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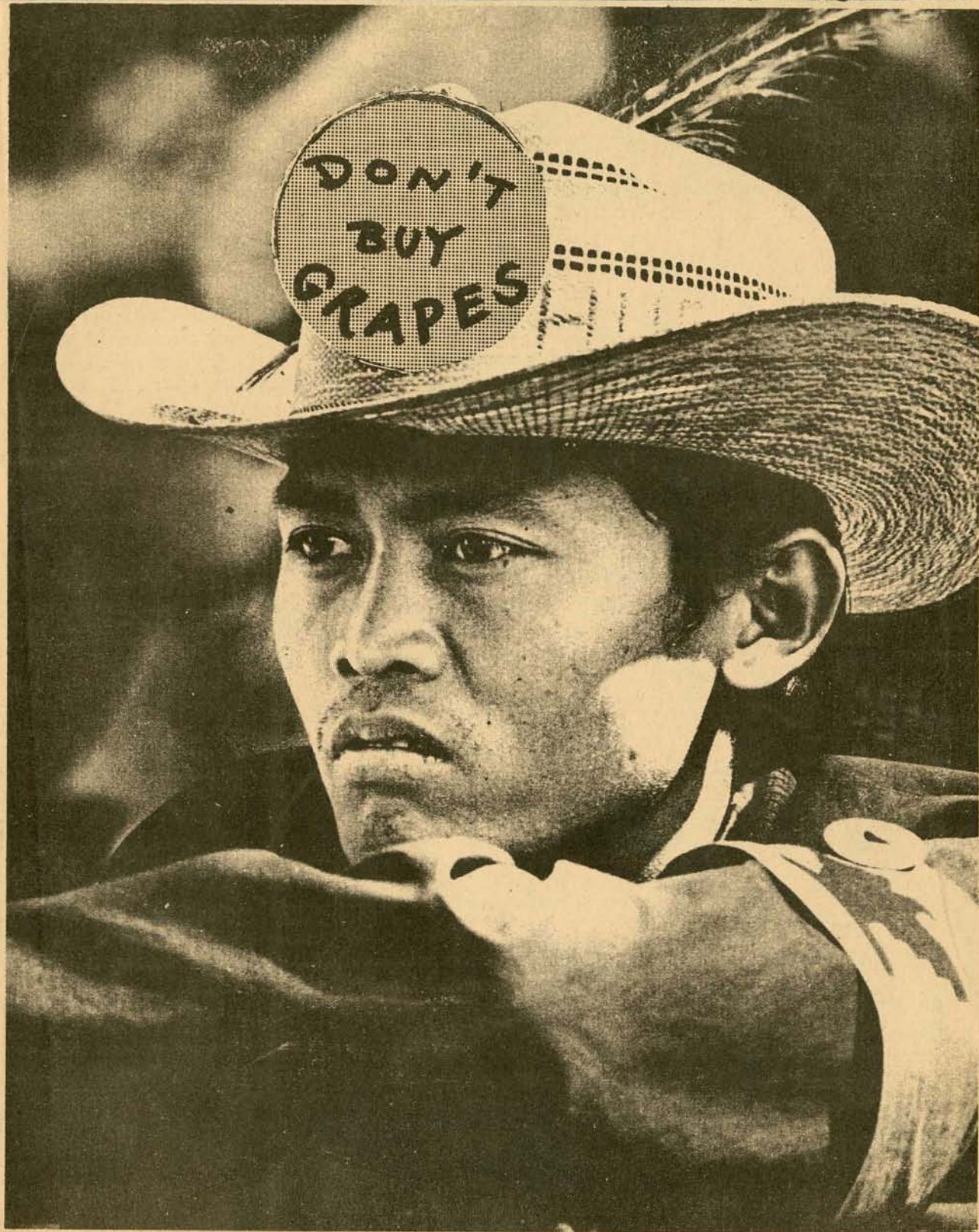
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El Malcriado says

BY THE EDITOR

The elections are over. We'll leave the analysis of what happened to the professionals. What we feel at EL MALCRIADO is a sense of deep sadness.

We have many visitors in Delano, and they usually stop by EL MALCRIADO's office on their tour of the clinic and the Forty Acres.

Most of the people we meet are people with a profound sense of responsibility toward their disadvantaged brothers. Whether pacifists or not, they have deep concerns about the war.

They know about, and are aware of the importance of "The Movement" which is growing in the United States. The people who come to see us are people who know, at least in a general sense, why our black brothers and the browns, and the poor everywhere, are refusing to submit to the tyranny of hunger any longer.

So, we get a little complacent here. "Well," we think, "everybody seems to know what's happening. Everybody knows the danger of having a man like Johnson in the White House. There's no danger...people will not permit the election of such a man..."

And then comes November 5. Richard M. Nixon will soon be President of the United States.

He was elected on a platform of

opposition to the things which so many of us are struggling for. He had himself photographed with his maw full of grapes.

He said the law is sufficient to protect farm workers.

He said we need more "law and order," and intimated that rather than remove the causes of disorder, we must "enforce" order...a policy which history shows to be self-defeating.

The people of the United States, or at least a little more than 50 percent of those who vote, still do not understand.

Our struggle will continue. A union-busting song and dance man has been governor of California since 1966, and though he has tried he has not been able to put the United Farm Workers out of business. Black people, and Filipinos, and young people at the universities and La Raza still raise their voices in dissent.

Perhaps Nixon will see to it that the law is not reworked to protect farm workers. Perhaps he will see to it that legal and illegal importation of strike breakers continue.

Whatever he does, we know he will be in favor of any measure to defeat us and against any measure which might benefit farm workers.

So, we are saddened, and worried,

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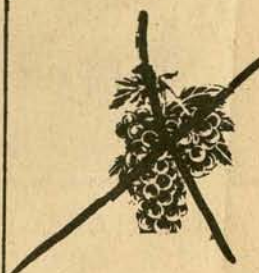
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ASST. DIRECTOR ITLIONG HOLDS DOWN FORT

*Itliong to Head Union
During Chavez's Absence*

DELANO, November 5--UFWOC Assistant Director Larry Itliong told assembled strikers tonight that Director Cesar Chavez will be absent from Delano "from three weeks to a month" because of his need for rest and quiet during convalescence from a back ailment.

