COACHELLA, California -- A Teamster goon smashed in Father John Bank's nose as he ate breakfast at the Trukadero Restaurant in Coachella May 30 about 9:00 a.m.

On their way to the Union strike office after visiting the grape strike picketlines, Fr. Bank and Wall Street Journal reporter William Wong went, at Wong's suggestion, to the restaurant to continue their discussion. As they ordered breakfast, about ten Teamster goons came in and sat down at the tables around them.

The goons recognized Fr. Bank and immediately and harrassed the two men with loud remarks about "those AFL-CIO guys over there." The remarks, along with animal noises and hysterical laughing, continued for about ten minutes.

Finally, Fr. Bank told them: "This man is a reporter from the Wall Street Journal. You are giving him a good show. You're like a cast from a 'B' movie."

One of the goons, Mike Falco, 24, Buena Park, came over to the table, saying, "So you think it's funny? I'm going to stop laughing and then it's not going to be so funny." He did not strike back.

Falco took off his dark glasses, stared at Fr. Bank, and said, "This is going to be worth going to jail for." Two or three goons suddenly pressed Fr. Bank against his table from behind.

Falco swung as hard as he could with his left hand and slugged Fr. Bank square in the face. Fr. Bank's nose shattered. He did not strike back.

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The Coachella police arrived, but did not make any arrests until Fr. Bank said he wanted to make a citizen's arrest. Falco was then searched and as he was taken away, he waved playfully at his fellow thugs.

Bill Wong took Fr. Bank to Indio Memorial Hospital where a doctor re-shaped and set his nose the best he could.

Mike Falco will be charged with assault with intent to inflict serious bodily harm--a felony. He was released on $625 bail. Arraignment has not yet taken place.

Later Fr. Bank, who as a teenager was a Golden Glove fighter, said he had never been hit so hard in his life.

Fr. Bank returned to the picket line the next day where strikers expressed their concern for his injury. But a flat-bed truck filled with Teamster goons continued their ridicule as he walked along the line bandaged up like an auto accident victim.

Fr. Bank is on loan to the Union from the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio and has been doing press-laison work for the Union since mid-June. He began his work in support of the Union in 1969 when he became involved in the Grape Boycott in Ohio. Fr. Bank was co-ordinating the boycott in Ohio prior to coming to the Coachella Valley.

The arrow points to Mike Falco, six feet four inches tall and weighing 300 pounds, surrounded by fellow Teamster goons. The day after the assault, Msgr. George C. Higgins, Director of the Department for Social Development of the U.S. Catholic Conference issued a statement in Washington, D.C. saying the Teamsters' failure to denounce the attack on Fr. Bank proves the Teamsters condone such violence and continue to encourage it by hiring thugs at $67 a day.
SANTA MARIA, California -- The majority of the strawberry workers at Security Farms near Santa Maria struck May 26 after Teamster goons attempted to sign them up using insults and abusive language.

Security Farms, which cultivates about 210 acres in strawberries and between 2 to 3 thousand acres in lettuce, signed a sweetheart contract with the Teamsters Union in 1970 and has had labor difficulties ever since because workers leave their jobs rather than sign with the Teamsters.

The latest encounter, which triggered the strike, began May 21 when the company announced it would pay a bonus only after 20 boxes of strawberries were picked, rather than 10 as done by other companies in the area.

At the same time, the Teamsters gave the workers ten days to sign up with the Teamsters Union or get out.

Forced to negotiate

The workers responded with a three-day walkout during which 1,200 boxes of ripe strawberries went unpicked.

Company owner Yataro Minami was forced to negotiate directly with the workers and on May 23 agreed to pay the bonus after 10 boxes and promised the workers would not have to sign with the Teamsters.

The Teamsters stayed away from the negotiations.

The workers went back to their jobs. But May 25, the Teamsters came into the fields again. This time the workers called the Union office in Santa Maria and a group of Union organizers came to the fields to confront the goons.

The company called the sheriff's department and deputies told both the Union organizers and Teamster goons to leave.

Refused to sign with Teamsters

The next day at 7:00 a.m., the goons appeared again determined to make the workers sign using insults and abusive language. 42 out of the 52 workers in the field responded by walking out, some of them pulling Union flags from under their shirts.

Grower Yataro Minami: the sweetheart contract with the Teamsters is not paying off.

As the strike continues, the Teamster goons themselves are trying to pick and load the strawberries, as they are taunted by the very workers they supposedly represent: "Hey, hurry it up, boys. Maybe you can take some of that fat off."

Santa Maria Union Office Director Paulino Pacheco explained that the company is hurting because it needs about 100 experienced workers at this point in the harvest but has only about 20 of which more than half are inexperienced.

"The reason the company only had 52 workers in the first place," he said, "is because the company keeps losing workers every time the Teamsters try to sign them up."

About 100 pickets show up mornings at the strawberry farm located at East Stowell and Pili-rick roads. Many of the pickets are farm workers and supporters from the valley and as far away as Oxnard.

Sheriff Fails To Stop Teamster Violence

SANTA MARIA, California -- The union will file charges of assault against Teamster goon Rudy Pili for driving the staff of a Teamster flag he was carrying into one of Union member Jose Garcia Garcia's hands June 2, reported Santa Maria Union Office Director Paulino Pacheco.

Complacency with Teamsters

Pacheco also charged the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department "of complacency with the Teamsters" for not heeding his warnings that Rudy Pili would sooner or later hurt someone.

The incident took place an 100 farm workers picketed Security Farms, which was struck May 26. According to witnesses, Garcia leaned on a "No Trespassing" sign, placing his hand at the top of the post to which the sign was attached. At that moment Pili rushed up and stabbed him on the hand with the flag stake he was carrying.

