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WE DEMAND A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION

Sisters and brothers:

The Watergate scandal has ended what little faith we could have in Nixon. Now, as long as Nixon remains president, all we can expect from the executive branch of the federal government are more scandals and more deception. This is why we now must turn to our legislators and ask Congress to conduct an investigation the Nixon administration should have launched a long time ago.

We ask Congress to investigate the grower-Teamster conspiracy as it relates to the following illegal activities:

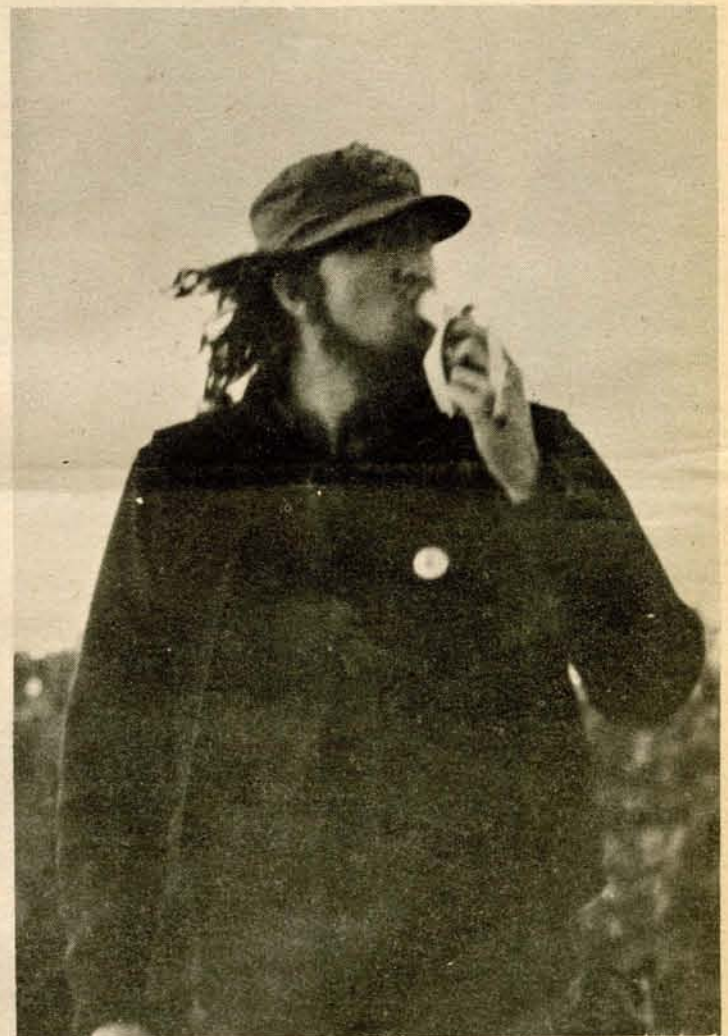
- (1) The money the growers have paid off to the Teamsters;
- (2) Who are the architects of the plot to destroy the United Farm Workers? Who prepared the plot, and how? Is the Nixon Administration involved? The Farm Bureau? The canneries?
- (3) To what extent have the Teamsters threatened the growers? To what extent have they threatened supermarket chains with the possibility that they will not move grapes and lettuce picked by growers that have signed Union contracts.

Sisters and brothers, we ask that you start a letter-writing campaign to Senator Williams of the Committee on Education and Labor calling for a Congressional investigation of the activities listed above. Write to the following address:

Senator Harrison A. Williams
Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

SI, SE PUEDE,

Cesar E. Chavez, Director
United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO



How the Teamsters' Union operates: pay goons \$67 a day to intimidate farm workers in order to impose on them the sweetheart agreements signed with the growers; accept pay-offs from the growers in return for destroying our Union; make pacts with labor contractors; rob its own members to finance connections with the mafia; eliminate farm workers from the fields by letting growers bring in machines at will; in general, deal in corruption and lies.