Chavez, who was hospitalized in San Jose for nearly a month with severe back pain, returned to Delano in late September.

While convalescing at home, he continued to participate actively in the administration of the Union. He was in traction, and on a special diet.

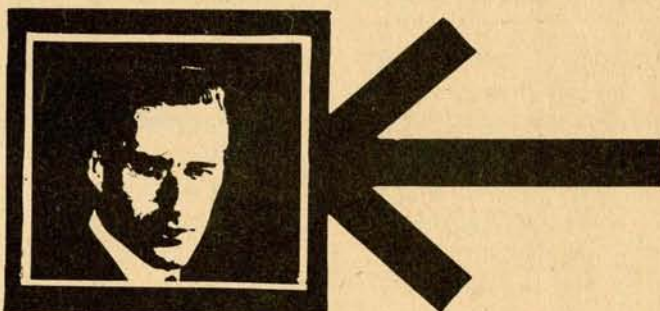
Chavez went to San Jose for a check up recently, and was advised by his doctors that his condition had not improved, and that a month's complete rest was necessary for his recovery.

The UFWOC Director is now being cared for in Santa Barbara. No visitors are permitted.

Itliong will lead the Union in Chavez's absence.



LET US ALL BE NAMECALLERS



It is imperative that we in the radical movement know exactly who our oppressors are. That means, among other things, calling names—especially the names of those key money-powers and their servants who attempt to remain invisible behind the screen of their power apparatus. One such figure, brought recently to the attention of the Guardian, is the man above: Dr. John S. Foster, Director of Defense Research and Engineering for the Defense Department. His job? To hand out more than \$60 million per year for scientific research on behalf of U.S. imperialism. One of his interests, indeed, is the "motivations" of the Columbia rebels. In a future issue of the Guardian therefore, you will learn more about him, including his address.

Among other of our recent and regular features: ☐ a two-page diagram of the power structure that dominates Columbia University ☐ a detailed breakdown of U.S. military arms manufacturers ☐ regular dispatches from Southeast Asia and Paris by Wilfred Burchett ☐ former SNCC-member Julius Lester's popular column ☐ new left analysis by Carl Davidson ☐ book, film and record reviews ☐ much more in 20 to 24 pages tabloid

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about the decision made by the voters of the United States of America. We had hoped that people were finally beginning to understand.

Yet, we know that there are many who DO understand, that they will continue to help us, and that in the end they will be a majority.

The Union will keep fighting until that day comes.

A BAD DAY FOR FARM WORKERS

ELECTION RESULTS SPELL TROUBLE

by Y. A. Perdimos
Malcriado Political
Editor

The next two years will be difficult and dangerous ones for the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee as the result of state and national election results from November 5.

Most ominous of all for the Union is the fact that Republicans took control of both houses of the California State Legislature, which means Governor Ronald Reagan ought to have a cooperative rubber stamp for anti-Union legislation. The Union can expect the introduction of some kind of anti-boycott measures.

The State Senate will remain under the thumb of right wing "Democrat" Hugh M. Burns, president pro tem and a long-time Union foe who has repeatedly attempted to smear UFWOC with insinuations and red-baiting.

UFWOC had endorsed Hubert Humphrey before the elections, and participated in a massive voting drive in East Los Angeles, largely a Mexican-American area. Despite record turn-outs and huge majorities for the Democrats in minority areas, Humphrey lost the county by a tight 40,000 votes.

In Delano and other areas with numerous farm workers, Humphrey won, including Kings, Fresno, and San Benito counties. In Kern County, Wallace polled more than 10,000 votes. Nixon carried the county, but without a majority.

A BRIGHT SPOT

One bright spot in the results was the victory of Alan Cranston as California's new Senator. Another friend of the farm workers, Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas, succeeded to the chairmanship of the Senate Labor Committee, but the loss of several Senators, such as Clark of Pennsylvania, Gilligan of Ohio, Clark of Illinois, and Morse of Oregon will make passage of

National Labor Relations Act coverage for farm workers difficult in the 91st Congress.

AND THEN THERE'S NIXON

At the very least, President (!) Nixon can be expected to oppose the grape boycott and to work toward preventing the extension of the NLRA to farm workers.

Nixon at his worst could bring back braceros and open up the borders to even more strikebreakers. He could launch all kinds of harassing "investigations" of the Union and further increase the government's purchases of grapes, already at record highs.

Nixon will be unable to destroy the Union, no matter how bad he

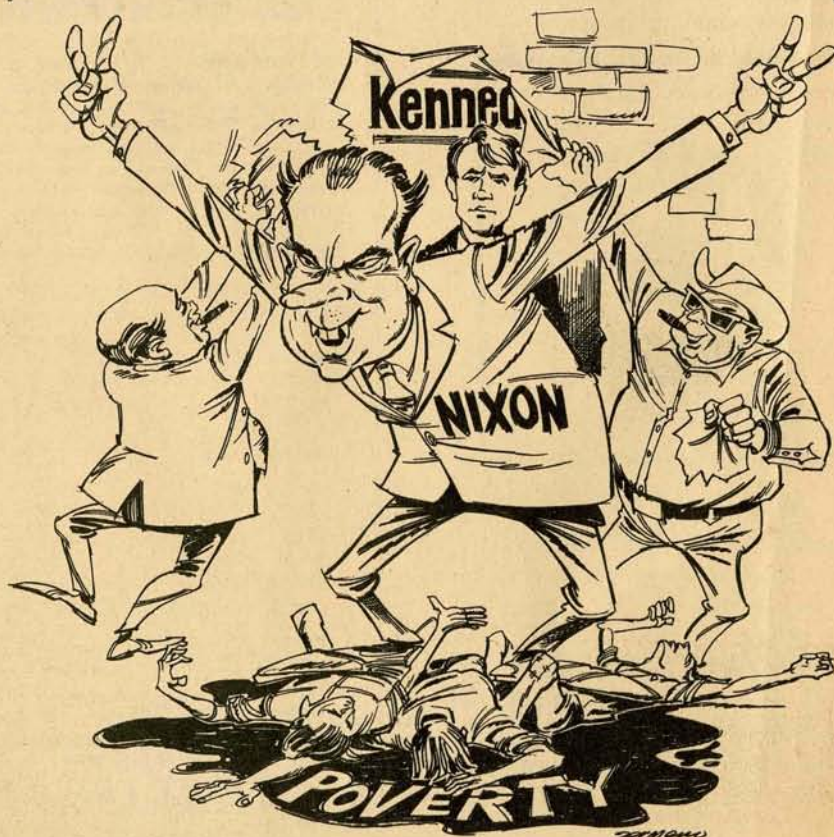
is. In the long run, the strength of the Union depends on the dedication and loyalty of its members--not on the opposition or support of politicians.

