WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The National Conference of Catholic Bishops unanimously adopted resolutions November 16 endorsing the grape and lettuce boycott "until such time as free secret ballot elections are held," for farm workers to decide which union they want.

The decision to support La Causa by the bishops came after Bishop Joseph F. Donnelly, Chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Farm Labor, presented a report on behalf of the Committee. In his report, Bishop Donnelly explained how the Committee, founded in 1968, helped to settle the five-year table grape dispute in 1970 and how the Teamsters signed secret agreements with the lettuce growers that were later labeled 'collusive' by the California State Supreme Court.

Donnelly said the Committee helped to mediate two jurisdictional pacts between the United Farm Workers and the Teamsters that failed to settle the dispute. The Bishops, Committee continued on its own initiative to meet with Teamsters, he said, but the Teamsters then announced they would organize farm workers "without regard to the two jurisdictional pact" they had signed.

Then, when the table grape contracts expired this year, the Teamsters signed secret contracts with all but two of the table grape growers in Coachella.

"This is a clear signal that the Teamsters—who did not represent the workers in the Coachella Valley—were determined, in collusion with the growers, to destroy the United Farm Workers," reported Donnelly.

He told the Bishops the UFWA was then forced to call a new table grape strike and boycott with the help of a $1.6 million strike fund from the AFL-CIO.

Finally, said Donnelly, "On September 28 the Teamsters, at the prompting of the National AFL-CIO, tentatively agreed to a third jurisdictional pact with the UFWA, but the Teamsters again failed to keep their word.

There were no dissenting speeches given in response to the Bishops' Committee's recommendation that the National Conference endorse the grape and lettuce boycott.

Those who spoke in favor of the Committee's recommendations were: Cardinal Medeiros of Boston; Archbishop Furey of San Antonio; Bishop Walter Sullivan from the Diocese of Richmond; Archbishop Carroll of Des Moines; Bishop O'Rourke and Msgr. George C. Higgins.
Teamster double cross spurs more strikes, new nationwide boycott

In recent press conferences in Los Angeles, UFW president Cesar Chavez made it clear that the latest Teamster/Union double cross has set the stage for an increased wave of strikes in the fields and a strengthening of the boycott drive across the continent.

Chavez told the press on Nov. 9 that the Union had entered the talks with the Teamsters with "misgivings" because "we had gone through this before many times within the last eight years." Because the national officials of the AFL-CIO had more faith in a possible agreement with the Teamsters than did the UFW, Chavez said his union agreed to try once again to reach an agreement with the Teamsters.

The UFW's misgivings were not without reason as it turns out. Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons has backed out of an agreement made with the AFL-CIO back in September and announced that his union intends to honor their "moral and legal" obligations to the growers. The Teamsters will not give up their contracts which run for another three years.

Now that this latest effort to reach an agreement with the Teamsters has been torpedoed, Chavez said the UFW will seek to add an additional thousand full time boycotters to the 2,000 already on assignment throughout the nation.

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Popular support of the boycott is rapidly growing, announced the UFW president, "right now we have probably about 300 communities throughout the U.S., and Canada who are organizing themselves to do boycotting. This is besides the 60 to 65 communities where we have staff."

Also allied with the growers and Teamsters is a group of labor contractors, crew chiefs and scabs who call themselves the Agricultural Workers for Democratic Action, the group has vowed, "to do everything we can within the sphere of our respective influences to prevent the taking over of the

Thirty-four crew bosses who belong to the anti-UFW group have signed a "Delano Pact" which provides for the crew bosses to take whatever legal action necessary if the Teamsters back out of their agreements with the growers.

But Chavez is optimistic. "There are some hit and run strikes right now in Yuma, Imperial Valley, and there's a strike in Coachella in the onion... We're going to mobilize throughout the United States to stop the sales of grapes, lettuce and the Gallo wine. And we're going to win that way."

International solidarity marks L.A. boycott rally

LOS ANGELES, California--An Israeli Arab, Nawaf Massalha, leader of the Arab Youth Section of the Histadrut (The Israeli labor movement), expressed strong international solidarity with the United Farm Workers of America at a Los Angeles boycott rally Nov. 10.

Massalha told the crowd of 500 UFW supporters packed into Temple Leo Baeck, a famous Jewish temple in West Los Angeles, "The Histadrut support the UFW struggle for dignity and union rights." Massalha told the rally chairman Art Torres, as did several other guests.

The rally was sponsored by labor, political and community leaders from throughout the Los Angeles area.

When Cesar Chavez addressed the gathering he introduced by Rep. James Corman, 22nd District, said he became involved in the Causa through his daughter Marissa, who was one of the persons responsible for organizing the rally.

Chavez talked about the difficulties of organizing the boycott in such a sprawling metropolitan area as Los Angeles. "Los Angeles is like a whale you just can't grasp," he said.

He drew laughter when he compared the Union's successful campaign in getting 59% of the voters to defeat anti-Union Proposition 22 a year ago to Nixon's re-election victory.

"Who would have thought that we'd both be in trouble," he quipped. "We have only one Watergate, but we have lots of Teamsters and growers.

Speaking in a more serious vein, Chavez talked about the beatings, the jailings and the killings the unions strikers have endured since April. "Even though these things happened to us," he said, "We come out stronger. We are learning to appreciate justice--how difficult it is to get and how easy it is to lose."

But he said, "WE BOYCOTT BECAUSE WE HAVE HOPE!"

The hope farm workers find in the boycott was also strongly affirmed by Los Angeles Boycott Director Jim Drake, who drew cheers from the crowd when he said, "The boycotts in the past were only dress rehearsals for what's to come! We are going to die before the Teamsters take these contracts away!"

The donations to the Union collected during the rally included a bold, colorful mural of Cesar Chavez in his role as a farmworker leader by Yolanda Nunez of East Los Angeles, an original serigraph by Cordia Kent and $3,000.
Pik’d Rite picks right: signs union contract

GROWERS TAX FARM WORKERS TO HELP TEAMSTERS

LA PAZ The growers are taxing farm workers to help the Teamsters destroy farm worker jobs, charged Cesar Chavez in a special interview November 22.