Garcia's hand was hurt seriously enough to require hospital treatment.

The incident was reported to the sheriff's department, said Pacheco, but nothing happened.

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After these and other incidents during the past several months, said Pacheco, the sheriff's department was warned that Pili is a dangerous man. "If someone gets hurt even worse," he said, "They are the ones responsible, because we gave them adequate warning."
Hearings Probe Kern Court, Police Injustice

BAKERSFIELD, California - Union General Counsel Jerry Cohen charged the Kern County Sheriff's Department with acting "like a private army for the growers" during hearings by the California State Senate Subcommittee on Labor chaired by Senator David A. Roberti.

Jerry said the sheriff's department sided with the growers' interests at the expense of farm workers and other taxpayers and accused Kern County courts of "imposing mathematical straitjackets" on Union picket lines with unnecessary and unjust rulings. He said anti-Union temporary restraining orders and temporary injunctions have been issued in one-sided hearings, without proper supporting evidence and with no opportunity for the Union to present its side.

Courts acted unconstitutionally

In granting these orders without notice to the Union, he said, the courts have clearly acted unconstitutionally. They are void orders, yet arrests and prosecutions stemming from those arrests continue in Kern County, he said.

"What business is it of the county to be enforcing these civil orders when the growers have a civil remedy (lawsuits) at their disposal," he asked.

According to Kern County Sheriff Charles A. Dodge, the county is spending an added $50,000 a month even in the pre-harvest season (the grape harvest comes next month). Dodge said the county had issued the "order to enforce" to his department because the growers "want action now."

Courts crippled Salinas Strike

Union attorney Bill Carder gave a history of the Court's actions during the 1970 Salinas strike. TRO's and injunctions were employed to cripple the Union.

All strike activity was enjoined in Salinas, just when the strike was on the verge of victory, he said. Not until two years later, in December 1972, did the State Supreme Court vindicate the Union and vacate all the injunctions. Had there been fair hearings at the time, he said, the strike would have continued and been settled in a fair way.

If the Union had been allowed to use direct economic pressure through the organization of workers, their would have never been a national lettuce boycott. The courts acted upon demand from the growers in "rubber-stamping" temporary restraining orders, Carder charged.

By these and other means justice has been perverted, resulting in the current nationwide struggle. The issue could have been settled directly and fairly three years ago, he said.

No instances of violence cited

Superior Court Judge P. R. Barton, who has been issuing anti-Union injunctions placing restrictions on Union picket lines such as requiring strikers to stand one hundred feet apart and placing limitations on the use of sound systems, admitted he did not visit the fields prior to issuing them because "witnessing a situation" would cause him to lose his "objectivity."

During his testimony he referred to Union picket lines as "mobs" three times, and said that "instances of violence" had caused him to issue the injunctions.

When asked to specify "instances of violence," he indicated that while the affidavits contained none, there must have been some because he remembers "reading it in the paper."

Others testifying at the hearings were struck grower John J. Kovacevich, Harry Weatherholt of Tenceno and Sergeant Howard Thurstson.

Conspicuous by his absence was district attorney Albert M. Leddy who assured Senator Roberti that he would appear at the hearings without the necessity of a subpoena.

Leddy changed his mind at the last moment and failed to appear. "I took him at his word," said Roberti expressing his disapproval to the audience.

The hearings took place at the Police Department Auditorium in Bakersfield, which was packed by Union strikers, AFL-CIO representatives, witnesses, a row of Teamsters and a British film crew making a documentary film of the Union's struggle against the grower-Teamster conspiracy.

Sheriff deputies with Marty Bozina, supervisor for John Kovacevich. The only time they pay any attention to farm workers is when they arrest them.
hearings brought about by the National Farm Labor Union during the early '50s. One of the members of the congressional committee conducting the hearings was Richard Nixon, who asked one of the union's organizers, Ernesto Galarza, "Don't the growers have as much right to organize as do the farm workers?" Nixon asked this question as if organizing for exploiting others is the same as organizing in defense against exploitation.

BORDER PATROL CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION
WASHINGTON -- The United States Department of Justice has amassed evidence of widespread corruption in one of its own branches, the southwest region of the Immigration and Naturalization service government sources have told the New York Times.

The corruption, according to the sources, exists for the most part along the 2000-mile U.S.-Mexico border and immigration officers have been found to be engaged in the following activities:

- The smuggling of aliens into the U.S.
- The smuggling of narcotics in the U.S.
- The sale of documents.
- Paroling aliens into the U.S. for illegal purposes.
- The physical abuse of immigrants.

The evidence has come to light as a result of operation Clean Sweep, an inquiry into the workings of the immigration service in the southwest.

Investigations have also uncovered that members of the Border Patrol, an enforcement arm of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, operate their own bracero programs, supplying illegal Mexican labor to big growers in return for hunting privileges, cash payments and other personal gains.

"The best proof of eligibility to enter the U.S. from Mexico is money," one agent said.

STRUGGLE IN SANTA MARIA VALLEY CONTINUES
Growers and Teamsters recently renegotiated their separate contracts again without a vote by the farm workers. First contracts were signed during a strike called by the UFW in 1970. In a twenty-four hour period most of the growers in the valley signed with the Teamsters Union in flagrant disregard for the demonstrated wishes of the workers.

Referring to an incident at the Adam Ranch in which farm workers refused to sign with the Teamsters in front of the grower and the Teamster organizers, Santa Maria Union Office Director Paulino Pacheco said "We admire the bravery of these sisters and brothers."

GENERAL UNION HEADQUARTERS INAUGURATED

The new Union offices in Texas were inaugurated in McAllen, Texas recently in the Rio Grande Valley.