As UFWOC Assistant Director Larry Itliong said recently, "We have not had much sympathy or understanding from the present administration. Whether or not we win this strike depends on you, the members, and the amount of sacrifice you are willing to make to build the Union," he said.

*We can break their
haughty power: gain our
freedom when we learn/
That the Union makes us
strong.*

--"Solidarity Forever"--

EL PRESIDENTE



UNSOLD GRAPES PILE UP AND UP

October proved to be a bad month for growers and shippers of California table grapes, according to a recent UFWOC research department report.

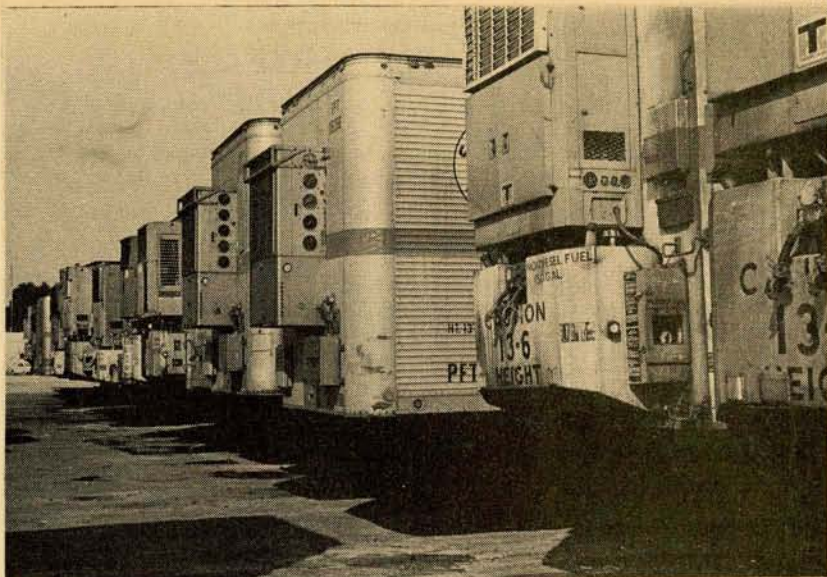
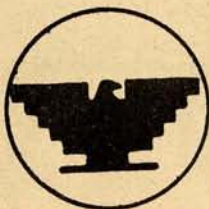
October shipments of table grapes were 21 percent lower than shipments during the same month last year, and 19 percent below a four-year average for the month, according to Market News Service reports.

Grape cold storage holdings are currently 48 percent higher than a year ago at the same time, according to reports of the California Department of Agriculture.

Prices of Ribier variety grapes were 50 cents per lug lower than they were last year, the Agriculture Department reports indicated.

The UFWOC report said the demand for table grapes has been very low during the last couple of weeks. In Los Angeles, grapes continued to sell below cost, based on FOB prices plus transportation.

Principal cause of the poor market for table grapes this year is thought to be the UFWOC-sponsored consumer boycott of the fruit, which is produced on ranches where workers are denied Union representation.



Stocked to the brim with grapes, these poor lil' cold storage piggy back trucks have no place to go.

Growers Hope for Holiday Sales

Grape growers will attempt to unload nearly one fifth of this year's total California grape crop during the Thanksgiving-Christmas season, if past years are any example.

As the holidays approach, cold storage units are stocked to the brim (the aisles runneth over) with grapes remaining unsold because of effective Union boycotting around the nation.

In some areas growers have broken through the boycott line, only to find prices plummet when these markets are flooded. In others, shipments have been cut down, and prices have sky-rocketed as agri-business tries to re-coup some of its losses on the struck produce.

Because grape sales drop immediately after the first of the year, and continue to decline until new crops are available in the spring, growers will jam fruit counters with not-so-fresh cold storage grapes in hopes that they can still squeeze

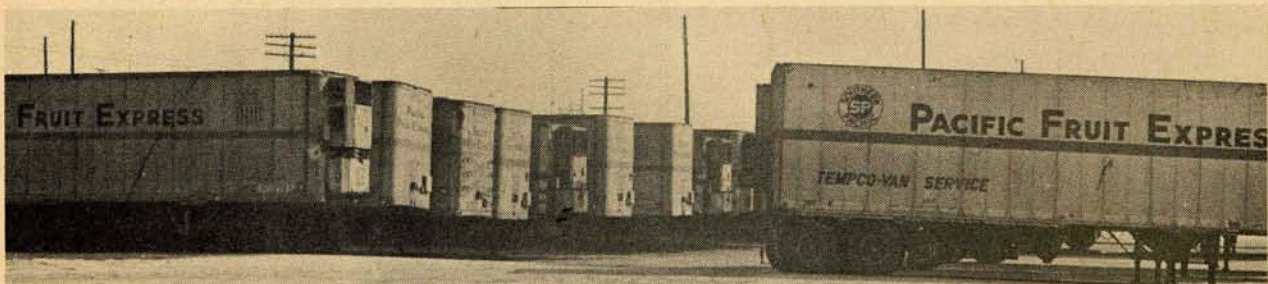
out a profit this year, despite boycott pressure.