"As a result of the compulsory $7.50-a-month dues checkoff in the Teamster contracts," he said, "the farm workers are being taxed by the growers to fill the coffers of a union which intends to use their money to push mechanization in the fields and kick farm workers out of their jobs." Chavez said the Union’s new attack on the growers is based on evidence presented in a case filed in behalf of 48 farm workers with the National Labor Relations Board.

GROWERS VIOLATE NLRA

The farm workers charge the growers are violating Section 8 (a) (3) of the National Labor Relations Act, which makes it illegal for an employer to contribute to the financial support of a labor organization.

(While the provisions of the NLRA specifically exclude "agricultural workers", the growers as "employers", and the Teamsters as a "labor organization" of covered employees are not excluded. Thus the growers and the Teamsters fall under the jurisdiction of the NLRB.)

The workers also demand the contracts the growers signed with the Teamsters be set aside and the money collected in dues under those contracts be returned to them.

According to Tony Gaenslen, the attorney representing the 48 farm workers in the case, the NLRA is expected to act on the case soon.

He said he and UFWA Secretary-Treasurer Gilbert Padilla discussed the case with NLRB General Counsel Peter Nash on October 10.

Since then, Gaenslen said, all of the necessary evidence has been submitted.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Much of the evidence is based upon public statements made by the California State Supreme Court and Teamster officials themselves. Below is some of the evidence:

• William Grami, Director of Organization of Western Conference of Teamsters, in Eeck Produce Co. vs. Cesar Chavez "I told Mr. Church (representative of Growers - Shipper Vegetable Association) between July 15 and July 28, 1974, other persons in the produce industry in Salinas Valley...that we (the Teamsters) represent persons in food processing and freezer plants, and truck drivers who transport products from fields to coolers, plants and freezers, and that the Teamsters intended to protect these members by protecting the flow of goods from growing to distribution...."

Kiley: "What role do you see the farm workers playing in the Teamsters Union which represents them?"

Mohn: "No. That isn’t a problem to solve in this way. Shortage of jobs is the problem. If there weren’t such a shortage of jobs, Mexican-Americans could get those jobs. I don’t know what will happen to the Mexican-Americans. After all, you can’t expect whites who operate machines now to step aside and let Mexican-Americans and Negroes have the machine jobs they have had for years."

Former Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa in an interview by "NBC’s Meet the Press," when asked why the Teamsters are trying to wipe out the United Farm Workers of America, said: "You have to understand the desire of the Teamsters Union to protect the members they have in the growing industry, the members they have in the warehousing and the transportation industry...."
ENGLAND

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HAWAII

Pickets at Gem-Ward were threatened with arrest by the management. The Hawaiian boycotters have a "management visitation committee" which negotiates with management. Gem has been uncooperative and has refused to meet with the committee. The anti-farm worker stance of Gem spurs the boycott committee to maintain its picketing line at recalling Gem. Safeway Pali and Safeway Manoa are on Saturdays picking list.

MASSACHUSETTS

The state senate passed a resolution supporting the boycotting and commending area chain stores who are cooperating with UFWA's efforts. The General Assembly also followed suit and passed a supportive statement.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

There's something rotten in D.C., besides Watergate. (30 boxes of rotten seeded grapes, with the H & M (Hegblade-Marguleas) DEL MORA label were found in the produce terminal by revolving hughlets.

HARLINGTON, TEXAS

Six juveniles were arrested, along with seven adults, for "mass" picketing. According to Harlingen Police Chief Guy Anderson, one of the six juveniles was "an alien, illegally in the country," and would be turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol.

Attorney David Hall stated that the "juvenile alien" was 45 years old and has voluntarily turned herself in. The arrested parties were released on their own recognizance.

Antonio Orendain, head of the Texas UFWA, was among those arrested. He said that Val-Mart attempted to demonstrate its solidarity with the Chicanos. "When the detectives, Cripis Trevillo arrived the store officials patted him on the back and said the police were doing a fine job." Orendain compared the police to the Texas Rangers as strike breakers.

SAN FRANCISCO

100 stores have been cleared out in the Bernal Heights Mission, and Potrero Hill areas. Lorraine Ramirez says that stores tend to influence each other in removing grapes or lettuce, which keeps the crew of 16 "grape cleansers" constantly checking.

DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

"Not a drop of GALLO in Davis," states Mike An-Clair. The two liquor store owners in Davis met with Friends of the Farm Workers and "within 24 hours of our first packet line all of Davis was clean," An-Clair adds that "the community is behind UFWA all the way," and plans to act in surrounding communities.

BOSTON, MASS.--In recent public statements, grower spokesmen agreed that the boycott is an effective weapon for the Union. This fear of the boycott has resulted in the uses of restraints against boycotters across the country.

The Massachusetts State Supreme Court is bolding up Boston boycotters by postponing its decision regarding "vague" state law, which prohibits picketing in a shopping center, and bans the secondary boycott.

The California Table Grape Commission has indicated that Boston is a "problem area" for the growers. The Boston committee has been concentrating its efforts on A&P, despite an injunction that allows only 15 pickets who can boycott grapes and lettuce but not A&P, and prohibits pickets from entering the parking lot.

"In St. Louis, Missouri Richard and Barbara Cook are also faced with a crippling injunction on their boycott activities. The brunt of their efforts have been concentrated against the 44 chain store Schnucks.

Schnucks has joined the list of chains who are turning to the "strike-breaking, union-breaking and picket line-breaking" restraining order to restrict and limit picketing activities.

In St. Louis the boycotters are prohibited from going into Schnucks' property, and are forbidden to "Boycott Schnucks." Barbara Cook says that this is "completely against what the Constitution guarantees us. It's a ridiculous restraint."

Phoenix Boycott director, David Koehn said an anti-boycott injunction obtained by Safeway allows the pickets to stand in front of Safe­way as long as they are not boycotting Safeway. "This is in violation of the First Amendment. We are not allowed to say 'Boycott Safe­way,' "Almighty Safeway says "Thou shalt not speak." Despite the court order, so far the boycotting are having little problem shutting the

stores attempt boycott ban

Four doctors have applied to work in a Causa clinics, among them a Chicano medical undergraduate.