After two years of hard work by many volunteers who sacrificed their weekends to work on the project, the completion of the construction marked another step forward for Texas farm workers.

During the ceremonies celebrating the occasion, Bishop John Fitzpatrick of the Diocese of Brownsville, affirmed the right of farm workers to have the Union of their choice. "Even if farm workers were the best paid in the country they would still have the right to unionize, just as businessmen and growers have the right to defend their interests, whether or not they are suffering."
"ALL THEY HAD TO DO IS SAY 'YOU ARE UNDER ARREST,'" says Doctor John Radebaugh recalling how he was attacked May 29 by several Tulare County Sheriff's deputies while picketing at a Bob Hamilton ranch near Dinuba. A sheriff's deputy suddenly grabbed him, twisted his left arm behind him. John pulled back to protect his arm because of an old injury and asked why he was being arrested. No answer. Instead, more deputies jumped on him, roughed him up, handcuffed him, threw him into a patrol car and took him to jail.

The 70 strikers and Union supporters who were on the picketline back John and said that he was under observation and he was attacked without provocation. At first, John was charged with felonies; but the charges have been reduced to a misdemeanor by the county district attorney. "I felt like a prisoner of war," he said. John is a doctor at the Union clinic in Sanger.

"The Union members headed by Sen. Harrison Williams (D) has a majority of Democrats serving on it. Cesar also charged local courts and law enforcement officials with making illegal arrests of picketers, condoning violence, misusing Union members, and fabricating charges in an attempt to break farm worker strikes. Cesar called for a massive letter writing campaign to encourage the Democrats to initiate an investigation. "We must remind them that the third time, we ask that you reopen the files on the blatant violations of law that have occurred here in the fields of California."

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SALINAS, California -- The Union signed a six-month contract with strawberry grower Anthony Gerich, president of Pik'd Ripe, Inc., May 23 covering about 300 workers after a four-month strike. The contract provides for a minimum wage of $2.41 until July 1, when it will go up to $2.45. Teamster contracts in the area set the minimum wage $2.30.

The new contracts sets the following piece rates for strawberries picked for freezing:

- May-June 1973 -- $1.25 per flat
- July-August, 1973 -- $1.55 per flat
- Sept.-Nov., 1973 -- $1.75 per flat

The contract also calls for the company's contributions to the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Plan, the Farm Worker Fund and a Pension Plan.

When asked why he signed a contract with the Union, Gerich replied that the Union's continued picketing had posed problems for him in getting enough skilled workers to harvest the strawberries now ripe and ready for picking.

He described the new contract as "very satisfactory to me."

The field covered by the new contract is really owned by David Walsh Company, which is also being struck by the Union, but Gerich bought the rights to the crop, Gerich plans to buy or lease more strawberry fields and says he will re-negotiate with the Union when the contract expires.

According to David Burciaga, Union Director of Negotiations, committee elected by the workers participated in the talks leading to the new contract. The members of the committee were: Antonio D. Guevara; Jose Ortiz; Jennie Gonzalez; Connie Maddox; Anthony Sanchez; Noe Navarro; Antonio Guevara Jr.; Jose M. Hernandez; and August Aulla M.; and Jack Deaton.

The strike continues against the David Walsh Company. Despite Walsh's attempts to get enough skilled workers into his strawberry fields with the help of labor contractors Juan Gomez and Tony Guzman, he has already lost the fresh strawberry market and is being forced to freeze his strawberries at a lower profit.
ARVIN, California -- Speaking to a standing-room-only crowd of farmers at the Arvin High School Auditorium May 31, Union Director Cesar Chavez accused local court judges of "using and abusing their power to pass injunctions to break our strikes" and that this is "illegal.

Cesar directed his most pointed words at Kern County's Sheriff Dodge, saying that Judge Dodge is doing everything possible to destroy the Union because he, as well as the judges, are subject to the interests of the growers.

"If Sheriff Dodge wants a fight with us, we'll give it to him. We are going to fill the jails with those damn injunctions."

He drew enthusiastic applause when he added, "We are going to put the spotlight of the entire world on Kern County and see how they and the sheriff's department will respond to the whole world. These men in Kern County better face up to their responsibilities because we are fighting back."

Hostile Attitude

Union attorneys also say that in a number of specific instances Kern County law enforcement authorities failed to carry out their judicial duties in an impartial manner. Union attorney Tony Gaenslen said, "There has been a hostile attitude on the part of some members of the Kern County Sheriff's Department."

In one instance since the strikes against Robert's Farms, John Kocavich and Tenneco started, 54 strikes have been arrested in Kern County; 19 in one mass arrest; 14 in another and 21 individual arrests. Out of these 39, he said, of those persons had been charged with felonies by sheriff's deputies and all but one of the charges was reduced to a misdemeanor. He charged the original charges would not have stood in court.

The Union legal department says that most of the arrests were the result of alleged violations of anti-Union injunctions that should not have been issued in the first place.

At a meeting with Sheriff Dodge on May 18, Union attorney Tony Gaenslen charged the Sheriff's Department with an oppressive interpretation of certain clauses of the injunctions and refused to act on any complaints by Union members when grower agents violated the law.

Perhaps the greatest single factor serving to exacerbate the feelings of pickets has been the arbitrary arrest and hostile treatment meted out to them by the Sheriff's Department.

Illegal Arrests

On May 22 at 9:30 a.m., Arturo Quintana was picked up at his Kocavich ranch along with two other persons when Sergeant Howard Thurston of the Sheriff's Department came by and warned the strikers to stay one hundred feet away from each other as stipulated in the court injunction there.