This holiday season, if you see a red-nosed man with a dozen black eagles harnessed to a 1936-model sleigh, you'll know it's another "huelguista" spreading greetings of joy and a little message:

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EDITORIAL

A PUZZLING PUNISHMENT

Most of our Union members are Catholic and in many of our Union meetings and picket lines we have had Catholic priests and nuns giving us their blessings and support.

Being a Union with a majority of Catholics in our membership, we seek the approval of the Church for our actions, and much of our strength comes from this approval and from the knowledge that all we are really trying to do is implement and practice the teachings of the Church.

That is why we are lost trying to think of a good reason why Father John V. Coffield was withdrawn from his "faculties" as a priest" after picketing in front of a supermarket in support of our boycott of California table grapes.

From now on Father Coffield won't be able to say mass, except privately, or preach. But he remains a priest for the rest of his life.

If all the reports are correct, the action against Father Coffield was taken because of his participation in "controversial issues." James Francis Cardinal McIntyre has not made a public statement on the reasons for Father Coffield's suspension. He does not need to, but for our own peace of mind, we would like to know if there were other reasons for suspending this priest besides his picketing activities in support of the consumer boycott of grapes.

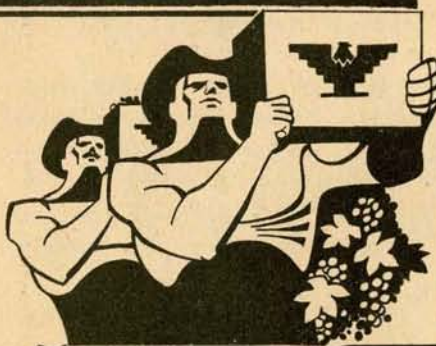
We have received support from countless civic and religious groups. We seek and welcome this support. In our picket lines we have had Protestant ministers and Rabbis and Catholic priests marching to help the farm worker achieve better wages. It grieves and troubles us that it is a Catholic priest who is suspended for giving us a helping hand.

--J.R.-S.

BAY AREA CARAVAN

DELANO--The next caravan from the Bay Area to Delano is scheduled for Saturday, November 23. The caravan will leave in two sections: One departing at 7 a.m. from 567 47th St., Oakland, and the other at 8 a.m. from the San Francisco Labor Temple at 2940 16th St., San Francisco.

Everyone is invited to come to Delano and talk to the people around. Food will be provided at the Filipino Hall, and if you want to stay overnight you are welcome to do so in the same Filipino Hall. Join the Caravan and come...for further information phone (415) 655-3256 after 7 p.m. or between 8 and 9 a.m.



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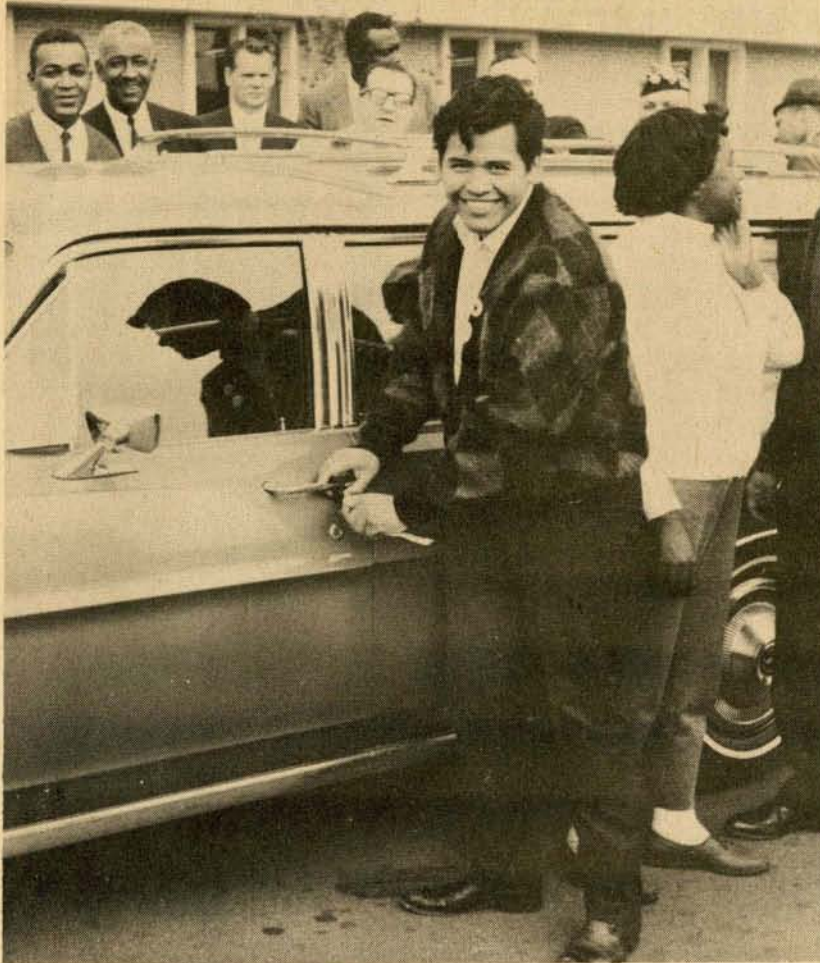
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U.A.W. Helps Get Boycott Rolling

DETROIT--The keys to a 1969 Ford station wagon were given recently to Miss Lupe Anguiano, UFWOC boycott representative in Detroit by Walter Reuther, United Auto Workers President. Sister Anguiano, in turn, handed the keys to Brother Eliseo Medina, UFWOC's Chicago representative, who will use the car in Chicago, and then drive it to Delano.

A total of \$2,860 for the new station wagon was collected by UAW Local 600 officers, unit presidents, and local staff members, so that "the grape workers' cause could be better helped."

