1973 YEAR OF THE BOYCOTT
TEAMSTERS, GET OUT!

On December 29 the California Supreme Court rendered a decision invalidating the injunction by a Salinas judge that prohibited picketing in the Salinas Valley.

This decision clearly proves, with a few exceptions, that there is no justice for farm workers in lower courts located in rural areas.

The Supreme Court permits legally what our Union has held all along: that the strike against the lettuce growers was not jurisdictional as the Salinas judge erroneously declared; and that it was a legal strike against those growers who refuse to let their workers build a union.

In effect, the Supreme Court declared that farm workers do not want a company union and that the Teamsters had crooked and fraudulent agreements with the growers, who signed the sweetheart contracts with the attitude of "I'll scratch your back, if you'll scratch mine." And now, finally, the decision returns to farm workers the right to strike growers who refuse to recognize their Union.

The company union has lost out in the courts and has lost out with the farm workers. So now is the time for the Teamsters to end their marriage of convenience with the lettuce growers and to get out of the fields.

The time has come for the Teamsters to make an effort to give true representation and better services to the thousands of workers who work in the packing houses, in the canneries and in the coolers. The time has come for the Teamsters to clean their own house, and stop interfering with the legitimate rights of farm workers to build their own Union.

As far as farm workers are concerned, it does not matter what moves some of the Teamster leaders make against us. We know very well that our movement enjoys the respect, support and admiration of a vast number of the Teamster rank-and-file members who realize we are working class sisters and brothers that should work together rather than against each other.

And to the growers we offer this advice: it is time that you abandon your politics of greed and exploitation, listen to the wishes and aspirations of farm workers, and negotiate Union contracts with the only and true farm worker union, the United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO. Boycott lettuce! Boycott A & P! Boycott Safeway!
Teamsters, Growers Worked to Block Chavez, Justices Rule

California Supreme Courts' 6-1 Jurisdiction Decision Upholds Charge Made by United Farm Workers

By Harry Bernstein and Daryl Lembke

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The California Supreme Court Friday ruled, in effect, that the Teamsters Union worked in collusion with a group of growers to block Cesar Chavez' farm workers' union.

The 6-1 decision thus upheld the charge by Chavez that the growers and the Teamsters Union joined forces without the consent of the workers themselves to try to stop an organizing campaign by Chavez' AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Union.

It was one of the first cases in which a major, established union has been found by the state Supreme Court to have been working with an employer group to help the employer keep out another union.

There was no immediate comment from either the growers or the Teamsters Union, but Chavez said he was "pleased because the court has exposed the fraudulent claim by the growers that the Teamsters Union worked in effect, that the Teamsters Union worked in their interest in order to keep Chavez' farm workers' union out." It was one of the first cases in which a major, established union has been found by the state Supreme Court to have been working with an employer group to help the employer keep out another union.

The decision stemmed from an attempt by the growers to get a court order preventing Chavez' farm workers' union from striking, picketing or demonstrating against growers who signed contracts with the Teamsters Union.

The growers argued that any strike attempt by the farm workers' union was in violation of California Jurisdictional Strike Act which prevents strikes that trap innocent employers in the middle of a battle between two legitimate unions.

The court noted that "on the same day (July 24, 1970) that the Teamsters Union made its demand" on growers for recognition as bargaining agent of farm workers, the growers granted such recognition.

Shortly thereafter, the court noted, the Teamsters and about 45 growers signed five-year contracts giving the Teamsters the exclusive right to represent farm workers.

"During the first few weeks of August, when the rank-and-file workers were finally advised of the agreements negotiated on their behalf, most of the workers refused either to join the Teamsters Union or to ratify the grower-Teamsters agreements," the court said.

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BOYCOTT NEWS

BUTTES GAS & OIL STRIKERS CONTINUE TO PRESSURE GUILD

Milwaukee, Wis.: Out of 261 liquor stores, 216 are now clean of Guild wines and liquors. On December 26, the Buttes Gas & Oil strikers had a big breakthrough with Ray's Liquor Store in the Bircher area of Milwaukee when the store finally took Guild off the shelves.

