TYPHOID HITS FLORIDA WORKERS

TWO CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM TYPHOID FEVER ARE LOADED INTO AN AMBULANCE AT THE SOUTH DADE LABOR CAMP, DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

POISONED LETTUCE HEARING ERUPTS

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"The truth brings justice, and the thirst for justice creates La Causa and the people involved in La Causa will be victorious."

An interview with Cesar Chavez

EL MALCRIADO: Cesar, in this time of struggle what should be the participation of union members in the defense of their cause?

CESAR: The strength of a movement comes from its roots. Union members should participate in the decision of their movement. They should defend their movement not just economically, but also politically, so they can continue to participate in the political life of this society.

EL MALCRIADO: Cesar, in this time of struggle, how would you look at the situation in which we find ourselves?

CESAR: The truth brings justice, and the thirst for justice creates La Causa March 23, 1973 and the people involved in La Causa will be victorious.

Every member must learn that we are going to be attacked from different directions. The major attacks will be on the political and economic fronts and also on the racial front, because of the racist tendencies of the growers and the Teamsters.

CESAR: Every movement must have its inspiration. In our case, the Teamsters have taken this role. They are fighting back. We have been able to send in our organizers to explain to our friends in the cities that our struggle is not one of Teamsters and growers and the United Farm Workers.

Every member must learn that we are going to be attacked from different directions. The Teamsters are a company union that is cooperating with the growers in an attempt to confuse our working class sisters and brothers in the cities who support us.

EL MALCRIADO: Brother, do you have some final words for farm workers and our supporters?

CESAR: The truth brings justice, and the thirst for justice creates La Causa and the people involved in La Causa will be victorious.
CONFIDENTIAL LETTER
UNMASKS TEAMSTER-LABOR CONTRACTOR CONSPIRACY

NATIONAL FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
TELEPHONE (209) 488-2811
P.O. BOX 9228
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93728

CONFIDENTIAL
February 14, 1973

Dear Contractor:

This confidential letter contains information this is usually restricted to our members only. It is important that this information remain very confidential.

At the present time we are in closing negotiations with the Western Conference of Teamsters, Agriculture Workers Organizing Committee. You may recall that we have been meeting with them for over two years. It appears that we will be in a position to have a final draft of an Agreement in the immediate future.

If and when we sign the Master Agreement for the Farm Labor Contractors it will be a death blow to the hiring hall and Chavez’s ambition to be Commissioner of California. Political domination of agriculture labor will be coming to an end.

However, we represent only our members in this matter. United we have been able to carry on these costly negotiations and hire experts to represent us at a very small cost per member. Individually it would cost many hundreds of dollars to do the same with little chance of the individual to obtain as favorable an Agreement with the Union.

The end is coming rapidly and now is the time for you to make application for membership if you wish to be included in this service (and the other advantages of membership). Fill in and return the enclosed card together with your check for the $50.00 dues. After we sign the Agreement, new members will have to pay their individual added costs to be included in the Agreement plus the regular dues, so you save considerable money by joining now.

We urge you to act now, send your dues in by return mail!

Sincerely,

Guinn Sinclair
President

Imperial Valley Farm Workers
In Constant Danger of Being Poisoned

CALIFORNIA. “Farm workers in the Imperial Valley are constantly in danger of being poisoned,” declared Union organizers, Manuel Chavez and Hector Reyes, March 7.

They charged that as long as Imperial Valley growers do not stop the use of Monitor 4 and other dangerous pesticides, thousands of farm worker families are in grave danger of being poisoned.

Manuel and Hector charged the growers with the reckless use of pesticides which are a great danger to health. In order to increase production, they said, the growers do not wait long enough between the application of the pesticides and the time they bring workers into the fields.

The two Union organizers reported that many cases of pesticide poisoning are not uncovered among farm workers in the valley who are unprotected by union contracts. They warned farm workers to keep a close eye on their health, some of the symptoms of pesticide poisoning are the following NAUSEA,

DIZZINESS WITHOUT APPARENT CAUSE, VOMITING, HEADACHES, GENERAL FEELING OF ANXIETY, PROBLEM WITH BREATHING, DIARRHEA, SWEATING WITHOUT CAUSE, EYE TROUBLE, PERSISTANT ITCHING AND WELTS ON THE BODY. Manuel and Hector warned, “If you have experienced any of these symptoms go to the Union office in Calix and immediately. Your health is of the utmost importance. Do not permit yourselves to go on being poisoned like animals. WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS.”
**Fresno**

**MALCRIADO COMMITTEE TO SHOW "SI SE PUDE."**

by Guadalupe Gonzales

FRESNO, California - The MALCRIADO Committee of Fresno County will show the film "SI SE PUDE." for the first time in this area Saturday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 1385 11th Street, Fresno, California.