WE WILL WIN

BECAUSE, AS FARM WORKERS, WE KNOW WHAT HAS TO BE DONE AND WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN LA CAUSA IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

AND WITH US ARE:

14 MILLION WORKERS OF THE AFL-CIO, THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS, THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LONG-SHOREMEN AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION, THE UNITED MINE WORKERS, THE WORKERS IN THE CANNERIES AND PACKING SHEDS, AND MANY TRUCK DRIVERS.

MILLIONS OF SUPPORTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD, WHO ARE INFURIATED BY THE INVASION OF THE TEAMSTERS IN THE FIELDS AND THE CROOKED AGREEMENTS THEY HAVE MADE WITH THE GROWERS, SUPPORT OUR BOYCOTT.

STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN OUR STRUGGLE.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS WHO ARE USING THEIR MORAL STRENGTH TO UNMASK THE FILTHY UNION-BUSTING ACTIVITIES OF THE GROWERS AND TEAMSTERS.

A REVIEW:

THE NEW CONTRACTS WITH FREEDMAN AND K.K. LARSEN

- * General labor wages: \$2.40 (Teamster Contract: \$2.30)
- * Tractor drivers: \$2.75 (Teamster Contract: \$2.60)
- * Irrigators: \$2.75 (Teamster Contract: \$2.30)
- * 20% increase for most job classifications (Teamster Contract: 15%)
- * Hiring Hall (Teamster Contract: a pact with labor contractors)
- * Unemployment insurance
- * Pension Plan (Teamster Contract: a plan with history of corruption)
- * Immediate action on grievances (Teamster Contract: NOTHING)
- * Prohibition of pesticides dangerous to farm workers or consumers (Teamster contract: WEAK)
- * Protection against machines (Teamster contract: NOTHING)

If It Takes 100 Years,

COACHELLA:

Traveling with our brother Cesar, we realize how farm workers all over the valley know what the fight is all about. They understand the seriousness of the struggle and totally support the union.

The support comes in varying degrees, according to age and ability, from the little children of 3 and 4 years old who shout VIVA LA HUELGA with a fist in the air, the grandmothers who come out of their houses waving little Huelga flags, the angry young men and women, the timid smile of young girls who tell you they support you, the thoughtful men and women on whose faces is reflected a solid determination. The only ones who show their opposition are the ones who live in the new subdivisions.

There is a great variety of heroic participation. There are the young women who are afraid to go on the picketline, but have not gone to work for a month. There are the sisters and brothers who don't mind working 18 hours a day going all over the vineyards carrying the message of the Union and attending an endless number of meetings out of which grow the strategies and tactics that will take us to victory.

Even those that continue to work in the fields pray for forgiveness because hunger can be too hard to bear.

Photo: Bob Fitch



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Striker Alicia Uribe (photo) was hospitalized recently after she was injured by a Teamster goon and suffered a broken nose, cheekbone and cut eye. Coachella Valley farm workers continue to respond non-violently to attacks by Teamster goons, who are often armed with leather belts, bars and guns. Striker Jesús Miramon and AFL-CIO Representative José López are among those who have been assaulted by Teamsters.

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Photo: Bob Fitch

Emergency medical station set up by National Farm Workers' Health Group at the service of Coachella Valley strikers. Here Elizabeth Magenheimer, a registered nurse and Union volunteer, treats a striker.

We Will Fight 100 Years!

DELANO:



Brother Tatum of the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council of Bakersfield hits hard at Teamster-Union-busting activities.

About 4,000 farm workers and their families marched with Cesar Chavez and other union leaders to protest the invasion of the fields by the Teamsters. During the march Martin Mendoza, a former labor contractor and now a supervisor at Roberts Farms (where the strike continues), made an appearance in his fancy car provided by the company for his job and personal use. He kept trying to start trouble during the march. He is a supporter and propagandist for the Teamsters because he wants to return to his former business: exploitation of farm workers. Within the last two weeks marches have also taken place in Wasco, Earlimart, Visalia, Richgrove.

Huelga!