Bene Gilberto Jasso, from the College of Human Medicine, University of Michigan, will graduate in December and has agreed to come and work with the Union for six months, before going onto his internship.

Dr. Jasso and the other applicants have committed themselves to help the Union clinics to end the shortage of medical personnel.

The recruitment of Jasso is one of the results of Dr. John Radebaugh's successful recruiting trip that took him across the country. Rade­baugh returned to California with a portfolio of pleasant memories and a notebook full of more than 300 names and contacts.

He also organized a group of Chicano medical students who will continue to display the Clinic exhibit at the Community Library at Har­vard for 3 more weeks. Sil­vestre Quevedo, a third year medical student will be in charge of the display.

From Rochester, N. Y., Dr. James Tobin has pro­mised to join the clinic staff in July of next year.

Dr. Tom Mikulka, a bio­chemist, and director of the Maine boycott will join the clinic in April and concen­trate on the area of pesti­cides.

Dr. John B. Stockle, of the Massachusetts General Hospital will visit California in December, check out the clinics and help with recruiting.

The New England Journal of Medicine, the Unitarian Universalist World, Real Magazine and the Boston Phoenix will publicize the Union's need for physicians.

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HARTFORD, CONN. The effectiveness of the boycott in grapes and lettuce is evident in its tricks that growers play to keep the picket lines off the sidewalks of the US. George Sheridan, coordinator for the Grape & Lettuce boycott in Connecticut demanded an investigation be done on two supermarkets, Finast and Universal for fraud and mislabeling.

In a letter to Barbara Dunn, Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection, Sheridan indicated that Finast & Universal were aware of the fact that non-UFWA produce will not sell and they have been found to display the UFW union label in their stores over non-union produce.

Matthew Bates and Katherine DiGuilio doing routine check on supermarket cartons, the following aspects were across the following. Their statement follows:

"In September we visited the Universal Supermarket in Storrs, Conn. Posted above the iceberg lettuce on their shelves was the end flap of an InterHarvest lettuce carton bearing the UFW emblem and the Burnt Antle name,六大所的全称是大兴安岭林区。"The lettuce was in plain wrappers. We went to the trash pail outside the store and found a wooden banana crate overflowing with lettuce scraps and torn "BUD ANTLE Inc" wrappers bearing the insignia of the Teamsters Union. Ms. Katherine DiGuilio took the enclosed photographs of that crate. We went back and asked to see their lettuce cartons. We were taken to the same back room and shown two UFW cartons. They were in the same place in the last two months that we were there. The lettuce was in plain wrappers."

The boycott committee charges that A&P has here. George Sheridan, coordinator for UFUA, organized a support group who have committed themselves to follow down South. After four weeks of picketing the Chail agreed to sell UFUA iceberg lettuce ONLY in their 35 stores in the area. The Support Group has informed the stores that they will "continue to boycott until they give in on the grapes."

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GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

The first action in support of UFUA is to begin picketing A&P stores in the area. The Friends of the Farm Workers and the Greensboro Peace Center are jointly appealing to residents and shoppers to boycott lettuce, and to persuade A & P to honor last year's agreement with UFUA, to support the lettuce boycott. The boycott committee charged that APR has "frequently taken advantage of consumers by displaying the UFUA symbol, over non-union iceberg lettuce."

NASHVILLE TENNESSEE

All button collectors take note: the Nashville Support Committee received a donation of 1,000 buttons of their own design from the State Central Labor Body. Lynn S. Fitch, coordinator for the boycott in Vanderbilt University said that the Committee has also obtained endorsements from the Young Democrats, the Latin American Graduate Student Council, the Graduate Student Council, the Young Socialists Alliance, and the Vanderbilt Wives Club. The first picket line was geared at the Vanderbilt because "It's there and it sells escrow product," says Lynne. Order your Nashville buttons from Lynn at 3405 Whitland Ave., Nashville, 37205.

The Vanderbilt students and faculty are letting the administration and cafeteria know of its boycott intentions with the following: "VANDERBILT FOOD SERVICE: Today I did not buy any lettuce or grapes as I went through the cafeteria line. This is not because I like lettuce or grapes; it is because I support UFUA, and their effort to achieve human dignity and substantial living conditions for farm workers. There is a national boycott on all non-UFWA products, and until this cafeteria complies with this boycott and makes available UFUA produce, I will not purchase grapes or lettuce here."

BOYCOTT GOES SOUTH

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

The largest food store chain in Jackson, "Food Center and Jittery Jungle," capitulated after one month of picketing from boycotters. Rich Abraham, coordinator for UFUA, organized a support group who have committed themselves to follow down South. After four weeks of picketing the Chail agreed to sell UFUA iceberg lettuce ONLY in their 35 stores in the area. The Support Group has informed the stores that they will "continue to boycott until they give in on the grapes."

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THE BOYCOTT

Union charges sugar beet hearings a 'farce'

ALAMO, Texas - Each year the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) holds hearings here for the purpose of establishing payrates for the migrant workers in the northern sugar beet harvest. Every year farmworkers are invited to participate in the hearings. And every year their testimony and suggestions are completely ignored.

This year the Texas branch of the UFUA has decided to boycott the hearings which union lawyer Jim Harrington called "a farce, masquerading under the guise of constitutional due process."

Their participation allows the department to say to the public that farm laborers were given a fair hearing about proposed regulations," explained Harrington, "while at the same time it openly disregards all suggestions farm workers make regarding piece-rate wages, reestablishing rights and procedures to hear wage complaints."

Harrington told the press that "The current structure permits growers in the county to sit as judge of the truth and merit of a farm worker's complaint against a fellow grower." By no stretch of the imagination, he said, can these growers be expected to act as impartial judges.

Despite the boycott of the hearings, the UFUA is mailing a copy of updated suggestions to the USDA, along with their reasons for the boycott.

"Boycott Safeway, Sears"

SAN FRANCISCO - On Saturday, November 10 at Safeway 30th & Mission Ste, in San Francisco there was a picket line of 105 people made up of unions, clergy and strong supporters.

Among the 115 were representatives of: Retail Clerks Local 1110, Local 1110, Local 1109, Typographical Union Local 21, Railway, Airline, Steamship & Clerks Lodge Local 980, Delancy Street Organization, International Amos, of Machinists Lodge # 68, and Civil Service Local 600.