Several dancing and singing groups will perform. REFRESHMENTS FREE, DON'T MISS OUT.

**Farm Bureau Picketed**

by Juan Salazar, Selma Field Office

On February 21, 1973, about 12:30 p.m., there were about 350 farm workers in front of the Fresno Convention Center picketing the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau.

The pickets marched yelling "Cesar af, Teamsters, NO." "Down with the Farm Bureau." Another thing people were protesting because they know that the Farm Bureau is an enemy of the farm workers and because the attempts to destroy our Union with Proposition 22 and repressive legislation.

While the Convention Center the Farm Bureau members were talking about how to destroy us, long as the Farm Bureau and the Teamsters, or any one else threaten our Union, we will demonstrate against them.

**Santa Maria Valley**

**UNION ORGANIZER RUNS FOR SCHOOL BOARD**

SANTA MARIA, California - A Santa Maria United Farm Workers Union organizer is moving into the political life of the community, inspired by the problems he has seen through his work with the Union and community committees.

The organizer is Manuel Echavarria, and he has filed candidacy papers for the board of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District.

Echavarria's work with the Comite Consejero de Educacion following riots at one of the two local high schools in 1971 showed him the need for a greater voice for Chicanos in the school district.

"There has never been a Chicano on the school board, yet more than thirty percent of the population is Chicano. We need complete community representation on this school board. The time is now for the direct inclusion of Chicanos in the affairs of the schools," Echavarria said.

Echavarria has recently been appointed to the Santa Barbara County Democratic Central Committee, which is the official party organization in the county. He is one of four representatives from the northern Santa Barbara county area.

Echavarria is also one of the "Guadalupe Ten" who were arrested by UFW and convicted of disturbing a public meeting following a parent-teacher meeting in the Guadalupe grade school last March when Mel O'Campo, a well known Chicano, along with a section on La Causa complete with the Black Eagle of the United Farm Worker home in Woodlake, California.

**Sanluis Valley**

**SALINAS VALLEY CRLA FIGHTS SHORT HANDLE HOE**

SALINAS, California - Salinas Valley Carol Rights and Labor Action is fighting a "short handled hoe" or "cortito" in California farm work. A hearing on the petition is scheduled here March 6.

The petition states that the short handled hoe requires farm laborers to work in a stooped position for extended periods of time and cause serious burns, often permanent and total physical disability.

The petition cites testimony from doctors, testify about the dangers of the hoe, in addition to direct testimony from persons injured by its use.

"We farm workers who make our living out working in the fields find ourselves having to return work everyday with backs, necks and legs that still hurt from working the day before," says Jose Romero. "The short handle hoe ruins the farmer workers. The long handle hoe requires the use of the "shortch," and before he is 50, he is so disabled he must go on welfare."

**Repression in Woodlake**

by Jesus H. Martinez

MALCRIADO Representative, Leobardo Renteria.

PLACE: Woodlake, California.


SITUATION: Owner of "El Venadito" billiard hall granted permission to some youth to paint a mural on Mexican History, including Mexican heroes Benito Juarez and Hidalgo, along with a section on La Causa complete with the Black Eagle of the United Farm Workers. The labor contractors in the area went to the owner, saying that the mural was distasteful to the residents of Woodlake.

POLICE ACTION: Local authorities try to cover the mural with a solid-colored paint.

The police also refused to let the MALCRIADO Committee continue its door-to-door campaign to push the Union newspaper's distribution. DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE: To meet using constitutional rights. To finish the task of bringing EL MALCRIADO to every farm worker home in Woodlake, California.

**Washington**

**S.B. 2550 DEFEATED**

by Jose Gonzalez

An anti-farm worker bill, S.B. 2550 sponsored by Atchison Valley grower George Guneman, died in the Senate Labor Committee after hearing March 16. Sarah Welch reports that "our part of the hearing was progressive with Attorney Michael Fox giving legal criticisms, Ricardo Garcia (Mexican-American Commission) giving an excellent run down on Gannon's anti-Union activities, and Joe Davis, President of Washington State AFL-CIO and the United Labor Lobby unveiling the show with an eloquent speech about the need of farm workers to organize."
Typhoid Epidemic Hits Florida Farm Workers

By Dorothy Johnson

The first evidence of the disease surfaced on January 29, and not until the first weeks of March were people receiving the proper treatment, Medina said. By March 5 over 500 people had been examined and over 150 hospitalized.

The grisly story starts in the Dade County delegation to the Florida Congress. Medina says that Florida law requires that public health officials be notified as soon as typhoid is identified, but there is no evidence of any response to the situation on the part of local health officials.

