TERRA BELLA, California -- The Union Field Office in Terra Bella was destroyed January 28 between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. when vandals broke windows, forced doors open, damaged walls and tore up Union records. It was the about the fourth time in the last two months that the office has been attacked.

Union Director Cesar Chavez, in an effort to stop further attacks on Union offices sent a telegram to the United States Department of Justice demanding an investigation. He declared: "Within the last 90 days, several of our Union offices have been destroyed. At Delano we were attacked with a violent blast of dynamite.

"On January 28, our Union office in Terra Bella was destroyed. We can no longer accept persons destroying farm worker property or threats of bodily harm against our Union members.

"During the last attack against our Poplar office, sheriff's deputies were asked to arrest those involved and were reluctant to make arrests even though there were witnesses present.

"We demand that you investigate this situation immediately."

In a message to Union members, "Cesar said: "It does not matter how many times our offices are destroyed, we will build them. It hurts to see our offices destroyed because they are symbols of working people, of oppressed people who want to better their lives.

"But the power of the Union can never be destroyed. The destruction of an office does not destroy the heart of our movement, because the heart of our movement is liberation and it is in that love of liberation that we are reborn."

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Grower Violence Cannot Stop Our Movement

As we carry on our mission to liberate farm workers, the growers and their allies are growing more and more frustrated and angry because they realize they cannot stop our advance. They want docile slaves that will fill their coffers with gold and not workers who defend their rights and who can determine their own working conditions.

That is why, instead of behaving like civilized human beings and sitting to negotiate in good faith with the United Farm Workers, the only and true farm workers' union, they act like wounded beasts that have been cornered. Enraged by their own impotence, they launch wild and blind attacks against us and our Union.

Their friends vandalize our offices and beat up our strikers. So-called union leaders try to bail out the growers signing sweetheart contracts behind our backs.

Corrupt politicians and racist courts place the law at the whim of the growers. Law enforcement officers turn their backs when scabs attack strikers and for the most trivial reasons jail farm workers who dare struggle for their rights.

But the violence of the growers and their lackeys cannot stop our movement. Their acts of violence serve only to temper our determination to struggle for Justice and Freedom. On every front our non-violent tactics, both in the fields and in the cities, more than answer their attacks.

Not only do we successfully defend ourselves, but we also move forward. Last week plans were announced for the construction of a new farm worker's clinic in Parlier. In Calexico, the Union clinic is going to expand.

These are the fruits of our struggles and sacrifices. And our fight will continue until farm worker men and women, now mutilated and oppressed under the yoke of growers and labor contractors, will be transformed into new men and women. Men and women who can lead decent, healthy lives.

JERRY POLLOCK:
STATEWIDE PRESS BLACKOUT

(This letter was published in the Arizona Wildcat of the University of Arizona)

Dear Editor:
I was pleased to read your editorial in Thursday's Wildcat (Jan. 25th). Jerry Pollock has indeed "been the victim of an almost state-wide press blackout." Fortunately a few television stations have given him some coverage. For example, last week I was fortunate to see an interview with Pollock.

In this interview Mr. Pollock pointed out that the mining industry has used scare tactics to convince labor that pollution control means less jobs. Pollock argued convincingly that pollution control can not only turn waste into useful products, but it can also provide more jobs associated with Arizona's mining industry. This has been demonstrated in Canada.

JERRY Pollock's proposal to form a commission composed of mine managers, mine workers and environmentalists and environmentalists is an excellent idea. Ultimately there is no inevitable and irreconcilable conflict between environmentalists and labor. In a rational economic system, we can have jobs and pure air. Let's hope that Jerry Pollock is not too far ahead of the times to gain an audience. At the very least, his forward-looking ideas deserve more than "an almost state wide press blackout."

Paul E. Damon
Professor of Geosciences

FRANCISCO G. MARTINEZ:
SENDS EL MALCRIADO TO TEXAS

Sisters and Brothers:
I went to San Antonio Texas to visit a brother who was having trouble with his health, but fortunately nothing serious.... I happened to pass by a certain street, when I was happy to see a mailbox with a Black Eagle and a slogan painted on it saying BOYCOTT LETTUCE. I immediately go down from my car to visit whoever might be living there, but unfortunately no one was living there at the time.