In a letter of thanks to Walter Dorosh, President of Local 600, UFWOC Director Cesar Chavez wrote, "I want your membership to know that this is just the kind of support that keeps our struggle going."



Eliseo Medina, leader of the UFWOC grape boycott in Chicago, checks out the new 1969 station wagon given to the Union by the United Auto Workers.



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Growers Accused of Wage Fraud

BAKERSFIELD, October 4--UFWOC attorneys filed suit today against Paramount Growers, Inc., after the firm made its employees re-pack grapes and refused to pay them.

According to UFWOC attorneys, Paramount Growers, Inc., forced workers to re-pack grapes they had earlier picked and did not pay them for the extra hours spent re-packing. In addition, the grower firm told workers that if they did not repack the grapes, they would not be paid at all for that day's work, and only those grapes that were re-packed would the growers count in making payment.

FOUR WAYS TO BREAK A STRIKE

Articles in EL MALCRIADO refer to many kinds of immigration programs and permits. In answer to many questions about the meanings of such terms as "wetback" and "green carder," we print the following descriptions of the ways that farm workers can come to the United States.

L. GREEN-CARD HOLDER: The green card or "Alien Registration" (Form I-151) is a permit to immigrate to the United States. Presumably the immigrant will settle in the United States, pay taxes, and have all the rights and duties of American citizenship except the right to vote. Many, if not a majority, of Union members are or were green card holders and the Union supports a liberal policy permitting anyone who genuinely wants to immigrate to the United States to be allowed to do so.

Some Mexican citizens, however, obtain green cards without having any intention to "immigrate." They continue to live in Mexico and use the immigration permit to travel and work in the U.S. Such temporary workers are often used by the growers to depress wages and break strikes.

The Union is strongly opposed to allowing this category of green carders to break strikes, and the Secretary of Labor has declared such action illegal. Some green carders actually live in Mexico and commute daily to jobs in the U.S. border areas. Living in Mexico, they can afford to work for a wage which a person in the United States simply could not live on. Others "immigrate" for a month or two of work and then return with their earnings to Mexico. Many are recruited as strike breakers before they ever leave Mexico. While these people are clearly violating the spirit and intent of the law, the government has deliberately closed its eyes to

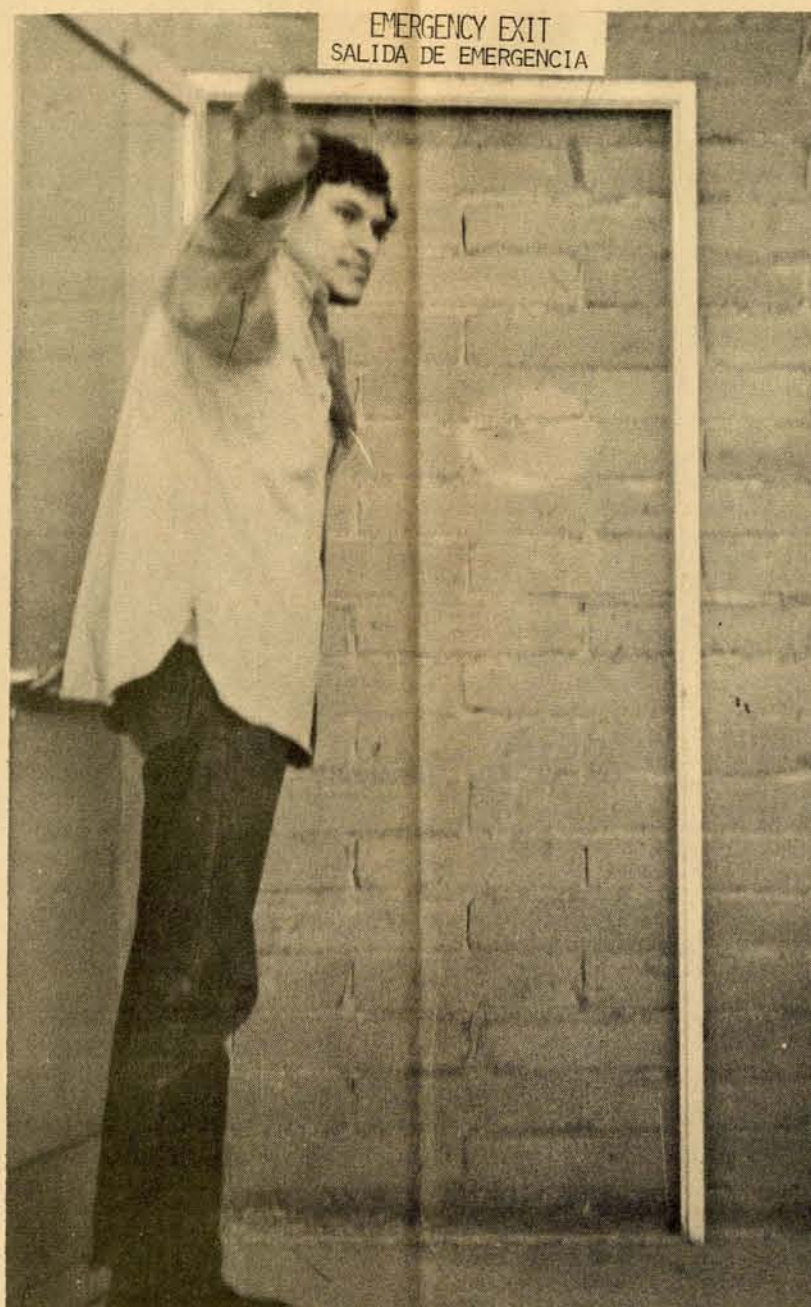
these practices. Growers have in effect used the green carders to replace the outlawed bracero program.

2. BRACEROS (literally "arms"): Braceros are Mexican citizens who were not immigrants, who were brought into the United States for temporary farm work under a special U.S. government-financed program. The program was terminated by Congress in 1965 because of the outrageous exploitation of the workers and the adverse effect the bracero program had on the U.S. labor force and wages.