According to Quintana and the other witnesses, Gregorio Cornejo and Gayanne Fiehlinghoff, they cooperated with Thurston. Quintana was talking to a cab when Thurston and a deputy sheriff rushed up to Quintana saying "Arturo, I have two complaints against you already.

On the third one I'm going to take that flag away from you and take it to the office where you will not be able to get it."

Quintana said, "Okay," and slowly turned around. As he turned around, his flag may have brushed Thurston's face. Thurston accused Quintana of hitting him on the head with the flag's staff. He arrested him, and then charged his accusation, saying Quintana had hit him across the face.

Quintana and the witnesses point out that if Thurston had been struck across the face, his head may have been knocked off. "There wasn't so much as a scratch on his face," they said.

But nevertheless, Thurston and the other deputy sheriff grabbed Quintana and took him away.

Condone Violence

While picketing at Kocavich's peach orchard May 21 near Arvin, John Osborne, a Union legal aid, told some scabs they should be ashamed of themselves for what they are doing—breaking the strike. Suddenly 3 or 4 of the scabs came out of the fields armed with knives and formed a semi-circle around him. One of them told him, "We are going to get your ass."

John said that two sheriff deputies were talking to Mary Bozina, Kocavich supervisor, about 30 feet away. He shouted at them for assistance, but they didn't respond. Shirley Mandel, of the Union's Computer Programming Department, witnessed the incident.

Mistreat Union People

Union volunteer Roger Terreos, 18, was stopped May 27 in Bakersfield, along with four other persons, allegedly for reckless driving by a Kern County Sheriff's deputy. Roger said the deputy approached the car with gun drawn and ordered Roger of trying to escape. Other deputies arrived. He was ordered to put up his hands, was frisked and thrown into a car.

Since Roger did not have a driver's license on him, he was questioned about the car he was driving. "Where did you steal it?" he was asked.

When Roger complained about the tightness of the handcuffs, he was told to "shut up."

At the county jail, an officer, went through Roger's wallet, found his Union membership card and said, "You are one of them, aren't you? Yeah, you are one of those Communist people."

"What do you mean?" Roger replied and told the officer "to go back to Europe." He was shoved into a cell.

"I was treated like an animal," he recalls. He was in jail for three days.

Thurston Fabricates Charges

Sergeant Thurston arrested Union volunteers John Gibson and Susan Heller May 18 for violating a temporary restraining order that was no longer in effect at the Kocavich farm near Arvin, limiting the number of persons that can picket at one time.

John Gibson arrived at the picketing line of his pickup and went to talk to Jim Lefever, one of the picketers.

Susan Heller, knowing that John was on his way back to Le Pas, the Union headquarters in Keene, went over to talk to him too.

At that moment Thurston rushed over in his patrol car, pointed a finger at John and Susan and said, "You and you are under arrest."

They told Thurston they were on their way home. The other union members, Jim Lefever, Jesse Eschavarria and Martin Contreras backed them, but were ignored. In their way to jail, the deputies refused to talk to them.

At the county jail, Susan was asked by the matron, a Mrs. Tomlin, "What are the charges?"

"I don't know," Susan replied. "I wish someone would tell me."

"Oh, come on," said Tomlin taunting her. "They just don't arrest people without telling them why."

"Sorry, but that's the truth," protested Susan. She then explained she had been on a picketline.

"Oh, you are with Cesar Chavez?" asked the matron.

"Yes, I am."

"Oh, now I understand everything," said Tomlin and immediately booked Susan with what appeared to be a special code.

Susan again asked what the charges were, and the matron told her that she could tell her generally what the charges were, but not specifically.

And finally she told Susan she was being charged with contempt of court (for violating a temporary restraining order).

But as it turns out, the restraining order was no longer in effect when the arrests took place. Thurston admitted his error when confronted by Union attorney Tony Gaenslen, but said he would not change the charges because it involved "paperwork," which "is not my department."

However, when he filed the case, he charged John and Susan with "obstructing a public highway."

But witnesses say that there was no traffic on that road at the time of the arrests and that John and Susan were not standing on the road.

Thurston

Racist and Prejudiced

Several times, Sergeant Thurston has demonstrated racist attitudes towards farm workers and prejudice towards Union volunteers. On one occasion Thurston approached Lamont Union Office Director Pablo Espinosa with a racist slur, saying "Hey, Pablo, you are looking a little sleepy. Too much 'cerveza' (beer), eh?"

In another incident, Thurston asked long-haired Union legal aid John Osborne, "What are you, a Jew?" and refused to talk to him when Pablo Espinosa and John questioned him about the sheriff's department's unequal treatment of the strikers.

Room For Hope

Meetings between the Union, AFL-CIO national representatives, and sheriff's departments are taking place. If fair treatment by the sheriff's deputies is achieved, there is some room for hope that major tensions can be avoided when massive strike activity reaches the San Joaquin Valley later this season.
Just before going to press, EL MALCRIADO received the following report from Union Vice-President Dolores Huerta, who co-ordinates the boycott throughout the eastern half of the United States.

BOSTON

All of the major food chain stores have agreed to carry only Union lettuce and grapes. They also gave a commitment not to carry D'Arrigo Brothers products and any other product the Union is boycotting. Boycott workers in the city are now concentrating on the smaller chains.

BROOKLYN

A Teamster goon is facing charges of assault with a deadly weapon after he attacked a picket line at a Pathmark store. The pickets were teenagers, headed by Denise Jacquet. Another picket, Jose Lopez, had his nose broken on May 26 at another Pathmark store. Ellen Caffrey of New Jersey was arrested at a Pathmark store for "molesting" the dignity of the community.

NEW YORK

More than 1,000 stores are supporting the boycotts of lettuce and grapes and over 2,500 are not carrying D'Arrigo Brothers products. There are 16 major chains, with up to 175 stores each, supporting the Union now.

