BOMB BLAST AT FORTY ACRES

DELANO, California -- A bomb blast shook the Forty Acres at 6:20 p.m., January 17, blowing a three-foot hole in the 18-inch steel-reinforced adobe walls of the gasoline station there. The blast was so powerful it smashed one auto into another and blew out windows in a neighboring house 100 yards away.

"The explosion was so powerful we thought the bomb had gone off in our offices," said Union Vice-President Philip Vera Cruz, who was at the hiring hall, about 100 yards from the blast. The explosion also shook the clinic building which is from 150 to 200 yards from the gasoline station. It is agreed that if anyone had been at the station, death would have resulted.

It is not yet known who set off the bomb or and it is speculated that the bomb was made up of a high-powered dynamite. However, technical experts from the Kern County sheriff's Department and from the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the U.S. Treasury are investigating the bombing.

Richard Chavez, Director of Union Field Offices, said "We are urging Union members not to be alarmed. The investigation into the bombing is continuing and we will have more details for you in the next issue of EL MALCRIADO."
Women and Children at the Forefront

Last week farm worker women and children wrote a new glorious page in the history of our movement.

Numbering about 500, they went to the very heart of the Teamsters union in Burlingame to tell its so-called union leaders that farm workers are not afraid of them and that farm workers want the United Farm Workers.

Our sisters in the Union do their part on the frontlines of our struggles because without the liberation of women, a movement is not really a movement. The same is true with our children.

In its struggle for justice, the farm worker family is indivisible. The other day, a customer in Santa Maria was upset because farm worker children were on the picketline. One of the farm workers told the customer: "Our entire families are forced to work in the fields and together we will do strikes and boycotts, which are the best schools our children can have."

And during the demonstration in Burlingame a mother told her child, who was frightened by the police: "You have to take it, dear, some day you’ll have to run the Union and you must be strong."

Women and children, who have endured so much suffering, know that the lives of migrant farm workers have been a long march of thousands of miles of hardships to escape hunger. But they also know that we still have to march thousands of miles more, but this time, to win our rights and our liberation.

So there they go, women and children, together with men, bringing their enthusiasm and courage to press onward toward the final victory in which, as the Mexican saying goes, "those who are willing can do more than those who can."

To be a farm worker you have to be tough to work in the rain, to work in the frost.

To early in the morning you have to wake up and work 16 hours without overtime.

My sisters and brothers will never give up my sisters and brothers is time to wake up.

Brothers, farm workers, brothers at the mills, you cross all the mountains, you cross all the hills.

many an organizer got shot and got killed to build this great union for you and me.

THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

(Sent by Richard B. & Jean Tussey)

Ten thousand times has the labor movement stumbled and fallen and bruised itself, and risen again; been seized by the throat and choked into insensitivity; enjoined by courts, assaulted by thugs, charged by the militia, shot down by regulars, traduced by the press, frowned upon by public opinion, deceived by politicians, threatened by priests, repudiated by renegades, prayed upon by grifters, infested by spies, deserted by comrades, betrayed by traitors, lied to leeches, and sold out by leaders.

But, notwithstanding all this, and all these, it is today the most vital and potential power this planet has ever known, and its historic mission of emancipating the workers of the world from the thralldom of the ages is as certain of ultimate realization as the setting of the sun.

VIVA LA HUELGA, Mansoor Yahya Ali Morshed
EL CENTRO, California - 81 farm workers were bussed to jail from the picket line in Calipatria in an elaborate three and a half hour police maneuver involving 30 deputies, a rented greyhound bus, and over 25 police vehicles—and at an untold expense for the tax-payers. The Imperial County Sheriff's Office called it "the largest group arrested in a single incident in the history of the county."

Workers were arrested as they mass picketed at D'Arrigo Farms in violation of an injunction which limits the total number of pickets to 25.

Marshall Ganz, Boycott Director, was the first to be arrested as the sheriffs converged on the picket line armed with myriad copies of the 4-page injunction, which they carefully passed out and read to each striker.

But the workers refused to go along with the ritual, and the area was strewn with discarded copies of the court order.

The Union legal department believes the injunction to be illegal, as the grounds for its issuance—violence—were unjustified, and the charges were not supported by affidavits.

As the incarcerated farm workers sang and chanted inside the jail, families, strikers, farm workers and supporters held a candlelight vigil outside the jail.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

The vigil lasted from the time the arrested workers were taken inside January 6 until the last 26 were released the night of January 7.

Led by Oscar Mondragón, Alfredo Figueroa, and Francisco Madrano, people stood and sang in the police parking lot all night in support of the brothers and sisters inside. Víctor M. López, one of the arrested, reported that the strategy of the police inside the jail was to keep the people separated in order to stop communication and break morale.

Workers were urged by police to sign statements leading to their release on their own recognizance.