Under various loopholes growers received braceros in 1965, 1966, and 1967. With Nixon slated to enter the White House, growers can be expected to try to revive the program either directly, with new legislation in Congress, or through backdoor manipulation of Labor and Justice Department regulations and loopholes, as was done under the Johnson administration.

3. 72-HOUR PASS HOLDER: A 72 hour pass is given to Mexican citizens to visit friends and relatives in the U.S. or to shop in the U.S. This pass is often used to gain admission to the U.S., after which the pass-holder illegally takes employment and remains in the U.S. after the pass expires.

4. MOJADO (literally "wet", from swimming across the Rio Grande River) and **"ALAMBRISTA"** (literally "fence jumper"): A "wetback" is someone who has illegally entered the U.S. without permit or papers of any kind.



When an important story breaks, EL MALCRIADO's star reporter Jaime Reyes is always Johnny on the Spot. It's hard life, sometimes, rushing out at all hours of the day and night, but Jaime always bounces back. He's a real brick.

WETBACKS FLOOD CALIFORNIA

FRESNO, November 3--At least 20,000 to 30,000 "wetbacks," people who illegally entered the U.S. from Mexico, are working on San Joaquin Valley ranches this fall, according to a report by Ron Taylor in the November 3 Fresno Bee.

More than 17,106 illegals have been caught in the Valley in the past nine months, but some officials estimate apprehension rates at only 15 percent of the total number of "illegals" in the area, the report said. There has been a 70 percent increase in the hiring of illegals over the 1966 season, when the grape strike began to have a major impact on wages and working conditions in the Valley.

"Wetbacks" are viciously exploited, paid miserably low wages, cheated by the growers and contractors and foremen. They are often charged up to \$200 or more for the privilege of being smuggled into the U.S. and given a job on some ranch, according to Taylor. Some Union members claim that it is not uncommon for a grower to work a wetback crew for an entire season, providing only room and board, but promising the big "bonus" paycheck at the end of the season. Then, a few days before the promised payday, the grower calls the border patrol and has all these "illegals" picked up.

Taylor notes that some growers and contractors prefer wetbacks over legal workers. "These are very poor people," one foreman admitted frankly. "They need money desperately, or they would not be here. They expect to get caught, sooner or later, so they do nothing but work, eat and sleep. They

don't complain and they put out a lot more work."

Ironically, there are no penalties for the growers who recruit and employ wetbacks. Taylor describes the "rules" of the game, rules which in effect encourage the growers to recruit and hire wetbacks without fear of punishment:

"Rule 1," states Taylor, "It is not a crime to employ an illegal alien.

"Rule 2--While it is illegal to harbor a wetback, the prosecution must prove intentional concealment.

"Rule 3--The captured wetback normally is not deported, but signs a voluntary repatriation authorization that carries no stigma, should he or she wish to return legally.

"Rule 4--Any wetback captured with a smuggler may be detained as a material witness, and he can be employed by local farmers, but half his wages will be withheld pending trial, to insure his appearance."

While the government spent \$1,200,000 in 1968 to transport wetbacks back to Mexico, growers bear none of the burden of this cost.

The system leaves the wetback without any protection of the law, at the mercy of venal and cheating contractors and growers. By accepting low wages without complaint, the wetback depresses the wage rate and lowers the standards and conditions of the legal workers who are competing with him for jobs.

The "lawnorder-lovin'" growers will almost certainly convince President Nixon's new "lawnorder-lovin'" Attorney General that this is an area where new laws and order are not needed.

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Y
El Progreso

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We read this article in the Christian Science Monitor last week, and thought some of our readers would enjoy it.

Pickers around the country, take notice!

WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA--Shoshone Indians, in full war paint and carrying rifles, are creeping up on white hunters and ordering them off the reservation.

"They looked up and saw us, and that was enough," said John Pope, an Indian also known as "Rolling Thunder," as he described one "raid." "One man's mouth was moving but nothing came out. I gave them 15 minutes to get off the reservation. They made it!"

Mr. Pope, a spokesman for the Shoshones, says the white hunters are "wasting deer while our people go hungry."

The Shoshones, led by Chief Frank Temoke, began the scare technique last week. Mr. Pope said five groups of white hunters have been run off the reservation in the Ruby Valley, near Elko, Nevada.

\$333,127,695 TO THE SUPER RICH Congress OK's Unlimited Subsidies

Small independent farmers received a sharp rap on the knuckles recently, while mammoth corporation agri-business got the OK for more enormous government subsidies, as the result of political finagling of a Congressional minority.

Several weeks ago the House of Representatives passed a bill placing a \$20,000 ceiling on a farm subsidy to be paid to a single farmer.

However, two old men of Congress, rep. W. R. "Bob" Poage of Texas, and Senator Allan Ellender of Louisiana, managed to finagle a one-year extension of the existing farm subsidies program, which has no maximum figure.

Under the existing law, a farmer is paid a certain amount by the government for not growing specific crops. The purpose of the scheme is to maintain a steady price for the commodities. If the market were flooded with a particular crop, the argument goes, prices would plunge.

The \$20,000 limit would in effect save the government millions by reducing the wallet bulge of corpor-

ate farmers.

The subsidy program ends up paying millions to already rich growers and a pittance to poor farmers who don't own vast amounts of land.

In 1967, the subsidies over \$25,000 totalled \$333,127,693. Yet at the same time the government was helping the rich to become richer it was doing little to aid the poor farmer.

Even so, not all big farmers are happy with their government six-figured checks. Some growers involved in large agri-business complain they're losing money on the fallow lands, even with the government allotments, and that the lands now under subsidy could be put to use growing money-making crops.

According to Dean Porter, Texas grower, "If we're not smart enough to raise something to sell, then we're too stupid to be farmers."

So while the bulge in the hip pocket of a few continues to grow, and the government puts off for another year the plight of the poor, and a few complain that the subsidies aren't bringing in any profit, small farmers are left holding the bag.