The Consumer Affairs Department of New York City has filed charges against A&P for more than 300 violations. "They showed a consistent pattern of non-availability in a substantial percentage of items advertised," the charges said. In addition to this A&P is still facing charges for having excessive fat in their ground beef.

NEW JERSEY

Kings' Supermarkets have become the first chain to pledge Union support in this state.

WEST VIRGINIA

An A&P manager maced some youngsters who were picketing his store. That picket line was sponsored by the United Mine Workers.

MARYLAND

In Trenton, an A&P store was closed by the State Health Department because it did not meet requirements of the state sanitary code. Two pickets, Hector Galarzo and Oscar Mondragon, had charges dropped after they were arrested for carrying a huge banner which read "Where Exploitation Originates?" (A&P's slogan is: "Where economy originates.").

In a Broken Hill A&P store was given six-months probation for selling ground beef which contained excessive fat.

DETROIT

The Peace Center has voted to support the Grape Boycott.

CHICAGO

Governor Walker of Illinois attended a mass rally and told Cesar Chavez he would publicly support secret ballot elections to settle the dispute between the Union and the Teamsters. At a meeting called by Charles Hays, a Vice-President of the Meatcutters Union, Black union leaders pledged continued support of both the lettuce and grape boycotts.

Charges were dropped against 10 workers from the Arizona recall campaign against Gov. Jack Williams who were arrested while picketing an A&P store three weeks ago. Charges are pending against three other pickets who were arrested for trying to get a meeting with A&P officials. They were arrested during a sit-in in A&P's offices.

Ohio

Western Conference of Teamsters President Einer Mohn was scheduled to speak to a group called the City Club, a weekly radio forum. Mohn cancelled out and was to send his organizing director, Bill Grami, in his place. When pickets showed up, Grami, too, did not show.

Eliseo Medina has moved to Ohio and brought 30 people from the Florida Boycott with him. They have opened up several new offices and last week turned away over 1,000 customers. They are using a new slogan, "Help us get A&P off our backs."
IN C nm, California -- "We have the strength. Without our hands without our arms, the grapes can't be picked," Underneath this sign are several South Mexican workers who oppose La Causa. But this time "it won't be like in 1970," by university we will have to distill three that break the certain possibility by the optics of their terms. Chavez assured that the grower workers will not lack the strength or the courage to fight for the workers. They are working in the hope of breaking the 1970 strike. The growers are now getting angry at the Teamsters, he said, because the Teamsters have not been able to win over the people and have not been able to provide enough strike work to make the growers. At the same time, the Teamsters campaign in the Coachella Valley is turning out to be a costly affair.

The growers have committed a grave error," said Chavez, "They thought that the workers no longer wanted the Union because some of them had grievances against it, but the growers thought that because they had grievances, they were ready to kick us out.

He finished with a personal call to all grape pickers in region immediately in the strike, so that they not strike crossing their pickers. The growers have not an interest in the battle that was won was thrown by the growers themselves by the所能 Meat Cutters in Los Angeles and the bread by the L.A. Bakery Workers.

"We Shall Overcome."

AFL-CIO Strike Support

The 1,500 pounds for the barbecue that was served was donated by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters in Los Angeles and the bread by the L.A. Bakery Workers.

"I have the strength. Without our hands without our arms, the grapes can't be picked," says the grower to farm workers during an act by the Teatro Mestizo of San Diego State University.

"If the growers have the guts," Bill Soltero said, "they could get enough workers to put the strike on so that they could really cripple the crops." Frieda said growers already have much of this year's grape crop.

The growers have made "tremendous investments" in this crop already, he said. "My payroll has been running about $20,000 or $30,000 a week since April. We started thinning, and we had spent a lot of money in that with the result that our grapes are going to be twice as large as expected." In addition to money, Soltero said United Farm Workers' activity has affected the quality of the grapes by the work and ran our eyes.

AFL-CIO Strike Support

INDIO, California -- "I never thought the AFL-CIO would get involved like they have," said Fred Reider, general manager for Key-Kas Ranches, which operates Key-Kas Ranches, said, "Those strike benefits really change things. They could get enough workers to put the strike on so that they could really cripple the crops." Frieda said growers already have much of this year's grape crop.

"We Shall Overcome."
NEWS BRIEFS

FOOD FOR THE STRIKE.

HIT BY TEAMSTER GOON

Teamster goon Larry Kirchner, Jr., hit Union picket Rudy Reyes in the nose as he walked to Filipino orkers about ethnic benefits at the Tenneco - Ducor farm. Kirchner was arrested by sheriff's deputies and later released.

D'ARRIGO LAWSUIT

D'Arrigo filed a lawsuit against the Union May 31 charging that workers violated the Union contract when they took a day off to help picket Tenneco. According to Delano Union Office Ben Maddox, whenever a company official dies or if the company decides to have a party all work stops, but the "growers" get upset because workers are making up their own minds and sometimes decide to take off from work for personal reasons, such as defending their union.

WANTS HIGH RENT

Grower Milton Karahadian, in an eviction summons to striker Pompeyo Alvarado is asking damages of $5.00 per day which he claims is $150 a month. Alvarado says the rental value of the house Alvarado lives in, which amounts to $75 a month. "But I'm not getting out," he said, "I don't want some scab to take my place."

FIGHT DANCE PROHIBITION

Union Director Cesar Chavez and his wife Helen, danced at the rally in Indio May 28 (see pages 8-9) violating a city ordinance prohibiting public dances, which Cesar said was unconstitutional.

