaragua--The earthquake that destroyed Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, killed hundreds of persons and left some 400,000 more homeless and without food to eat. In response to the disaster CLAT, Central of Latin American Workers, and the CCT, Confederation of Central American Workers, mobilized to help the Nicaraguan people.

A bridge of constant aid and communication was established between CCT and the Central of Nicaraguan Workers. The aid has been direct and efficient, in contrast to the difficulties encountered by other forms of aid due to the inefficiency and corruption of the government of Dictator Somoza.

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EAST ALISAL

Alisal heads west toward Main
Packing plants and cooling sheds
Mark the way, as murmuring indignities.
And the sun of the campos
Pelts the town with tin shivers.
Turn around, and Alisal goes east
And loses itself in the lettuce furrows.
Along this road and all her twins
Are the fields of the rancheros
And the lives of the campesinos.

Valley dust lies thickly
On the walls of the labor camp.
A child's little finger carefully makes
A path along one side.
Slowly, definitely, she marks a road--
East Alisal, Molera, Old Stage...

We saw him on the sidewalk in Salinas,
A brown, sunburned-pale face--
Dignity and fatigue took turns
In molding his form

I am brown
I am poor
I am scared
I am right.
My picket is illegal,
And I'm still right.
--so you're going to jail?--
We asked the question softly.
--Yes.. yes, but Cesar's going too --
That makes it all right;
The three of us smiled.

And I remembered the sound
Of five hundred passions tht cried--
Qué viva Dios Rey

-- Janie Miller (12)

CAMPESINO

In the soul of our being
mother earth is forever present,
it leaves us breathless to walk
across a furrowed field,
knowing that a part of us is rooted
in its vast beauty, which we worked
with our bare hands and our children's
and forefathers hopes and sufferings

We have toiled the good brown earth,
which reflects the beauty of our nature
one of good will and celebration
one in Christ and the brown Virgin Mary.

We were truly born free,
as free as an orange sunrise,
silouetting the black eagle's justice,
free like lightning that lights a dark sky,
free as God's four winds that
refresh our souls, and his rains
that wash our sun bronzed faces.

--for Cesar
--Your friend Alberto Vilonia

PRAYER OF DAN BERRIGAN

We pray the God of peace
an of unity
and of decency for all men,
for the victims
and the executioners,
for those who stand in court as judged
and as judging,
for those who endure our jails,
and our stockades
and our trenches
and our army depots
and our ships,
hastening on the work of destruction.

Let us pray for all those who lie under
our bombs
and for those who dispatch them,
let us pray for the innocent,
for the villagers,
and for the soldiers,
and for those who go to kill
and be killed
without ever knowing the alternatives
that have awakened in us.

Let us pray for those
who are powerful
and for those who ar powerless;
let us pray for those
who are hopeless without power
and those who are without conscience
with power,
let us pray for all those
who believe in life;
and for all who make
the horrendous act of faith in death.

Let us pray for all those
who cancel out upon their tongues
and within their minds
the word brother
for the duration;
let us pray for all those
who through the war have discovered
for the first time
the word brother.

Let us pray for all who believe
and yet do not hope,
let us pray for all those who hope
and yet do not arm their hope;
and let us pray for ourselves
and for all,
finally,
who await our love.
Amen.

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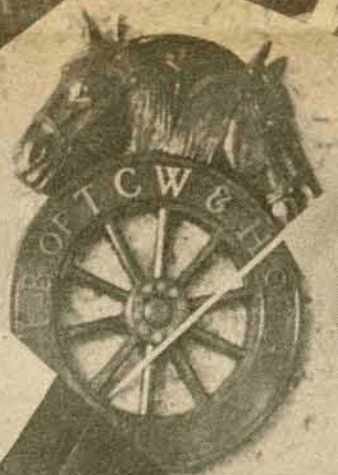


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