Jailing of boycott pickets hit as illegal

May charge store with false arrest

LOS ANGELES, California — Ofelia Gonzales, owner of Gonzales' Market in East Los Angeles, faces possible legal action for false arrest by the United Farm Workers of America stemming from the jailing of 29 Gallo strikers October 12.

The Gallo strikers, 26 men and women, and three children who had just arrived in Los Angeles the day before to take up their boycott assignments, were taken into custody by Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies at the request of Gonzales on charges of "disturbing the peace."

According to Ray Ortiz, picket captain at the time of the arrests, and Robert de la Cruz, who heads the Gallo strikers' Los Angeles contingent, the arrests came with no warning.

"All of a sudden," said Ortiz, "we were in handcuffs." He said he did not have time nor was he given the opportunity to phone Los Angeles Boycott Director Andy Coe to tell him they were arrested.

Andy Coe said the Gallo strikers charge the sheriff's deputies not only worked "hand in glove" with Ofelia Gonzales, but also bad-mouthed them with "racist and sexist slurs."

The strikers were in jail from 7 p.m., October 12 to about midnight, October 13, a total of some 26 hours. Boycotters and union supporters had to raise funds to post bond on the $100-per-person bail to free the prisoners.

While the strikers were in jail, Andy Coe said, every attempt was made to persuade Gonzales to drop her charges. She was told the charges on which she based her "citizens' arrest of the strikers are"

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New Med Plan Administrator

Thursday, October 11 of this year to nominate a new administrator to replace Leroy Chatfield who resigned.

As we all know, the Kennedy Medical Plan is directed by a board made up of 3 representatives from the UFWA and 3 representatives from the growers who hold contracts with the Union.

The agreement holds the grower responsible for contributing ten cents an hour for each farm worker towards his or her medical services.

The Board of Trustees named Jack Quigley as administrator. He is presently Head of the Business Office for the Union.

At this same meeting accounts were reviewed and plans were made to improve medical services given to farm workers.

Also, Albert Half, vice-president of Perelli-Minetti, was named to replace the vacancy left by Bob Gallo.

May charge (cont.)

false. Gonzales received calls from Union Boycott organizer Kathy Gilligan, attorney Dan Lavery and a representative of Bishop Arzube, but she refused to discuss the matter with anyone.

After they were released, the strikers returned to Gonzales’ Market October 14. With them were seven nuns, priests and ministers including Sister K.C. Young, Fr. Sean Flannigan, Fr. Dick Jiru and Rev. Chris Hartmer (Director of the National Migrant Ministry). Ofelia Gonzales promptly closed the store at 2:30 p.m. saying this was the “normal” closing time on Sunday, but she did not attempt another citizens’ arrest.

The strikers label Gonzales’ attitude “really stubborn” and intend to go back to picket the store continually.

A meeting between the sheriff’s Department and Union boycott leaders is scheduled to discuss the matter, said Coe, but for all practical purposes the case has been dropped for lack of evidence.

As yet, Andy Coe said the Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney not yet filed the charges against the strikers. He said the D.A. does not know what to do because he knows Gonzales’ charges are false and he would also be responsible if he were to file them.

However, Coe said, charges may be filed by the Union against Ofelia Gonzales for false arrest.
Drive to end doctor shortage launched

Dr. Daniel Murphy

Daniel Murphy hails from Alton, Iowa, a little hamlet with a population of 1,900. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1970 and served one year internship in New York City.

Dr. Murphy heard about the boycott from his wife Juneita, who brought leaflets of her numerous social-action groups. One particular leaflet stressed the need for doctors to work in a new clinic that was being built in Delano for farm workers.

In 1971, he and Jan came to California to check out the clinic with every intention of staying. He says, "We're not crazy for money. There are 10,000 medical students graduating annually, and like myself have been involved in activities other than medicine. Our main interest is to deliver good care."

On their arrival to Delano the Murphy's immediately became a part of the over-all planning, building and recruitment, where they found themselves planning "every needle and brick."

According to Dr. Murphy, the medical personnel of the Union clinics besides knowing how to take a temperature, have to learn something about the culture of its patients, Mexicans, Arabs, Filipinos, Blacks, as well as whites and other cultures.

They have to research on the different diseases prevalent to each particular culture.

Of his personal experience with the Union, the Clinic and his farm working friends, Dr. Murphy says it has been "a fantastic opportunity."