In addition to the 216 stores clean, 20 more are negotiating with the strikers which leaves about 20 hold-outs. On December 26, the strikers picketed a liquor store in the Black community, the Dash-Inn, beginning at 3:00 p.m. By 6:30 the store had no more customers and the owner locked up and went home. Normal closing time is at 9:00 p.m.

Madison: 29 liquor stores are clean. The 30th was picked on December 29 and took off Guild. On the first round through the city the strikers removed only Guild Brandy and now they are going through again to remove the wines. Racine-Kenosha 30 stores clean. The strikers had to picket Timers, a holdout who finally gave in on December 20th. Timers had about 2,000 cases of Guild brandy in stock and was the largest liquor store in Racine.

Appleton-Oshkosh: 30 out of 39 stores are clean of Guild products. The strikers are now working in Green Bay as well as putting pressure on the nine remaining stores in Appleton-Oshkosh. In Green Bay a successful press conference was held in which representatives of unions in the area gave their support to the strikers. A television news program showed them going to liquor stores and putting the Guild back into boxes after taking it off the shelves.

Eau Claire: 11 stores are all clean. Group of strikers there are now starting on Wausau and Stephen's point.

Reports from throughout Wisconsin indicate that Christian Brothers wines and liquors are now selling twice as much as Guild. Christian Brothers has a Union contract.

UNION LETTUCE BETTER THAN NON-UNION LETTUCE

A study at the University of California at Santa Barbara showed that a box of Union lettuce had almost 15 percent more edible lettuce than the box of non-Union lettuce, even though the box of non-Union lettuce weighed more.

(Information Phil G. Torres of the Huelga Committee de U.C.S.B.)

BOYCOTT BACKED BY PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

"...RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Sixth Provincial Chapter of the North American Province recommend all its member communities to buy only head lettuce which bears the official United Farm Workers' label—the black Aztec Eagle—and that they avoid all other head lettuce."

(Synagogue Council of America)

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA SUPPORTS LETTUCE BOYCOTT

The Synagogue Council of America resolves to support Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers in their efforts to improve labor conditions for lettuce workers. We further resolve to endorse the boycott of all Iceberg lettuce not packaged under the official United Farm Workers "Black Eagle" label....

Farm Workers' Don't Patronize List....

The Union urges all farm workers and supporters not to patronize wines and liquors bearing the labels of Guild Wineries and Distilleries until White River Farms signs a new Union contract with its workers.

TABLE AND DESSERT WINES

- Winemasters' Guild
- Tavola
- Roma
- Famiglia Cribari
- J. Pierrot
- La Boheme
- Crefsta Blanca
- Alter
- C.V.C.
- Virginia Dare
- Lodfi
- La Mesa (Sidewake only)

SPARKLING WINES

- Winemasters' Guild
- Tres Grand
- Cook's Imperial
- Roma Reserve
- Cribari Reserve
- Jeanne D'Arc
- La Boheme
- Ceremony
- Vermeils
- Cresta Blanca
- Saragossa
- J. Pierrot

SPECIALTY WINES

- Ocean Spray Cranberry Rose
- V.B. Glogg (Parrott & Co.)
- BRANDY
- Ceremony
- Gold Bull Ribbon
- St. Mark
- Citation
- Old San Francisco
- Parrott V.S.

ENDING

More Endorsements....

"...I support the farm workers struggle for dignity and social justice. I will support the boycott of all head lettuce....ST. SE PUEDE...."

--Dick Gregory, Chicago, Illinois

DETROIT, Michigan -- The WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has voted to support the Union's strike and boycott against non-Union lettuce growers in Arizona and California. The county normally buys $10,000 worth of lettuce for use primarily at the county jail, Wayne County General Hospital, Child Development Centers and the Youth Home.
Jerry Pollock is walking across the state of Arizona as part of the final attempt to unseat Republican Governor Jack Williams.