Amid shouts of "Boycott Safeway, Boycott Sears," the pickets at Safeway later showed their solidarity with the strikers of the nearby Sears store before dividing up to picket 5 more Safeway stores for the rest of the day.

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Gallo

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Paetani

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Thunderbird

Tyroli

Carlo Rossi

Ripple

Eden Roc

Andre

Rad Mountain

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Winemaster's Guild

Old San Francisco

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Director's Choice

Roma Reserve

Guild

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Famiglia Cribari

Ceremony

Garrett

Versailles

Vernon

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C. V. C.

Saratoga

Virginia Dare

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Lodi

Gould Blue Ribbon

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Roma

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1936-

A graduated tax on chain stores is narrowly defeated by initiative ballot when Safeway agrees to sign a union shop contract with the Teamsters in return for vigorous opposition to the tax.

1937

The Agricultural Workers Union strikes canneries in the Stockton area. The California Packing Corporation, Growers, led by J. Paul St. Sure, invite the Teamsters to come in. The State Federation of Labor revokes the charters of existing canner families of all strikes are effectively broken.

1937

In July, Retail Clerks Local 47 of Oakland strike the Whittlemore and Swan department store. The effort to organize on the basis of single crafts within the store, supported by fourteen other unions, is defeated when Dave Beck, at the request of Paul St. Sure, directs his Teamsters to cross the picket lines.

1938

Einar Mohn is sent to Los Angeles by Dave Beck in response to a request by the dairy workers (who are members of the Retail Clerks) to organize a dairy workers' union. Mohn remains in Los Angeles for two years.

1938

With the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers union threatening to organize canner workers, the employers' group calls in the Teamsters. An October NLRB election, which is won by the Teamsters, is set aside as a front local, even though they already have a warehouse union of Teamsters in the field. When the Teamsters set up picket lines at the Purity warehouse, there is a bloody battle and finally a court injunction preventing the Teamsters' picketing.

1945

Dave Beck loans $4 million to Freshman Trailer Company which puts up stock as collateral - a powerful bargaining tool for the Teamsters later on.

1945

Bud Antle and Bruce Church acquire nine vacuum cooling plants, primarily to rid themselves of unionized Packinghouse Workers. In favor of packing in the fields by unorganized, lower-wage workers.

1954

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1955

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1956

After a 9 month strike and a 3 month boycott led by Cesar Chavez, UFW, the Teamsters go into a final effort to maintain unchallenged power over their workers. On August 30, farm workers return to the field to support the Teamsters' grower effort by voting to be represented by UFW.

1966

On Sept. 9, UFW workers at Perelli-Minniti farm in Delano go on strike. Nine days later Perelli-Minniti signs a sweetheart contract with the Teamsters. In July, 1967, Perelli-Minniti gives up the Teamsters contract and signs with UFW. Teamsters and UFW sign first jurisdictional agreement in which Teamsters agree to respect the right of field workers to build their own union. UFW agrees to honor Teamster jurisdiction with respect to workers, frozen food plants, etc.

1967

Safeway makes a formal public announcement that it will not cooperate in any way with the farm workers' lettuce boycott.

1972

In December, Frank Fitzsimmons, Teamster President, crosses UFW picket line to meet with the American Farm Bureau Federation in Los Angeles. The next day he announces that the Teamsters will renegotiate contracts with the lettuce industry.

1973

Safeway begins advertising campaign on behalf of Teamster 'contracts' and Teamster 'union' lettuce. Safeway files $15 million damage suit against UFW and the Interfaith Committee to Aid Farm Workers.
Labor plucks Gallo

The boycott of Gallo wines has gained momentum across the nation, with picket line arrests in San Francisco and boycott victories in the heart of Gallo country.

On Saturday, November 6, at Safeway, 30th and Mission St in San Francisco there was a picket line of 115 people, made up of unions, clergy and strong supporters.

Among the 115 were representatives of local labor unions.

The picket line lasted about 2 hours when the solidarity from the farm workers struggle moved to the Sears strike by way of marching from Safeway to Sears. On the way to Sears the supporters who lined up 2 by 2 chanted: "BOYCOTT SAFEWAY, BOYCOTT SEARS!"

The pickers showed that they were not afraid of going to jail. On Nov. 3 the San Francisco police arrested 17 Gallo boycotters at Judel's liquor store.

In spite of a vigorous sales effort by Gallo salesman, boycott organizer Juan Perez said that in San Francisco an average of ten stores a week removed Gallo and Franzia wines from their shelves. During one week of October the active UFW boycotters convinced total of 35 store owners to bring the scab wines down.

Many of those arrested in San Francisco on Nov. 3 and those who continue the boycott are farm workers from Livingston, Gallo—17 families in all. But the boycott activity has not dimmed in Livingston either as picket lines have formed around the four stores who carried Gallo wines.

The picket report that Gallo printed up propaganda leaflets that were given to be distributed. This same story, Robbins Liquors, ran an ad in the Livingston Chronicle, apparently also as a front for Gallo, that read: "The Picketers who appear in front of our store do not constitute a strike of Gallo employees... The majority of Gallo's farm workers signed petitions that they wanted to be represented by the Teamsters Union... "Workers for the Gallo Wine Company are paid the highest wages of ANY farm workers in the entire nation, and have the best fringe benefits."

The United Farm Workers and supporters quickly responded to the Gallo tactics by writing an open letter to the people of Livingston, in which they explained, "Gallo pays lower wages than other wineries with UFW contracts. Supposed union security and job seniority are non-existent. The UFW hiring hall is eliminated and the notorious labor contractor system has been revived by Gallo. The Teamsters contract eliminates crucial health and safety precautions."

The UFW pickets have found support, except for Robbins Liquors. The three remaining stores have either removed the scab wine or promised to not restock. Soon Mr. Gallo will have to drive far away to buy a bottle of his wine.