In discussions leading to the passage of the ordinance by the city council, Indio's Assistant Chief of Police claimed that grape strikers "like to gather at dances where fighting always results."
The Union went to three superior court judges to get an injunction excluding the Union from the ban, but they wouldn't hear the case. The municipal court judge was finally appointed superior court judge to hear the case and decided against the Union.
The Union announced it would hold the dance anyway and police threatened mass arrests. But after Cesar and Helen were not arrested, everyone joined in the dancing and had a good time.

ORGANIZING IN YOLO COUNTY

EL MALCRIADO has received word that an organizing drive is now in progress among Yolo County farm workers in Northern California. According to the report, farm workers are enthusiastically signing with Chaves.
The organizers, whose names cannot yet be published, said they had an encounter recently with the Madison Migrant Labor Camp in Madison. The camp manager interrupted a meeting they were having with farm workers in one of the cabins. He kicked in the door, forced his way into the cabin shouting "We don't permit politics around here."

Ask José Hernandez, Or Manuel Rivera. Or Pedro Diaz. Ask them and thousands of other Farah Manufacturing Co. workers who are out on strike. Ask them what they want for Father's Day.

"Justice!" "Dignity!" "Freedom!" Justice and dignity on the job - freedom to join a union of their choice, to win decent wages and working conditions, to live and work free of intimidation and harassment!

These men do not have the same rights enjoyed by millions of other workers throughout this land. That is why the U.S. labor movement is going all-out to aid the Farah strikers.

Tens of thousands of union members, backed by local community and religious leaders will be demonstrating against Farah products today and tomorrow in front of stores across the country that continue to sell Farah slacks - to protest the unfair labor practices of the Farah Company!

Join them! They need your help. Don't buy Farah pants for Father's Day, or any other day!

AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO

WE'VE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT!

NEWSPAPER GUILD SUPPORT

The Bakersfield Newspaper Guild recently passed a resolution supporting the Union and donated $50 to the strike fund after hearing union organizers Pancho Botello and Beatriz Martinez speak. The Stockton Newspaper GUILD also went on record in support of the Union May 12 after an appearance at their meeting by Union Vice-President Pete Velasco.

CONVENTION IN MEXICALI

Striker Jose Castille informed EL MALCRIADO that a group of Mexican farm workers held a convention May 20 in Mexicali during which they declared their solidarity with the Union.

Attending the convention were representatives from the Mexican states of Vera Cruz, Puebla, Michoacan, Jalisco, Nayarit, Sinoloa, Sonora, and Baja California.
Gallo Admits Union Represents Workers

LIVINGSTON, California -- "We have no reason to believe that anyone other than you (UFW) represent our workers," said Bob Devars, chief negotiator for E. & J. Gallo Winery, to Union Director of Negotiation David Birciaga and Research Director Jim Horgan during a negotiating session May 29.

The Teamsters, in which workers bickered with company representatives in the conference of Teamsters Agricultural Negotiators' "Catalina" in Stockton and Fresno, were in session May 18 and the workers agreed to continue working during negotiations as long as the company stuck to its policy of not permitting neither Union organizers nor Teamsters onto company property, in some cases with express consent of company supervisors.

The admission came after negotiations stalled for 3 days as a result of at least five Teamster intrusions onto company property, in some cases with express consent of company supervisors.

The Teamsters left the scene with no doubt in the minds of company officials or the workers that the Teamsters rejected the sham negotiations, as to which Union represents the company's workers.

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Teamster Boss Meets With Mafia, Then With Nixon

In a recent issue, EL MALCRIAIO reported how the Nixon Administration is tied in with the Teamsters and growers in a conspiracy to destroy the Teamsters. On May 30, Union Director Cesar Chavez asked newly-confirmed U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson to investigate, regardless of the close political tie between the Teamsters and the Nixon Administration, anti-labor racketeering by growers and Teamsters, attacks on union offices, and links between the Teamsters Union and organized crime.

The next day an article appeared in the L.A. Times making new disclosures about Teamster-Mafia dealings so serious that they seem to make no difference to President Nixon as he continues his cozy relationship with Teamster president Frank Fitzsimmons.

Green light to the Mafia

In light of mounting evidence pointing to Nixon's complicity in the Watergate Operation and the large number of Nixon's high officials who have been ousted as a result of the scandal, it is easy to understand the suspicions aroused by a situation in which Fitzsimmons' huddles with a man identified by the FBI as a major Mafia figure, then several hours later boards Air Force One with President Nixon for a flight to Washington.

The suspicions grow when, in Chicago, the Illinois Legislative Investigation Commission files an intelligence report quoting a federal investigator as saying the Nixon Administration decided not to prosecute Fitzsimmons' son, Richard (a Detroit Teamster official), in a fraud case "due to the 'love affair' between Fitzsimmons and the White House."

An FBI agent who reviewed the report and who is investigating widespread Teamster-Mafia financial deals says: "This whole thing of the Teamsters and the mob and the White House is one of the scariest things I've ever seen. It has demoralized the bureau. We don't know what to expect from the Justice Department."

The fact is that because of Watergate and Fitzsimmons' relationship with the White House, some federal and local law enforcement officers seriously question whether the Nixon Administration is committed to uncovering what they say is a major scandal—Mafia schemes to loot the Teamsters' Union's Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund, Nixon-Fitzsimmons romance.

They point out that the Administration courted the 2-million-member Teamster union and that Fitzsimmons is President Nixon's strongest supporter within the labor movement.

Not only does the Teamster President enjoy a political alliance with President Nixon, but also close friendships with former Atty. Gen. John Mitchell, a central figure in the Watergate scandal, and with his successor as attorney general, Richard G. Kleindienst, who also resigned because of Watergate.

The Nixon-Fitzsimmons romance was first kindled on June 21, 1971 when they posed for photographers and Nixon said: "My door is always open to President Fitzsimmons and that is the way it should be."