I would appreciate it if you would send a address that people in this Union may have in that city, I would like to send a bundle of MALCRIADOS to those sisters and brothers, but it should be the first edition in February, well, you have the last word.

Without more for the moment, I am always at your service.
Francisco G. Martinez
Delano, California

We have just received $500 from brother Francisco and we will be sending a bundle of 50 EL MALCRIADO'S to the boycott office in San Antonio Texas. It will be a gift from Francisco Martinez to the farm workers and supporters who sacrificed themselves on the picket lines in that city.-- EL MALCRIADO

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HOURS

Dear Editor:
My name is Raul Amezcua, I am writing this letter with the hope that you will print it in EL MALCRIADO. Elena Amezcua, Teresa Amezcua and myself are members of the Union and we recommend that all farm workers take the time and the care to keep a record of hours worked and of what you produced during the picket.

We received all of our check stubs and we realized that the company owed us money. We went with Juan Huerta, director of the King City Union Field Office and he helped us to call the company's error to the attention of the company.

As it turned out, the company owed us $72. Unfortunately, too many of you have run this company still haven't forgotten how to cheat farm workers. But it is partly our fault because we forget to write down what we did.

We want to send our greetings. - In behalf of my family, our greetings to all.
Raul Amezcua
Greenfield, Calif.
Manuel Chavez declares:

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New Anti-Union Injunction

On January 26, Judge Kirk of the Imperial County Superior Court in El Centro, who says Spanish is a “monkey language,” issued another injunction restricting picketline activity against D’Arrigo in Imperial county. The injunction stipulates that no more than 25 farm workers can participate on a picketline, and that they are open to violent attacks.

BOYCOTT DIRECTOR JAILED, RELEASED

Judge Kirk is the same judge who on January 21, after two days of hearings spaced with frequent anti-Mexican and anti-Chavez remarks by the Judge, sentenced National Boycott Director Marshall Ganz to twenty days in jail and fined him $3,000 for four separate counts of contempt, all stemming from the picket line on January 6 which resulted in the arrest of 81 D’Arrigo strikers.

Marshall was in jail for less than two days however, before Judge Brown of the District Court of Appeals granted a writ of habeas corpus releasing Marshall. The writ in essence means that the District Court of Appeal found enough error in the trial proceedings to warrant releasing Ganz. The Court of Appeals will hear the case in San Diego on February 14, and the Sheriff is then obliged to show cause why Marshall should be jailed further.

Marshall was greeted on his release by more than two hundred Union members who had gathered outside the jail when word got around that the District Court had ordered his release. A 24 hour a day vigil had been kept by D’Arrigo strikers outside the Imperial County jail during Marshall’s incarceration, with rallies of several hundred farm workers outside the jail both nights.

Commenting on his jailing, Marshall said that he was put into solitary twice when people in the vigil began to sing and when he gave another inmate a cigarette ignoring orders by sheriff’s deputies to the contrary.

D’ARRIGO UNDER PRESSURE

The D’Arrigo shed and cooler in Brawleigh, site of the shooting incident.

Every morning the scabs who cross the border to break the strike are escorted by D’Arrigo’s private force of armed guards imported from Fresno, California, and by Imperial Sheriff’s deputies—“just like a military convoy,” say the strikers.

D’Arrigo is already feeling a lot of economic pressure as the quality of the harvest deteriorates, as the costs of armed guards rises, and as the high turnover of scabs continues to increase. The strikers say D’Arrigo will feel even more pressure when they leave for Boston, Chicago and New York to boycott D’Arrigo.
Imperial Valley

FARM WORKERS RESIST TEAMSTERS

Marin Medina Murillo of Mexicali and a worker at the Graeser-Omlin Company reports that he and other workers in his crew were pressured by the company and the Teamsters to sign some blank cards so that "they could become members of the Teamsters Union." The piece rate wage for lettuce had gone up January 8 to 32 cents a box and they were told they would not be paid the increase because they did not sign. More than 15 workers in the crew refused to sign the cards.