BAKERSFIELD:



The growers, their supervisors and their wives were surprised when they found 750 farm workers picketing them as they entered an auditorium in Bakersfield to attend the annual convention of the Kern County Farm Bureau. For three hours farm workers and supporters kept up a spirited barrage of chants: "CHAVEZ SI, MAFIA NO" and "VIVA LA HUELGA"

ARVIN-LAMONT:



The strike against Roberts' Farms: hours of heroic effort on the picket lines....



"Why do you scab on your brothers?"



"Sisters, brothers! Join us! Down with Roberts' Farms...!"



Pancho Botello, Union organizer: arrested without reason as he was getting out of his car at Kovacovich Farms; he was not notified of his rights. On May 22, Art Quintana, a striker, was arrested for "assaulting a police officer." He had accidentally touched him.



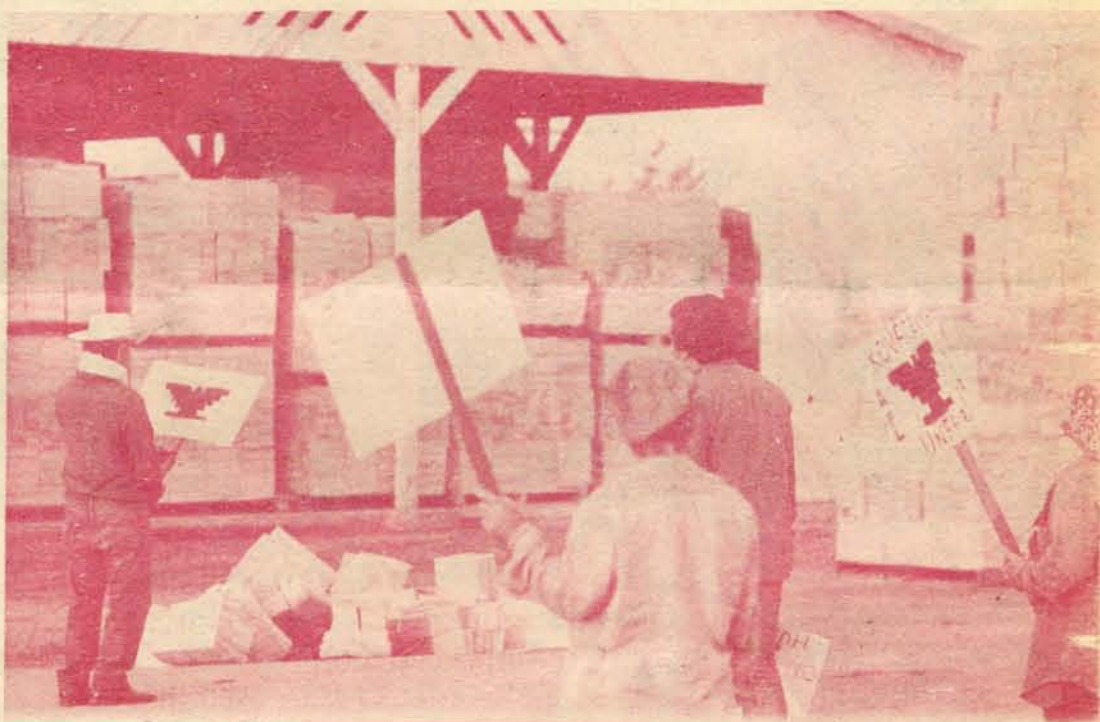
Sometimes Kovacovich strikers dance in order to break the monotony of the long hours of picketing under the hot sun.



Brother "Lalo" helps to start a new strike at El Rancho Farms...



...And the workers at El Rancho Farms respond to the call and sign strike declarations....



Kovacovich nearly flipped out when he found his packing shed would not be finished in time for the peach and grape harvests. The member unions of the Kern County Building and Construction Trades Council are respecting the picket line set up by strikers at the shed. Kovacovich's losses mount as he is forced to dump from 9 to 12 truckloads a day of badly picked and bruised peaches.