The Delano clinic will celebrate its second anniversary on October 21st, he says, "Today it has seen 60,000 patients. The members don't think of it as a charity organization. It's a reliable outfit that is on call 24 hours. It's there when they need it. There's no waiting, no language problem. To them, the clinic means tender loving care at little cost. Future plans for the clinic include a delivery room and deliveries to be done by health aides."

Dr. Graeme Fincke

Dr. Graeme Fincke is a New Englander from Wilming­ton, Massachusetts. He graduated from Yale University in 1970. He did his residency at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston where he specialized in Internal Medicine.

When he heard about the Union, he was "looking for things to do that would make a difference." He knew there was a shortage of doctors, but where?

After talking with Union doctors he came to Delano, "I was immediately sold by the clinic and the amazing ability of the Union to do something with nothing."

Dr. Fincke was sent to Tulare County for orientation, where he was jailed for "standing to close 40 other pickets during the White River Farms strike in Poplar."

On his second attempt at orientation he was again jailed for praying on private property. This completed his picket line education and fanned a dormant flame.

He was assigned to the town of Calexico in the Imperial Valley across from the Mexican city of Mexicali. There 90% of the patients reside on the other side of the border. The other 10% are recently migrated.

"The area and the people are attractive," Fincke says, because of the "tremendous opportunity to learn about people who grew up differently. I would otherwise be confined to people of my own upbringing."

Dr. Fincke feels that La Causa is most important to health in regards to the contracts which enforce the changes in living and working conditions, such as the pesticidal clause, the requirement for clean drinking water, etc. He says seeing these changes, which will improve the health of the people, is what makes his practice of medicine much more meaningful.

Dr. John Radebaugh, who has been working at the Union Sanger Clinic, left on a speaking tour across the country October 18. In a concerted effort to eliminate a serious doctor shortage presently plaguing the Union clinics, Dr. Radebaugh was assigned to recruit doctors, nurses and other personnel.

The Calexico and Delano clinics are in the greatest need, according to representatives of the National Farm Worker Health Group, due to the year-round influx of migratory labor at the Mexican border, and during the harvest season in the San Joaquin Valley.

Dr. Radebaugh is scheduled to speak in Chicago on his arrival there. On October 27, he is expected to visit Detroit, Michigan. Then he will speak in Rochester, New York.

During the first week of November, he will go to Boston, Massachusetts.

When he speaks to Medical conventions and at medical centers, Dr. Radebaugh uses a visual display about the clinics that was put together by Ruben Montoya, Director of the Union Print Shop at the Union National headquarters at La Paz.
Physical, mental abuse of school children probed

GUADALUPE, California----School districts throughout the state of California eventually may receive more funding from the state legislature as a result of hearings held recently in Guadalupe by State Senator Mer­dyn Dymally.

"Low wealth districts must be given more funding by the legislature," Dymally (D-Los Angeles), chairman of the senate education committee, said at a press conference during a break in the six hours of hear­ings.

Dymally said he realized "for the first time" that rural school districts "have problems in inter-group relations similar to urban school districts.

In Guadalupe these "problems have meant physical abuse of children by teachers and jail and time for Children trying to change the school system (see story-page 5)" Robert Coggey, a sixth grade student, told of being choked on last Valentine's Day by a teacher as a punishment for throwing an eraser. The school principal reportedly told Robert that he "had done nothing about it, but would talk to him (the teacher) about it later."

Maurna Esparza, whose wife Carmen was found guilty as one of the Guadalupe "flu" cases, however, in his committee hearings, said "Corporal punishment produces the very behavior which you are trying to change."

Jerry Coker, principal of the school in neighboring Coachella School District, described a program in which his school bag eliminated corporal punish­ment entirely with very satisfactory results for par­ents, students and school person­nel.

Dymally said his committee will follow up these hearings with further investigative sessions to determine the progress of the school district.

The district is currently prohibited by a court order from using corporal punish­ment except as provided in its own district regulations.

"Justices not Jails"...
**California AFL-CIO Supports secret ballot elections**

The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) has been advocating for secret ballot elections as a means to protect the autonomy of workers and increase the effectiveness of union representation. The organization has been pushing for legislation that would introduce secret ballot elections, especially in jurisdictions where workers have been subjected to unfair practices or where union representation has been suppressed.

In California, the AFL-CIO has been working closely with the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) to ensure that farm workers have the same rights and protections as other workers. The UFW has been at the forefront of the movement for fair labor practices and has been advocating for secret ballot elections to ensure that workers can vote freely and without fear of retribution.