On February 26 the Goulds Clinic diagnosed another case of typhoid in a Mr. Diaz, a 19 year old farm worker, and also the wife of a Jackson Hospital in Miami. Finally, on February 27 Dr. Ben Haltz of the Goulds Clinic and Mr. Nitskin of the public health department announced that they had a very serious situation on their hands.

They did indeed. On the next day, February 28, fifteen more people were sent to the hospital with suspected typhoid.

On March 1, 500 people went. One of those was sent to Larkin General Hospital, where he was refused admittance unless he could raise $300, Medina said.

In response to the crisis, the Martin Luther King Clinic called a meeting between themselves, public health representatives, the Goulds Clinic and local family planning officials to see if an emergency clinic could be set up in the camp. Medina says that the public health people were opposed to the idea at first, but the sentiment of the others was strong enough that such an emergency clinic was established at the camp.

Nonetheless, the numbers kept climbing. March 2 saw another fifteen people sent to the hospital and also saw the Jackson Hospital in Miami refuse to accept five patients, claiming their beds were all full.

In the next couple of days the emergency clinics had processed 383 patients in all from all over Dade County, and sent tests on to the local public health officials. But the test results were slow in returning and hospitals were closing their doors for lack of beds—so people, potentially very sick people, were being sent home.

Under the pressure of the situation, Jackson Hospital reopened its doors on March 4, and by the next day the emergency clinic had processed over 500 people and sent 130 on to the hospital. Of those 130 only 40 had completed test results by March 5, but every one of them was positive for typhoid—so the probability is high that most of the people have been infected.

Medina is trying to get local government representatives to pressure the health department people into correcting the situation. He has arranged for a meeting between Representatives Owen Cherry and Kenneth Meyers of the State Constitutional Health and Rehabilitation Committee, Senator Ralph Poston, who heads the Dade County delegation to the Florida Congress, and Mr. Emmett Roberts, head of the Florida Health Department and Dr. Milton Sorvall of the Dade County Health Department.

"We want to know who is responsible for checking the water at the camp, and why it took the health department so long to respond," Medina said. "We are especially concerned about what will happen when the workers get out of the hospital. About 15 percent of them will be carriers, capable of infecting other people. Who will keep track of them when they migrate to new jobs? Will they be forced to stay in the area? If so, who will compensate them when their local jobs disappear?"

As of March 9 there were, officially, 187 people hospitalized with suspected typhoid, and 75 confirmed cases. According to Dorothy Johnson of the United Farm Workers office, by March 13 100 cases had been confirmed.

She also said the doctors hoped to begin sending people home on March 14, with no people scheduled for release that day.

The United Farm Workers has offered legal assistance in the suit, she said.

"Please turn to back page"
Los Angeles, California--A suit seeking to prevent the sale in California of lettuce contaminated with the nerve gas pesticide Monitor 4 was filed March 18 San Francisco Superior Court against major supermarkets, wholesale distributors, and the pesticide's manufacturers.

Los Angeles area and national firms named in the class-action suit, which seeks $100 million damages in addition to an injunction prohibiting sale of the contaminated lettuce, are Safeway, Alpha Beta, and Market Basket and the manufacturers Chevron Chemical Co. and Chemagro, a subsidiary of Bayer AGP. According to David Grabill, attorney for the plaintiff Interfaith Committee to Aid Farm Workers, "Food and Drug Administration testing for pesticide contamination has been proven woefully inadequate, and poisoned lettuce has been sold throughout California continuously since December.

Dear Sofia Ybarra,

I used to shop at Safeway, but I support the farm workers so now I shop at Food-Mart.

Yours Sincerely,

Dear Sofia Ybarra,

Thank you very much for the information on the Lettuce Boycott. I've enclosed an other redpet from Bradshaws - boycotting Safeway.

I am a member of Operating Engineers Local 12 and if you have a small poster or leaflet or other item I will endeavor to post.

Sincerely,

Freda Cohen

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

I read of your consumers efforts in the newspaper "Ocean Beach Rag" for about three years I have traded at the Safeway Store near 30th in San Diego, where the prices are relatively low and the fruits and vegetables are superior.

After reading of your struggle, I have ceased shopping there, and enclose sales slips from several other stores with this letter.

I too am trading now at stores other than Safeway.

Thank you,

Rosalind Tyson

VIE DEL WORKERS BOYCOTT SAFEWAY IN FRESNO

by Federico M. Flore, Parlier, California

Alberto Estrada, Vice President of the Ranch Committee at the Vie Del Company in Fresno County gives final instructions to Ma, Merced Itoho, Kathy S. Fremo and Julita Garcia (left to right).

