POISONED LETTUCE SCANDAL SWEEPS U.S. AND CANADA

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In the first several days he was seen daily as the doctor tried to relieve his pain as well as make a sure diagnosis. The many exams and analysis seemed to point to tubercular meningitis, and he was started on antibiotics for this condition.

The Union arranged his admittance at the UCLA Medical School, and they concluded that it must be tuberculosis. Ramon returned home and continued treatment.

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Back at home, his condition fluctuated from being under control to being nearly intolerable. Due to increasing pressure in his head, Mr. Landeros was admitted once more to the University hospital where a special plastic tube was placed under the skin to relieve the pressure inside his head. The estimated cost of the amputation and surgery he received totals more than $3,000.

Ramon Landeros gets tuberculosis skin test from Calexico Clinic field worker Yolanda Leal.

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Since then, the patient and his whole family are under careful watch. The medicines are many and complex, but with the encouragement of his wife, Ramon Landeros follows the instructions. Now he feels much better and by continuing the antibiotics against t.b., hopefully continue to improve.

Ramon says, "I lacked confidence a little at first, but I was always sure that everything would work out well. I had not been working for two years. but the Union and the clinic helped me.

"I respect the doctor as much as anyone can. They helped me greatly, and I say this for my children, not me."

His wife, "All that we struggled and paid in that sanatorium—over a hundred dollars—and it did nothing for Ramon. Then when we came to the clinic here everything was done for him. Now fifteen days after the last operation it looks like he is winning little by little."

\[photos: Cristi Willison\]

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CALEXICO, California—Manuel Chavez, who has been assigned by Union Director Cesar Chavez to meet personally with farm workers in the Imperial Valley, told EL MALCRIADO February 27 that he has visited more than 2,000 workers so far.

He said the purpose of the campaign, which started February 20, is to hear from workers' demands concerning the direction our movement should take in its struggle against the fraud and conspiracy of the growers and Teamsters.

Manuel explained that not one Teamster organizer has had the courage to stay in the field with the strikers and be confronted by Teamsters and other Union organizers: "The growers and their supervisors are getting scared because they are finally realizing that the Teamsters cannot stop us."

Manuel Chavez and Union organizer Marshall Ganz were arrested "for trespassing" February 22 as they talked to workers at the Andrews Farm located in the Holtville area on Mainline Avenue. The company is one of the ones that has signed a sweetheart contract with the Teamsters. The workers there left the fields for two and a half hours to protest the arrests.

The workers reported that after the incident, an angry Teamster organizer came into the field and shouted at them, "If you want Chavez' union you can keep it."

According to Manuel, the Teamsters are no longer visiting the fields, but rather wait until payday and go to the company offices to sign up Union members and to protest Teamster actions. They say they don't want the Teamsters and prefer "Chavez union."

Several growers have penalized workers for talking with Manuel. In one asparagus ranch, a grower suspended a whole crew for two days.

 Everywhere Manuel goes, growers and supervisors threaten him with arrest. But he continues and the theme remains the same as aptly explained in the following leaflet which is being distributed throughout the Imperial Valley:

"DON'T BE AFRAID OF JUAN GOMEZ." La Victoria strikers and Union members as they picket the courthouse and the offices of the Sheriff's Department in Salinas. Two days later, 51 strikers were arrested for violating a court order prohibiting mass picketing against Dave Walsh Co.

"FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY. The growers and their Teamsters Union continue with their plan of abuses and threats against farm workers in an attempt to force them to sign and to divide the United Farm Workers. For this reason, CESAR has assigned MANUEL CHAVEZ to personally meet with workers in the fields and to hear from farm workers their opinions about what action we should take to defend and fight for our rights. Viva the United Farm Workers. PREPARE YOUR DEMANDS."

MEANLY BLASTS TEAMSTERS

AFL-CIO President George Meany blasted the Teamsters Union for their sweetheart contracts with the California lettuce industry at a press conference recently in Miami Beach. "I'm still on strike," he said, "because the Teamsters, after all, represent American workers and I would like the Teamsters to be a good trade union, but the agreement they make with the growers recently in California, to me is just tantamount to strike breaking. From a trade union point of view, what they have done is absolutely disgraceful."