They may receive a dollar a month Teamsters dues would be taken out of their pay anyway, but they refused to sign.

They also reported that the "scab" buses for the strike. But our reason why farm workers believe they were but this money into their programs.

FREAKS OF FARMING, thousands of Chicano workers have informed EL MALCRIADO that the school district, Superintendent John Arrigo, is not just with us because it reports what is not true. They are always making charges against us.

The workers asked the company officials to sign out of fear. And then, the Teamsters use the names to "prove" that the workers are on their side.

Mexicali, Baja California -- D'Arrigo strikers have informed EL MALCRIADO that Austria Bermudes, an announcer for the radio station XERMI in Mexicali continually attacks the farm workers' movement in his program every morning. They said: "If he wants us to continue listening to his program he is going to have to stop attacking us."

May Ray Alva breaks D'Arrigo Strike

(Report: Daniel Gutierrez, Calexico)

Last April, labor contractor Ray Alva asked me to help him organize a strike against Joe Ramirez, a labor contractor from Calexico.

Some time before that Ray Alva, who used to bring his melon crews to work at the Half Moon Company in Huron, California, lost his business there to Joe Ramirez.

And then, Ray Alva tried to use the Union in his war against Joe Ramirez. He even offered his buses for the strike. But our Union is not about to be used by labor contractors and today, Ray Alva uses this as his excuse for breaking the strike against D'Arrigo.

Open Letter to Our Federal Representatives

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Santa Maria Valley

Chicano Community Demands Participation

SANTA MARIA-- The Chicano community's demand for a voice in the formulation of an affirmative action hiring plan for the Santa Maria Elementary School District were met with enthusiasm by the district administrators pleading that district "rules" did not allow parent participation in the planning.

By the Citizens' Committee for the Defense and Justice for Farm Workers.

We are sending you some leaflets that we are using to inform people in the Santa Maria area concerning the problems of farm workers.

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Salinas Valley

CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE SUPPORTS UNION

SALINAS, California--Last week a Citizens' Committee was formed in support of La Causa. It is made up of students, professors, housewives, and others. The committee was an information group. Representatives of the committee plan to speak to groups in the surrounding community to "tell the truth about the farm workers." 

"The Committee is doing a fine job," said Ana Vargas, who is in charge of membership at the Salinas Union Field Office.

News Report Contest

Martin Medina Murillo WINS!

EL MALCRIADO proudly announces that Martin Medina Murillo of Mexico City won the first prize for the most outstanding local news report of this edition: "Farm Workers Resist Teamsters"

Send Your Local News Report To:

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Keene, Ca. 93531

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LOCAL NEWS

San Joaquin Valley

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REPORT FROM STOCKTON

by Pete Velasco, Union Vice-President
and Director Stockton Field Office

Stockton Field Office Boycott Safeway supporters and the 80-strong leadership of Franzi Winery Bros. crews are holding their own against Safeway Stores in Stockton.

On the weekends beginning January 13 and on the 21st, our boycotters gave Safeway a stunning blow when no customers, except a few went into the store.

On January 21 the Safeway store in Stockton was empty for four hours during heavy shopping hours. A human hill corridor going about half a mile east and about half a mile west of Safeway was effective. Many shoppers who blinked their signal to go into Safeway's parking lot changed their minds and moved on.

We have also been picketing in Lodi, although success in Lodi has not been as staggering as it was in Stockton. BUT Lodi will know we are here.

The newspapers the ‘Stockton Record’ and the ‘Lodi Sentinel’ gave us kick-off publicity by printing our press release in which we explained why we are boycotting Safeway.

On January 28 farm workers and community supporters will be out on the picketline for the celebration of the opening of a new Safeway stores at Center and Harding in Stockton. Our experience from previous weeks is going to make that Safeway's manager and staff pretty unhappy.