Our sisters and brothers from the Vie Del Company come out to picket every Sunday and say they will do so until Safeway decides not to sell scalp lettuce. No cars enter the Safeway parking lot if the boycotters convince shoppers to support the boycott.

Vie Del Union members urge all farm workers to help boycott Safeway so that the lettuce grows will sign with the Union soon.

CONSUMERS WRITE TO SAFEWAY

Dear Mr. Jaynes,

I find that I will no longer be able to shop at Safeway. The letter signed by you is a semantic lesson in how language can be used to sway public opinion.

Enclosed are cash register tapes which cover some of my purchases over the past three weeks. While they are quite ordinary, they can and will be multiplied many times over.

It would be a fantastic step forward if you bought only USW produce. Assist for you, for your organization and for a group of people who desperately need your help.

Cordially,

G.R. Alexander
NEWS

REPORT ON A&P

by Barbara Luftke

MADISON, Wisconsin—Friends of the Farm Workers, representing the United Farm Workers Union, and the Union Council of the University of Wisconsin have reached an agreement concerning the serving of head lettuce on campus. The Council voted 7 to 4 to cease selling head lettuce at four of the University's major eating centers.

Leafleting is now being done in Residence Hall eating areas, asking students to boycott Safeway salads and asking that lettuce be removed from fruit dishes. Negotiations with campus stores and restaurants, with picketing and leafleting where necessary, will begin this week, in an attempt to remove all scab head lettuce from the campus.

The Friends of the Farm Workers hope to be able to join the national boycott of A & P stores by early spring.

MADISON, Wisconsin—While Friends of the Farm Workers in Madison is busy publicizing the boycott of Guild liquor products and leafleting University of Wisconsin Residence Hall eating facilities asking students to boycott scab head lettuce, the rest of the country has been picking out A & P stores (Safeway in the West). An A & P fact sheet from the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company in New York reports that A & P is the largest purchaser of scab lettuce in the United States—four billion heads a week.

However, the New York Stock Exchange reflects the troubled times of the company: ten years ago A & P stock sold at 65—by January it was listed at 15 1/2.

A & P has a documented history of price raising in inner city stores (as much as 296% in East Harlem), of mislabeling cuts of meats, and of failure to stock, or overpricing, advertised items. In 1972 the New York City Consumers Affairs Dept. found 1,765 items of advertised products either unavailable or overpriced. A & P history records court cases for racial discrimination in 1965 and 1971 and for sexual discrimination in 1972.

A & P scores especially low with the Black community. Rev. Jesse Jackson, arrested for picketing A & P because of discriminatory hiring practices, refused to deal with Black owned community businesses, and employee charges of racism in 1970, said, "We want A & P to cultivate our skills the way they cultivate their appetites."

The public is being deceived and the struggle of farm workers is being misrepresented by Safeway Stores, according to an $115 million suit filed today in Los Angeles Superior Court.

The suit was brought by the United Farm Workers because Safeway's advertising campaign claims that all its lettuce is "union-harvested" and that the "lettuce controversy" is really a jurisdictional labor dispute.

Sanford N. Nathan, a Union attorney, said, "The suit asks for an immediate injunction to prohibit Safeway from displaying any signs advertising in the media, or alleging in any way that Safeway lettuce is union-harvested. Safeway is willfully disregarding a recent California Supreme Court decision by claiming that growers who signed "sweetheart contracts" with the Teamsters are selling and distributing union-harvested lettuce." On December 29, 1972, the Court ruled that the Teamsters did not represent a majority or even a substantial number, of farm workers under the contracts, inasmuch as growers or the Teamsters never consulted the farm workers themselves.

Another cause of action in the Union suit charges that Safeway has violated the California Civil Code section which prohibits unfair business practices. Mr. Nathan stated, "The United Farm Workers have become highly visible, well-known and widely supported. We find it particularly reprehensible that Safeway should try to trade on the goodwill of the public toward farm workers by claiming to stock union lettuce when very little, if any, iceberg lettuce sold by Safeway is union-harvested. "Safeway is deliberately distorting the facts in an effort to subvert the Union's lawful and peaceful boycott of Safeway, Mr. Nathan concluded. The giant supermarket chain has been under boycott by Union supporters for the last two months. Safeway officials have admitted that business has declined as a result of customer turnaways by $5,000 per store per week.

SHELL IS UNFAIR TO LABOR

American oil companies have signed new labor contracts providing health and safety clauses, pension improvements and a plan for top-level review of pension plans. The Dutch/British Shell Oil Company has refused even to negotiate with its American employees on these subjects.

Porchinamos ...