Four Sheriff deputies at a time tried to coax and cajole each worker into signing such sheets. Marshall Ganz later noted that the police desperately wanted everyone to sign immediately because the arrests were so clearly unjust that they were afraid of the publicity.

Workers were urged by Union representatives not to sign on the grounds that a promise to appear in court could be construed as an admission of guilt, whereas the injunction itself was illegal.

Antonia Gastedo and Tony Uribe were among those in jail who were most actively encouraging the other strikers to be careful and not sign the papers. They were quickly placed in solitary confinement.

As the boycott volunteer who will be accompanying the D'Arrigo strikers to New York, Oscar Mondragón, observed, "It seems they were trying to intimidate the workers in every way possible."

BRUTALITY IN COUNTY JAIL

Nellie Bravo was one of 14 strikers who shared a cell in the El Centro County jail with a family from El Salvador caught for being illegally in the U.S.

Nellie was an eyewitness as the daughter in the family was kicked to the floor by an immigration official, who claimed it was his "duty" to "rough up" illegals.

The girl's mouth and face were bleeding from the fall, but her repeated requests for medical attention were ignored.

It was not until she fainted in the cell that she was finally taken for medical treatment.

Staff from the Union Legal Department in El Centro were instructed by Union organizer Manuel Chavez to assist the family.

SCABS ATTACK STRIKERS

Strikers were working on a revolving picker line January 12, when Rosalba Aramburo was attacked by D'Arrigo foreman, Pete Cabanyog, who pushed her and pulled her hair. Afterwards two crews of scabs came out of the fields attacking the sisters and brothers on the picketline with their knives.

Boycott Director Marshall Ganz, who is working with the strikers, got the strikers out of the area as quickly as possible in an attempt to stop the violence.

When the police came, they questioned the scabs, who claimed that the strikers had attacked them with tree trunks, rocks and other weapons. But instead of questioning the strikers to find out their side of the story, the police jailed strikers Salvador Chavez and Gregorio Martinez for "assault with a deadly weapon." They were released only after posting a bail of $2,000.

The newspapers in the region, like the San Diego Union and the Brawley Daily, are taking their news accounts directly from reports by the scabs and police, without bothering to talk to either strikers or Union representatives.
Santa Maria Valley

**LOCAL NEWS**

**JORDANO'S PICKETED**

Santa Maria, California — A special farm worker mass ending the day's picketing, was celebrated January 7 on the parking lot of Jordano's, a local supermarket chain that refused to stop selling non-Union lettuce.

Starting at 10 a.m. more than 50 farm worker children marched on the picket line with their picket signs and huelga flags, while their parents talked to consumers in attempt to get them not to shop at Jordano's. Among those in the mass were Alfredo Atie and Miguel Cuffas. They turned away every customer they talked to. At 2:30 p.m. mass was celebrated on an altar set up on the flatbed of a truck in order to give thanks for the recent decision rendered by the California Supreme Court affirming the rights of farm workers to organize their own Union.

Director of the Union in Santa Maria, declared, "We must wage a serious and effective boycott and tell every customer what Jordano's is doing against the interests of farm workers. We must tell them that even though the lettuces is wrapped in plastic to be very beautiful leaves, what is really wrapped inside are the injustices suffered by farm workers."

**THE PEOPLE SPEAK OUT**

MIQUEL IBARRA, strike captain: "I virtually live on bread and water, but I continue with La Causa 100 percent. I am ready at any time to fight any grower, any labor contractor..."

MIQUEL CANAS: "...The trials have been so hard, our circumstances are so many times terrible. We have been black balled for being with the United Farm Workers -- we cannot find work anywhere. It is a kind of persecution. I can't ask the government for help, I can't get welfare, I can't get medi care...Sometimes I'll get a job, but then I'm discovered by some strikebreaker who easily gets me fired. But I think we are made of special material, the kind of stuff individuals are made of who are lower of freedom...I think we are now really on the road to a new life and our people has gained much experience in the heat of battle..."

MANUEL MAGANA: "...We hope to continue organizing and fighting to see if we can change the educational system in this valley, which is very, very poor to say the least. We also hope we can give our children a better life so they won't have to suffer so much to earn their daily bread."

JOSE C. REYES: "I want to let you know how the growers treat us in this valley. Four times my son was arrested for refusing to sign with the Teamsters. We have gone through very difficult years since 1970. But we strikers want the union of Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers, the true union for farm workers."

**CELEBRATION CARAVAN**

Report, photos: Marie Cain

Santa Maria, California -- Twenty five cars carrying United Farm Worker members and supporters formed a "Caravana de Celebracion" Wednesday (January 3) in the Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande Valleys.

Paulino Pacheco, head of the Santa Maria Union office rode in the lead car using a loud-speaker to tell the people about the recent decision of the California state Supreme Court upholding the right of farm workers to picket, boycott and organize those fields where growers and other unions have made sweetheart deals.