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"Our Demands"

1. We demand the Teamsters Union get out of the fields. We make public our protest

We no longer want the Teamsters Union to hold us up for extortion. Because, with extortion, the only ones that come out winning are the Teamsters and the growers. The farm workers know what the Teamsters are. We do not need them, and we do not want them in the fields.

2. We, the farm workers, indict the Teamsters Union for fraud. First for collecting dues without our consent. Secondly, we set forth our indictment for the harm caused to us and our families.

3. We, the farm workers demand liberty of rights. In doing this, we specify our repudiation of the Teamsters for their meddling in the fields, it is very apparent that this Union does not represent any future for us. No one who is a farm worker should sign with the Teamsters.

4. We, the farm workers, indictment the Teamsters for all the above. We further demand that the dues they have taken be returned in their total sum.

A man lives his labor, and it is not just that someone else works himself with so much sacrifice, has earned to support his family.

United Farm Workers Santa Maria, California

Imperial Valley

D'ARRIGO HIRING ILLEGALS?

EL CENTRO, California--A total of 1,476 illegal aliens were arrested in the El Centro area in January by immigration and customs agents, 500 more than in the previous January, according to immigration officer Henry C. Felchlin.

Many believe that such a dramatic increase is due in part to the use of illegals by D'Arrigo in an attempt to break the United Farm Workers' strike against them.

The strike has been active for several months now, and recently dozens of strikers left for eastern cities to boycott D'Arrigo products there.

San Joaquin Valley

EL MALCRIADO COMMITTEE IN TULARE COUNTY by Jesus Martinez

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Thanks to the above sisters and brothers, it was possible to sell 750 issues of EL MALCRIADO, February 23, in Tulare County. This means they gave of their valuable time so that our newspaper could reach 750 farm workers home.

"SI SE PUEDE!" To Be Shown by Jesus Martinez

The EL MALCRIADO committee of the Tulare Committee will show the film "SI SE PUEDE!" on March 8. Place: Memorial Building, Poppal, California. Time: 7:00 p.m. No admission will be charged.

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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

by Nancy Welch, St. Louis Boycott

ST. LOUIS, Missouri -- St. Louis hosted the caravan on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 77 strikers and 2 dogs whose spirits overcame the cold and freezing rain on the picket line. The day began with the students at Washington University who treated us to lunch in the domes. At the press conference, Cesar spoke about the dangers of Monitor 4, and disclosed for the first time that there had been lettuce seized from the St. Louis Warehouses of A&P. That evening the strikers and Cesar spoke to an overflow crowd at Graham Chapel, a very sympathetic crowd, who by the end of the rally had learned the Huelga clap from the strikers, and boo’d the Farm Bureau throughout the movie SI SE PUDE..

Two local politicians, Benjamin Golits, the city licencc collector, and John Bass, candidate for comptroller voiced their support of the strikers and the boycott. Rever Charles Kyle, leader of the United Front of Cairo, Illinois, a group which has been boycotting the businesses of Cairo for the last four years to get jobs and decent housing for black people, spoke of the ties which bind people who struggle across the country.

Sra. Irene treated us all to a Mexican dinner after the rally, and in the morning the caravan headed on to Chicago.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

by Gabino Hernandez

(Gabino Hernandez, D’Arrigo striker, heads the groups of D’Arrigo strikers who stayed on the boycott in Chicago.)

Snow...snow...snow. Fifteen inches of snow welcomed us to Chicago. Despite so much snow and cold, about 1,000 people came to our rally February 17. Present at the rally were representatives from the United Auto Workers and the United Steel Workers, the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, along with Senator Stevenson.

That night we stayed at the Providence of God Church, which is led by Father Harrington, who has supported La Causa ever since Eliseo Medina directed the boycott in Chicago. The next day, Cesar, Dolores Huerta, Jerry Cohen, union attorney, and a pesticide expert held a press conference in which they attacked the businesses of Cairo for the last four years to get jobs and decent housing for black people, spoke of the ties which bind people who struggle across the country.

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papers in the city and by two national television networks. After the press conference, the bus started out to Cincinnati, but had to return because of the snow. The strikers who had to turn back had no place to stay because the church where we had stayed was being used for a social event. They had to go to the boycott office. There was no food to eat, but the personnel of a dancer’s club donated food ready to eat. Afterwards, the Red Cross also helped with 30 blankets and army cots.