**SACRAMENTO, CA (AP) - The state AFL-CIO will push legislation next year to give California's 283,000 farm workers the right to vote secretly on union representation. John F. Henning, the labor organization's executive secretary, revealed the position in an interview.**

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**SANTA MARIA, California -- The doors of the Santa Barbara County jail swung open October 11 for three men who are serving time for trying to stop the physical and mental abuse of children in Guadalupe schools.**

**A Day of Solidarity** pre­ ceded the jailing and began with a demonstration at the Santa Maria municipal court of Judge Richard Kirkpatrick, who sentenced the three men to jail.

**The demonstration and subsequent jailing followed by one day the resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew who pleaded no content (nolo con­ tento) to charges of income tax evasion.**

**Agnew was given three years of unsupervised probation for his crime. By comparison, as in the other cities, here too the strikers are "learning by doing," concluded Padilla.**

**The following is an excerpt from the November 2, 1973 issue of EL MALCRIADO.**

**Roberto Escutia, Fresno is boycotting grapes in Detroit. Three of 'Guadalupe Ten' jailed**

**The Echavarria family protest the jailing of Manuel Echavarria.**

**California Farm Bureau Federation, said the group will press for an elec­ tions measure that also makes it illegal to use the secondary boycott tactic.**

**Ben Spivak, who coordinates the Brooklyn area boycott, said "the strikers are aware of their training and they are rapidly gaining experience and confidence."**

**David Cormier, who or­ ganizes the boycott in northern New Jersey, said, "the farm workers go right into their work without hesitation. Even those who were not used to English, speak before groups with the help of an interpreter.**

**Richard Chavez, a member of the Union Executive Board and head of the Michigan area boycott, said the striker-boy­ cotters are already taking responsibility for their own areas.**

**He said the boycott is hav­ ing "a tremendous impact on the liberation of the farm workers because they are learning more about how laws work, more about politics. To sum it up, a sleeping giant is waking up.**

**Gilbert Padilla, Union Se­ cretary-Treasurer and di­ rector of the boycott in Washing­ ton D.C. said the farm worker boycotters are having so much success because they are "taking the farm worker experience directly to the fields to the cities and they can talk very powerfully about our Union, our Unions, and our strikers.**

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**Sacramento legislature makes provision for farm labor elections. Efforts to enact such a measure in recent years have failed in disputes between growers and labor. Henning refused to specify what the bill would contain. But he said it would be introduced in January. He added: "This measure will deal simply with the determination of a collective bargaining agent. This is an election bill,"**

**Henning was also asked if the measure would affect the long struggle that has been going on between the Cesar Chavez-led AFL-CIO United Farm Workers of America and the Teamsters Union over who will represent farm workers in the fields.**

**UFWA Convention At a UFWA convention in Fresno last month, delegations approved a resolution calling for secret ballot elections by farm workers to determine if a union should represent them.**

**The resolution urged passage of state and federal legislation that would provide secret ballot elections to decide union representation. Asked why Chavez never let the worker determine if he wants a union, then violence and struggle automatically disappear because you determine by law who is the bargaining agent."**

**Asked if the Teamsters would support a simple secret election measure, Cannon said, "we don't know. The Teamsters would have to re­ assess their whole position" if such a bill gained powerful backing.**

**Against Boycott James Eller, lobbyist for growers' California Farm Bureau Federation, said his group will press for an elec­
North

Chicago

Boycotters are concentrating their efforts on 14 stores in the Chicago area, listing the stores with pickets at an average of 41 stores per week. As of now, they want to take it into the mountains... to make the better.

Florida

Ilda Lynas is the new Florida Boycott Coordinator. She is now working out of Avon Park, Florida, and she and her staff are working on small groups. They have had several talks with the local librarians and are getting good progress.

San Francisco

As of now, San Francisco has 10 offices. The Boycotters are all involved in all activities. They have been successful in getting small stores and the men's pop store.

Seattle

The Washington boycott has been very successful. They have been successful in getting small stores and the men's pop store.

Portland

Through the work of the staff, the boycotters have been very successful in getting small stores and the men's pop store.

Tacoma

Sister Jane (Pete) reports that they are covering 50 offices in the Tacoma area. They have been very successful in getting small stores and the men's pop store.