Pollock has the support of the United Farm Workers and is cooperating with the Union's seven-month drive to recall Williams. The recall campaign began last May after Williams signed repressive anti-farm worker legislation and Union director Cesar Chavez held a 24-day fast in Phoenix in response to Williams' action.

Many observers both inside and out of Arizona said that the signatures necessary to achieve a recall of Williams—over 100,000 valid signatures are required—would be impossible to get. But word is that in excess of 160,000 signatures have been gathered by the recall committee, and even Jack Williams seems resigned to having to face Pollock in a special election which may be held in the spring.

Pollock is using his walk in order to meet the voters and discuss their concerns, and in an attempt to dramatize his opposition to Williams' policies. Far more than the farm worker issue is working against Williams, as dozens of groups embracing all ages and parts of the political spectrum have joined in the recall effort.

Jerry for a better Arizona Governor

- for workers who don't have a minimum law and adequate workman's compensation insurance programs...
- for families whose property taxes climb while income remains far below the national average
- for Arizonans who live without the protection of medicaid while the rest of the United States enjoys its benefits
- for Arizonans who must endure some of the highest hospital costs in the United States
- for Arizonans who care about Clean Air & the preservation of the awesome beauty which makes Arizona— Arizona...
- for Arizonans who want leadership...
- for Arizonans who want a governor who listens to the poor and middle class— not just the wealthy few...
D'Arrigo Strikers
Fight on Two Fronts:
Strike and Boycott

As the strike against D'Arrigo Co. continues, over 80 workers have volunteered to go to the cities to heave D'Arrigo into the spotlight of the lettuce boycott. 50-60 families from the Brawley and Calexico areas, plus 30 families from Salinas, are committed to going together, or to separate, if necessary, to carry the message of their struggle to the consumer. Meanwhile, the 130 workers and their families have daily been surrounding the struck D'Arrigo fields.

According to César Enriquez, Union volunteer in the Brawley Field Office, 99.9% of the scabs are green-carders from Mexico—Juarez or Agua Prieta, Sonora—who, until a recent court decision, were forbidden to come across the border for the express purpose of breaking a strike. Now, Uncle Sam is standing on his bearded head to accommodate grower demands for an unlimited, cheap, and guaranteed labor supply—and labor contractors are now happily busing scabs across picketlines within an easy half hour's drive from the Mexican border.

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But the picketline is not something which can be drowned out—morale is high, spirit is high, and the company's production loss is daily mounting. ¡Que VIVA LA HUELGA! ¡Que VIVA EL BOICOTEO!
1972: A Year of Battles and Victories for the Union

- JANUARY -

• Strike against Talisman Sugar Corp. in Florida. Union supports strike.
• January 30: Farm Workers Credit Union pays dividend for first time -- 4.5%.
• College student Nan Freeman killed while helping strikers picket Talisman.

- FEBRUARY -

• Rómulo Domínguez Avalos killed without provocation by immigration officers in Dinuba.
• February 21: The United Farm Workers is granted a national charter by the AFL-CIO.
• February 29: Coca-Cola Company signs the first Union contract for farmworkers in Florida. A new era of hope starts for the 150,000 farm workers of Florida.

- MARCH -

• Letter-writing campaign launched against Republican Party in order to prevent Peter Nash, the Nixon-appointed general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, from prohibiting the boycott.
• March 24: EL MALCRIADO resumes publication after being suspended for more than a year. "Farm workers should appreciate it and use it as a weapon. We must support our newspaper so that EL MALCRIADO will be a good paper," said Union Director César Chávez.
- APRIL -

- Letter-writing campaign ends after more than one million letters hit the Republican Party. As result of the pressure created by the letters, the hearing at which the move against our right to boycott was going to be made is suspended.
- Salvador Santos, Credit Union administrator, killed in auto accident.