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natures of people who promised not to eat lettuce and not to buy an A&P. We also collected $245.00 from elderly woman donated ten dollars, while a black minister donated forty. On Sunday we received a telegram from Governor Walker of Illinois in which he declared he was going to order an investigation of the lettuce contaminated with Monitor 4.
NEWS

U.S. Scab Lettuce Diplomacy In Norway

U.S. Illuminated The role of the U.S. Embassy in supporting scab lettuce growers is becoming more apparent here. In a debate with UFW boycott organizer Victor Pestoff, the owner of Sweden's largest importer of U.S. lettuce, a Mr. Zwartkies, stressed repeatedly the interpretation made by the labor attaché at the U.S. embassy here in Sweden that the recent California Supreme Court decision allows both the Teamsters and UFW to organize farm workers.

(See consistent with U.S. government policy of standing in the way of farm workers aspirations for a Union of their own. During the late 1960's, in order to bail out non-union grape growers the Department of Defense increased its grape purchases by 800%, paying a higher than market price. Presently the Pentagon is using our tax dollars to buy more scab lettuce than ever.)

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U.S. taxpayers' money is being used to buy advertisements such as this to push the sale of scab lettuce into Europe.

Contacted in Washington, Erle Fleisher, who is Desk Officer in charge of the U.S. Embassy in Norway claimed no knowledge whatsoever of these ads. He told El Malcriado, "Such an occurrence would be highly unusual, and if this did happen, nobody told me about it."

The Farm Workers Support Group in Moscow, Idaho is carrying on a continuing boycott and picketing of Safeway Stores. We also are beginning a campaign to get the University to buy only UFW lettuce. In addition, we are undertaking a campaign to have a referendum measure put on the ballot at the next general election in Idaho to repeal the Idaho Agricultural Labor Law which the Farm Bureau pushed through last year. Our group doubled since last year, and the number picketing has been increasing steadily.

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POISONED LETTUCE: "The biggest pesticide scandal in this country's history"

Hunt for Poisoned Lettuce Spreads Throughout U.S. and Canada

UCLA researchers throughout California and Arizona and buyers throughout the United States and Canada continue to uncover new developments in what UCLA General Counsel Jerry Cohen has termed "the biggest pesticide scandal in the history of this country." Briefly, the facts are these:

- In November and December of 1972, 38,000 acres of lettuce in California's Imperial Valley were sprayed with a new super-pesticide called Monitor 4, which is an organophosphate nerve gas pesticide similar to parathion.

- In Yuma Valley, its use had been banned in January 1972, and as a result the lettuce was still dangerously contaminated when the cutting and shipping process began.

- Late in December, a ground operation in Maricopa County's fields noticed that the lettuce seemed to be burning. Experts from the FDA and the California Department of Agriculture came to the Imperial Valley and began testing the lettuce. The FDA found Monitor 4 present in the lettuce. October 25-26.

The hunt for the poisoned lettuce continues. Union Director Cesar Chavez is telling consumers all over the country that the lettuce they are eating could make them sick. UCLA researchers now feel that almost 300 of the lettuce from the Imperial Valley this year is contaminated with Monitor 4, and that the health hazard to consumers and farm workers is unprecedented in the United States.

General Counsel Jerry Cohen charged in a Los Angeles press conference on February 20 that the scandal is a result of "a massive collusion between Federal officials and agribusiness to cover up for irresponsible state officials who let the Monitor be sprayed in the first place."

Researchers in the Imperial Valley report that the chemical companies who manufactured Monitor and claimed that it was safe for use on lettuce are now in the Valley, compensating lettuce growers for the massive losses they have suffered due to the poison.