Community endorsements of the Safeway boycott: the Parish Council of St. Mary, Larry O'Reiley, President; and the Filipino Cultural and Educational Society, Nono Navarro, President.

SI SE PUDELE.

FRUSTRATED SAFEWAY MANAGER ATTACKS PICKET CAPTAIN

Imperial Valley Union members and supporters have been picketing the Calexico, Brawley, and El Centro Safeways nearly continuously since the NO on SAFEWAY campaign began in early January. Boycott organizers report that the picket lines have been very effective, and that most of the customers, who are for the large part farm workers and Mexicanos, have joined the boycott until Safeway stops handling scab lettuce.

Manager Wayne Brown, angered and frustrated by the effectiveness of the UFWU picket line, attacked picket captain Oscar Mondragon.

As a result, Mondragon is suing Safeway and Brown for $1,050,000 charging Brown with assault and battery and both Brown and Safeway with trying to deter him from his constitutional right toleaflet.

Furthermore, the Calexico Police have a warrant for Brown's arrest, charging him with battery. However, inquiries at the Calexico Safeway for Mr. Brown only get the answer, "It's on a two week vacation." One employee hinted that the two weeks vacation was a disciplinary action by Safeway, and that Brown was "cooling off." Untaunted by the attack, boycotters in the Imperial Valley have intensified their campaign against Safeway.

CINCINNATI, Ohio—The six Catholic Bishops of Ohio adopted a joint statement early this month supporting the lettuce boycott.

A fundamental issue of social justice is at stake," declared the bishops, and called for Ohio citizens and particularly Catholic institutions to buy only head lettuce marked with the black eagle of the United Farm Workers.

In their statement they quoted from the Second Vatican Council's Pastic on the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.

"Among the basic rights of the human person must be counted the right to the freedom of organizing labor unions. These unions should be truly able to represent the workers and to contribute the proper arrangement of economic life..."

The bishops also declared: "We laud the California Supreme Court's decision in December which permits the UFW to resume its boycott campaign against growers who had earlier signed agreements with another union. This is really a grass roots struggle by the workers to gain a union of their choice.

"The moral issues are the same as they were in the grape boycott dignity, self-deter-mination and justice."
Special Report

Florida Farm Workers

Fight Anti-Union Legislation

By Dorothy Johnson

The Farm Bureau and the Republican Party is sponsoring a bill in the Florida legislature aimed at destroying the United Farm Workers, House Bill 74 has already been pre-filed for the 1973 session, and of the 50 co-sponsors, 41 are Republican.

The Farm Bureau is not trying to disguise the fact that the bill is designed to hurt farm workers. In the December issue of the Florida Farm Bureau magazine, John C. Lynn, executive vice-president, says: "We have talked long enough. It is time, past time really to form 'right-to-work committees' made up of citizens from all walks of life in our communities to stop this man Chavez and his organization."

House Bill 74 is an immoral attack on farm workers. One section provides for the elimination of agricultural hiring halls. The bill is, in effect, an endorsement of the corrupt crew leader system that is based on favoritism and payoffs and that provides NO JOB SECURITY for farm workers.

The Union hiring halls dispatch people to work on the basis of seniority. The co-sponsors of HB 74 are in favor of continuing the ruthless crew leader system by outlawing the hiring hall. (The "crew leader system" is comparable to the labor contractor system in the West.)

Another section of HB 74 would place severe penalties on anyone violating any provisions of the bill. For example, if a Union representative in a field office dispatched workers to jobs at Union companies for one week, he would be thrown in jail for up to 7 years and fined as much as $7,000.00.

Enforcement would be in the hands of the county courts, and in Florida these courts have already indicated their pro-grower bias in making decisions involving farm workers. In addition, the bill would NULLEFY THE CONTRACT WITH COCA-COLA IN FLORIDA. On January 14, 1973, the Florida AFW staff and Coke stewards and committee members met at the Ft. Pierce field office to decide strategy for defeating HB 74. On January 19-21, a volunteer boycott supporters from all parts of Florida met in Gainesville for a three day conference to discuss their part in the HB 74 campaign. On January 27, a similar meeting will be held in Miami for south Florida supporters.