La Unio urge a todo campesino y simpatizante que no compre vinos o licores que lleven las etiquetas de las viñeras y distilladoras a la justicia laboral. Rev. Jesse Jackson, arrestado por reclamar la igualdad de los trabajadores, dijo: "Nosotros queremos que A & P nos respete. queremos que nos traten como ellos valoran nuestras habilidades."

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QUAD CITIES BOYCOTT REPORT

by Janet Mumma, Rock Island, Illinois

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am a member of a volunteer committee here in Rock Island/Davenport, deep in the heart of the mid-west. Our committee is made up of about 25 people, two full-time volunteers, and many supporters.

Last Saturday, March 3, marked a red letter day for the Quad Cities Boycott Committee. We had been having much trouble from the local police because of our picketing of an A & P store in a shopping plaza. But last Saturday, with 55 people picketing the store, the police told us that we had "every right to be there." They hassled us about our leaflets, but next week we will be right back there, leafletting as well as picketing. We consider that a major victory for the Farmworkers as well as for us and wanted to share our joy.

In addition, that evening we held a Farm Workers benefit dance in Davenport and were able to raise $300.00, which we gave to the midwest regional office in Chicago, to what was one of the best things our committee here has been able to do. Much work was put into the dance and we were overwhelmed by the response the supporters in the Quad Cities gave us. Si se puede.
LOS ANGELES, California--Hea rtings into the shipment and sale of lettuce contaminated with the pesticide Monitor-4 exploded here March 9, with Union representatives, pesticide manufacturers, Assemblymen, public health officials and consumer experts all trading verbal punchlines.

The State Assembly Select Committee on Agriculture, Food and Nutrition had called the hearings to investigate the pesticide contamination of portions of the Imperial Valley lettuce crop this winter and had just heard Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti as its first witness when Ma Honorof, consumer advocate on Los Angeles radio station KPFK charged to the witness table to protest the agenda.

"These hearings would have never been held if I had not broken this story on KPFK," she shouted at Chairwoman March Fong, "and here you have scheduled me to speak tomorrow and put United Farm Workers representative Jerry Cohen way down the list today.

"We demand to be heard first. We have charges to make, charges which the other speakers must respond to. Here you've put them first, so they can make a cumulative весe of the situation. We won't stand for it, we demand to be heard first."

Chais resigned, Chairwoman Fong banged her gavel, demanding that Ms. Honorof take her seat, she refused. The five members of the committee quickly huddled, with Ms. Honorof still shouting charges at them, occasionally supported from people from the audience. Please by the hear­get at an Army and a Highway Patrolman had no effect--Ms. Honorof made it clear that if she was to be removed at all, it would have to be forcibly. No one tried.

Ms. Fong was finally forced to call a recess, and the Committee 

CHAIRWOMAN MARCH FONG & COMMITTEE: "Get out of here--we're an executive session!!.."

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Calexico Clinic: Serving the People

Stories - Photos by Cristi Williamson

Mrs. Frimbres is visited by Calexico Clinic Field Worker Yolanda Leal

"...THEY HAVE TREATED ME MAGNIFICENTLY," — BEATRIZ FRIMPRES

CALEXICO, California—"I believe there are a lot of people asleep and they should awaken, because our Clinic offers everything. I have never in all my life received those examinations, from the time I was a little boy. It looks like Chavez is going great." Those are the sentiments of Isidro Frimbres. His wife Beatriz is a Calexico clinic patient with several chronic diseases now being controlled under the supervision of Dr. Ken Tittle.

Beatriz first visited the clinic in August and has been seen there and in her home every week since. This is especially important for her because she is nearly totally blind, as well as having arthritis, high blood pressure and shortness of breath.

The family health workers of the Clinic, Yolanda Leal and Cristi Willison, visit her once a week to make sure she has no bad reactions to the medications and to refill her prescriptions, to take her blood pressure, and reassure her if she has problems of doubt.

Over the course of the seven months under Dr. Tittle's care, her condition has stabilized well, and her health improved.

"I feel much better," she says. "They have treated me magnificently and I have noted more improvement now with Dr. Ken Tittle than before when I was being seen in Mexicali. "It seems to me that the pills are a substitute for injections, right? I say this because I have had injections and now that I am taking only pills I feel much, much better.""

ROBERTO FIGUEUROA: "I THINK I WAS SEEN BY OVER TWENTY SPECIALISTS..."

CALEXICO, California—Roberto Figueuera first visited the Calexico clinic in December because of pain in his legs. Dr. Graeme Fincke treated his minor complaint, but also asked Mr. Figueuera to return for a complete physical. While examining him, Dr. Fincke noticed an abnormality in his eye and asked him about it. The patient told that he had had three months of blurring vision and that the last week the eye had been red and painful. The other eye had been hurt in an accident three years before. The doctor referred him to an eye doctor in Mexicali who diagnosed a rare eye disease known as Fick's.