- MAY -

- May 2: Union Director César Chávez holds press conference to announce that the National Labor Relations Board re-affirms the right of farm workers to boycott and to once again launch the lettuce boycott.
- May 12: César Chávez starts his fast of love in Arizona after Arizona Governor Jack Williams signs a repressive, anti-farm worker law. The Union launches a campaign to recall Governor Williams and the people of Arizona, especially minority groups, are inspired by César’s fast and respond enthusiastically.
- Mario Reyes Barreras killed by racist cop in Blythe, California.
- Melon pickers strike in Arizona completely paralyzing harvest.

- JUNE -

- June 4: 6,000 farm workers and Union supporters join César Chávez as he ends his 24-day fast.
- June 26: Court decision in Texas declares that Texas Rangers conspired with growers to deprive farm workers of their civil rights during the Starr County strike of 1966-67.
- JULY -

• The National Convention of the Democratic Party supports the lettuce boycott.

• July 29: Second Anniversary of the winning of the Grape Strike. Lamasuzzi, Pantaleo, and Vignolo Vineyards workers strike.

- AUGUST -

• Union supports strike against Farah, a clothing manufacturer struck by members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America: "Don't buy Farah pants."

• August 22: César speaks to 2,000 delegates at the California State AFL-CIO convention charging that Proposition 22 is a fraud financed by the growers and other right-wing groups to kill the union. The delegates respond by supporting the fight against the anti-farm worker initiative.

• August 28: Buttes Gas & Oil (White River Farms) farm workers go on strike after the company refuses to negotiate a new Union contract.

- SEPTEMBER -

• September 14: After a 13-day strike, the 1,500 workers of Inter Harvest in California and Arizona win a new Union contract.

• Strike against Buttes Gas & Oil company tries to stop strike with violence and court orders.
- OCTOBER -

- Mass farm worker rallies against Proposition 22 take place throughout California.
- October 10: A simple ceremony is celebrated during which the blueprints for the construction of Agbayani Retirement Village are presented.

- NOVEMBER -

- November 7: Anti-farm worker Proposition 22 is decisively defeated by voters in California by a margin of 1,236,608 votes; or 58% to 42% of the vote. The Union receives more voter support than Nixon in California.

- DECEMBER -

- Buttes Gas & Oil strikers go to Wisconsin to ask people not to buy Guild wines and liquors until Buttes, which controls Guild's wineries and distilleries, signs a new Union contract.
- December 6: D'Arrigo workers in Brawley, Yuma, San Luis, Salinas and Calexico strike after D'Arrigo refuses to negotiate a new Union contract. The strikers decide to take their struggle to the cities and join the lettuce boycott.
- Jerry Pollock, candidate for governor of Arizona in the recall campaign against Jack Williams, starts his walk across Arizona.
- Union wins great legal victory when California Supreme Court votes 6-1 to throw out an injunction issued by a Salinas judge that prohibited strikes and picketing against the lettuce growers who signed sweetheart contracts with the Teamsters in 1970. The decision leaves the Union with complete freedom to move against the lettuce industry. Boycott lettuce Boycott Safeway Boycott A & P UNTIL THE FINAL VICTORY.
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CHICANO CANNERY WORKERS SUE TEAMSTERS

SAN JOSE, California (LNS) -- Last month a major step was taken toward returning the power in the Cannery Union (a local of the International Teamsters) to the hands of the rank-and-file cannery workers.

Rudolfo Garcia, president of the Mexican-American Cannery Workers Educational Committee (MACWEC) is suing in a new election in Local 679, Teamsters Union, which represents some 11,000 cannery workers in the San Joaquin area.

Garcia's claim that he was unfairly denied a place on the ballot was climaxned by a tape recording of a telephone conversation which not only proved his allegations beyond a doubt, but left six highly paid union officials with the threat of perjury charges hanging over them.

The evidence given in the Palo Alto courtroom of Federal judge Robert Peckham has already been strong enough to impute the votes taken in the last union election.