14-Million Member AFL-CIO Votes Strike Assessment

Photo: AFL-CIO News



Union Director Cesar Chavez speaks to the AFL-CIO Executive Council explaining the grower-Teamster conspiracy to bust the Union.

The Executive Board of the AFL-CIO, which represents 130 unions, voted to back our Union with \$1.6 million in the next three months to fight off "a vicious strikebreaking, union-busting attack by the Teamsters."

The federation's Executive Council voted a special assessment of 4 cents per member per month for the next three months to defeat the conspiracy of the growers and Teamsters to destroy the Union.

The funds will go strictly for strike benefits, and the AFL-CIO has promised more funds if necessary.

AFL-CIO President George Meany announced the council action at a press conference, declaring that the union-busting attack is the "most vicious" that "I have seen in my lifetime."

He charged that the Teamsters, in busting the Farm Workers contracts, have brought back again the labor contractor and a form of slavery.

He pledged that "we're going to fight...to secure justice for the 'workers in the field.'"

In addition to the financial help, the AFL-CIO has also sent a number of its national staff representatives into the fight.

FLORIDA:



(Left to right) Phil Priola from Illinois; Delbert Adams from Fortworth, Texas; Harry Helser from Wichita, Kansas are among the contingent of AFL-CIO national staff representatives who have come to join us in our fight against the Teamster-grower love affair. They consider it "a privilege to be here to see the dedication farm workers have to their union and hope to be a part of it."



Across the country, farm workers are joining the battle. On April 22, the group of Florida workers pictured above raised a collection of \$150 and sent it with a telegram pledging their support: "We want to help our Union grow strong so that one day we too can work under UFW Contract here in Florida. We are willing to help in any way we can, not only for ourselves, but for our brothers and sisters farm workers everywhere."

The day before, they had sent a representative over 90 miles to Miami to picket A&P. Solidarity forever!

CHAVEZ SI, MAFIA NO



ON WITH STRIKES AND BOYCOTTS!

LETTUCE, NO! GRAPES, NO! FARAH, NO! GUILD, NO! SHELL, NO! ONEITA, NO!

Photo by Dan Miller



Photo: AFL-CIO News



STRIKE AND BOYCOTT AGAINST FARAH ENTERS SECOND YEAR. On May 3, the struggle of the 3,000 Farah strikers for Union recognition entered its second year. But the racist owner of Farah refuses to recognize the union despite the fact that Farah has lost \$8,300,000 in sales and its stocks have fallen from \$30 to \$10.

Photo: Rosa Flores and Margarita Quesada. "When we asked for wage increases, the company would tell us to increase our cuotas. But it was impossible to fulfill the cuotas at the speed we were forced to move or there was not enough to go around."

STRIKE AND BOYCOTT AGAINST ONEITA. The On-eita strikers, the majority of them women, voted in an NLRB election to be represented by the Textile Workers Union, but the company refused to bargain in good faith with the union. So the 1,000 women struck for better working condition and wages that will be higher than the present average yearly income of \$3,379 they presently earn.



Wives of striking Shell workers on the picket lines with their husbands. The 4,000 workers are striking Shell because the giant multi-national corporation, one of the largest in the world, refuses to negotiate new clauses covering health, security and pensions.

BOYCOTT SHELL--BOYCOTT SHELL!!!

Farm Workers' Don't Patronize List

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

TABLE AND DESSERT WINES

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

SPECIALTY WINES

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

SPARKLING WINES

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

BRANDY

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

BOYCOTT: The Heat Is On!

Photo: Aeronaut

The heat is on! More than 1600 organizations are supporting the boycotts of Safeway and A&P.

Both Safeway and A&P are losing millions of dollars. A&P has stopped selling scab lettuce in Boston and is beginning to crack elsewhere.

Lately, Safeway has been placing an ad in 140 newspapers in California asking people to "help (Safeway) help the farm workers" by calling for legislation.

Safeway has been trying to maintain a neutral stance, while at the same time supporting the growers and Teamsters by selling scab lettuce.

But the public can no longer be fooled by a chain store that is continually charged with meat fraud and other practices that are detrimental to the health of consumers.

