

Connecticut Staff Meeting--Monday 8/12/74

Present: Nancy Braus, Ken Schroeder, Debbie Miller, Bob Calahan,
Stephen Rivers, George Sheridan

Late: Dan Schultz

Agenda: Sept. 14 & 15--International Boycott Grapes & Lettuce Day
Program for next month;;staff recruitment; assignment of areas

Recruitment:

- a) at every meeting, tell people we want more staff
- b) call Louise LaChance and see why she hasn't been around for past week
- c) put all staff together in one house--new people can't be sent off by themselves
- d) Recruiting posters in lefty places
in community centers
- e) story in newspaper--wire service, we are beginning search for more people
local, Ken & Debbie going to Montreal, need replacement
", George to Calif.
- f) Schools--get listed with work & volunteer opportunities
- g) College literature tables--aimed at recruiting volunteer committee
September 15--September 30
- h) more responsibility must go to supporters
- i) bring key supporters to staff meetings
- j) plan office work so supporters can come in and do it
- k) have people work on trial basis--during two-week vacations, etc.
- l) mass leafletting about boycott, w/ pledge form "I want to help."

General Supporters Meeting

a week from Wednesday--August 21

Trinity Episcopal Church--7:30

Have supporters make cookies

Music--teach a song (Union maid, solidaridad)
end with a song everyone knows

Education on illegals--Ken & Debbie

reproduce some Calif. Info

Sept. 14 & 15

Brainstorming for ideas:

Sunday picnic, sleeping giant state forest, magician, puppet theater
Concert

Big Pathmark picket

pot luck & benefit

Mexican dinner w entertainment

film

fair or carnival as benefit

demonstration--Pathmark or liquor store. Move from there to picnic

do balloons, street theater, singing or chanting

Sell a lot of Taller Grafico--new posters, stationary

Teatro Campesino

Arlo Guthrie

Hartford Stage Company "On the Season"

Get a farm worker here from New York

do parade around streets. Stop on corners for 5-minute talks and rallies

Going-away party for George Sheridan

Labor Picket at Long Wharf produce area in New Haven

Dinner theater

picket lines in 4 cities; fund-raisers in one or two.

Dinner - sell tickets in advance

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Sept. 14 & 15 (continued)--what we finally planned

- I Get labor leaders--have Bober send letter
we can borrow Htfd Labor Council mailing list
- *** Picket lines in 5 cities--Hartford, New Britain, Waterbury, New Haven, Bridgeport.
This will be the first major event in New Britain; Debbie can leave people with a program for action
- II Saturday Night--New Haven--do benefit in Church.
Don't rely on Billy Horowitz and Street Theater
find local bands--like Bridgeport rally
Minority participation--get advice from Henry Parker & Joe O'Dell
- III Sunday afternoon--carnival in Hartford
Taller Grafico Booth
Sell Food
 donated soda, etc
 also home-made
Magic show
Puppets
Games for kids--pin the tail on the Teamster (not really)
Participation/demonstration of batik--charge \$1.00
Art show
Tag sale
 auction TV or stereo
Interest center--like event on Boston Common in 1970
 short hoses, "no toilets"
Do it on church lawn, so we don't have to worry about permission to solicit
 St. Joseph's Cathedral lawn
 rain date--St. Joe's School auditorium } Buildings are on either
 or Trinity Episcopal } side of the lawn we'll use
- No admission to carnival. Collection after magic show
- IV Sunday morning--churches collection or food donation

Housing--staff should live together.
 reinforcement
 planning and coordination
 example

Hartford & New Haven are the only possible places. Waterbury, Bridgeport, etc. are too out-of-the-way. We have already started looking for a house--a free one may be difficult to find. With \$95/month for rent we can probably work out a deal for an apartment

Minority Community

Get a list of contacts. Go visit them, ask for more contacts
 meetings
 delegations

Overall program

Picket Pathmark--Waterbury, East Haven, Bridgeport, & Manchester
Motts--Meet him Wed. Morn; picket several stores before then
Delegations--do 2 or 3 every week--liquor stores & independent markets
Store checks--key person in every area--get reports in to Hartford on Monday
Mass leafletting--at concerts, etc
human billboards--at least once a week