



Si Se Puede!

CHICAGO BOYCOTT NEWS

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Dear Friends,

You all have been so helpful over the years we can't begin to express our appreciation. It has not been easy. We have suffered many reversals: the lose of the lettuce contracts in 1970, the lose of the grape contracts in 1973, the defeat of Proposition 14 in 1976. Still you have remained with us.

Because of your support we have won many victories. In the past year we have grown from a union with 11 contracts covering 4,500 workers and a dream, to a union with 55 contracts and nearly 20,000 workers protected. The dream is becoming a reality for thousands. We have decent wages, health and safety protection, a ban on dangerous pesticides, and an end to child labor. We have built medical clinics, service centers, and union hiring halls. With your help we have won all this and more -- dignity.

Still we have a long, hard road ahead of us. The launching of our new organizing drive to win contracts for 100,000 workers within 2 years will not be easy, we will win because of your support.

Hopefully within 2 years we will have won UFW protection for the farmworkers of California. Then Florida, Texas, the east coast, and here in the mid-west, it will not be too many years from now when Illinois farm workers will have UFW contracts.

Our plans and dreams sound great. However to make them a reality will not be easy. The California growers are feeling very confident of their power after the defeat of Prop. 14. Already they are threatening to try to dismantle the newly refunded ALRB. Our constant pressure will be needed to protect this law. With the law in operation in California we can continue to win contracts.

Your support has brought us to this historic crossroad to the future. We ask you this holiday season and into next year not to forget us. Besides boycotting we need your financial support. The union is \$300,000 in debt after the Prop. 14 campaign. This new drive will cost millions. Don't let our hopes for the future disappear due to the lack of a few dollars. Please give whatever you can. We know what you give you give from your heart.

Again, thank you for your continued support and Happy Holidays.

Si, se puede. It can be done.

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