- SACRAMENTO, California -- 2,896 boxes of Saikho lettuce seized from Safeway warehouses and destroyed January 4.
- OXNARD, California -- 430 crates of contaminated lettuce "reconditioned" into salad January 4.
- SACRAMENTO, California -- Assemblyman Richard Alatorre introduced a resolution February 22 to urge "all state agencies to take immediate action to stop the flow of contaminated lettuce" and called on supermarket chains to take similar steps to insure that none reaches consumers.
- SACRAMENTO, California -- The State Legislative Black Caucus today joined with the Legislative Black Caucus members and with Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman Mervyn Dynasty in calling for an immediate State Legislative investigation of the possible escape onto supermarket shelves of thousands of cases of contaminated lettuce.
- RICHMOND, California -- 37 fields in the Imperial Valley were plowed under, and the FDA ordered approximately ten thousand crates of Saikho and Maricopa lettuce destroyed. It is estimated that the poison caused the destruction of ten thousand crates of lettuce and a nerve gas type pesticide similar to parathion.
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Clinic Program For Arab Members

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DELANO, California--A medical team of four persons from Case Western Reserve Medical School in Cleveland, Ohio, has come to the Union's Rodrigo Terronez Memorial Clinic here to study an intestinal infection common among the UFW's Arab workers.

The infection, called "schistosomiasis" or "bilharziasis," is a complicated one in which a small worm hatches from eggs which live inside a certain snail and, through the water in which the snails live and which humans either drink or bathe in, invade the human body and settle in the blood vessels of the intestine.

There the worms, about a quarter of an inch long, lay more eggs which in turn pass out through the feces of the person, are eventually returned to the water in which the snails live and thus return to the snails to begin the cycle all over again.

Both the snail and the human (or other animal) bodies are necessary for the entire life cycle of the worm to be completed. Since there are no such snails living in the United States, there is no chance at all of the infection spreading and, hopefully, the worms presently infecting some of the Arab workers will eventually die off, leaving them free of the disease and, as long as they remain in the United States, free from future infection.

Dr. Peter Cummings of the Terronez Clinic, who extended the invitation for the Western Reserve medical team to come here, emphasized that in many cases an infected person will suffer no ill effects whatsoever from the disease. Since treating the infection requires the use of very strong medicines, the researchers are trying to discover if the worms will eventually die off if untreated.

The research on the disease has three basic parts: taking a medical history of each person tested; doing a skin test for evidence of the disease; and taking a stool sample from each person to check for the presence of the worm's eggs in the feces.

Ahmed Saleh Moharem of the MBZ camp has been instrumental in organizing the testing, and Dr. Cummings and nurse Roberta Otto have actively participated in the entire operation.

The Western Reserve Medical team consists of: Dr. Kenneth Warren, Associate Professor of Medicine at Western Reserve; Dr. Adel Mahmoud, originally of Cairo, Egypt, and an associate of Dr. Warren; Mrs. Ming Hang Chang, of Chinese ancestry and formerly of South Viet Nam, now a medical student at Western Reserve; and Mr. Pierre Peters, a lab technician formerly of the Congo, Africa and for the past seven years associated with Dr. Warren.

Of 216 Arab workers tested, 100 are infected, and the Clinic is recommending and offering treatment to the thirty-six who are most heavily infected.

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DELANO, California—Arabs have been coming to California roughly since 1965. The great majority of them are from Yemen, and a very few from Egypt.

There are about 5,000 Arab farm workers in California today, with about 1,000 in the Delano area. No exact figures are available, but it is clear that the number of newcomers is increasing steadily. An overwhelming majority of the Arab workers are members of the United Farm Workers.

Since all Yemenis are living in labor camps, they are all male and single, except a few married men who had to leave their families back home. Age ranges from 16 to the fifties. All Yemeni Arab farm workers are villagers and peasants. They are mostly illiterate or had only a few years of school. Since they speak no English and have no skills or job training, farm labor offers their only chance of employment. Grape work is the most attractive since it offers employment nearly all year round, except for the three months after the harvest, from October to December.
El Malcriado Committees are at the forefront of the Union's campaign to double the circulation of EL MALCRIADO.

The sisters and brothers who volunteer for the El Malcriado Committees know they are doing more than just selling a newspaper. They are organizing farm workers so that they may be better informed and better able to defend themselves. In every town where EL MALCRIADO is distributed door-to-door, the presence of La Causa is established and everyone knows that our movement continues to progress.

Union Director Cesar Chavez has declared that EL MALCRIADO is "a newspaper of struggle." And now, more and more, wherever there is a strike or boycott picketline, EL MALCRIADO is there too.