Arrangements were made with the University Eye Institute for Mr. Figueuera to be seen at a conference of specialists. The Union arranged for over $1,200 worth of special services, analyses and treatments. Mr. Figueuera commented, "I was in the hospital eight days and I think I was seen by over twenty specialists."

The resident in the Department of Ophthalmology, Robert Yee, wrote, "Thank you for referring Mr. Figueuera, a very pleasant gentleman, with a very unusual eye problem to us. We hope we can be helpful in any way possible and look forward to further consultations with you in trying to unravel the patient's problem and bring about the best results possible."

The patient is still under close follow-up care both at the University and the Calexico clinic. Mr. Figueuera relates, "When I went to the University I could barely see, but now it seems I am getting better. Little by little, I am getting better. I give my thanks to the Union and I recommend to everyone that the Union is good, especially the Medical Plan, and I am very, very grateful for all."

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LA PAZ, California— In a report to EL MALCRIADO March 8, Union Business Manager Jack Quigley announced that sales grew from $1771.00 in January to $2811 in February, an increase of $1040. Union Director Cesar Chavez declared that "this achievement is the result of the determined efforts made by the EL MALCRIADO Committees who are distributing the newspaper door-to-door in an increasing number of farm worker communities and the participation in this work by boycotters and Union supporters across the country."

The total of $2811 represents the sale of more than 28,000 copies of EL MALCRIADO in 28 days and a step forward toward its financial independence. Official Representatives of EL MALCRIADO in California and Arizona report that every day farm workers are responding more and more enthusiastically to the distribution drive and predict that EL MALCRIADO's circulation will reach 50,000 by the end of the year.

In order to reach this goal, more volunteers are needed to form EL MALCRIADO Committees wherever there are farm workers. If YOU have the dedication and the spirit of struggle necessary to do this work call your Official EL MALCRIADO Representative or write or call:

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MALCRIADO Committee in Greenfield, California meets to discuss door-to-door campaign.

When the sisters and brothers of the EL MALCRIADO Committees in your community come to your door, welcome them and subscribe to the newspaper so it will be brought to your door every other week. By cooperating with the EL MALCRIADO Committees you help to: (1) develop a network of communication and solidarity that will strengthen our movement in its struggle against the growers and their allies; and (2) to establish the presence of La Causa in the streets of every farm worker community. Join the EL MALCRIADO Committees!

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S.O.S. WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Dear friends,

Much has happened to us since my "S.O.S." letter reached the warmth of your cozy living room over a year ago. Believe me, I missed being with you...but an emergency position took me away from you. You must bear with us. We are so short handed with personnel we are shuffled around like a deck of cards. I have so much to tell you I will have to write you a series of letters. Watch for my "S.O.S." letters in El Malcriado! I will need them. We all need a back up...two million farm workers await us in the long hard trail...the TEAMSTERS are back organizing the Growers with Sweetheart Contracts. There is much news with so little space...each one more difficult than the other. WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER. We love to receive your letter of inspiration and encouragement. Let us know we are not alone. Give us assurance that you are still walking beside us in the long hard trail...

Peace and love from all of us,

Pete G. Velasco
Defense Fund

(For this issue Pete Velasco, Union Vice-President and Director of the Stockton Union Office, resumes his work on behalf of La Causa's Defense Fund with a series of letters to our friends and supporters across the country. —EL MALCRIADO)
UNITED STATES:

**VICTORY AT WOUNDED KNEE***

WOUNDED KNEE, South Dakota - For native Americans, Wounded Knee is an almost sacred meaning. This is where (federal) troops mowed down more than 300 Sioux men, women and children in 1890, climaxing the campaign of genocide launched against the native population during the 19th Century in the United States.

For this reason the leaders of the American Indian Movement chose Wounded Knee as the place in which to dramatize before the entire world the desperate situation in which the indigenous peoples of this country are situated.

By occupying Wounded Knee they sought to symbolically unearth the "heart of the Indian people" and sought to bring about a return of the spirit of the native American. Among their demands were that the sovereignty of this people be recognized; the enforcement of 371 disregarded treaties and belated Senate ratification of more than 200 treaties negotiated in 1948; restoration of a permanent land base of 110 million acres by 1976; the abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and that violence against the native American people be considered federal crimes.

For several days, they were surrounded by federal troops that were waiting orders to end the occupation by force. The government at first refused to accept the demands of the native Amerinds. But the Indians, inspired by the spirit of independence and heroism of their forefathers, decided they would not back down and were willing to die for their demands.