The caravan formed in Santa Maria office and began its tour by circling the local Teamster office. Then, in each car, each displaying signs applauding the court decision or reflecting the campesinos' opinion of the Teamster Union flew bright red and black union flags as they passed through Santa Maria, Guadalupe and the Arroyo Grande Valley.

Many persons gave shouts or other signs of approval as the caravan passed by.

"The spirit in Santa Maria is fantastically good. We are going to win our battle with the growers because we have the hearts of the workers," Paulino Pacheco said.

**JORDANO'S DOUBLE-CROSS**

Report, photos: Marie Cain

Santa Maria, California -- Jordano's Markets, a chain of supermarkets in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, double-crossed the United Farm Workers by first agreeing to carry Union lettuce, and then saying no such agreement was possible.

According to Santa Maria Union officials, representatives of the Union met with Jordano's assistant manager and produce manager in the Santa Maria store.

The store representatives agreed to carry only United Farm Worker lettuce, and assured the Union representatives that the whole chain would also carry only the Union's lettuce.

But, when the store's stock was checked by the Union a few days later Union representatives discovered that half the lettuce supply was non-Union.

In a talk with the store manager, who was not in the store during the original negotiations, the Union representatives were told that the chain could "not possibly agree to carry only United Farm Worker lettuce."

Within five minutes after the Union representatives left the market, a United Farm Workers picket line was established at the market.

The picket line has disrupted the flow of customers into the Jordano's market in Santa Maria and will continue 'till the store begins carrying United Farm Worker Union lettuce," according to Paulino Pacheco, head of the Union office in Santa Maria.

**CECIL IN SANTA MARIA**

Report, photos: Marie Cain

Santa Maria -- Cesar Chavez, General Director of the United Farm Workers, spoke in Santa Maria January 5 at an overflow-crowd at Union headquarters on West Main Street.

Cesar called for continual observance of the principles of non-violence and told the group of Mahatma Gandhi's successful, non-violent fight to free India from British rule earlier in this century.

"With solidarity within the Union, such as we see here tonight, there's no human force that can destroy us," Cesar said.

Imperial Valley

**CAR CARAVAN**

On Thursday, January 4, farm workers in the Imperial Valley staged a car caravan around the Valley to dramatize to their grower neighbors they are ready to fight for their right to have their own union.

More than 65 cars and over 200 flag-waving workers participated in the procession, which made its way from Calexico through Holtville, Brawley, El Centro and back to Calexico in the late afternoon and early evening.

The spirited caravan passed by the warehouses of the most notorious salad companies in the area — Bud Antle and D'Arrigo Brothers.

Salinas Valley

**CHICANO TEACHER FIRED**

Report, Photos: Jesus Guadalupe Varela

Roberto Flores-Gonzalez, a member of Teacher Corps Cycle 7 in Salinas, has been dismissed from Alisal High School, the school where he was serving his internship.

The dismissal was made known to Roberto December 19, conveniently after the rest of the interns and teachers had left for Christmas vacations.

Chicano students at the school believe Roberto was dismissed because he attempted to offer an alternative method to educate, which is based on the needs of the student and his community.

The administration says the reason for his dismissal is that Roberto failed to report an arrest on his application to the Teacher Corps. But Roberto says that he had been informed at the time he was applying that "my record was not serious and that I did not have to include it in my application."

Roberto has been arrested several times while demonstrating against racism and social injustices. It is unfortunate he says, that "the principles of Teacher Corps are in favor of institutional change, self-pacing, instruction, flexible scheduling, individualized instruction and many other good things but unfortunately the Directors are for themselves. They have no other principle."

A petition drive by students and some parents has started to get Roberto Flores reinstated.

Roberto Flores is a Union supporter who last March marched on Union picket lines during a conflict with Mel Fineeman, a grower in Oxnard. He carried a sign saying "Long Live Justice."
Cesar joins caravan

Report, photos: Teresa Amezcua

On January 3 our leader, Cesar Chavez came to the Salinas Valley to join our car caravan of 400 cars that went from Salinas to King City passing through Soledad and Greenfield. There was a meeting and press conference in Salinas and then in Soledad where a great number of people were waiting, anxious to hear the message of Cesar. (See photos) During that meeting Cesar talked about the cooperation that was needed to do an action at the Teamster headquarters near San Francisco.

After the meeting, the caravan continued to Greenfield and King City, where we went through the town’s main street.

Families fight eviction

Report, photos: Jesús Guadalupe Varela

Salinas, California -- Ever since they were evicted from their homes at the La Posada trailer camp, the families of “La Nueva Posada” have been living at the McCullum Labor Camp, which they were able to obtain from Monterey County with the understanding that they could stay at the camp until they found adequate housing.

But now they find themselves face to face with a new threat of eviction by order of the county. Federal housing agencies have refused to help the families build their own homes or to at least find some solution to their housing problem. The families say “And now they want to throw us out into the street, just because they don’t have four-bedroom houses for the large families that are left. They think that by throwing us out into the street they are going to solve the problem.”