Recently Union Vice-President

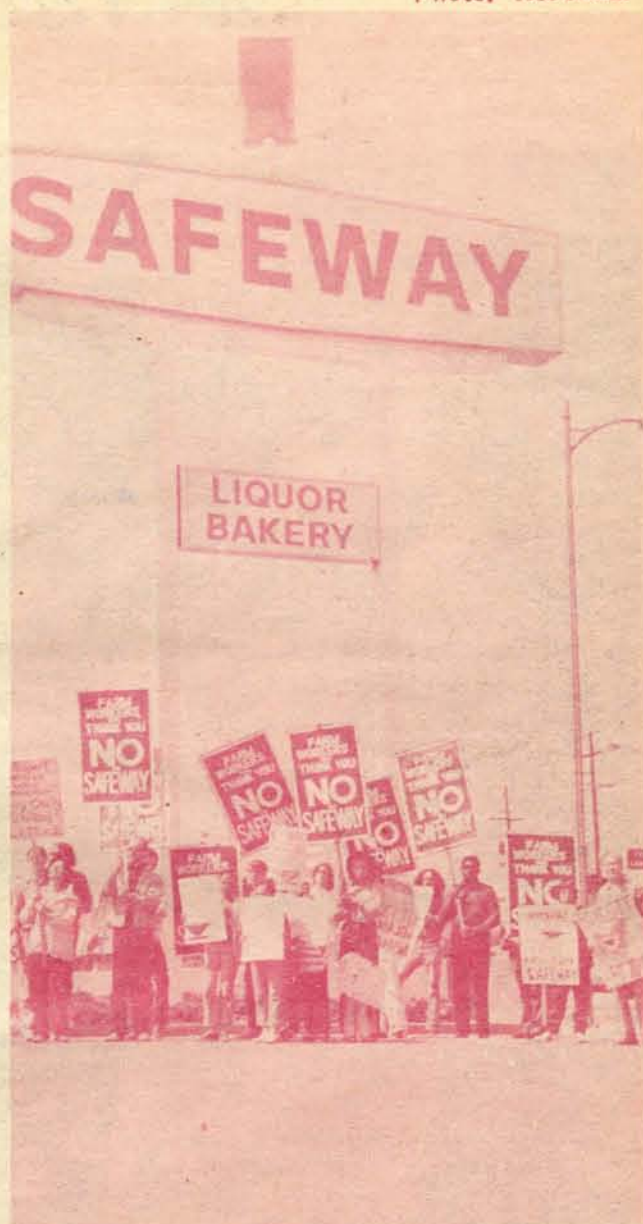
Gilberto Padilla went to attend a Safeway stockholders' meeting in Baltimore and was permitted to speak for more than an hour. At the end of his talk Gilberto presented Safeway with a new \$100 million lawsuit for meat fraud in San Francisco.

Union organizer Jessica Govea has just left on a tour of Canada to spread the boycott to Vancouver, Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

In rural areas, farm workers have become a vital factor in boycott activities from California to Florida to Oregon.

Safeway and A&P cannot afford to lose money indefinitely. The breaking point comes sooner or later. And usually, a chain gives in before going completely broke.

The day is coming when scab produce will not be sold anywhere. BOYCOTT! BOYCOTT! BOYCOTT!!!



San Fernando Valley Boycotters accompanied by regular picketers from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.



Safeway Boycott in San Diego



Florida farm workers travel 100 miles to picket A&P in Miami Beach. A&P in Tampa and other local areas picketed too.



Safeway managers are going crazy. Cecil Miller, a Safeway manager in Bakersfield, squirts EL MALCRIADO photographer Rick Tejada Flores and another picketer with a hose.

OPPOSITION GROWS



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Teamsters hid May 2 from behind the locked doors of their national headquarters as 200 farm workers and supporters protested the renewed love affair between California growers and the Teamsters.

"...we earnestly request that this matter be settled in the manner in which all fair-minded persons must agree, that is, election by secret balloting giving to the worker the right to accept either union or to reject both. We feel certain that if goodwill prevails there will be no difficulty in selecting an appropriate agency to conduct these elections."