Garcia contends that Local 679 business agent Jim Henry refused to accept his dues last December. The union contends that Garcia's failure to pay dues on time that month disqualified him from running in the recent election.

Garcia's testimony on the stand was that he had tried to pay his dues but that Henry had told him he didn't have to pay while he was laid off and refused to accept his check. Jim Henry insisted that the matter was never discussed and was backed in that claim by the testimony of five other Local 679 officials.

But as the recording was played, Teamster officials never looked up from the floor. Time and again Jim Henry's voice said, "Keep me out of it. I can't afford to get involved."

Henry rose to leave the courtroom without looking at anyone as his voice boomed out over the court public address system in a barrage of obscenities in which he said, "If you force me to testify, I'll lie and you can't prove a thing." Again went up from the astonished court audience.

According to Garcia, "The placards are scared because they know we will win in the long run...I would be scared if I were trying to hold onto a fat job against the wishes of the members."

MACWEC, started several years ago by Garcia then shop steward at Duffy-Mott (a canning factory), along with a core of workers who felt that the overwhelmingly Chicano workforce was caught in a racist squeeze by the union, has been successful in claiming more than 2,000 members of the members.

MACWEC successfully fought for safety conditions, seniority rights, against discrimination and abuse of women workers, and against abuse by company supervisors who are favored by union officials; and on behalf of injured members who are ignored by the union.

The established leaders of Local 679 and the Western Conference of Teamsters are greatly disturbed by this rank-and-file activity. MACWEC is not only rocking the local boat, but it panics the union officials that the only political move made by MACWEC has been a solid stand alongside the United Farm Workers against the union-busting Proposition 22 on the California ballot which was defeated in the November elections.

NUEVO QUARTERS

Just a note to remind you that the new Quarter has just started and to urge you to pay your Union dues on time in order that there be no interruption of the protections and benefits you enjoy when working under Union Contracts.

As you may already know, the $10.50 that you pay in dues every three months are the lowest of all union dues for the country. By paying your dues on time we insure that our Union remains strong and able to continue fighting the growers and growers who each year are trying to destroy what we have gained with so much sacrifice.
**LOCAL NEWS**

**CALEXICO:**
I would like to congratulate the sisters and brothers who prepaid only $5.00 on the Boycott. Also, I would like to add that since we don’t have the money to buy the advertising that D’Arrigo can buy for his lies, I urge all farm workers to read EL MALCRIADO to be informed as to what is really happening.

**ONARD:**
We have started a campaign to push the lettuce boycott. Farm worker delegations are visiting stores and supermarkets searching for scal lettuce. We think we’ll succeed because most of the small merchants are going to cooperate with the boycott. We split immediately and hit Safeway full blast. The farm worker sisters and brothers are volunteering to go on the area every day, not only in Onard but also in other areas. /Angelo Quintero /

**SAN LUIS/ARIZONA:**
The Teamsters have been trying to move in on us, but they do not know how to talk to the workers. All they know how to do is to try to get their own way, without listening to the workers. We are working to defend our rights with every non-violent means at our disposal. The Teamsters are trying to fool us with their paid advertising, but its not going to work./David Camacho

**DELANO:**
A delegation of farm worker sisters who are own strike against Buttes Gas & Oil (White River Farms) visited all of the grocery stores and supermarkets in Delano looking for scal lettuce and urging merchants to cooperate with the boycott. All of the merchants agreed to cooperate, except for Safeway. /Frank Ortiz

**SANTA MARIA:**
A car caravan of 32 cars with more than 80 farm workers and supporters went through Santa Maria, Arroyo Grande and Guadalupe to announce and publicize the California Supreme Court decision returning to us our right to continue organizing in the fields. We received widespread coverage by the Press and television news media. We even had a police escort. We are visiting the fields to spread the good news that the court has given us back. On Sunday January 7 at 100 pm, Father Salandini will celebrate a Mass in honor of the workers and their victory. Please specify /Paulino Pacheco, Director of the Union office in Santa Maria.