The families of La Nueva Posada have started a petition drive to pressure the county not to set on its eviction threat.

Arab worker elected

The above photo was taken a few moments after our brother, Mohsin Saleh Hussen, who is an Arab, was elected by the majority of the workers at Elmo Vineyards to represent them at the grape pickers meeting in La Paz Jan. 6.

The following are the words of Mohsin Saleh Hussen, first in English and then in Arabic:

I want to let know all UFW members and to all my Arab brothers that I will do all I can to bring you all information available that can help us to enforce our farm worker Union. Because it is now the right time to get our minds and hearts together so in a short future we can all be prepared to defend our Union from those that want to destroy our Union.

VIVA LA HUELGA, Mohsin Saleh Hussen

Maria Caldes dies

Our sister, María Caldes, died early this month after a long struggle with cancer. She was the daughter of Ted Caldes, a regional director for the AFL-CIO, who is active in helping the Union in Arizona (as was Marfa) and is one of our strongest supporters.

The Caldes family is a beautiful family whose closeness to the UFW staff has meant much in terms of moral support. Union General Director Cesar Chávez sent the family the following telegram:

Marfa was as beautiful to know as she was to see. In so short a life Marfa won our admiration and love. Her deep, self-sacrificing devotion to justice and human dignity was and will always remain a source of inspiration to all of us. Our sorrow, as surely yours too, is tempered by our knowledge that Marfa is now with God. Her great beauty and grace and through Jesus said, “Who you are blessed by my Father, come, and receive the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world.” Peace and Justice, Cesar.

Arizona

Jerry still walking

Report by Barry Kirschner

Jerry Pollock, the man who will oppose Jack Williams in the upcoming recall election in Arizona has concluded his first two weeks of walking the state in an attempt to hear the voices of rural Arizona.

Jerry’s feet have taken him well over 200 miles in the walk that began in Phoenix. He will go to the Mexican border and finish in Tucson. So far, Jerry’s walk has taken him through sometimes desolate regions where seeing a cactus is a treat.

In Superior, Arizona, Clyde McEnderfer told the candidate, “Apparently you are a statesman and not a politician, and we have too many politicians. If you get elected governor, that will be good because we need someone who is a person, a real human being.” Words like these, says Jerry, have greatly encouraged him and inspired him to appreciate even his loneliest and least comfortable moments.

The opposition’s anti-recall strategist, Steve Shadegg, has already prepared television commercials smearng Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers as anti-farm worker, using slogans similar to those used by the growers in the Proposition 22 battle in California.

As had been expected by Jerry and his staff, the Phoenix daily newspapers, a monopoly owned by right-wing publisher Eugene Pulliam, have cooperated with Shadegg by attacking the Union in their coverage of the election and the Union.

Jerry is relying on the people and grass-roots organizing to get his message across. Along his walking trail Jerry is leaving behind ordinary citizens willing to work for a sincere candidate who cares about the business of people rather than merely the people of business.

Texas

"El Cuhuli"

Here we see Tony Orendain, Union Treasurer and Director of the Union in Texas, in front of "El Cuhulli" where the central offices of the Union will be located in the “Valley of tears” (Rio Grande Valley). The first farm worker meeting to be held in "El Cuhulli" took place in November. Between 450 to 500 farm workers were present.

News report Contest

Starting with the next edition of EL MALCIADO, a prize and recognition will be given to the person who sends in the most outstanding local news report of the edition.

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Let people know what is happening in your area! Write today.
SAFETY CHARGED WITH FRAUD
IN $75 MILLION AWSUIT

LOS ANGELES, California -- Fraudulent and misleading advertising practices by Safeway Markets are deceiving Southern California consumers and endangering the health of heart patients and diabetics, according to a $75 million consumer fraud suit filed January 4 in Los Angeles Superior Court.

The suit was brought by the Interfaith Committee to Aid Farm Workers, a coalition of 180 rabbis, priests, ministers and lay persons, after tests by two independent laboratories showed Safeway is misrepresenting the fat content of its ground beef.

The Rev. Fred Eyster, chairman of the Committee's Consumer Fraud Task Force, said, "'Lean' ground beef, which is priced 20¢ to 30¢ higher per pound than ground beef, was found in some stores to have a higher fat content than regular ground." Rev. Eyster noted that "extra lean" ground beef, priced 30¢ to 50¢ per pound higher than ground beef, was found in some stores to have higher fat levels than the "lean" ground variety.

The Interfaith Committee tested meats from Safeway stores located in the San Fernando Valley, West Los Angeles, Wilshire District, Southeast Los Angeles, San Gabriel Valley and Inglewood.

"In the stores tested there was no significant fat content difference between grades of ground beef at Safeway," Rev. Eyster stated.