Stewards and committee members from Coca Cola have been getting letters from the members of their crews and also from friends and relatives who do not work under Union contract. Volunteers in Miami, Tampa, Gainesville, and many other cities have visited churches to talk about HB 74 and get letters signed by the members of the congregations. All letters are being directed to Representative Donald Tucker, who is Chairman of the Commerce Committee where the bill is assigned.

Farm workers and delegations of supporters from many different cities have met with numerous representatives asking them to STOP HB 74. One representative, Betty Eady, who initially co-sponsored the bill, has removed her name from HB 74 because she sees how blantly it discriminates against farm workers.

If we do not, a handful of people, pressured by powerful Florida growers, will ignore the plight of migrant workers, and cripple their chances of ever having their own union and the right to a decent life.

We hope that our brothers and sisters outside the state of Florida will join with us in this crucial battle to stop HB 74, and write to Representative Don Tucker, telling him to VOTE NO ON HB 74:

Representative Donald Tucker
Chairman, Commerce Committee
224 Holland Building
Tallahassee, Fl. 32303

Dear Mr. Tucker,

We don't like the way they are doing to us. We have been waiting for the Union for a long time. Please help us, Stop HB 74. We are both Democrats.

Thank you

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dunbar

Mr. Tucker,

I have been working on a farm for a long time. I have some hope now since the union has been coming around, but I hear that they want to stop the union in Tallahassee with house bill 74.

Please stop house bill 74.

Thank you

Albert Prince Jr.

The Honorable Donald Tucker,

I am writing you to ask you to Please oppose HB 74 against farm workers, because as migrant workers are really not getting enough pay as it is for trying to see that our Nation gets good crops, we slave before sun up, and still going when the sun goes down. So I would be very grateful if you would also try to get other members as well as yourself to oppose this Bill and do not take it to Congress. May the will of God lead each and every one of you to start treating your people, the migrant worker, like human people. Thank you for listening,

Mrs. Pauline Smith

FARM WORKERS

WRITE LEGISLATORS

YEAR OF THE BOYCOTT

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Our Movement to Bear New Fruit:

A CLINIC IN PARLIER

PARLIER, California-- Rancho Committee members from the Fresno area met with representatives of the National Farm Worker Health Group January 19 to begin preparations for the building of a Union Clinic in Parlier. Health Group Director Sister Pearl McGivney introduced the sisters and brothers who are interested in working in the new clinic: John Radebaugh, M.D. and his wife Dottie; Ken Armstrong, physician's associate; Sofia Armstrong, dental Technician; Phil Traynor, health organizer and Carol Traynor, a nurse.

In order to demonstrate how medical practices in Union clinics differ from those of conventional medicine, the Health Group brought microscopes, stethoscopes and other instruments used in medical examinations. During part of the meeting, the workers examined the instruments and even gave each other eye, heart and ear examinations, learning that there is much that a person can do for himself in keeping healthy, and that farm workers can learn to staff their own clinics.

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Baby Born at Delano Clinic

DELANG, California-- Troy, a 5-pound, 15 ounce baby-boy, was born January 28 to Union members Jose and Aurora Chapa at the Rodrigo Terronez Union clinic in Delano. He is the Chapa's second son.

The baby was delivered by Kay Zehr, a nurse at the clinic, when the birth took place suddenly at a moment when she was alone with Mrs. Chapa. She said that she has helped doctors with deliveries many times, but has never delivered a baby herself.

Mrs. Chapa had arrived at 7:00 a.m. and, after an examination by a clinic doctor, was getting ready to be taken to the hospital when the birth took place. The clinic does not ordinarily deliver babies because it is not equipped to do so on a regular basis.