**JESSICA VILLEGAS**

**FLYING TEE GOLF OPEN**

The Union Office in Terra Bella was attacked again by a shower of rocks last night. It is supposed that scabs were responsible for the deed. In the photo we see the Director of the Office, Rafael Alvarez who say; “Windows or no windows, this office will continue to serve farm workers.” Si, se puede, viva la Causa.

**STOCKTON:**
We are now organizing ranch committee meetings throughout the area. There is also a possibility that we will do farm worker meetings in the area, where the largest grape grower is John Graffias. /Paulino Pacheco

During the 13-day strike against Interharvest last year, we put so much pressure on labor contractors Salvador Ramon Ortez by pickinget his buses that he promised he would not go on breaking the strike. /Paulino Pacheco

**SAN MARIA:**
 \* Grievances against some of the supervisors of Robert’s Farms: They want to act like the “grower” they were before a Union contract was signed; they discriminate arbitrarily against some members and mistreat the workers. But we are not going to let them get away with this. /Alfredo Figueroa

**BLYTHE:**
Alfredo Figueroa reports that the lettuce growers and companies are trying to find a sanctuary in the Mojave Indian Reservation across the Colorado River where there is a potential of 200000 for cultivation. The Union and recently the Mojaves have a sell-out leadership that permitted the companies to use labor contractors like Jose Anaya, who trucks workers 40 miles to the reservation from Mexicali, a round trip of 280 miles every day. Meanwhile 3,000 unemployed workers while away the days in misery. But there is hope that the newly elected Mojave leadership will change all of this.

**FROM THE AREA OF TERRA BELL, CALIFORNIA:**

Orange pickers in the Porterville area say that the pay is as bad as the pickings and hope that some day the United Farm Workers will come to negotiate contracts in the citrus industry. “We are ready for the Union,” says Luis Torres, an orange picker.

(Report and photos: Jesus H. Martinez, Terra Bella.)
Mendez Arceo, bishop of the oppressed

The problems facing Mexican workers are extremely serious: the unjust distribution of wealth, the increasing cost of living, inadequate salary increases; lack of unionization for half of the workers; and more than one million urban workers and two and a half million farm workers unemployed.

Taking on these problems there is surging throughout Mexico a new working class militance with new leaders: Vallejo, Galvan, Cabeza de Vaca. These new leaders are struggling to defend the rights of workers, unlike many of the established leaders. Fighting on their side is the bishop of Cuernavaca, Sergio Mendez Arceo. His voice speaks out with firmness and moral authority in the defense of the oppressed in Mexico. In the spirit of John XXIII's call for a return to the Gospels, Bishop Arceo parts with the traditional politics of the Catholic Church in Mexico as protectorate of the interests of the rich and the powerful and proclaims his solidarity with the poor and the oppressed. His example is causing an awakening of moral consciousness in Mexico and has opened many hearts to the cause of social justice. This infuriates the reactionary elements within and without the Church, causing them to fling venomous personal attacks against him.

During his participation in the strike against the confection industry in the state of Morelos he declared to the workers: "I want to be a part of you, not a judge," and played an important part in winning a settlement favorable to the workers. This strike which was not recognized by the authorities and opposed by some of the labor leaders who have lost the working class vision they once had, marks an important step forward for democratic and independent unionism in Mexico.

The bishop of Cuernavaca defines his position declaring that "as a Christian I recognize and proclaim with hope my belief that human beings can control their own destiny and that within their reach is the possibility of creating a new kind of human being and a new kind of society. "As a Christian I proclaim in the midst of my sisters and brothers, who are searching for justice, of a God who does not stand in the way, but rather who pushes me and encourages to fight for the liberation of men and women. I proclaim a God who inspires me to break with traditional ceremonies and expressions of Christianity that have enslaved mankind."
The Miners For Democracy (M.F.D.), a reform movement of miners, overthrew the corrupt leadership that had controlled the United Mine Workers for more than a decade in a recent special election.