The fat level deception was revealed in tests by Alchem Laboratories, Inc. of Culver City, and Agri-Science Laboratories, Inc. of Hawthorne. (Agri-Science Laboratories are USDA certified meat chemists.)

Rev. Eyster continued, "We find it reprehensible that Safeway Stores would engage in such wholesale fraud on consumers whose food budgets are already severely taxed by inflated meat prices.

"But we are shocked and angered that Safeway's thrust for increased profits compels them to gamble with people's lives.

"We filed this suit on behalf of a class of people who have been advised by their doctors to buy lean meats. For years these consumers—heart patients, diabetics, weight watchers and high blood pressure victims—have paid 30¢ to 50¢ per pound premium for "extra lean" ground beef thinking they were protecting their health.

"Now we find they have been deceived. Their health has in fact been endangered for the sake of more corporate profits for Safeway."

Filing suit for the Interfaith Committee was Beverly Hills attorney J. Paul Spector. Mr. Spector represented the Committee in a successful court action that enjoined three pools of the United Auto Workers, announced that the Wisconsin segment of the union would give financial support to the UFW. The initial contribution from the union's Community Action Program is $1,000.

Support also came from the meatprocessors and the public employees unions. Mayor Maier introduced Cesar at a press conference at the Holiday Inn Midtown. Asked whether his presence indicated support of the boycott, Maier replied: "We have—most of the leaders of the United States Conference of Mayors—have been on record, myself included, as supporting this movement for two to three years."
Union Sues Growers - Teamsters

$128 Million

SALINAS, California -- Union General Director Cesar Chavez and Union General Counsel Jerry Cohen filed a $128,440,000 lawsuit January 3 against 169 lettuce growers and companies and the Teamsters Union charging them with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Black, Chicano and Filipino farm workers by denying their rights to the union of their choice by signing "sweetheart" contracts.

In his statement at the press conference announcing the lawsuit, Cesar said:

"The California Supreme Court has found there was 'ultimate favoritism on the part of the growers to choose a union that was convenient to them but that did not represent their workers.'"

"We charge and the Supreme Court found that each grower knew the Teamsters did not represent a majority or not even a substantial number of the workers when those contracts were signed.

"We charge and the Court found that the growers were in collusion with themselves and also with the Teamsters to prevent the workers from effective, true union representation.

"Therefore, the Court found there is no jurisdictional strike, so the crippling injunction that broke our strike and in fact, kept us from having a union here today, is dissolved and we are now free to pick up from where we left off on September 16, 1970."

The lawsuit, which was filed in behalf of all lettuce workers, is a move to redress other rights that were taken away from farm workers by the actions of the growers and Teamsters, according to Jerry Cohen.

The lawsuit indicates, that besides the initial purpose of breaking the Lettuce Strike, the contracts signed by the growers and the Teamsters had at least two other illegal purposes.

First, it is charged that the growers were motivated solely by impermissible racial motivations in illegally depriving Black, Chicano, and Filipino farm workers of their right to negotiate through bargaining representatives of their own choosing. The growers apparently would rather bargain with a "lily white" union, which they refer to as "more responsible" or "more traditional". For example, in a Los Angeles Times article January 11, a grower attorney, William F. Spalding, said, "UFW's leaders are highly emotional and irresponsible."

Ann Merrill, wife of one of the growers, also illustrated this attitude when she called farm worker strikers "a bunch of orangutans."

Second, it is charged that some of the growers, in violation of the federal Sherman Anti-Trust Act, signed with the Teamsters in order to artificially suppress and depress competition.

Under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, it is illegal for the growers to conspire among themselves not to bargain with a particular union and in furtherance of that conspiracy, to sign sham contracts with the Teamsters to help them avoid bargaining with the United Farm Workers.

The Union is seeking $28,440,000 damages and $100 million punitive damages for wages workers' have lost so far by being forced to work under Teamster contracts as compared to what they would have earned under United Farm Worker contracts; a total of $128,440,000.

Since then, the Union is also seeking an additional $28 million in damages for what it says are violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Under the Act the damages would be trebled to total more than $85 million.
FARM WORKER WOMEN AND CHILDREN

About 500 farm worker women and children from the North Bay marched against the Teamster's blockade at the Farm Bureau building in Santa Rosa. A large crowd gathered in front of the Farm Bureau building shouting "Stop the Violence" and "Free the Women and Children." The demonstrators were met by the police who blocked the entrance to the building.

The police in turn retaliated by spraying tear gas and rubber bullets at the demonstrators. Despite the tear gas and rubber bullets, the demonstrators refused to leave and continued to shout "Free the Women and Children." The police officers were also seen using dogs to try and clear the area.

At one point, a woman was seen holding a baby while surrounded by police officers. The demonstration continued for several hours with the police officers spraying tear gas and rubber bullets at the demonstrators.

Photo: Gary Fieger/Staff

Television cameras were present to cover the demonstration, and news stations were also present to report on the events.