After seeing the baby, Union Director Cesar Chavez said: "The baby must be a true Unionist because he was born here instead of at the hospital. "It is beautiful how where there is destruction there is also life," he said. "Our Terra Bella office was destroyed this morning, but we also saw new life. These are the things that strengthen our spirit to continue struggling day after day, week after week, year after year, and in that way an entire lifetime."

Ken Armstrong, who will be a physician's associate at the new Fresno County Clinic, helps a worker listen to his own heartbeat during the meeting in Parlier.
Clinic Doctors Save Baby's Life

The Calexico City Hospital where he delivered the baby.

Upon delivery the child, a boy, looked fine, but Dr. Tittle soon noticed that he was having trouble breathing. An x ray he ordered on the baby’s chest revealed a partially collapsed lung.

So Dr. Tittle called a specialist from the Cen­trum, Dr. Turner, and the two of them in consultation with the other Clinic doctors. Dr. John Cunnings and Dr. Graeme Fincke, discussed rushing the child to San Diego for intensive care and possible surgery.

Since the critical period for such a case is the first 24 hours, the doctors instead de­cided to maintain a constant vigil over the infant. The three doctors from the Clinic took turns with the child, checking his vital signs every fifteen minutes and administering whatever care was called for.

The three had to be prepared to plunge a tube into the baby’s chest at any time to provide an escape for the air pocket outside the child’s lung, which was holding it collapsed. At one point the infant’s respiration went up to 95 per minute—two to three times normal—and at various other times antibiotics to fight pneumonia and oxygen had to be administered.

Finally, after 24 hours of this intensive care, the baby’s lung re-expanded and he was on his way to recovery, however, an additional four days of treatment with antibiotics was necessary to ward off pneumonia; but then the child was healthy enough to return home with his family.

Mrs. Pelleand her husband have named the boy Tizoc, using an ancient Aztec name.

Preventative Medicine: UNION CLINICS FIGHT "HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE"

by Peter Rudd, doctor, Terronez Clinic

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Hypertension is extremely common (15% of all Americans have it at one time or another). 20-30 million people in this country alone. If one’s blood pressure stays high for years without treatment, a person can live complications years earlier than if treatment were started and blood pressure controlled properly.

Many patients ask, "How can I know if my blood pressure is high?" All people's pressure varies moderately from minute to minute, especially when under stress, but most people with hypertension have no symptoms. They feel perfectly well and can do their normal activities, including hard work, without difficulty. Their hypertension is discovered by accident often, when they have come to see the doctor for other reasons. Other patients may have headache, dizziness, ringing in the ears, easy tiredness, prominent blood vessels, but none of these symptoms prove high blood pressure. Many other conditions, including nervous tension or simple over-work, will produce the same symptoms.

Unfortunately, 2 out of 10 patients with proven high blood pressure will require medicine for most of their lives. Their hypertension is of unknown cause and has no cure. Medications keep these patients' pressure from putting too much stress on the heart but can not stop the process forever. If the patient and such hypertension stops his medicine, his blood pressure becomes too high again.

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Dr. Ken Tittle of the Union’s Calexico Clinic, who recently delivered and watched over little Tizoc Peña while he had a collapsed lung, discusses the case with new Clinic administrator Heidi Uriel.

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Mrs. Aurelia Peña, who lives in San Luis, Arizona, had been having some trouble with her pregnancy, and her doctor at the Clinic, Ken Tittle, had been keeping in close touch with her.

When she arrived at the Clinic already in labor, Dr. Tittle immediately took her next.

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Farm Worker Poet Dedicates Poem

by Francisco Nafiez Gomez
Translated from the Spanish

Vita lifts her cup
the second to offer a toast:
I toast for protest,
for strikers and boycotters,
the great leader of our Union.

The third toast is offered
by Mrs. Pelayo;
she lifts her cup
and looks at us:
I toast for my sons
and also for the new year
because this 1972
has left me a thousand memories
the boycotter organized
protests in Sacramento
and bad bills defeated.

Our sister Rafaela toasts,
fourth in line,
tell us what you think
and for whom you want to toast;
I toast for our leader
that God will guard the footsteps
of this little giant.