The romance has flourished; at the Teamster convention July 5-9, 1971, James D. Hodgson, then secretary of Labor, told the Teamsters the doors to various government agencies would be opened to them.

Through the efforts of presidential assistant John D. Ehrlichman, Atty. Gen. Mitchell (both deposed by Watergate) and White House counsel Charles W. Colson (also linked to Watergate), former Teamster president James Hoffa, who was serving a 13-year sentence for pension fund fraud and jury tampering, was freed by Nixon.

Money

For Nixon re-election

Fitzsimmons announced July 17, 1972 the Teamsters Union supported Nixon's re-election. It is estimated Teamster contributions to the Nixon campaign totaled as much as $250,000.

Former Teamster president David Beck, who went to prison in 1962 for tax fraud, received a moratorium on paying $1.3 million in back taxes. John B. Connally, then Nixon's secretary-treasurer, arranged the deal in exchange for Teamster support of Nixon's anti-labor economic policies.

Members of the Nixon Administration pay tribute to Fitzsimmons at dinners well-attended by a large number of persons with criminal records and others identified by investigators as "musclemen".

Too late to quash probe

The Nixon administration refuses a wire-tapping request in a FBI probe of Teamster-Mafia ties because it was producing information potentially damaging or embarrassing to Fitzsimmons.

However, Nixon's attempt to quash the probe came too late. The FBI affidavit in which the wire-tapping request was made was leaked to the press, bringing the entire case into public view.

Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons with President Richard Nixon

So widespread is the evidence of fraud and schemes for looting Teamster pension funds through illicit finder's fees, payoffs and kickbacks that an investigation is under way on two fronts—federal and local—into at least four Mafia operations, reportedly bankrolled by Teamster money in Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago and Detroit. 

$1.4 billion in pension funds open to Mafia

The focal point of the probe is the scheme to loot the $1.4 billion Central States, Southeast and Southwest Teamsters Pension Fund.

The fund is headquartered in Chicago and is comprised of contributions—currently $14 per week per member—paid by employers covered by Teamster contracts.

One high-ranking federal official said, "My observation is that the Teamster (pension) fund is sort of an open bank to people well-connected in Las Vegas and well-connected in organized crime."

Monies of pension fund dollars have been lent to build Las Vegas casinos and developments like the Teamster-financed La Costa Country Club near Carlsbad in San Diego County, described by a Justice Department attorney as "the West Coast R & R (rest and recuperation) center for all sorts of hoods from throughout the country."

Fitzsimmons meets with Mafia figures

Part of the investigations have center on meetings at La Costa and in Palm Springs attended by the Teamsters president and known Mafia figures Sam Scerbino, Peter J. Milano, Joe Lamacchi, Lou Rosslano and several others.

Investigators are still probing into the mob-union real estate deals and plans for the prepaid legal service, similar to a program reportedly being set up with a pension fund loan in Minnesota.

Pension fund frauds and racketeering are nothing new to the Teamsters Union. They have plagued the union for almost a quarter of a century.

This is the union the growers have picked for farm workers because "Teamster leaders are more sophisticated than UFW leaders in running a modern trade union." Their contracts with the Teamsters may provide no security or protection for farm workers, but they do provide that the growers pay 15 cents per worker per hour into the Teamster pension fund.
**International News**

**Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Called "New Hitler"**

Farah Strikers-Mexican Workers In Solidarity

A group of workers on strike against Farah in El Paso, joined in a demonstration of Mexican workers demanding that the government do something to stop the rapid increases in prices. They also demanded a 40-hour work week.

Tony Sánchez, who led the Farah strikers' delegation said they marched with their Mexican brothers to show their solidarity, because they support the Farah boycott.

Most Profitable Part of the World--Asia

SAN FRANCISCO, California (TNS) -- The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that U.S. direct investments in manufacturing were more profitable in Asia than in any other region of the world, and that U.S. direct investment is increasing at a faster rate in Asia than in any other region.

U.S. investments in manufacturing in 1971 showed 162.2% profit in Asia, as compared to 118.5% in Europe and 101.5% in Latin America. Figures are based on net earnings as a percent of book value of direct equity investments.

Direct investment has increased 118.5% in Asia from 1966-71, 84.8% in Africa and 70.5% in Europe. When manufacturing investments are combined with other U.S. investments, the Middle East and Africa top Asia in profitability, largely because of oil investments.

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**Brazilian Women Used as Guinea Pigs By US Drug Firms**

BABA, Brazil (TNS) -- North American and Brazilian doctors are using Brazilian women as guinea pigs in testing the effects of a new contraceptive pill.

The project is based at the Bahia University Medical School, which is partly financed by the Ford Foundation.

This charge was made by a local doctor whose name must be withheld. He stated that for more than a year a team of Brazilian doctors under U.S. supervision have been conducting experiments at the Clímerio de Oliveira Clinic in Salvador, capital of Bahia State, using a contraceptive pill whose effects are still unknown.

According to the physician, there is a law in the U.S. prohibiting such experimentation, which has lead the big drug firms to use Latin Americans for guinea-pigs.

He said the Family Welfare Society, the main Brazilian recipient of funds to support population control plans, has funds come through the International Planned Parenthood Federation, which finances some 72 Brazilian organizations. The most important organization is the Population Council set up in 1952 by John D. Rockefeller, which has provided $117,000 to Brazilian universities and laboratories for research on fertility and birth control.

**Pilots' Wives Fight to Stop Indochina Bombings**

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"It's more practical to divide the profits among 2000 generals than among 10 million Brazilians."
flower is regarded as a rare source of luck to the finder and especially to one that possible gets the flower as a gift. I hope it will mean some luck to you in your Great Struggle. Viva.