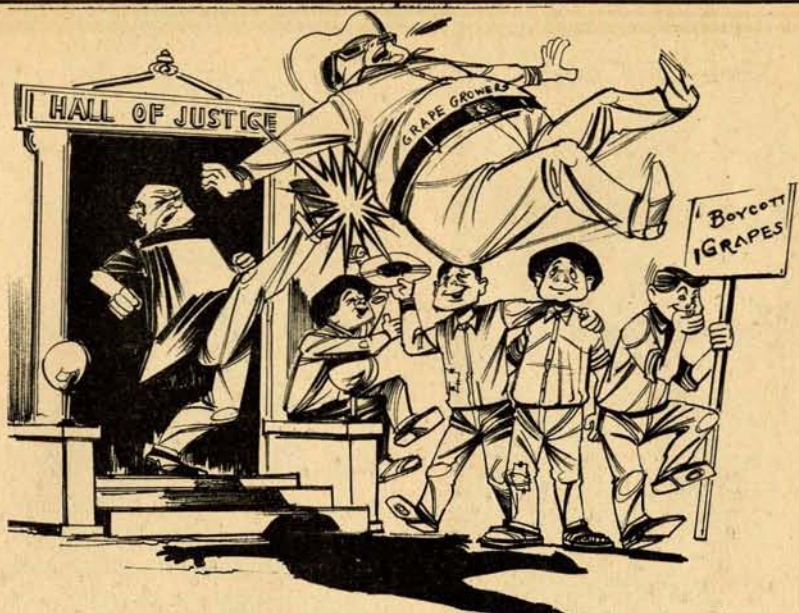
S.F. Judge Dismisses Grower Suit

SAN FRANCISCO, November 4-- An attempt by grape growers and shippers to halt the UFWOC consumer boycott of California table grapes was foiled today, when a \$75 million suit against the Union was dropped by the plaintiffs.

Attorneys for the Ballantine Produce Company, the California Fruit Exchange, the Mendleson-Zeller Company, and the Royal Valley Fruit Growers dropped the suit, which was filed originally on September 30.

The grower-shipper group had also asked for an anti-boycott injunction, which would have halted the boycott operation.

Federal District Court Judge Lloyd Burke refused to grant the



injunction, however.

UFWOC Assistant General Counsel David Averbuck said the Union has filed a counter-suit against the growers and shippers, charging them with conspiracy and price-fixing in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. The UFWOC suit says the United Farm Workers have

sustained \$125,000 in damage to the boycott as the result of alleged illegal practices on the part of the growers.

Averbuck said the possible result of the case is that the growers may have to pay \$375,000 in damages to the Union if the Court finds the growers guilty of the charges.

Unsanitary Growers Taken to Court



Another legal blow was dealt to large agribusiness recently, as two farm laborers successfully sued respective companies where they were employed, charging them with failure to provide required sanitary facilities in the fields, including toilet and hand-washing facilities, both mandatory under state law.

Judge Walter Osborn of the Superior Court of Kern County in Bakersfield recently upheld David Garcia's suit of Bianco Fruit Corporation, and Julio Ibarra's suit against Guidera Farms. The code stipulates that sanitation facilities must be provided in the fields where farm laborers are employed.

UFWOC attorney David Averbuck, lawyer for Garcia and Ibarra, claims that this is a significant victory for farm laborers. "Because of the courage of Mr. Garcia, Mr. Ibarra, and many others who eager-

ly gave information in support of the case, Mr. Ibarra and Mr. Garcia have managed to successfully win a sanitation suit against large agribusiness in California, something that had never previously been done," Averbuck explained.

The two farm laborers sued for \$4,000 a piece, plus \$5,000 in punitive damages.

In addition to upholding the suit, Judge Osborn ruled that Garcia and Ibarra, besides suing on behalf of themselves, could sue on behalf of all other workers employed at that time on the two ranches.

"The UFWOC is also suing D.M. Steele and Co., Guimarra Vinyard Corporation, and the David Freeman and Co., of which Lionel Steinburg is the president, for violation of the same code," the Union lawyer noted.

CHICANO LAWYERS

LOS ANGELES, November 7-- A Mexican-American and Indian Law Students Association, which will concentrate its efforts on bringing more Mexican-American and Indian students to the law schools of UCLA, the University of Southern California, and Loyola, has been organized in California according to a recent announcement.

The new association has a starting membership of 24 students who have committed themselves to return to the barrios and reservations after graduation to try to bring social change through legal action.

Members of the new association are already negotiating with agencies such as anti-poverty programs concerned mainly with Mexican-Americans and Indians to find out the possibilities for the kind of active involvement they are looking for.

Chairman of the Association is Ralph Ochoa. Loreta Sifuentes, the first Mexican-American woman law student at UCLA, is the secretary.

Beaten Picket Suffers Coronary

SALEM, OREGON, November 6--UFWOC sympathizer Robert J. Schaaf suffered a heart attack Tuesday, October 29, after he was allegedly assaulted and beaten by the owner of the Central Market in Salem, where he was picketing in support of UFWOC's boycott of California table grapes.

According to reports in Oregon newspapers, store owner Rupert B. Syracuse, 43, and meat cutter Robert C. Yocom, 50, were arrested after the incident. Syracuse was charged with assault, and Yocom was accused of disorderly conduct.

UFWOC boycott representative Nick Jones, a member of the Migrant Ministry, said Schaaf and Mrs. Berna Wingert were picketing the store when Syracuse came out and dragged Schaaf from the parking lot, striking him in the process.

Mrs. Wingert said Yocom pushed her and twisted her arm while forcibly removing her from the parking area.

Schaaf was taken to the coronary unit of Salem Memorial Hospital immediately after the incident.

Syracuse did not appear in Court the following day, although he was expected to have shown up to sign formal trespassing complaints against Schaaf and Mrs. Wingert.

