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Bay Area Caravan, March 23

Pete Velasco, Bay Area representative of the United Farm Workers, has announced that the next Caravan from the Bay Area to Delano will be on March 23. Cars will leave East Bay Huelga headquarters, 568 47th St., Oakland, at 7 AM. The Caravan will leave the San Francisco Labor Temple, 18th & Capp, at 8 AM. Here is your chance to visit Delano, meet some of the strikers and leaders of the Union, and bring food and support to keep the strike going until victory is achieved. For information, call Pete Velasco, 665-3266, in Oakland.

Europe and the Boycott

DELANO, CALIFORNIA. John Duggan, administrative assistant to Cesar Chavez informs us of the possible development of a new international boycott. "H. Vredling, Dutch member of the European Economic Community parliament has raised the issues of labor and social conditions in California agriculture. European labor representatives were quite interested in strengthening solidarity with U.S. farm workers."

If the E.E.C. moves to back the boycott it would cut off many millions of dollars in trade. This fact brought a lengthy response from the California Council of Growers. "The defensive letter according to Duggan, "was filled with distortion and half truth."

If the true story of U.S. agriculture is brought out in the Common Market countries, there is great potential for building some international boycotts of scab products which are produced under such shameful conditions.

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After 60 Years

This is a copy of a letter sent to Giumarra by a friend of the farm workers.

Dear Mr. Giumarra:

My Grandfather on my mother's side was an immigrant from Italy. When I was a boy he told me how difficult life had been as a peasant in Italy.

Peasants were kept in their place by the class prejudice and power of the big landowners. When disputes arose over property or rent, corrupt courts always ruled in favor of the big landowners. If the peasants tried to organize for higher wages or prices for their produce, police broke them up and jailed the leaders. My grandfather came to this country to escape such injustice.

Now, 60 years later, I see the same thing happening here in America. Farm workers on your ranch are seeking human rights through their union, much as my Grandfather in Italy. Your reaction is the same as the feudal landowners in Italy. Mr. Giumarra, if you cannot find your way to treating your workers as citizens, then maybe you should go back to Italy. Then I could again be proud of being an Italian American.

Sincerely,
Mel Huey
Tolleson, Arizona
IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Tomas Zapata Mireles, daughter of brother and sister Mr. and Mrs. Felix Zapata of Delano, who died of cancer last week at the age of 24. She was a loyal Union member and striker for over two years, and she will be missed by her many brothers and sisters in the Union. But her selfless service to the Union has been a real contribution to our struggle to achieve justice and a better life for the farm workers.

She is survived by her parents and by two daughters, Sylvia, 5; and Felicita, 3.

GRAPE PROFITS UP

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. — Grape growers collected record-breaking profits during the 1967 season, up to 25% over 1966. According to the California Crop Reporting Service, wineries paid an average of $47.80 per ton for wine grapes in 1967, up from $38.30 a ton in 1966. The total wine grape crop was about 8% smaller than in 1966.

Table grape profits were also up. Prices paid farmers for Tokay grapes averaged $39.40 per ton (up from $29.90 in 1966); White Malagas averaged $36 a ton (up from $28.50 in 1966); and almost all other varieties were up substantially from the 1966 prices.

Wages continued to hover around $1.40 to $1.60 an hour for picking table grapes on non-union ranches. On the far fewer ranches with Union contracts, workers averaged between $2.25 and $2.75 an hour in the table grapes and from $3.00 to over $4.00 an hour in the wine grapes.

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