

UNITED FARM WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO
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TO All Entities & Volunteer Boycott Committees
FROM: Boycott Information
DATE: October 1, 1974
RE: STRIKE REPORTS

FRESNO GRAPE STRIKE

The Youngstown ranch in Reedley employes between 30 and 40 workers and the Union pulled out all of them last week. When they were replaced the Union pulled out all the new workers and on Saturday the third set of Youngstown workers walked out. Also on Saturday between 45 and 50 workers came out of another Fresno area ranch.

A group of grower-vigilantes always follow UFW pickets as they move from field to field to harass the strikers and "protect private property". At one ranch the grower told the vigilantes to get off his property because the strikers weren't damaging anything and if the people wanted to walk out, they would.

All the growers' cold storages are backed up. Unconfirmed reports say that L.R. Hamilton, a Reedley grower, has his juice grapes in cold storage because he can't find anyone offering over \$2.25 a lug.

DELANO GRAPE STRIKE

Sandrini's cold storage is full. Tenneco, Zarinovich, and M. Caratan are apparently the only growers shipping at this time, according to Ben Maddock, Delano strike director.

150 workers took part in a two day work stoppage at Roberts Farms in Poplar and 150 workers staged a one day work stoppage at White River Farms.

Pandol was paying very low wages so 40 workers walked out.

A. Caratan and M. Caratan are worried about the low price their Thompsons are getting as wine grapes and they can't sell them as table grapes because inadequate pre-harvest work was done on them.

Packing is very bad, as a result three carlots were returned to M. Caratan and two were sent back to Tenneco.

GALLO

Picketing has ended. Gallo's ability to rapidly recruit large numbers of strikebreakers and the obvious willingness of the Border Patrol to allow Gallo to bring in illegals (see illegal campaign memos in the last mailing) have made picketing an ineffective tactic at this time. Organizing at Gallo will continue.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The tomato season has ended but organizing will continue.

MUSHROOM STRIKE

Picketing has ended at the Steak-Mate Mushroom Corp. Bus loads of derelicts from Oakland effectively broke the strike. A boycott of Ralston-Purina products will not be pursued at this time. (Purina is Steak-Mate's parent company).

YUMA LEMON STRIKE

The growers have been able to recruit some strikebreakers but a grower spokesman admitted they need two or three times as many. The strike looks good.

WATSONVILLE APPLE STRIKERS

About 30 Teamster organizers are in the fields picking apples to fulfill the Teamsters' promise that they would break the Buac strike! About 100 workers were on the picket line, including some UFW workers from Interharvest in Salinas.

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RE: SCAB GROWER OWES TAXES
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Twenty-four companies owned by C. Arnolt Smith of San Diego, Michael J. Coen of Kansas City, Mo., and one of the wealthiest scab growers, Hollis B. Roberts, owe hundreds of thousands of dollars to Kern County in delinquent 1973 taxes, according to the Bakersfield Californian.

The following companies of the Smith-Coen-Roberts group owe these (unofficially tabulated) amounts:

Apollo Ranch Corp.	\$ 8,554.09
Bishop Mortgage Co.	3,974.41
Castle Packing Co.	21,376.11
Dormik Development Co.	1,005.81
Excalibur Engineering Corp.	4,388.81
Kernville Brokerage Co.	1,067.93
Kingsburg Oil Co.	5,080.55
Knight Farming Corp.	12,393.85
R&B Farms	4,361.31
Strebor Hulling Co.	7,088.51
Trident Discount Corp.	5,406.79
Walnut Grove Co.	3,521.53
R&B Ranches	81,682.97
R&L Farms	4,639.95
Roberts Farms, Inc.	39,728.64
Roberts Syndication-1971	22,512.62
Sabre Acceptance Corp.	10,452.17
Santa Maria Ranches, Inc.	589.93
Strathmore Cattle Co.	1,242.48
Swesga Land Corp.	11,389.71
Westgate Grove Co.	3,521.53
Westgate Calif. Corp.	134.14
Westgate-Calif. Realty Co.	2,588.68
Woodlake Farms	8,067.65

Also identified as delinquent were: First National Financial Corp., \$2,380.98 and Jasmin Groves Co., \$133,146.96 (both these companies are closely identified with J. A. Smith, Arnolt Smith's brother); Hollis B. Roberts, \$7,708.38; Zane and Betty Smith (Robert's son-in-law and daughter), \$353.81; and Dr. Ernest Gaillard of San Diego, whose daughter is married to one of Nixon's doctors. Gaillard owes \$1,436.68 for taxes on land purchased from Westgate-California. The delinquent list also includes a Gerald E. Chapman whose address is the same as Hollis Roberts (Route 1, Box 600, McFarland). Chapman owes \$35,229.19.

The taxes owed by the Roberts group are creating a severe economic situation for 11 Kern County elementary school districts. In addition, the money is needed for the county government, the fire department, mosquito abatement, special education, hospital service and the other educational agencies, including high school and Community College districts.