Later, students and faculty members of Mount Angel College continued picketing the Central Market, and a 24-hour vigil lasting several days was held to mark support for the boycott and to protest Syracuse alleged beating of Schaaf.

Mt. Angel College student David Jon-Mikel, 23, announced last week he would fast until November 12, the date set for hearings on an injunction limiting picket activities requested by Syracuse.

Pickets were served with a temporary restraining order on Tuesday, October 29, in which Judge Douglas Hay placed a limit of four on the number of pickets which would be permitted at the Central Market.

Hearings on the order and a per-

manent injunction were scheduled for Tuesday, November 12.



Priest Canned For Strike Action

Father John V. Coffield was relieved of his priestly duties last Tuesday, November 28, after picketing an El Monte supermarket against California table grapes, according to a report of the Los Angeles Times.

The priest, who was suspended by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, said the action was taken against him because of his participation in "controversial" activities, but that he picketed in front of the supermarket last week because he felt that "educating people to the purposes of the grape strike is definitely a priestly activity."

The suspended priest added that from now on "I cannot say mass, except privately, or preach, but I am still a priest, and expect to be one until I die." He believes that in time to come his position will be more acceptable and he will be fully reinstated. Meanwhile, he said, he would support himself by social work and other means.

Fresno Lutherans

Visit the Strike

DELANO, November 12--After a day of touring UFWOC operations in Delano and meeting with striking farm workers, a group of Lutheran ministers returned to their parishes in Fresno County with a broadened outlook on the problems facing California farm workers. UFWOC's acting Director Larry Itliong met with the group, whose churches have many growers but practically no farm workers as parishioners, and later complimented the group for coming to Delano and listening to the other side.

One minister admitted frankly that "We know the growers' problems and we sympathize with them. They are our friends and neighbors, and members of our churches."

Itliong commented, "Some of them seemed a little hostile when they first arrived, but they really tried to open their minds and see both sides. We told them that as long as the growers refused to negotiate, we have no alternative but to strike and boycott. They seemed to understand."

Other protestant churches, which are so hasty to condemn the farm workers and the strike and the boycott, should follow the example of these Lutherans and come to Delano and listen to the farm workers' side of the controversy.

N. Y. Benefit to Aid UFWOC



Alan King and Peter, Paul and Mary will headline a benefit performance December 4 at Carnegie Hall for California grape workers and the UFWOC.

Union New York representatives report that Senator Edward Kennedy is honorary chairman of the benefit committee. Others on the committee include Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz, President of the New York Labor Council Harry Van Arsdale, Senators Jacob Javits, Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern, Char-

les Goodell, and Harrison Williams, as well as numerous Congressmen.

UFWOC Vice President Dolores Huerta reports that Cesar Chavez, National Director of the UFWOC, will attend the benefit concert.

Tickets for the performance run \$3, \$5, \$15, \$25, and \$50, and are tax deductible. For information and reservations regarding the benefit concert for striking California grape workers, write: UFWOC/Tickets, Room 914, 515 Madison Avenue, New York City, N. Y. 10022.

Letters



TWINS IN TEXAS!

Editor and Brothers:

It's been a long time and I hope you guys haven't forgotten us here in Rio Grande. Today is the 22nd and the trial of the Rangers starts today. I was going to be present at the trial, but my wife had an unexpected visit from the stork and left us a pair of beautiful kids, a boy and a girl. So you see we have twins now.

By the way, I'm living in Weslaco now, and I hope to do some organizing here. I would like for you to send me a bunch of past issues so that I can distribute them among the people here.

This year I migrated north to Michigan and then to Ohio. I met Baldemar Velasquez and I was there when the strike began. I started thinking of the good old days, and we sang our songs.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Viva la Causa,

Viva la Huelga,

Reynaldo de la Cruz

Weslaco, Texas

October 22, 1968

"ESTOY CON USTEDES"

Editor:

In my neighborhood there is a Mayfair store which I patronize much of the time. Last week I found outside a picket line and went and talked to the people that were carrying the signs and smiled at them. Les salude de mano y les dije que yo estoy con ustedes--pero lo que no entiendo es porque the truck drivers deliver goods to such stores--

A union man no debe de cruzar la linea de pickets. Remito mi cheque para la proxima subscripcion.

Estoy con ustedes,
Renaldo Alarcon

Montebello, California
October 11, 1968

THANK YOU

Editor:

I have been receiving EL MALCRIADO for some months and I appreciate it. Thank you so much.

I have been keeping up fairly well with the trials and tribulations of Cesar Chavez and the farm workers for several years through the Progressive and Ramparts magazines. I read a couple of books about your struggles, including "Delano." I was privileged to watch two discussions on TV about your problems, hosted by Les Crane.

I want you to know I'm sorry there are such people as most of the big growers with so little compassion for these people who help make possible their big profits.

Robert Kennedy's death was so sad. It is hard for me to really believe he is gone. Sure doesn't seem right, does it?

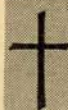
I wish you all, as I wish for all suffering humanity, a better life.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Sally Simmerman
Sepulveda, California
October 29, 1968

Cranberries si,

Uvas no



RIP



DELANO, November 13 -- The members of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee wish to express to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Govea of Bakersfield their sympathy at the November 8 loss of Mrs. Govea's mother, Mrs. Maria de la Rosa.

Mrs. De La Rosa was the grandmother of Toronto boycott coordinator Miss Jessica Govea. She was 72 years old when she passed away, and is survived by three living children and 13 grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, November 13, at St. Ann's Church in Porterville.

DELANO MAYOR HEADS AGRI-BANK

DELANO--Dr. Clifford Loader, now serving his sixth term as mayor of Delano, and for the past three years a bitter and vocal opponent of his city's farm workers, has been elected Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Agriculture. Loader succeeds Robert Setrakian, prominent Valley grape grower, who had previously held the post.

a reminder from the
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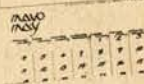
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(160 pages, with illustrations by George Ballis...\$1.50)

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