**BUY**

**Italian Swiss Colony**

Annie Green Springs - Gambarelli
Beli Hai - Davitto
Zapple - Margo
Sangrole - Greystone
Inglendonk - Cellia
Lejon - Parma
Petri - Vai Bros.
Santa Fe - Betsy Ross
Mission Bell - Almaden
Jacques Bonet - Italian Swiss Colony

**Almaden**

Almaden - Le Domaine
Paul Masson - Paul Masson
Christian Brothers - Mont La Salle
Novitiate of Los Gatos - Novitiate
Vie Del - Perelli-Minetti

see page two wholesale, bulk only

**Support the Farmworkers**

1973

**On March 19, the Teamsters announce the signing of a two-year contract with the National Farm Labor Contractors Association.** Elnar Mohn says: 'We don't like the labor contracting system either, but as long as they are around, it is far better to have them under a union contract that to let them operate nonunion.'

1973

**Five Teamster Local 626 officials and two Vernon, California businessmen are sentenced on labor racketeering charges, namely forcing certain meatpackers not to use "unapproved" loading and unloading firms.** Court testimony reveals that the Pronto Co., which has a Teamster contract, hires mostly illegal aliens, and was not required by the union to pay any benefits to its employees.

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**Grampi forbids Spanish**

"It is disrespectful for Spanish speaking persons to be speaking a foreign language in the (union) business office in front of those who can't understand Spanish," William Grani, director of Teamster's Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and chairman of Western Warehouse Industrial, Aerospace and Allied Clerical Workers Council of the Western Conference of Teamsters.

**MODESTO, Ca.** --Several weeks before he made the above statement to an investigator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, William Grani, then trustee of Teamster cannery local 748 in Modesto, had scolded Leonore Gonzalez, the union's local secretary, for speaking Spanish to Chicano and Mexican union members.

On April 7, 1972, Grani sent down a directive forbidding the use of the Spanish language in the union office. Ms. Corolla protested the order and on Aug. 11 Grani discharged her for insubordination.

The language problem became an issue, explained Ms. Corolla, "when we started informing Mexican-American, the other minorities and women of their rights...."

Two other Chicoa union organizers, Serafino Anchondo and Deunicio Acquila, had been visiting union plants explaining workers rights and passing out copies of the union contract.

Grievances by Mexican-American soared in the first six months from six to 106 in the months of July to September when Acquila and Anchondo were visiting the plants. Grievances among women jumped from zero to 136.

When union officials refused to process all but six of the grievances, Acquila and Anchondo took them all to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Grani ordered the two organizers to "get off the Chicano bit," and on August 17, 1972, Grani fired Acquila, Anchondo, Ms. Corolla and her husband Frank. They are now waiting a court decision on a $250,000 damage suit they filed against the Teamster's union.
"WE BOYCOTT BECAUSE WE HAVE HOPE"
-Cesar Chavez
Farm workers in New York City: Building the new boycott

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.-In the store's window behind the people, a large printed sign reads, "TO OUR CUSTOMERS: IT IS NOT THE RIGHT TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHICH UNION REPRESENTS THE GRAPE WORKERS."

At the entrance to the parking lot Luis Martinez, a fruit worker from Inyo County, California, offers leaflets to motorists. He wears a large sign around his neck, "DON'T EAT LETTUCE!

"Support the United Farm Workers Union, don't buy at Shop-Rite," he says.

"They're the people who are doing this," he says. "They're the people who are doing this."

The farm workers at Shop-Rite are among eighty families of strikers from California who now live in the New York City - New Jersey area. Every day they join local union support meetings at supermarket chains which carry grapes and non-UFWA lettuce.

The families live in local churches or in housing provided by churches, receiving $5 a week per adult and food and expenses. In addition to picketing they speak frequently to labor and church groups and to community organizations about the UFWA and its fight to win contracts with agricultural corporations where they work.

"It's cold in New York and my daughter lives far from my home," says a young woman from Delano, who is picketing the Shop-Rite. "There is no way I can see my family because he was a striker but after picketing the store a lot I feel like it's my fight too. We have to put up with a lot of strange things here, but it's worth it to get those contracts back."

INCREDIBLE STRENGTH

In the first grape boycott of 1967-1970, Dolores Huerta explains, the union was only able to send fifty farm workers on a one-month tour of the country and to place only a few in some cities on a permanent basis.

"Now we have more than 600 in more than 30 cities, and if we had the money we could easily place 500 more. In New York we have eight district offices and we are reaching much farther north than before, to Rockland and Westchester County," she said.

"It's all a measure of the increased strength of the union," Ms. Huerta continued. "It's also a demonstration of the experience of its members, and wider support. But also the opposition seems stronger, too, or greedier. Right now we're just really beginning to build the new boycott."

SHOP-RITE FALLS

That day, the Manhattan office reported that allShop-Rites in Manhattan had agreed to remove the grapes and non-UFWA lettuce from their shelves.

At the Ocean Avenue Shop-Rite in Brooklyn, shoppers come and go. Some turn away when they see the signs or receive a leaflet. Others continue into the store. One man says, "I'm glad that my English is getting better so I can say what I want to them."

"A young woman with two children approaches the picket line. "Don't worry, she says, 'I don't buy any grapes or lettuce.'"

The striker explains to her that the picket is to hurt the overall sales of the store as a means of coercing them to remove the scar produce. "Just not buying the lettuce or grapes doesn't put enough economic pressure on the stores. We have to clean out the store completely, if we really want to hurt the growers."

The United Farm Workers of America is charging that A&P stores are promoting poverty by selling scar produce. It presents 4 million heads of lettuce each week to the stores, but the other giant store chains (Safeway, Schnucks and others) are using the courts to strip farm workers of the use of the important secondary boycott.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company was founded in 1859 and by 1925 was operating 14,000 stores with sales of $400 million. Legal battles are not new A&P. Selling manufacturers products below suggested prices and refusing to accept allowances, rebates, and fees from manufacturers and producers are all standard practices for A&P.

In 1949 it was fined $175 thousand for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Consumerism is A&P's weakest enemy. The chain has been forced to accept government aid to clear up the messes that it created. "A&P operates a series of contracts signed last spring with California lettuce growers that we have to hit-" Martinez says that he expected this to be easy, or at least a breeze.

"But we knew it could be done. But we know it can be done" he says, with a smile.

United Farm Workers: Watergate scapegoat for Republicans

WASHINGTON, D.C.-An effort by Republicans to use the United Farm Workers as scapegoats for the pre-vice-president on them.

