The purpose of this article is to make you more familiar with the issues concerning the grape and lettuce boycott. In 1971 a study uncovered:

- 900 U.S. farmworkers die of insecticide poisoning each year. There were 5729 severe poisonings in 1970.

By 1976 farmworkers had grown so economically so they agreed to sign with the United Farmworkers Union. This was a great victory for the farmworkers. Drinking water, toilet facilities and rest breaks were a few of the changes which were provided for the farmworkers. Hires and layoffs were set up by the union to eliminate labor contractors who were the mid-term riders. Farmworkers wages. Limitations imposed on the use of pesticides. After the grape contracts were signed, the UFW approached the lettuce growers to try and organize their workers. The growers announced that they had signed with the Tamsters. A lettuce strike and boycott followed. Workers picketed in the fields and the growers refused to pick the fields for the season. Teamster goons were sent in and paid $2.00 a day to break the strike. They beat and harassed the workers. In August, mass arrests of striking farmworkers were made. August 17, 1973 Caesar Chavez called off the strike after two fatalities. Many of the grape workers then left the fields and travelled into cities to gain support for the boycott. Three of these farmworkers came to Montreal in Dec. 73.

As the situation now stands, it is very important for Canadians to be aware of and to support the grape and lettuce boycott. Montreal is 175 years into the market for their grapes and lettuce. Ninety-five percent of the grapes sold in the United States are California grapes. In Canada there are few who have a grasp on the boycott and air any gripes they have. According to John Lehman, Coordinator for the Television News Service, it's important for students to differentiate between conventional T.V. and the News Service.

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