--Catholic Bishops of California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Hawaii & Guam

"We are...urging some 1600 affiliated agencies and institutions to work locally in support of current (UFW) efforts to secure social justice and dignity for farm workers."

--Rev. Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran, Secretary National Conference of Catholic Charities.



Increasing dissatisfaction among Teamster members with their own leadership merged in recent press conference in which five rank and file members of Teamsters Local 208 spoke out against their Union's attack on the United Farm Workers. They called upon their 6,000 fellow members to invite Cesar and Chavez and Einar Mohn to speak at their May 20 meeting.

IN TEXAS, between 30 and 40 persons picketed Teamster offices in Dallas, Ft. Worth and Houston May 2. Most of the people were clergymen and representatives of religious groups.

FARM WORKERS AND STUDENTS:

Until recently, the solidarity of students with farm workers had been demonstrated in the universities by way of participation on boycott picketlines, but now they are participating directly with farm workers in the fields.

The strikers in the Arvin-La-mont area were visited May 18-20 by a group of students from San Diego State University. The students spent time on the picketlines as well as singing and acting for everyone.

They went to boycott Safeway in Bakersfield. But they didn't come just to visit. The students had put in some work gathering food for the strikers before coming here. They brought three truckloads of food, plus a donation for the strike.

At Agbayani Village students are coming regularly to help in the construction work. They come from several universities, including Long Beach State University.

In Coachella, a student from the University of Mexico was the

Solidarity Based On Action



Students from San Diego State University.



Students picketing the annual Kern County Farm Bureau Convention.

Photo: Sebastian Sahagon

one who took a Mexican flag away from a Teamster goon, who was using it to clean his car.

Farm workers always respond warmly to persons who are willing to help. Many note that students are talking less, but doing much more to help people liberate themselves from poverty and oppression.



Photo: Sebastian Sahagon



Students from Long Beach University at the service of Agbayani Village.



The 12 Asian students who came to work during the weekend May 11-13 pose with Agbayani villagers.

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FROM WASHINGTON STATE

Along with their prayers and pledge for continued support to the sisters and brothers on strike in the Coachella Valley, the farm workers and their friends from Eastern Washington send this enclosed check for \$1011 for the strike fund.

All farm workers everywhere have a vested interest to see that the Union triumphs in Coachella. Actions like raising money here in Eastern Washington for the strike fund serve to strengthen the ties between all farm workers everywhere and to strengthen our determination to win.

A list of all the people who donated will follow soon along with any additional money that comes in for this cause. Que viva la Huelga. Que viva la Causa.

Roberto Treviño, Union organizer
in Wahington

SEATTLE BOYCOTT GOING STRONG

Sisters and brothers:

We miss all you people at La Paz, but we're putting all we've got into the fight here. Here's a good story for EL MALCRIADO.

The YAF ("Young Americans for Freedom") took out a one-half page ad announcing that they'd be at the University District Safeway, Saturday May 5, to give a 15¢ refund to anyone who bought lettuce.

At Safeway to meet 10 YAFers were 150 UFW pickets. When asked by the press how their refunds were going, the YAFers commented, "Not very well. There aren't many people shopping here today." Can't imagine why.

We're hitting 13 Safeways on week-

ends now in addition to what's being done by farm workers in Yakima Valley. We try to expand by 1 or 2 Safeways every weekend.

Turnaways are very good.

How could you?.. See page 13 May 4 issue, EL MALCRIADO: "They can jail a MAN, but not his spirit." Down with sexism. Right? Paulino's Pacheco's quote was right on.

Love to everyone. Carry on.

Jan Van Pelt, Boycotter
Seattle, Washington

PSALM OF NIXON (Name of author not available)

Nixon is my shepherd, I shall not want
He leadeth me beside the still factories
He restoreth my doubts in the Republican Party.
He guideth me to the path of unemployment, for the party's sake.
He annointeth my wages with freezes, so that my
expenses runneth over my income.
Surely poverty and hard living shall follow the Republican Party.
And I shall live in a rental house forever.