"Well have you ever seen violence on a UFW picket line?" Montoya asked.


UFW HIT CAMPBELL CHARGES

Speaking for the United Farm Workers, attorney Gerry Cohen blasted the scapegoat attempt by saying, "Campbell's charges are false, irresponsible and he probably eats grapes." Cohen said none of the money reached the union directly and that the two union officials who handled the money ($52,000) Dolores Huerta and Benjamin Rosenthal were "very careful about using it for proper purposes." The funds were used in a voter registration drive within the Chicano community by the group El Pueblo con Miovern.
'Delano 29' charge brutal treatment in jailing

On November 5, members and volunteers of the Union attended the regular meeting of the Delano City Council to protest the jailing of 29 boycotters for allegedly violating a court order that restricts picket activity in front of Safeway stores.

At the meeting, Union members and volunteers were informed that the City Council was completely "impartial," that the jailings were necessary to enforce the law.

Yet, beyond the clustered council chambers in the Delano City and Kern County Jails, it was there that the "Delano 29" was supposed to receive "impartial treatment." However, the statements of the twelve men and seventeen women, upon their release, indicates that they were not treated well at all.

According to a Declaration issued by the men, "our treatment was unfair for convicted criminals, much less citizens awaiting trial."

Diana Sue Good, a jailed boycotter, stated that, "The worst thing about the jail in Delano was being lied to. It's something real." 

Union Legal Aid Deborah A. Vollmer, who was responsible for collecting declarations from those arrested, pointed to the insensitivity of the Delano jailers.

She said, "I observed that prisoners who wore eyeglasses had them taken away at the jail in Delano. This, some prisoners told me, was the cause of severe headaches."

But this brief stay at the Delano City Jail was only the beginning of a rougher journey. Later in the evening, the boycotters were transported to the Kern County Jail in a police van packed to over capacity: "Five people stood, while ten sat on other's laps."

Upon their arrival at the Kern County Jail, the men were herded into a dunk tank which was extremely cold. They had their shoes and socks taken from them, exposing bare feet to an ice-like cement floor.

While the men were enduring the cold cement floor and lack of any decent ventilation, the women were going through the booking process which ended early into the next morning. Both men and women were treated with disrespect, however, one of the more brutal incidents of neglect occurred in the early morning hours.

According to the Declaration prepared by the women, "When the women were called out for the mattresses, Hortencia Rangel tried to leave, but the door closed and her hand got caught. It seemed a deliberate act to use us because not everyone had yet received a mattress, so why did she close the door? We all had to yell out for several minutes before the door opened again. Her hand seemed badly hurt. The matron finally called her out."

Although the guards placed Ms. Rangel in a "cell without bars" to compensate for her bruised hand, they failed to contact a doctor until the following day. The women's statement describes her departure to the hospital: "...she was finally taken to the hospital with tight handcuffs around her hurt wrist, which made her arm swell. X-ray showed that her hand was not broken, so she was taken back to the tank...and never received any treatment. At the time of this writing, her hand still hurts."

These are only a few examples of the kind of treatment meted out to the "Delano 29." This treatment, they were told by a sheriff's deputy is reserved solely for farm workers.

The declaration signed by the men summed up the feelings of the "Delano 29:" "During these past four days the question that was constantly on our minds was what happened to the constitutional right of every American to remain innocent until proven guilty? Is this right, in reality, given to everyone regardless of their standing in society?"

Can the Mayor Frank Herrera and the other members of Delano City Council answer this question? No. They're "impartial."

Troops used to crush railroad strikes

In 1877 Pennsylvania railroads cut employee's pay by 10%—this at a time when rail workers worked 15-18 hours daily, and frequently were not paid at all. Their families lived in shanties along the tracks.

A secret Trainmen's Union was organized, led by Robert H. Ammon, a young brakeman. The movement spread in weeks to the Baltimore & Ohio (B&O), the Erie, and the Atlantic & Great Western. B&O followed with the 10% cut in wages, which reduced the weekly salary to $5.00. Out of this the men were expected to support a family and pay living expenses while on the job.

With the announcement of the wage cut, 40 firemen refused to work and were promptly replaced. The "trouble" spread. In Martinsburg, West Va., firemen abandoned their trains. The leaders were arrested, but support from an increasing sympathetic crowd forced the release of the men. The militia was called in, but were sympathetic to strikers.

The supporting townspeople eventually took over Martinsburg. The wives of the firemen made headlines by remaining firm in their declaration: "Better to starve outright, than to die by slow starvation."

The strike spread to Cumberland and Newark, Ohio. Ten people were shot in Camden Station which started a three-day uprising where thirteen people were killed and 50 wounded.

In Pittsburg, the workers also struck and violence was reported. The militia again proved friendly and 1,000 troops were sent from Philadelphia. 20 persons were killed and 29 wounded. The strike spread from Altoona to the mining districts of New York, and on to the West Coast.

The uprisings revealed the hatred which immigrant working people, especially the Irish, felt toward the rail barons.

The strike was eventually crushed, however, and leaders were blacklisted and hounded from their jobs for years. But the morale of the workingman flourished, taking form in a new growth of labor parties.

Hearts in Agbayani Village say volunteers

BOBBIE SAMSON: "It is something real...the Manongs will get together."

RUSSELL VALPARASO: "...an example of how people can work together."

NANCY DESTEFANIS: "Quit my job...my heart is at the Agbayani Village."

SHERRI VALPARASO: "It makes us want to work harder together."

MARIE BACANE: "It is a need where Manongs can go to."

AMADO DAVID: "I come whenever I can work on the village."

Photo: Sebastian

Photo: Sebastian

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‘Manong: ‘the original Filipino that crossed the sea to work the fields of the US.—Forbidden to marry, he worked himself into old age. He is now, tired, retired and forgotten. UFWA has given the Manongs hope of a ‘family’ environment in Agbayani Village.}
Cannery workers boot out Teamsters in vote

CRYSTAL CITY, Texas. -- The cannery workers of this small, dynamic town recently booted out the Teamsters and voted in a union of their own creation, Obreros Unidos Independientes (OUI). It was another victory for the people of Crystal City, who have already won consideration of worker power in the political sphere through the Baza Unida Party.