San Diego

The San Diego boycotters are working on the small pop stores. They have been very successful in getting small stores and the men's pop store.
**LABOR AND MOVEMENT NEWS**

**AFL-CIO Executive Council blasts Nixon Administration**

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. -- The crisis of public confidence in the institutions of government, the disarray of economic policies of the Nixon Administration and its attempts to reverse national priorities are among the major challenges facing the trade union movement.

And organized labor is willing and able to take on the challenge as its membership grows, trade unionism spreads to new groups of workers and unions improve and strengthen their political action programs.

These are the themes that highlight the 464-page Report of the Executive Council to the tenth AFL-CIO convention, a document that reviews developments in the labor movement since the 1971 convention and the events in the nation and world that affect trade unions and their members.

The reports of the 35-member council covers internal changes and developments, the national economy, international relations, social security, urban affairs and housing, education, community services, civil rights and the law, national and state legislation and political activities.

Supporting the survey of the past two years are detailed proposals for action with the recommendations to be referred to convention committees and then to the delegates for discussion and decision.

AFL-CIO President George Meany, in his opening overview section of the report, said the "overriding" problem in America "is the crisis of public confidence in the institutions of government"--a crisis that began "when the people perceived that the government did not trust them enough to tell them the whole truth."

He said the Administration had not told the people "the whole truth" about its economic policies; "did not level" with them about the Russian grain deal; did not tell them "what is really going on" in international relations; pursued tax policies that reward "corporate wealth and special interests."

"In a democracy," Meany added, "government rests on the informed consent of the governed, and the informed consent of the people can only be won by a government of candor."

"Watergate would not have brought on the constitutional confrontation that faces this country today if the truth had been told on June 18, 1972. The economy would not be on the brink of recession if the President had lived up to his promise of February 19, 1969, that inflation would be curbed without causing unemployment," he said.

AFL-CIO Sec.-Treas. Lane Kirkland presented a detailed report of the federation's finances that disclosed that the average per capita membership in the AFL-CIO increased about $30,000 over the previous two-year period to 13,407,000.

Also, during the same period one charter was issued--to the United Farm Workers of America--and five mergers were affected.

**AFL-CIO Executive Council supports Sears strike**

"The basic issue involved in the San Francisco Bay Area strike against Sears Roebuck is whether a corporation headquartered 2,000 miles away will be allowed to undermine prevailing wage and working condition standards on the West Coast."

John F. Henning, executive secretary of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO drove home that point October 12 in announcing that the State AFL-CIO is giving full support to the strike, now in its seventh week.

"Whether Sears will negotiate benefit programs and other job conditions with the unions representing its employees in the Bay Area or devalue or devalue those benefits and working conditions is the basic issue," Henning said.

Noting that Sears is the "world's largest retailer," Henning said:

"The growing arrogance of huge multinational corporations like Sears to attempt to flaunt the nation's basic labor laws must be confronted head on if California workers and workers throughout the nation are to have any hope of maintaining their wage and working condition standards in the face of massive dollar devaluations and soaring inflation."

"The strike, which began August 25, involves some 600 San Francisco Bay Area trade unionists," Henning said.

**Steel workers enjoy cost-of-living clause**

PITTSBURGH, Penn.--Some 25,000 members of the Steelworkers got a 10-cents-an-hour wage increase Oct. 1 based on the cost-of-living provision in the union's 1971 contract with the nonferrous metal industry. This is the second cost-of-living adjustment the workers received this year, the union reported.

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An increase of 20 cents an hour went into effect on July 1.

The USWA nonferrous metal industry contract provides for a 1 cent increase in hourly wages for each rise of four-tenths of 1 percent in the Labor Dept.'s Consumer Price Index.
The bus stopped on the opposite side of the road to pick up children living on that side of the road in the Security Farms labor camp. It was by this bus stop across the street that the Torrè child­ren had to go if they were late.

"Even if the bus driver could see my car just a few feet from the end of the road, he would not stop," Sra. Torres said.

The bus is broad and open in the Rice ranch area, and visibility was clear on that tragic day, according to the California Highway Patrol report. There is a curve far away, but a driver, doing 55 m.p.h., as the report states, would not have any difficulty seeing for a great distance, seeing, even a small boy who needed his forgotten school books and knew his mother would help him.

"The bus passed by before we got to the road," Sra. Torres said, "and, so, the boys had to cross the road to wait on the other side for the bus to come by in the other direction on its way back to the school."

"I took Rafael and Felipe across the road, and then I crossed the road back to my car, got in and started it."