TAKE ON TEAMSTERS IN BURLINGAME

The Teamsters Union held a demonstration in Burlingame against the Teamsters Union's actions in San Francisco.

At one point during the demonstration, a group of demonstrators walked into the building waving signs and chanting "Teamsters Out!" The police officers responded by spraying tear gas and rubber bullets at the demonstrators.

Despite the violence, the demonstrators continued to wave their signs and chant "Teamsters Out!" The demonstration lasted for several hours with the police officers spraying tear gas and rubber bullets at the demonstrators.

Photo: Gary Fieger/Staff
On January 16, Bill Grami, organizing director of the Western Conference of Teamsters, announced that the Teamsters and the growers had altered a few of the clauses of their sweetheart contracts. Union General Counsel Jerry Cohen charged the Teamsters and the growers are trying to smokescreen the recent California Supreme Court decision which characterizes the Teamster-grower relationship as the ultimate favoritism on the part of the growers to choose a union that was convenient to them but that did not represent their workers.

"The Teamsters and the growers have rekindled their love affair," said Jerry, "This is an attempt to trick the public but the workers are not fooled."

"The growers are just kidding themselves if they think that by changing some of the terms of their phony contracts will stop the strike and boycott because the workers are angry when they were used by the growers in 1970, and they are angry now because the growers and the Teamsters are trying to control their destinies from a motel room."

Jerry said that, once again, the growers have refused to bargain with the true representatives of the workers. He pointed out that the "phony contracts" have no provisions for a hiring hall, they perpetuate the corrupt labor contractor system that farm workers have fought so long to destroy, they have no strong protections against pesticides, and they have no protections against the irresponsible introduction of machines into the fields, which force farm workers to go on welfare in the cities.

In addition, Jerry reported that Bill Grami, in response to a reporter's question in San Francisco, said that "farm workers will not be forced to sign with the Teamsters for one or two years."

"The reason he announced that," said Jerry, "is that he can't get the workers to sign up because the workers have already signed up with the United Farm Workers. So the Teamster contracts are nothing but pieces of paper."

Teamsters Sue for Visit by Women and Children

It looks as if Teamster officials are really afraid of another visit by farm worker women and children. They are now suing the Union for $5,000 damages for the Burlingame demonstration, during which Teamster officials refused to talk to the workers and called the cops instead. The Teamsters have also obtained a court order limiting picketing to three persons per city block near their office building in Burlingame.

Cops, refusal to talk to farm workers, court orders—could it be that Teamster leaders have been in their offices so long that they are acting more and more like their sweethearts the growers? Perhaps self-respecting rank-and-file Teamster members are going to be greatly disturbed to see their leaders act so much like employers.

Support Farm Workers

VIVA LA CAUSA

James T. Hunter
May
The Sacrifices of Those Using
The Union Clinics Give Birth to Other Clinics

People are healthy not because of good hospitals or good doctors, or good medicine. Healthy people are the product of a healthy life. A healthy body demands that you have decent living conditions and decent working conditions.

Human living conditions and healthy food do far more to promote good health than all the doctors and all the medicine in the world. A strong Union contract will bring you decent wages so that you can feed yourself and your family. It will bring you healthy working conditions so that you might enjoy the fruits of your labor; it will bring you dignity as a worker so that you might decide on the nature of the work that you do.

Without a strong contract, medical care is impossible. Medical care without a contract is like trying to keep dry in a storm. Some one might throw you a towel as a gesture of good will, but a strong contract will bring you inside and offer you shelter. A strong contract is of much more value to the health of you and your family than a dozen clinics. Unless a clinic is under the shelter of a strong union it is useless to you.

The clinic is not given to farm workers life a gift, but is the result of struggle and sacrifice. The same struggle and sacrifice that goes into building a union goes into organizing a clinic.

That struggle will not end once a particular contract is signed or once a particular clinic is opened but will go on until every farm worker is protected by a contract and until every farm worker family is assured of decent medical care.

The struggle does not end at the door of the clinic but must be brought inside. The clinic staff must not rest until good health is a reality for all farm workers and not just a hope. Farm worker patients must sacrifice so that they might share the health benefits they receive with all their brothers and sisters throughout the country.

Farm workers built the first clinic in Delano. The completion of that clinic was the beginning of another, because it was the cooperation and support of the members who use it that enabled another clinic to become a reality.

In less than a year the enthusiasm and help drawn from Delano patients contributed to the opening of a clinic in the Imperial Valley. Our clinics are twice as strong now as they were a year ago. Let us rejoice in that strength and carry on the struggle so that through the sacrifice of those using the Union clinics we may give birth to other clinics.

At no time can we forget our brothers and sisters who are without medical care and decent clinics. What the Union is all about is sharing. We know what selfishness and greed have done to us and our families for too long now.

What we have we must share with others who are willing to struggle until all farm workers and their families enjoy the fruits of their labor and can lead a healthy life.