If YOU want to do something for La Causa, if YOU want to be part of an EL MALCRIADO COMMITTEE get in touch with the Official Representative of EL MALCRIADO (see below) in your area, or, write or call:

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P.O. Box 62
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Telephone: (805) 822-5571

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF EL MALCRIADO

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- Salinas area:
  Jose Guadalupe Varela—(408) 449-7578

- San Luis, Arizona area:
  Jose G. Espinosa—(520) 223-5726
  (c/o Union Office)

Guadalupe Lopez de Ortega, D'Arrigo striker and member of the El Malcriado Committees in Calexico, takes EL MALCRIADO wherever she goes. Recently, while picketing D'Arrigo fields, she sold more than 40 Malcriados to strikebreakers, labor contractors, guards and police. She says: "They even bought the old issues I had. A lot can be done if you do it the right way."

Ricardo Villalpando, who helped organize El Malcriado Committees in Calexico and San Luis volunteers his time in the campaign to double the distribution of EL MALCRIADO. He is confident that El Malcriado Committees will soon be formed wherever there are farm workers.

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Union Members Thank Kennedy Plan

Maria Saludado, Director, Kennedy Medical Plan

RECEIVED $1,114

A thousand thanks to the Kennedy Plan for all the benefits I have received to date. Until now, I have received from the Kennedy Plan more benefits than I ever dreamed I would receive. The Kennedy Plan has paid me $1,114.

One day a nurse asked me how much I receive in maternity help and I said $300. She said that was a lot of money, because she didn’t enjoy such a benefit and said she didn’t realize farm worker Union members enjoyed such good benefits. Thanks again and please forgive my bad writing.

Jose V. Delgado
Greenfield, California

P.S. If possible please print this letter in EL MALCRIADO so all can know about the Kennedy Plan. Thanks.

FILL YOUR APPLICATIONS COMPLETELY

The Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Medical Plan staff ask that you fill out your applications for benefits completely so that we may give you prompt service at all times. If you need help contact your nearest Union office, especially if you have not received a reply to your request for benefits.

Rosa Martinez
Delano, California

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GALLO WORKER RECEIVES $437 BACK PAY

Union member Augustine De Toro, who works for E&J Gallo in Livingston was paid $437.74 in back pay. This came about after De Toro filed grievance against the company. A grievance was made because De Toro lost his seniority when he was not notified by the company to return to work.

The company said it had sent a letter to Mr. De Toro telling him to return to work. But De Toro never received such a letter. The grievance committee met with the ranch manager, where the company was unable to prove such a letter was sent.

The company agreed to many of the terms of the Grievance Committee, agreeing to back pay of $437.74 and giving back De Toro’s seniority and job.

by Juan Perez- Livingston

Thanks for Maternity Benefit

I am writing these few lines in order to greet you and tell you the following I am very grateful to the Kennedy Plan because you sent me a check for $269, maternity benefit for a little girl I had at the medical center in Agua Prieta. Thanks to the Kennedy Plan farm worker women are receiving better maternity care. That is why we have the obligation to help, so that we can have a stronger and better Union. We should spread the news about the Kennedy Plan as we help on boycotts, strikes and organizing in general.

VIVA LA CAUSA. SI SE PUEDE.

Eva M. de Morales y Roberto Morales, EL PROFE,
Douglas, Arizona

RECEIVED DEATH BENEFIT

Dear sister:

Please receive my greetings and wishes that you are enjoying complete and total health. Also, Marla, I am very grateful for the cooperation you gave me and the help you gave me at the time of my husband’s death.

Please send me the official records on my husband and also I wish to report that I received the money from the Kennedy Plan. Thank you very much and may God reward you.

A sister who loves you very much.

Gregoria Ortiz
Delano, California
ORINOCO MINING. The United States Steel Corporation and Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America have agreed to halt some of the abuses of workers' rights that have persisted during the long strike against Farah. The company promises to halt all unfair labor practices and guarantees workers their full basic rights, says the union representing the workers, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

In signing the agreement arranged by the National Labor Relations Board, which had accused Farah of numerous violations, the company has acknowledged the truth of many of the union's charges and has agreed that the strike was caused by the firm's unfair practices.