Also for Dolores Huerta
I remember what you told me,
FIRST I'LL DIE A THOUSAND TIMES
THAN TO BETRAY MY PEOPLE.

And now you, Francisco,
don't be left behind:
they say fifth in line's not bad,
you can show us why.

things are changing in Imperial County.
Ten years ago a farm worker, a Mexican,
or a Union member had no chance whatsoever
of receiving justice from the police or the court system
in grower-dominated Imperial County.
However, the present D'Arrigo strike
has shown what Union solidarity can do.

Certainly the police side openly with the growers and the scabs. On Friday, January 12, for example, a D'Arrigo foreman, Pete Cabanyog, beat up a striker, Rosalba Aramburo. That Friday Rosalba went to the Sheriff's office to give a statement on the assault, but two weeks later the District Attorney, James Hamilton, had still refused to have Cabanyog arrested.

On that same day, a scab told police that he had been hit with a head of spoiled lettuce; the police took this scab around to various Union picket lines in the fields, until the scab saw the man he thought had thrown the lettuce. The striker, Salvador Chavez, was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon; he spent five days in jail and his bail was set at two thousand dollars. This is justice, Imperial County style.

The Union members, unable to get the police to arrest the scabs who have been attacking them since the beginning of the strike, filed suits on Friday, January 20, hoping to discourage the scabs attacks this way.

Rosalba sued Cabanyog and D'Arrigo for $1,055,000.00, charging that Cabanyog assaulted her with the intent of deterring her constitutional right to picket. Three other suits were filed on behalf of Union members who had been attacked and falsely arrested.

Just as we see what is wrong with Imperial County, there are encouraging signs. For example, the mere fact that the District Attorney refused to press criminal charges against the eighty one D'Arrigo picketers arrested for violation of a repressive court order curtailing picketing activities is a great victory.

In September and October, the White River Farms strikers proved to Tulare County that they would no longer be intimidated by court orders breaking the strike. More than two hundred White River strikers were arrested for violating a court order from Tulare County, and the subsequent trials completely broke down the judicial system in Tulare County, to such an extent that the District Attorney was forced to drop almost 150 of the charges.

Fearing a repeat of the Tulare County catastrophe, Imperial County District Attorney James Hamilton refused to spend tax payers' money in fighting D'Arrigo's battles for him, and D'Arrigo was forced to pursue contempt charges against the 81.

The contempt proceedings were a second demonstration of Union solidarity, as more than four hundred farm workers gathered at the Imperial County Courthouse each day of the trial. The arrested Union members made it clear from the start that it would not be easy for D'Arrigo to put them in jail.

Each member took the stand and explained why he or she had been picketing in violation of the court order on January 6, and why the Union is important for farm workers.

After two days, the judge had heard from only 34 of the 80 on trial, but he had had enough. The arrested Union members were sentenced the maximum penalty, but the sentence was suspended.

The judge thus maintained a front of having punished the workers, while in fact admitting the court's powerlessness when faced with organized resistance.

The Court system is designed to separate and isolate people and to harass and deter individuals. It is simply not equipped to handle organized resistance to the growers' court orders and contempt proceedings.

Wehn faced with organized resistance, the Court system balks or breaks down. The situation in Imperial County today proves how bad things still are, but the White River and D'Arrigo strikers have taught us all a big lesson about how to fight back against the injustice of the courts and police - ORGANIZE.

Francisco took his cup; is not the toast of a bohemian
is not a toast in jest
each one has had his say
and now I'll have my own.

I toast for my little mother
who I never knew.
I must have been very small
when she went to the Lord.

Also a toast that is right,
as far as I can see,
to the very first strikers
the martyrs of Chicago.

My thoughts go far away
crossing the border
immortal in my mind
in the massacre of Rio Blanco

The toast of the farm worker
is never made with liquor,
it is made with struggle,
with justice and with honor.

The martyrs of this world
The same as those of Chicago
with sacrifices,
machine guns cut them down.