Those unwilling to struggle have no place in the Union. Those unwilling to sacrifice so that they might share their medical benefits with others have no place in our clinics.

The Union will struggle until every farm worker can lead a decent life. The clinic will struggle until every farm worker can lead a healthy life. The membership is the Union, the membership is the clinic. The membership must continue the struggle until the last farm worker is reached and the last battle is won.

VIVA LA CAUSA
VIVA LA HUELGA
VIVA LA CLINICA

César E. Chávez, General Director
United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO
Farm Workers Credit Union: Annual Meeting

* Place: At the Forty Acres--Garces and Mettler in Delano, California
* Time: 8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 28, 1973
* We have this meeting once a year and it is of great importance that you come to inform yourself on the way your Credit Union operates. It is at these meetings that you decide what kind of services you want from it.
* Bring a new member with you to the meeting; also if you have any money to save, bring it with you at this time.

AGENDA

* INVOCATION
* MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
* INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS
* TREASURER'S REPORT
* COMMITTEE REPORTS
* NEW AND PENDING BUSINESS
* ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FROM TALLER GRAFICO

RE-NEGOCIATIONS GRAPE CONTRACTS

Grape workers met in La Paz, January 6 to plan a program of preparation for the re-negotiations of the grape Union contracts. A series of meetings are now taking place in areas where there are Union contracts in the grapes.

LAMONT, Saturday, January 20,
SELMA, Sunday, January 21,
DELANO and TERRA BELLA, Sunday, January 28.

If you have ideas or suggestions as to how to improve your Union contract contact the members of your Ranch Committee before the above dates. Your Ranch Committee has the responsibility to represent you at these meetings until negotiations committees are elected.

Stay informed. The decisions that are being made are of great importance to the well-being of you and your family. Your Union contract is only as strong as your participation in making it better.

David Burciaga, Director
Department of Negotiations
The new contract provides pay increases of 5.5 percent in each of three years and improved fringe benefits, including two new paid holidays and better opportunities to participate in a company investment program.

To Get Out of Poverty

Washington, D.C.—It will take more than a $2 minimum wage for a family of four to rise out of the poverty level.

Minimum wage legislation to raise the present floor of $1.60 an hour—$1.30 for farm workers—died in the last session of Congress. But the cost of living kept rising, and the Labor Dept. announced that the poverty line used to help determine eligibility for various manpower programs has been moved up since last year.

The government now considers as "poor" any nonfarm family of four in the continental United States with an income under $4,200 a year.

Last year's comparable figure was $4,000. At the present minimum wage, a full-time, year-round worker would earn only $3,328. And even at a $2 rate, total earnings would be only $4,160—still below the poverty cut-off.

New Contract CBS Technicians

NEW YORK N.Y.—Striking members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have returned to their jobs with the Columbia Broadcasting System here and in six other cities following ratification of a new three-year contract. The nationwide vote to accept the settlement was 86 to 501.

The agreement ended an eight-week-old strike that began on Nov.3, when some 1,200 CBS television cameramen, technicians and engineers walked off the job after union and management negotiations failed to agree on a new contract to replace one that expired Nov.1.

New Union Wins In Mississippi

FOREST, Mississippi—The workers of Poultry Packers, Inc., voted 95 to 76, to join the Mississippi Poultry Workers Union.

The company had offered to give its employees the vote, which it won, a special meeting of all the workers for the announcement of the vote. When the union won, the workers cheered and applauded loudly.

This victory opens the door to the unionization of the giant poultry industry that employs thousands of workers in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. Most of the plants in the industry are relatively small, but highly efficient.

Workers say the pay is miserable and the working conditions horrible.

San Quentin Prisoners Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, California—As the San Quentin work-strike enters its fourth day, word continues to come from inside the prison concerning the division of opinion among the strikers. San Quentin authorities admitted on the first day of the strike that the action was completely effective, informing that the total inmate population of 1,850 went to their jobs after breakfast, and the prison authorities locked down the entire institution immediately.

Today, lawyers who entered the prison for the first time since the strike began said that several dozen men from the central sleep block were continuing the strike.

The United Prisoners Union has released a list of the demands made by the strikers. The list, prefaced by a powerful, brief statement expressing the anger of Black, Brown and White inmates participating in the strike, is in part as follows:

- that the Adult Authority (which supervises parole granting and is currently appointed by Gov. Reagan) be replaced by a popularly elected body;
- that all convicts have legal counsel at parole and disciplinary hearings;
- that the San Quentin parole board be reduced immediately and that the facility be closed in 1975 on schedule; no more "double-celling";
- that the minimum wage laws be put into effect for all labor in excess of 10 hours per week (current wages are as low as $2.50);
- that conjugal visits be allowed all inmates, and the courts advertise the policy;
- that the United Prisoners Union Bill of Rights be implemented;
- that sexual, racial and political repression of inmates by the administration be ended;
- that the Indemnitee Sentence Law be abolished and replaced with a sentence for the length of term law; that all convicts have the right to parole after serving their minimum sentence.