"I called to me," Rafael said, "and turned off the car and got out to hear what he was saying to me."

"He began running across the road, I could see the car coming, I blamed myself, I feel I killed my son, I could do nothing."

"Felipe ran and jumped and jumped saying, "Stop, stop, stop.""

"I kept hoping he was alive."

At the hospital the doctor told me there was nothing more to do.

"At first, I wanted to bury my son in Yuma. We came here last year because I had asthma so bad in Yuma. But, we were happy there, and we had friends there. Here, I thought, things would be better."

"When we got back to the house so many people from around the ranch were there. The people have been so kind."

"I gave my boy my wedding ring, I had nothing else to give him."

"Felipe... my little boy is the only reason I don't kill myself."

"If the bus driver had waited if the driver of the car had only looked more carefully, if Rafael had not forgotten his books, it...."

Sometimes her eyes are wide, looking at her own world. Sometimes her world is reflected against her closed eyelids as Rafael crosses the road, and the car comes relentlessly closer.

Sra. Torres does not sleep well at night. "I see it all over again.""

To help the Torrè family, the United Farm Workers of California, in their struggle to help their children get an education, the farm workers have done nothing."

"When my husband came home, I told him what I had seen and heard. Whenever Cesar Chavez in Santa Maria, we go to see him. Now, I know of him personally."

A strike against Security Farms in Santa Maria this summer brought a picket line across the street from the Torrè home where Security has a few shacks typical of so many labor camps where our people must live.

The children ran in saying, "Momma, Momma, they are shouting, and there are flags. What is it? And, we are going to look, and we saw the union come to our Valley. Sra. Torres said, "Felipe offers coffee and pictures--pictures of a smiling, beautiful bride and a handsome, smiling groom."

Graciella Mendoza and Margarito Torres met when she was sixteen and working in an office in Nuevo Laredo. Her mother would not allow her to marry. Each year Margarito would ask her to marry, and Graciella would say, "It's not rocky."

But, when Graciella was twenty-one, Margarito, one said he would marry me now or forget it," and Graciella said yes.

Beautiful wedding, happy bride, happy groom, nine years ago this October, almost exactly a month ago, and it was a time of brilliant happiness. And, now, this tragedy," Graciella says as she draws her dark hair back closer to protect herself against the cold.

Her dress, her stockings, her shoes are black. Her hair is raven black. Her face is pale, haunted against the darkness.

Eyes, and Ears of La Causa

LA PAZ, California - More than 60 person representing Malcriado Committees from Sacramento to San Diego attended a weekend-long conference at La Paz October 10-12.

The purpose of the conference was to introduce the officials representing EL MALCRIADO to the basic principles of news reporting and to analyze the work they have been doing in distribution of the paper.

During the conference, Sam Kushner, a reporter with 25 years of experience, gave a talk in which he stressed the importance of "always telling the truth" when reporting any event.

Kushner talked about the key points that must be covered in any news report: what happened; when it happened; where it happened; to whom it happened; how it happened and why it happened.

"We must forget about the "I," he said, "We are writing to mirror what is happening in the farm workers' movement, not for the selfish purpose of making sure every- thing we write gets printed."

"The main work of the farm workers is to be the eyes and ears of La Causa, no more and no less."

Talk during the conference were presented to the group by Kathy Murgura, Coordinator of the Boycott Information Center at La Paz, Nancy Quigley, spokesperson for the National Farm Workers Health Group, and Mariké Magana, Director of the Robert Kennedy Medical Plaza.

The presentations were made press conference style to the group an opportunity to practice reporting reviews. After each question-and-answer period, the group collectively developed an outline for a possible article on what had just been said.

High point in the conference came when Union President Cesar Chavez made a surprise visit to the conference. For almost an hour, Chavez answered questions about the latest events and policy changes in the Union.

"The important role the Malcriado Committees are playing in the movement," Chavez said, "We are admiring what you are doing. I know you now and then run up against those who still don't understand the importance of having a voice, a newspaper that can be used to advance in the liberation of farm workers."

"If urge all of you," concluded Chavez, "not to get discouraged and to continue the work of taking EL MALCRIADO door-to-door to the farthest corners of every valley where farm workers are to be found."

At dawn of the final day of the conference, the group climbed one of the higher hills at La Paz for several moments of spiritual solidarity under the guidance of Joe Molton, counselor at the clinic in Delano.