Public opinion, especially church groups and opposition minority groups, urged the federal government not to launch an armed attack against the native-Americans. The presence of the nation was on trial; would the massacre of Wounded Knee be repeated?

Finally, a temporary victory for the native Americans. Federal troops withdrew. The new heroes of Wounded Knee are still alive. Negotiations continue, but the Bureau of Indian Affairs remains the main obstacle to a settlement.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE WORLD:

**SPANISH UNIONISTS SENTENCED***

Last summer, nine Spanish workers were arrested for working for their country what other European countries have deprived them the right to unionize. Now, they are being sentenced with up to 15 years imprisonment.

"The nine men are members of a clandestine worker's committee that is fighting in behalf of the workers within the unions set up and controlled by the fascist Spanish government."

The committee has the support of the workers, and the government, unable to quell the waves of strikes that have broken out in all the industrial sector of the country, has decided to make an example of the committee's leaders. One of the nine is Marcelino Camacho, a miner serving 10 years in prison was again jailed last June. Another prisoner, worker-priest Francisco Gascón, in a letter to the American Friends Service Committee this week wrote, "...while men are being denied a most sacred right, my place is here. I will be a disgrace for an apostle who does not have to walk around free under a dictatorship."

**CHILE: ALLENDE WINS***

International press agencies at the service of the giant economic and political interests have not been able to present the electoral victories in Chile as a victory for the right without analyzing the true nature and significance of this event.

In Chile, the decision made by the people was to keep in power the government of the United Popular, a coalition of the left, political parties. The opposition, a coalition of right-wing parties, asked the Chilean people to refuse the two seats that make the difference to gain one vote in the Senate, which would have made it possible for them tooust Allende's government.

Instead the votes gave the United Popular more representatives in the national congress, thus making it almost impossible for them to lose their majority.
Harry Trucker
writes
Big Brother Fitz

Frank Fitzsimmons
President, Teamsters Union

"Dear Big Bro. Fitz:

"I, Harry Trucker, take pen in hand to denounce your decision to renegotiate Teamster contracts with the Lettuce Growers. "Net since Big Dave Beck broke the Boeing Strike in 1948 has any Teamster Boss been so insensitive of workers rights.

"The vast majority of Farm Workers, who are Chicano, have expressed their preference for Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers Union—not Frank Fitzsimmons and the Teamsters Union.

"It's bad enough as Truckers have to put up with contracts that have conditions of forced overtime, no sick leave, lousy equipment, jobs, and broken bones on ex-junkies who beats.

"You have been asked by Cesar Chavez and five million Chicano to keep your cotton-picking hands off the Lettuce Pickers; so why don't you?"

"Anyway, Fitz, I don't expect you'll pay any attention to me or the rest of us Truckers

"Fraternally,
Harry Trucker,
Local 174, Teamsters Union."
State Assembly hearings on the poisoned lettuce scandal took place on March 9th in Los Angeles. The Western Conference of Teamsters tried to strong-arm the truth by applying extreme pressure on the Assembly to try to prevent these hearings. The Assembly, though, held the hearings despite this pressure.

History of Conflict With Teamsters

We are printing in two sections, the following letter by William Kircher, Director of Organization of the national AFL-CIO, in which he gives a clear and well-written account of the growers' attempt to use the Teamsters to strong-arm the truth. This is a PUBLICATION OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS' ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. EL MALCRIADO.

Mrs. Esther Peterson
Consumer Advisor
Giant Food Inc.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Dear Esther:

In response to your inquiry of November 14, 1972 concerning the pamphlet which you sent entitled, "The Lettuce Controversy" which is in the office of the Organizing Council of Salinas, California, an organization which by its own public admission, is dedicated to the destruction of the Chavez-led Farm Workers Union. The present letter is in an attempt to set the record straight concerning the events described in the pamphlet.

History of Conflict With Teamsters

If TRUTH is a synonym for MORALITY then the Farm Workers Union is lost, for the things that I know about which are presented in that pamphlet are essentially true. I don't know the way Statistics is a matter of fact, so I would exclude them, although I am sure that if they were read aloud before an audience of lettuce growers there would be such laughter as you never heard before.

But I know that it is true that Ronald Reagan, Governor of California, has said, and that goes for Mr. Burtz and for the Teamster official Mr. Mohr, under whose leadership the anti-union Committee which has its public admission, is dedicated to the destruction of the Chavez-led Farm Workers Union, which was in the Imperial Valley of California in 1961 and early in 1960.

The Teamsters had a "breakthrough" in 1960 when they succeeded in signing a first lettuce field labor contract, and after that it took an additional nine years to sign additional lettuce contracts.