American Ships Boycott

In repudiation of the recent brutal extermination bombing by American bombers in Vietnan, the International's union of Australia started a boycott of American ships December 28. The boycott continued until January 11.

In Italy, too, the leaders for the ships Genova and Savona declared a three-day boycott from December 28 to January 1.}

Grower Lyndon B. Johnson

MEXICO CITY—The Mexican government is investigating charges that former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson is surreptitiously and illegally holding 108,724 acres of ranch land in the border state of Chihuahua.

The charges have been brought by a group of farmers in Chihuahua, who say Johnson is using the land under an agreement with former Mexican President Miguel Aleman.

A spokesman for President Luis Echeverria confirmed that the Agrarian Department is conducting the investigation and added that the government would have nothing more to say at this point.

Large landholdings are an especially sensitive issue in Mexico, one that was a basic cause of the Mexican Revolution 60 years ago. It was the promise of the revolution that every former owner would have his own piece of land to work.

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Latin America and World:

On this Christmas of 1972, millions of farm workers in Latin America subsist in the most inhuman conditions of exploitation and misery, while at the expense of the efforts of these farm workers, the rich and powerful in these countries fill their coffers even more.

That is why, this Christmas of 1972 will not be celebrated by us the way the rich would have us do by displaying and "peace" and "love" that hides their attempts to quell popular rebellions. On the contrary, this Christmas of 1972 and the New Year just starting will be an occasion of renewing and re-affirming once again our pledge to STRUGGLE UNTIL THE ULTIMATE CONSEQUENCES FOR POPULAR REVOLUTION IN ORDER TO SECURE A JUST AND FREE SOCIETY.

--LATIN AMERICAN FARM WORKER FEDERATION (PCL)
EL MALCRIADO is the official voice of the United Farm Workers. EL MALCRIADO:

- exposes and denounces the exploitation of farm workers by the growers and their lackeys.
- supports and helps to develop our belief in non-violent action.
- informs and brings to light the new life of dignity and justice that farm worker unionists are winning for farm workers day after day.

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EL MALCRIADO asks farm workers and boycotters to send news about the life of struggle they live. Letters, songs, poems, cartoons and drawings are always welcome. If you send photographs or undeveloped film, please send only black and white, along with information on what they are about.

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EAST ALISAL

Alisal heads west toward Main Packing plants and cooling sheds Mark the way, as murmuring indignities. And the sun of the campos Pelts the town with tin shivers. Turn around, and Alisal goes east And loses itself in the lettuce furrows. Along this road and all her twins Are the fields of the rancheros And the lives of the campesinos.

Valley dust lies thickly On the walls of the labor camp. A child's little finger carefully makes A path along one side. Slowly, definitely, she marks a road— East Alisal. Molera. Old Stage...

PRAYER OF DAN BERRIGAN

We pray the God of peace an of unity and of decency for all men, for the victims and the executioners, for those who stand in court as judged and as judging, for those who endure our jails, and our stockades and our trenches and our army depots and our ships, haunting on the work of destruction.

Let us pray for all those who lie under our bombs and for those who dispatch them, let us pray for the innocent, for the villagers, and for the soldiers, and for those who go to kill and be killed without ever knowing the alternatives that have awaken in us.

We saw him on the sidewalk in Salinas, A brown, sunburned-pale face.— Dignity and fatigue took turns In molding his form I am brown I am poor I am scared I am right. My picket is illegal, And I'm still right. —so you're going to jail?— We asked the question softly, —Yes. yes, but Cesar's going too — That makes it all right; The three of us smiled.

And I remembered the sound Of five hundred passions that cried— Viva Su Dio Rey

—Janie Miller (7)

Let us pray for those who are powerful and for those who are powerless; let us pray for those who are hopeless without power and those who are without conscience with power, let us pray for all those who believe in life; and for all who make the horrendous act of faith in death.

Let us pray for all those who cancel out upon their tongues and within their minds the word brother for the duration; Let us pray for all those who through the war have discovered for the first time the word brother. Let us pray for all those who believe and yet do not hope, let us pray for all those who hope and yet do not arm their hope; and let us pray for ourselves and for all, finally, who await our love. Amen.

— for Cesar
— Your friend Alberto Vilonia

CAMPESINO

In the soul of our being
Mother earth is forever present, It leaves us breathless to walk across a furrowed field, knowing that a part of us is rooted in its vast beauty, which we worked with our bare hands and our children's and forefathers hopes and sufferings.

We have toiled the good brown earth, which reflects the beauty of our nature one of good will and celebration one in Christ and the brown Virgin Mary.

We were truly born free, as free as an orange sunrise, silhouetting the black eagle's justice, free like lightning that lights a dark sky, free as God's four winds that refresh our souls, and his rains that wash our sun bronzed faces.

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