The blood they shed
was from their hearts,
to defend their children,
and form a Union for them.

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(Assume the member is the husband)

Union member Clifford Myers passed away on November 5, 1972. He had been working at Coca Cola in the Avon Park area. Brother Myers had been a Union member only a short while— he joined in June of 1972. But he believed strongly in the Union, and all his brothers and sisters here in Florida were saddened at the news of his death.

Sam Myers, Clifford's brother, was named beneficiary of Clifford's Union death benefit. On January 11, 1973, Hugh Tague and Eliseo Medina, UFW organizers, presented Sam Myers with a check for $1,000.00.

Mr. Myers says he is very grateful for the help the Union has given him and his brother, and Sam has been telling his friends about how the Union is a good thing. Sam is a farm worker, just like his brother, but he has not worked under Union contract yet.

He says he wishes he could be working under Union contract right now, because he is sure that the Union would bring better wages and he would also like to enjoy the medical benefits of the Kennedy Plan.

The Florida office of the Kennedy Plan also reports that in addition to the Death Benefit, the Kennedy Plan paid over $900.00 in doctor and hospital bills that Clifford Myers incurred prior to his death. VIVA NUESTRA UNION, VIVA EL PLAN KENNEDY!
LAUNCHES RATION PROGRAM TO ASSURE FOOD FOR ALL

SANTIAGO, CHILE In order to defeat attempts by reactionary interests to create a scarcity of food, the government of the Popular Unity Party has begun a rationing program. Its purpose: "To insure the distribution of basic staples at reasonable prices." Thirty products are going to be rationed, among them oil, sugar, meat, rice and coffee. Workers' committees support the new program.

The reactionary forces had been intensifying their attempts to oust the Popular Unity government. One of their moves has been to withdraw food-stuffs from their businesses and to sell them on the black market at exorbitant prices, prices workers cannot afford.

PHILIPPINES: DICTATOR MARCOS

MANILA, the Philippines-Philippine Presi dent Marcos has effectively become dictator of his country. Last fall EL MALCHIADO reported that Marcos had instituted martial law and begun a rule by personal decree, claiming his country was threatened by unnamed outside forces. It was widely believed that at the time his action was the first step in avoiding the mandatory retirement of Philippine presidents after two terms required by the constitution.

Marcos would have been required to step down in December of 1973, but under the new constitution he can serve as long as his party permits. He is in power. The new charter also gives Marcos dictatorial powers for an indefinite period by incorporation into law all the decrees, orders, proclamations and letters of instruction he has issued since he declared martial law. Among other powers, the new charter gives Marcos power to remove anyone from government office, including the Supreme Court, at his will.

Marcos is also taking steps to reverse the nationalization and taxation of foreign firms which own and operate huge US oil companies like Exxon, Getty and Gulf.

LATIN AMERICA and the World:

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) -- Repeating the American pattern, some 8 million migrant workers have come to Europe from south and east, most of them with dark skins and little formal education. These modern slaves, are forced by lack of opportunity to seek work at low pay, live in slums and without their families.

The labor contractor systems which oppresses farm workers in California is present here. It is not uncommon for European police to stop a suspicious truck and find illegal immigrants herded into it by contractors who supply them with little food and no toiletries.
Chuy Avila, D'Arrigo supervisor.

Picketline: "Down with the growers!
Down with the Teamsters!"

Grower (left): "Oh, my lettuce is dying!"
Teamster (right): "Don't worry, Chavez will let me help you. Heh, heh!"

Juan Gomez, labor contractor from Soledad, California and strikebreaker throughout the Salinas Valley.

Juan Gomez: "I can hardly wait for the tomato harvest!"
"What we have we must share with others who are willing to struggle until all farmworkers and their families enjoy the fruit of their labor and can lead a healthy life. Those unwilling to struggle have no place in the Union." — Cesar E. Chavez
Damages Caused By Bomb in Delano

These photos show the damage caused at the Co-op gasoline station at the Forty Acres in Delano when it was bombed January 17. Investigation into the bombing continues.