In response to a petition by the Del Monte cannery workers, the National Labor Relations Board set an election with the ballot reading (1) Obreros Unidos Independientes (2) Teamsters and (3) Neithp.

Two weeks later, the Teamsters tried to make an early getaway from a fight and asked to be removed from the ballot in the plant. Their reason? "The last time the Teamsters entered a local election ballot they lost, but four of their members," said OUI Legal Counsel Paul Rich.

Del Monte told El Malcriado, "The Obreros Unidos Independientes contract will be unique, for it will not only contain wage and working conditions, but will also require of Del Monte, as an agrimercantiliant all over the world, to make a commitment to improve the lives of the workers and of the communities in which they operate."

The OUI in Crystal City stresses that their union is completely independent, but that they are actively seeking the technical assistance and moral support from brothers and sisters across the nation. One of the first to give this assistance, Rich said, was David Burciaga, Director of Negotiations for the United Farm Workers of America.

CORPORATE PROFITS BOOM

WASHINGTON -- A Business Week magazine has confirmed earlier reports that after-tax profits of the largest corporations continue to break records: about 30% over last year's level.

EASTABUCHE, Miss. -- 2000 black and white members of the Gulf Coast Pulpwood Association (GPA) in southern Alabama and Mississippi are still on strike which began Sept. 9. The workers are seeking a fair contract with 5 a.m. on Oct. 17, the day the huge electric producer, after the jailings. Otis King, President of Duke Power Co. won a court ruling Oct. 16 banning strike supporters in prayer ritus of the Harlan County and singing.

Their crime: being born to outspoken working class.

ILWU IN SHOWDOWN WITH CORPORATIONS

HONOLULU, HAWAII. -- Caught in the vise of an economy being manipulated deliberately for new and greater profits in cheaper countries, members of the International Longshoremen's (ILWU) in Hawaii are rising to what they consider to be their greatest challenge.

The corporate powers who have long controlled the Hawaiian economy and exploited her workers are now moving their operations to areas of cheaper labor, like the Philippines, Mexico and Thailand. ILWU workers, forced with the immediate threat of unemployment as the companies "phase out" their operations on the islands, are mobilizing the strength of their entire union to assure that displaced workers are provided for.

INDIANS RETURN TO ALCATRAZ

SAN FRANCISCO -- A group of American Indians returned to Alcatraz Island on Sunday, Nov. 13, to commemorate their occupation of the former federal prison four years ago. Adam Nordweil, chairman of the United Bay Area Council of American Indian Affairs, proclaimed their action a victory for all people.

The island, intended for use as a space museum before the Indian occupation, is now a part of the national park systems and open to the public.

HOSPITAL STRIKE ENDS

NEW YORK. -- Hospital workers returned to their jobs on Nov. 13, after accepting a wage settlement which had been scaled down by the Federal Cost of Living Council, thus ending a week-long walkout involving 48 hospitals and nursing homes in the city.

Some 30,000 workers had left their jobs in demand for a 7.5% weekly increase.

The Federal Cost of Living Council refused the demand and the workers were finally forced to accept a settlement of 6% wage increase, or $9 a week, which ever is greater.

Despite the disagreeable settlement, Leon J. Davis, president of the 60,000-member local claimed certain clear victories. "We showed that you can't run hospitals without people who carry bedpans, the predominantly black and Puerto Rican people...From now on, we'll have to be taken seriously.,"

REAGAN DEFEAT

California voters rejected Ronald Reagan's tax proposal in the Nov. 6 elections by 54 to 46%. The Governor had turned the issue into a personal appeal for political support, and the proposition's defeat consequently amounts to a personal setback for Reagan.

Many political observers in Sacramento see the election results as reducing his chances to be the Republican president nominee in 1980. John Burton said "this takes a lot of wind out of his Presidential sails."

SAWET VICTORY FOR STRIKERS

ALTOONA, Pa. -- After 28 weeks of active strikes and over seven years of campaigning for bargaining rights, the Bakery & Confectionery Workers have won their first labor agreement with the Boyer Candy Co. The agreement will provide for wage increases of 50 cents an hour over two years for the 190 striking employees, plus hospital, vacation and overtime benefits.

Children, women, miners jailed by court ruling

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"BOYCOTT COORS"

Adolph Coors Company. They charge that Coors pays it's construction workers wages which are 20 to 25 percent less than the prevailing rates in the area, and that they do not hire craft journeymen. They urge, "Join our boycott; Don't buy COORS Beer or Golden Choice Dog Food."

THRIFTY DRUG STORES STRUCK

Nearly 8,300 clerks and 1,200 pharmacists struck Thrifty Drug stores in Southern California on Nov. 8, dispute over wages. An AFL-CIO Retail Clerks Union official described the demands as "Wages, job security and pension." Nine union locals are involved.

The union is seeking to eliminate the differential between workers hired before Oct. 1, 1969, who have a base pay of $3.63 an hour and those hired since that date who earn 55 cents less. Management refused to do so on the basis of competition from nonunion stores.
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Finding La Causa

Brothers & Sisters:

I left my native land, Argentina, almost a year ago. In December of 1972, I married a medical student from the U.S. and after spending 7 months in Colombia, where he had received a scholarship for research, we came home. While I was in Latin America, my life went one way—that of fighting for the liberation of Latin American communities.

All my energies, ideals and inspiration were directed on that one-way street. When I arrived in the U.S., I felt like a fish out of water. What could I do with my ideals in a country where one's ideals are not allowed and which squashes any ideals such as mine.

Now, having contacted the local UFW office, and after reviewing the latest copy of the Malcriado, I have made my decision. Yes! The struggle is necessary. I am again placing myself at the disposition of my Latino brothers and sisters. I will once more join that struggle against the gigantic exploiting Imperialist, represented by our lovable Uncle Sam. You must follow through to obtain that standard of living that is due every working person.

Milca Vargas Arason
Rochester, N.Y.

Si, se puede

by Mark Keats
Los Angeles Boycott

Wise David said he could not do it himself.
Scab grapes lay rotting on the Safeway shelf.
The people had answered the Farmworkers call.
"Don't sell scab grapes or your sales will fall."

