

FARM WORKERS NEED OUR HELP

Migrant farm workers who harvest the fruit and vegetables for all Americans are the lowest paid workers in the United States. Often their wages are so low they cannot afford to buy milk for their children, or pay for doctors.

- 1) According to the U. S. Public Health Service, the average migrant has only \$7.30 per year to spend on medical care.
- 2) Frequently children must work to help support the family. According to the American Friends Service Committee, 800,000 children under the age of 16 work in the fields each year.
- 3) They are exposed to dangerous chemical pesticides. This spring, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) seized thousands of crates of lettuce bearing residues of Monitor 4 and Phosdrin, deadly organo-phosphate poisons. FDA officials estimate that 800 persons are killed and 80,000 injured by pesticides each year.

California lettuce and grape companies have joined corrupt officials of the Western Conference of Teamsters in a conspiracy to destroy the Union formed by the farm workers themselves (United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, led by Cesar Chavez).

Grape workers who dared to strike for their rights this summer were assaulted by Teamster "security personnel", had their homes burned; had their cars bombed; and were shot at. Finally two were killed.

Now the farm workers have turned to the public for help. Please do not eat grapes or lettuce, unless you see the farm workers' eagle right on the plastic wrapper on the head of lettuce.

YOU CAN'T TRUST FINAST

Finast Supermarkets (also known as Big Buy, Super Finast, and First National Stores) have a double standard: they are cooperating with the farm workers' boycott in Massachusetts but not in Connecticut. Apparently they respond only to their cash registers, and they know that many Massachusetts consumers will not shop in a store that sells boycotted grapes and lettuce.

Finast is trying to fool the public in Connecticut by advertising that they have carried United Farm Workers Lettuce for two years and will continue to do so". They neglect to mention that they have been selling non-UFW grapes all summer and fall. Furthermore, dozens of checks by consumers throughout Connecticut have revealed that over half the time Finast stores in this state carry boycotted lettuce.

Finast stores have displayed the UFW eagle over boycotted grapes and lettuce, implying that this produce had been picked under a United Farm Workers' Union contract. The State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection, has now begun an investigation of this deceptive practice.

Please write Alan Haberman, President, First National Stores, Somerville, Massachusetts. Tell him you support farm workers and do not approve of his company's attempts to mislead the public.

PLEASE DON'T SHOP AT FINAST.

Please complete this pledge and return it to:
United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO
1915 Park Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106 Telephone 233-7234



- _____ I have written to Mr. Haberman, urging him to support the boycott.
- _____ I pledge not to eat grapes or lettuce, unless I see the Aztec eagle on the lettuce wrapper.
- _____ I enclose a donation.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____