Five thousand years ago "Moses" said, "Park your camel, pick up your shovel, mount your ass and I shall lead you to the Promised Land."
Five thousand years later F.D.R. said "Lay down your shovel, sit on your ass, light up a camel, this is the Promised Land."
Today, Nixon will tax your shovel, sell your camel, kick your ass,
and tell you there is no Promised Land.

P.S. I am glad I am an American.
I am glad that I am free.
But I wish I were a doggie,
And Nixon were a tree.



"Don't worry, we'll patch her right up!"

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Farm Worker Crossword Puzzle

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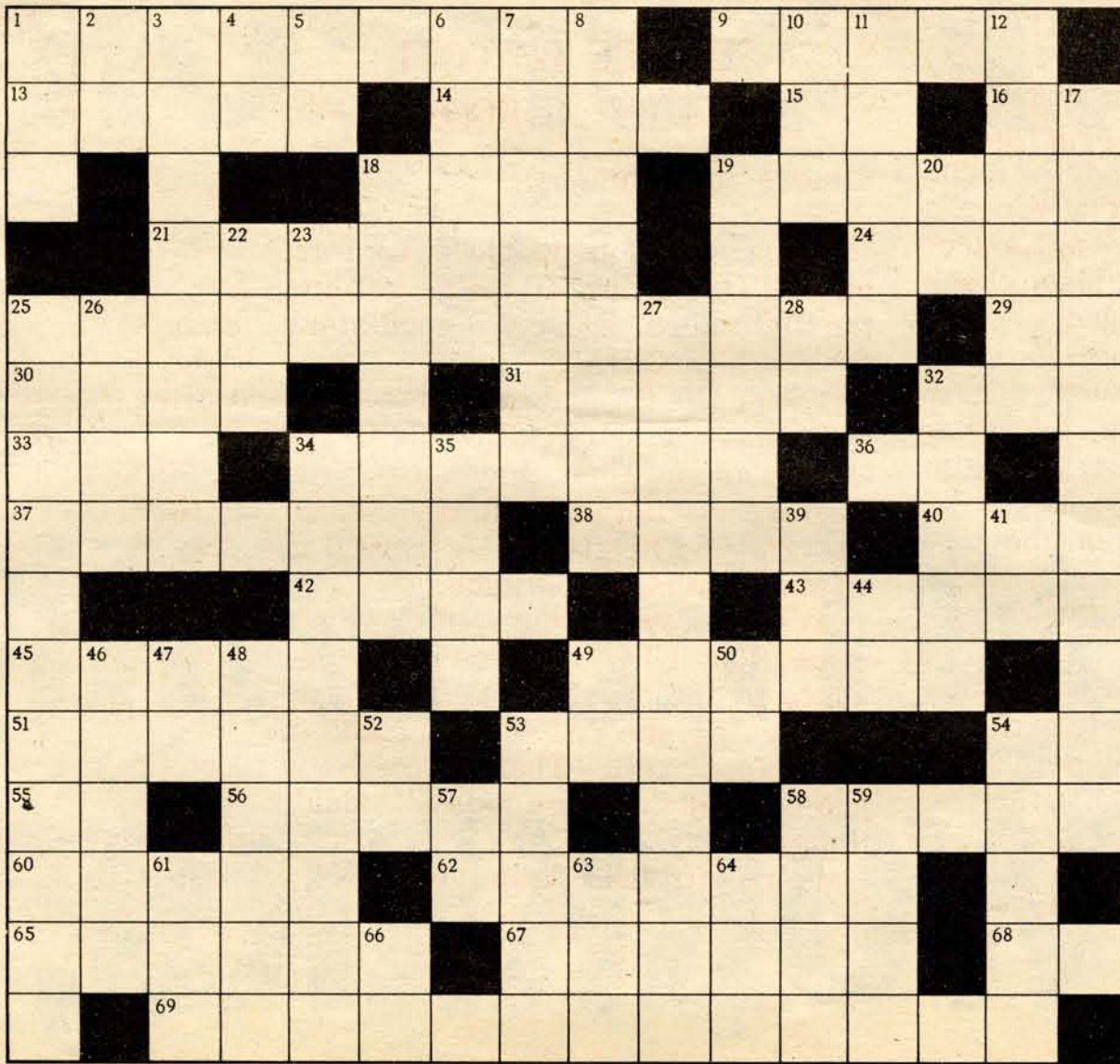
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CORRECTLY ANSWERED.