Chorus:
Si, se puede
Yes, it is possible
Said David to Goliath ten feet tall.
"Bigger they are the harder they fall."
Down crashed Goliath goon club and all.

Wise David said he could not do it himself.
Scab grapes lay rotting on the Safeway shelf.
Bad bunches of grapes, they were shaped like a crawl.
"Cause scab workers don't know how to pick 'em at all.

(Chorus)

Wise David said he could not do it himself.
Brave pickets and people won the fight.
Put teamster ginks and goons to flight.

(Chorus)

Wise David said he could not do it himself.
Scab grapes lay rotting on the Safeway shelf.
That's the lesson the Old Bible did tell.
The bigger they were the harder they fell.
From David to the Maccabees they did flee.
So will the Farmworkers win final victory.

(Chorus)
O'Campo gets new job

SANTA MARIA, California—Mel O'Campo, is ready to make a deal, according to an ad run in a local paper by Stewart Olds, Inc., a company owned by a branch of the family of Judge Robert Stewart of the Guadalupe Justice Court.

O'Campo who has had many jobs as a farm worker tells lies about the union and Chavez, will fit well into the Stewart family enterprises.

Judge Stewart described the Mexicans of Guadalupe as "happy," and said the men beat their wives on weekends because they had nothing else to do, in an interview with the Santa Barbara News and Review a year ago.

Stewart added that his court had corrected this by fines and jail sentences.

Santa Maria Chicanos say O'Campo sold out his people when he agreed to talk to the Guadalupe Parent Teacher Club about "The Truth Behind the Chicano Movement," in March 1972. As a result of his speech, which was never completed because O' Campo chose to end it amid booping and jeering from the crowd of 300 persons, ten persons were cited to court.

The people, who became known as "The Guadalupe Ten," were associated with the United Farm Workers of America or El Comite Con­sejo de Educacion de Guadalupe which was formed to change the schools to meet the needs of the children.

As a result of the case and a U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearing, a group of parents obtained a temporary restraining order which compels the district to follow its own regulations and state law in disciplineing children.

Prior to the court case and the commission hearing, the district teachers employed such disciplinary practices as tapping children's mouths, tying children to chairs and other physical abuses.

Chicanos in Santa Maria say, "Before you buy from Stewart Olds, remember that any sale, whether made by O'Campo or not, helps pay his salary. Consider whether you want to support a man who sells you out over and over again."

Letter hits Fitz

"...We of organized labor through this land are with you in this struggle. We know the Farm Workers will win in the end, the right to have their own union of, by and for Farm Workers.

It will not be made easy it never was and never will be. These of us who helped build our industrial unions in the early thirties and forties, faced the same opposition in those years.

Our fellow-workers were also shot and killed by hired gunmen, police paid the Top Brass Workers of those years in the copper mines, smelters, auto factories, in oil, steel, rubber, etc. Also, now they would win in the end, and did. So will the Farm Workers."

We respect and honor your faith and determination to carry on your struggle must become the struggle of all the union members and the people of this land.

It will truly then be a victory for all the people when the Farm Workers contracts have been restored to the REAL Farm Workers. The wealthy agri-business owners will resist as long as they can. The boycott will force their hand.

The tricky-Dick type statement attributed to the President of the Teamsters Union, Frank Fitzsimmons, etc., is room for more!

Whereas: the Teamsters "Top Brass" and the grape growers have conspired to destroy the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO thru 'sweetheart' contract negotiations without the knowledge or consent of the grape workers, and

Whereas: these UFWA contracts were in effect for three years, and were won by the farm workers after a five year grape strike and boycott by the sacrifice and toil of farm workers and millions of supporters, and

Whereas: the Teamsters are non-representative union inregards to the grape workers of California, who were asked them to hire a collective bargaining agent, since they were represented by Cesar Chavez's UFWA, and

Whereas: UFWA member- grape workers are now striking the grape fields of the Coachella Valley against the back-door, sweetheart agreement between the Teamsters-Growers, and

"Whereas: the Teamster 'Top Brass' and the Growers are now engaged in un-ion-busting and strike-breaking the employment and imported-paid goons, gunmen, thugs & employer security rifle police...

"It is my opinion that the Farm Workers support has weakened and eroded since May 1st of this year. By harvest time here in Riverside County (Coachella) the friends and supporters of the Farm Workers thruout the land, should double and re-double their present support due to the latest tricky-Dick type of (phony statements by Fitzsimmons, etc.)... Frank Fitzsimmons should go to church more often and confess his sins. Yes, against the lowly-paid field workers!"

"Never in my time do I recall any union in any strike boycott or campaign received the support of all the people in the labor movement, in the churches, among the youths and students as the Farm Workers have in this struggle. Still, there is room for more support.

The Farm Workers newspaper EL MALCRIADO, should be sold by each un-ion steward or committee man or woman to our un-ion brothers and sisters in the mines, mills, factories, and other places of work.

Selling EL MALCRIADO should be our obligation and duty of each issue published. We should also be sold in the colleges and churches and to all the people of the land. We should not neglect the Teamster drivers -- they too should agree that the Farm Workers should have a union of by and for Farm Workers...."

Fraternally and sincerely,
Bob Holloway- old enough but not retired,
Corona, California
SOME UNTITLED THOUGHTS ON THE UNITED FARM WORKERS OF AMERICA

by Diana Lyons, a farm worker

There’s so much power
in this land resting in the grower’s hands.
Why should woman,
child,
or man
bend their backs to work the land
to fill your table everyday
and go home hungry anyway?

We’ve lived our lives as rented slaves,
worked us into early graves
but that’s over now.
We’ve built a Union of our own...
built it with our blood and bone.
We’ve nurtured it and watched it grow
and we don’t need no Elmer Mohr* to tear it down and tell us "No"

All we ask
is what we earn.
All we need,
is that you learn
that every dollar
that you spend
can buy some justice
in the end
if you BOYCOTT LETTUCE
BOYCOTT GRAPES
to make the world a better place.

Don’t disgrace us.
Don’t buy the stuff.

* A Teamster official active in Teamster efforts to undermine the struggle of the United Farm Workers of America to organize California farm workers.