At the end of the conference many of the participants stood up to pledge themselves to re-double their efforts to push EL MALCRIADO and to start their new work of reporting that "is happening in their area."
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**EL MALCRIAMO**

November 2, 1973
Esther Valles: on with courage

Esther Valles was born in Bakersfield, California 25 years ago. She lies flat in bed, at the Fresno Community Hospital, paralyzed from her chest down. She is friendly and eager to talk to someone and ever ready to defend her rights. She argues with her nurse for not allowing her picture to be taken without the usual red-tape.

Mrs. Valles is another of the tragic casualties of the UFW strike and boycott. She is married to Carlos Valles who visits her daily from Delano, 75 miles away. She has just been transferred from Charity Hospital in New Orleans where she was hospitalized after the accident where she lost her oldest daughter, 5 year old Reina Olivas. Esther, her husband Reina, Emilia 4, and Carlos Jr. 1 1/2, were on their way to Miami, Florida to defend their rights as farmworkers.

Mrs. Valles was 15 years old when she became involved with the farmworkers union, and helped her aunt, Vera Orpresa, with the distribution of clothes to strikers for two years. She helped the union off and on during holidays and for food drives, until this year.

When the strike started last summer, she was tipping and pulling leaves: "I was told by the Teamsters that I had to work 21 hours to receive benefits. If I continued working I would be a Teamster, so I quit. I don't want to be a Teamster, I feel very strongly about our Union."

During the strike she and her husband were on the picket line every day. When the strike was called off, due to the increasing violence against the pickets, they volunteered to go on the boycott. "We wanted a warm place for the baby and we were lucky to get assigned to Miami."

Determined to look anything but disabled, her words are to encourage, "I don't know why this happened, God has no respect for age, he just loans us our lives she looks sad, "if I get well, and if God doesn't want me to spend my life in a wheel-chair, I'll still help. I'll be fighting for something plus helping myself because I enjoy helping others."

Esther Valles has no intentions of spending more time in the hospital than necessary. "The doctor has told me that I could at least do something in a way of helping these brothers and sisters in their tragedy, to show our sympathy and to try and help this family out, we had a collection at our meeting. What we collected is not much, but we do hope that this can help the Olivas family as much as possible.

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Jack Pickett, editor of this magazine, wrote an article titled "New Action Group to Save the World."

"How would you like to join Pickett's Raiders? We have a tough program. We are slightly illegal. We wear no uniforms. We are an action group.

First action is to put such a swarm of pickets around the Chavez and Longshoremen's headquarters that those rascals can't even get through to lunch. Those wanting to go out of state (one-way trip) will be allowed through the line.

Next we round up all the price control agitators and chain them in an empty butcher shop with nothing but shelves full of meat tenderizer and trading stamps.

Pickett's Raiders are going to call in all food stamps and exchange them for dishwasher's licenses. After two weeks anyone caught with food stamps in a supermarket line will be sent to the barber shop, de-loused and sent to work in the vineyards of Baja California.

Let us hope that Jack Pickett is kidding.

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No. 8 Emiliano ZAPATA

THE ZAPATA BROTHERS ESCAPE THEIR RURAL POLICE

"THE SIT-IN ON THE STORE WITH THIS BUSINESS, DON'T GET THE IDEA YOU WERE ATTACKED AND HAVE SEVERAL WOUNDED."

"IT'S BEEN HARDCORE TO BREAK UP THE SIT-IN, BUT THE BROTHERS..."

"ZAPATA?... NOW I REMEMBER."

TWO YEARS BEFORE, AT THE JUNE 15 PIÉTA OF 1917, EMILIANO HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY THIS LIEUTENANT AND SUPERIOR FREEZED HIM WITH HIS SWORD IN HIS HAND. THE TWO HAD TO FLEE TO PUEBLA, RETURNING A YEAR LATER AFTER BEING PARDONED.

"WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO BREATHE... THE RURAL POLICE ARE ALMOST HERE."

"SUP, I'M AT THE HOSPITAL. OCHER OF THE FEATHERS..."

"ZAPATA!... ARE YOU CLEVER?"

"WHAT ZAPATA?"

"SIT IN AND NOW YOU'LL SEE."

"ZAPATA?... "OH, WHERE THEY ARE, OH, WHERE THEY ARE, OH..."

"LET'S SEE IF THEY CATCH UP WITH YOU."

FACES of the CONVENTION

Cayetano Nani and Joan Baez in solidarity.