Across

1. With 9 & 57 across-name of Farm Worker Poet
9. See 1 across-name
13. Mexican term for North American.
14. Soft drink- made by Co. under Union Contract
15. - - Day; Victory in Europe
16. Exclamation
18. Indian native to Yucatan
19. Mexican shawl
21. Brand name of a scab lettuce
24. Small vessel for liquids. Medicine or Chemistry
25. FarmWorker message; campaign centered in California
29. Tea in Spanish
30. First name of Egyptian movie star. Also name of Lamont picket captain.
31. "FOR RENT"-2 words
32. Yes it- be done. Motto of the FarmWorkers. See 34 down
33. Japanese money or a desire or craving
34. Exceptional mother-slang. 2 words
36. THE in Spanish
37. Recently opened building in Sanger to serve farmWorkers
38. Grab or help oneself to
40. Exclamation of pleasure
42. Equipment for winter sport
43. Fight in Spanish
45. Demand of rude waitress. 2 words
49. Name of test for diphtheria. Sound just like-Manufacturer of Razors & Blades
51. A forbidden fruit 2 words
53. To dear children; a father; also old title of respect.
54. Personal pronoun
55. Baseball organization
56. Smooth, politic or diplomatic
58. With 1 & 9 across-name of poet
60. Unpleasant sounds, shouting or clamor
62. Brand of Union Wine
65. Musical tone or syllable. Repeated 3 times
67. President of Mexico-1911-1913
68. Negative-English or Spanish
69. Any non-Union grape eaten in the world is - - - -4 words including Spanish word for grape.

1. Obese or manteca
2. Nurse-initials
3. Retirement Center under construction in Delano
4. Baseball organization
5. Conscientious Objector
6. Subject of poem by Jack London-plural

7. Small wolf variation with letter 'a' in middle. Sp. word for person who exploits others
8. With 37 across:- - - off' 3 words. Message from control tower to pilot
10. Grape in Spanish
11. GUTSY, Unafraid
12. Agrarian leader and revolutionary from Morelos, Mex.
17. Director of the FarmWorkers Credit Union, 2 words
18. This is - - , 2 words. What a rancher says about his vehicle
19. Cesar was - - at the end of his fast. 2 words describing his condition
20. 3 toed animal of S.A. tropical forest. Also first 2 initials of Russell Means's movement
22. Initials for Company famous for cash register
23. Verb in English for hacer. Also musical note
25. FarmWorker bumper sticker seen in the East & Midwest
26. 'OH, Melvin'. Short form
27. Official Voice of the Union
28. - last. Preposition. Al fin in Spanish
32. Time piece. Reloj in Spanish
34. FarmWorkers' motto. Title of movie. 3 words
35. Strike in Scottish. Sounds like a fish or mountain top.
39. Masculine name. First name of President of Union Company
41. Exclamation of surprise
44. Abbreviation for famous Univ. system
46. Eskimo dwelling
47. Public relations, Abbrev.
48. Brand of Union wine
49. Yes in Spanish
50. Personal pronoun
52. Each abbreviation
53. Headquarters for Union in Fresno County
54. Head of the AFL-CIO
57. Govt. bureau serving Veterans. Also spanish for 'he goes'
58. Bacteria or Virus
59. Organización Nacional de Obreros Agrícolas, initials
61. 2 words spoken by bride and groom at wedding
63. Wrestling pad. Also used on table instead of cloth
64. Good in Latin
66. Vowels. Part of on I.O.U.



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