In his first day in office, Arnold Miller, the new president of the 200,000-member union, gave an example of the new direction the union would take. He went to personally investigate an accident in Irmann, West Virginia in which an explosion in a Consolidation Coal Company mine had just killed five men and seriously injured three more.

In a confrontation with the company president, Miller declared: "I am sick of these things.... There hasn't been one of these things yet that couldn't have been prevented.... There's just too much plain, ordinary irresponsibility here, and the former leadership of this union has been too close to the industry to see it or fight it. That's over now."

In order to put the principles of Miners for Democracy into action, the new leadership of the United Mine Workers also plans to:

- cut salaries of union officials by 20 per cent;
- raise miners' pensions;
- do away with "sweetheart" contracts and have all new contracts ratified by the members;
- call a new national convention of mine workers;
- move the national offices from Washington, D.C. to a place that is closer to the mine fields where union members work.

In a letter to Arnold Miller, Union Director César Chávez said: "It is a credit to the entire labor movement that the men in the mines joined together behind your courageous leadership to bring honor to their union."

Miners Overthrow Corrupt Leadership in Special Election

**Photos: Earl Dotter/LNS**

César Chávez Condemns Bombing of North Vietnam

**CALLS UPON THE CONSCIENCE OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS**

What words are left which could adequately express the profound moral outrage we experience at the unconscionable continuation and the insane renewal and escalation of the bombing in Indochina? The ancients said, "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad." To us President Nixon seems to be acting like a mad tyrant who looses terrible retribution on everyone who does not bend to his proud will. And in the end we too may be destroyed.

We ask you, we beg you, that as Congress convenes you make it the first order of business immediately to cut off, by any effective means, the President's capacity to pursue this madness.

Your Eminence:

We know the admirable statements you personally and the United States Catholic Conference have made on the urgency of peace in Indochina.

Those of us who are people of Mexican and Catholic origin are proud that our Church's leaders so well represent Christ's spirit of peace and brotherhood.

In the spirit of Popes John and Paul, we respectfully request that the Catholic Bishops give strong witness to peace now by their articulate presence at the very important religious assembly to be held on January 3 and 4, 1973 at Washington D.C.; that the demand be made upon President Nixon to stop immediately the bombing and killing in North Vietnam, and to urge Congress to cut appropriations of this inhumane bombing.

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**LETTER TO CARDINAL JOHN KROL OF U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

**Year of the Boycott**

**NEW YORK (LNS) -- Starting on Thurs­day, December 21, B-52's have dropped the heaviest raids in the history of the war. In New York more than hundreds of B-52's cover an area, some people are bound to be "exposed to the dangers of war," as the military puts it. By December 19, 215 North Vietnames civilians had been killed, and 326 wounded.

The bombing has made many targets. Some fell on Hanoi's technical college killing and wounding students there. Bombs were aimed at the villages outside Hanoi, now crowded with residents of Hanoi who had been evacuated from the city as well as their own residents. The bombs have recently hit headquarters of the Swedish Indian, and French representatives in Hanoi. In the same raids that hit the POW camp, Hanoi's major electric power station was hit, as well as the city's railroads yards and airport. The Egyptian embassy was also damaged in that raid.

Last October, right before the elections, Nixon's representative, Henry Kissinger, had declared that "Peace Is at hand". Now bitter and angry, people have already begun to protest the bombing. In New York more than 1000 people met in the rain and rush hour traffic of Times Square Dec. 21. Many were arrested.

Nixon and his friends are maintaining silence. One reason for that silence in Washington and the bombs in North Vietnam was offered by the Paris daily, LE MONDE, in a recent editorial:

"Perpetually in search of victory, Mr. Nixon is thus led to give harder and harder blows everywhere because his enemies are everywhere."

Nixon promised peace, but carries out most brutal bombing in history

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