Now you understand union procedures and organizing well enough to know that a union as big and as wealthy and as "powerful" as the Teamsters could have organized the lettuce pickers had they so desired. But they didn't do it until 1961 fifteen years later.

The hearings established that responsible agencies knew lettuce was contaminated with Monitaja 4, knew farm workers were harvesting it, knew it was being shipped to retail markets, and knew that the consuming public was eating it. This is an instance of ultimate innocence in government-agencies serving the economic interests they are supposed to regulate.

The following specific were also established at the hearings:

1. The State Department of Agriculture has committed a possible crime under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act by allowing adulterated lettuce to be shipped across state lines and consumed by the public.

2. The Food and Drug Administration is grossly negligent in allowing poisoned lettuce to be shipped across state lines and consumed by the public.

3. The Environmental Protection Agency and the chemical companies involved did not adequately test lettuce to the adverse environmental conditions which existed in the Imperial Valley and which periodically exist in the Salinas Valley.


5. Despite official denials, poisoned lettuce is still on the retail shelves.

6. Information relating to the large-scale contamination of lettuce was deliberately and maliciously withheld from farm workers who unknowingly were forced to handle the "hot" lettuce in the Imperial and Yuma valleys. Many of the workers suffered from organo-phosphate poisoning which also happen to be the symptoms of flu.

7. Various doctors have treated consumers for the effects of organo-phosphate poisoning.

If the Teamsters had had their way the adverse facts would have been kept from the public.

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TULARE COUNTY MALCRIADO COMMITTEE SHOWS 'SI, SE PUEDE'

POPLAR, California -- 300 persons were present at the Memorial Building March 8 to see the Union's new film, SI, SE PUEDE, which was shown by the EL MALCRIADO Committee of Tulare County.

Before the movie, Jesús H. Martinez, Official Representative for Tulare County, introduced representatives of EL MALCRIADO Committee from several towns: Antonio Villalobos-Farmersville, Ascencion Garza-Exeter; Leandro Renteria-Woodlake and Abel Salazar-Woodville.

They told the audience they were proud to be in charge of promoting EL MALCRIADO to be in charge of promoting EL MALCRIADO with its Plan's rules and regulations, and Frank, A. Martinez reported on his trip across the nation to see the Union's new film, SI, SE PUEDE.

Also introduced to the audience were Musleh Martinez, a representative of the Arab farm workers in the area, representatives of MECHA, staff members from EL MALCRIADO and other Union supporters.

All in all it was a beautiful evening and we thank the sisters and brothers who paid the cost of renting the Memorial Building for the event: Janita Madrid, Antonio Villalobos; Marfa Martinez; Sebastian Zamora and Magdaleno Correa.

BOSTON BOYCotts A&P

Boston, the final stopping place on the recent 4,000-mile D'Arrigo strikers journey, saw a big march and rally as a celebration of the end of the trip.

MIGRANT MINISTRY OPPOSES HB 74

El Malcriado: Do you know, the Florida agri-legislature has been trying to tie up the Union with its House Bill 74, forcing the Union to fight for its life in an effort to hold on to the little it already has. The bill would effectively subvert the hiring halls UFW has with MinuteMaid (Coca Cola) and make it virtually impossible to win new contracts with any teeth in them.

Also, the Florida Citrus Commission is pushing a bill that would provide for a tax of a penny a box on citrus, raising about $2.2 million next year--to be used for the development of mechanical citrus harvesters. With the passage of this bill, the day when farm workers will be able to see those benefits won by still more workers maintain.

The Florida agri-legislature is hard to stop. The Union has to get HB 74 off its back so it can get back to winning contracts with decent wages and conditions provided for farm workers. Everybody read this can help by writing to Rep. Donald Tucker Chairman, House Commerce Committee Room 224, Holland Building Tallahassee, Florida 32304

and by writing to Governor Rubin Askew at the state capitol (also Tallahassee), Encourage Tucker and his fellow legislators to start respecting the rights of farm workers rather than the power and greed of corporate growers. Urge Askew to veto the bill if it is passed.

We need EVERYBODY's help. SI, SE PUEDE.

Jim Calahan
Florida Migrant Ministry

FLORIDA WORKER TURNS ORGANIZER

by Diana Lyons

HAINES CITY, Florida--Brother Walter Williams, a United Farm Workers Union member since the first contracts signed in Florida, has felt the orange groves and all of the benefits the union has won. He is receiving a $5.00 per week plus room and inadequate plumbing, after which Rep. Lehman, a United Farm Workers Union member from Dade County, visited the South Dade County Labor Camp, where the typhoid outbreak occurred. Residents showed them the poor housing and inadequate plumbing, after which Rep. Fasell said, "I heard this was a model camp. If it is, I would hate to see what the others look like."

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