Voygar Christiansen
Oslo, Norway

Orders MALCRIADO

Dear friends,

Enclosed please find my check for $5.00 for which please send me a bundle of 50 copies of EL MALCRIADO. I shall be giving them out to the youth at our Reach Outs who will be observing and participating in work with the agricultural migrants as part of their study of Christians and the Responsible Use of Power.

I thank you.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Mrs. Jay Hoddinott, Project Director
AFL-CIO "Reach Out"
Woodsfield, Ohio

Sends Receipts

Gentlemen,

I am rigorously supporting your boycott of Safeway stores, was a regular customer of the Safeway store at Lincoln and Rose. Several months ago I heard of the boycott and have not bought anything since. Enclosed are the receipts from the other grocery stores. You may send them to Safeway.

Best of luck with your boycotts and to your union. I am a loyal supporter.

Sincerely,

Taylor Tronbridge
Venice, California

Letter to Hijinio Rangel

Dear Hijinio:

I see by reading the April 20th edition of EL MALCRIADO that you are now the director of organization for this paper. I hope that this position will prove rewarding to you and that you will be able to further the cause of economic independence for the farm workers in this position.

Now that I have been elected to the Board of Supervisors, I am not as active now as I was or as much as I would like to be; however, I still do what I can to help the cause.

My People

We are farm workers, Chicanoos, ready to fight.

From Salinas to Coachella

We are on STRIKE

Although we were in jail, our spirit was always luminous.

When the 'Division del Norte' got to Coachella, we learned what suffering and having a good time is like.

We 'HUELGUISTAS' from Coachella and Salinas, we had a good time.

Well my Carnales, LA CAUSA SE VA A GANAR.

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Farm Worker Fight  
A Fight for Workers' Rights Everywhere

(Received this letter in the Selinas California, May 3, 1973)

To the Editor:

This letter is concerning the story "Teamster President Says Cesar Chavez Desper," that you ran April 25. Frank Fitzsimmons, president of the Teamster union, said that Cesar Chavez was "whining" about conspiracies.

Chavez was right to call attention to Coachella Valley where the public that the Teamster officials are up to their old tricks again.

The Teamsters were expelled from the AFL-CIO in the late 50's for corruption and a number of Teamster leaders have been found guilty of extortion.

The Supreme Court in California found the Teamsters guilty of signing "Sweetheart" agreements with the growers in the Selinas Valley. More than that, workers everywhere know well about the Teamster practice of raiding other unions and lining the pockets of Teamster bigwigs. James Hoffa said recently that labor is big business. The Teamsters among the best friends big business has among labor.

Teamster officials don't fight for workers' rights. They go along with the 5.5 percent limit on wages despite the cost of living going up far higher than that. Fitzsimmons who makes $125,000 a year, doesn't feel the pinch of rising prices. Maybe he be busy arranging the needs of farm workers, or any other workers for that matter? He's far too aware. Maybe if he made $10,000 a year he wouldn't be such a sellout.

Last week Congressman Ed Roybal from Los Angeles said, "An apparent conspiracy exists between grape growers (like the giant Tenneco Corporation) and the Teamsters against the farm workers' movement." Roybal visited 31 farms and took a poll from 795 farm workers; 83.4 percent voted for the United Farm Workers Union, 8.4 percent for the Teamsters. Who is really afraid of an election?

George Meany of the AFL-CIO charged the Teamsters with union busting, and he called upon the entire AFL-CIO to support the UFW. Fitzsimmons' claim that the UFW is losing support among the clergy is false. Clergymen are arrested in large numbers in the mass arrests in Coachella. But the real point is who has the loyalty of the workers.

Three hundred workers went to jail in Coachella; perhaps a thousand more are on strike. Where are the Teamsters?

There are about 100 of them guarding the fields; they are hired as thugs.... and paid $57 a day. As one of them said, "I'm a mercenary. I'm in it for the money."

The top Teamster official in Coachella, Alan Droughtly, is the nephew of one of Coachella's largest growers.

I say hurray for Chavez and the farm workers and hope that all unions and rank and files can see that we must not be divided by people like Fitzsimmons and Teamster bigwigs.

All working people must realize the farm workers' fight is a fight for workers' rights everywhere.

Dale Speegle
Selinas, California

Hopes Teamsters Lose

I'm sending some Dr. bills. The workers the Teamsters are trying to get our union out of the way I hope they never win. If for some reason they don't accept any more wage claims because of the way things are going please explain and write to me so I know. My dues are paid for this quarter of April, May, June.

Thank you,
Luis Arteaga
Porterville, California

Keeping the Faith

Let's all keep faith with our fore-fathers
Who trudged these hot, dusty farm roads
While slaving for their wages.

And being forced to hop
And being forced to hop
To keep the crops growing.

The torn bodies of farm workers
Are nervously sleeping, from here to Delano. And the battles must be,
real tear jerkers,
As they watch,
the United Farm Workers grow,
Ferry Roland
Inglewood, California

Makes Suggestion

Editors:

The recent issue of THE FARM WORKER: A beautiful color photograph showing Cesar Chavez in a vineyard outside Delano. "The time has come for the liberation of the farm worker." $1.50.

HUELGA: the first book written on the grape strike.
"The First Hundred Days of the Great Delano Grape Strike" is an exciting, day by day account of what happened when farm workers struck, and eventually conquered the mighty table grape industry of Delano. $1.00.

EL TALLER GRAPHICO

June 15, 1973, "EL MALCRUADO" 15
"We have the strength. Without our hands, Without our sweat, the Grapes cannot be picked. If we understand this clearly, we will win very quickly"  
Cesar Chavez