Among other things, the agreement calls for the company to stop harassing employees for union activities, halt the use of guard dogs and rehire strikers. But several of the key provisions will not take effect until the long dispute is settled.

At a recent meeting of strikers here, Representative Herman Badillo, Democrat of New York, called for a congressional investigation into Farah's tactics in the dispute.

Badillo said Congress should uncover the reasons why employers who violate the labor law can continue to receive support from local authorities.

SEATTLE, Washington--The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington has filed suit in United States District Court here on behalf of a Seattle truck driver who has said he has been unable to work since August, 1971, because his employment was terminated due to personal appearance.

Gary Ewing, 30, charges that Local 173 of the Teamster and the Fortune Transfer Co., a Seattle trucking business, jointly acted to fire Ewing, a member of the company since 1969, because of his long hair and beard, and have blocked him from working as a Teamster since he was fired.

The Teamsters refused to contest the dismissal by the company, the suit maintains. The suit also charges that the Teamsters' union has acted to prevent him from obtaining other jobs by not assigning him work out of the union hiring hall. In addition, the ACLU contends that the union opposed Ewing's receiving unemployment insurance following his being fired.

TEACHER'S STRIKES CONTINUE

Teachers' strikes continue around the country, as major walkouts in St. Louis, Philadelphia and a number of smaller communities have kept nearly 20,000 teachers off their jobs as they seek better wages and working conditions.

The Philadelphia strike, the longest of them all, seems no closer to settlement than when the 15,000 teachers represented by the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers left their jobs on January 6.

PFT President Frank Sullivan charges that the mayor (Frank Rizzo) and the school board are determined to refuse a settlement until the union is broken.

In St. Louis, where 4,000 teachers entered their second week on strike, Circuit Judge Thomas F. McGuire imposed fines totaling $150,000 upon Louis City Schools and its teachers. The fine was paid on January 12 after the group's president, Jerry Abernathy, publicly defied McGuire's return-to-work order.

LATIN AMERICA AND WORLD:

VENEZUELA FORCED TO REDUCE PRODUCTIVITY

CARACAS, Venezuela (P.L.)--North American investors have decided to diminish the production of oil in an attempt to get the government to lower the price that will hurt the country's economy because oil represents 70 percent of Venezuela's economy.

A dozen North American companies such as "Chevron", "Crest Air" and Orinoco Mining, The United States Steel Corporation and others, control all of the extraction operations of the rich deposits of oil and iron in this country.

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**Cowpries from the Growers**

**ON NEGOTIATIONS**

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- Ed Smith, Salinas

**THE SAME BED?**

"Mr. Smith and the other Methodists agree" (Los Angeles Times, January 16, 1973):

"...It seems to me the growers would sooner have the Teamsters union like the Bad Ante Company has. I ask the question, why should not the grower have the right to have the union he wants to work with? He is the one that writes the pay checks."

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**MORE "TRUTH"**

More truth from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, in a statement from its Executive Vice-President: John C. Lynn (Packer, February 10, 1973):

"Simply because Frank Fitzsimmons, president of the Teamsters Union, spoke at the American Farm Bureau Federation convention and because we dared mention the National Labor Relations Board in our policies, some jump to the imm­ ediate, although erroneous, conclusion that the Farm Bureau and the Teamsters have jumped into the same bed."

"I don't subject myself to that sort of thing but some grower representatives do, and it is just impossible to negotiate in those hectic circumstances."

**ANti ANti ANti**

The Florida Farm Bureau promtes the truth, according to its president, Walter Kautz (Florida Grower and Rancher, January, 1973):

"The story of the IBT's affair with the growers began years ago when the Teamsters' Executive Board have allocated $1,000,000 from the union's treasury to carry out this jurisdictional war. Needless to say, the giant agri-corporations will be the main beneficiaries."

**How to Deal With Farm Workers**

George Ing, Southern Washington apple grower, writing hints on how to deal with various "farm labor types" (The Good Fruit Grower, April 15, 1972):

"Groups of Mexican-American males are usually either single with families in California or Arizona or the 'green card' people with families in Mexico. They will travel by auto in groups of three to six and are very productive workers. We find that they will often produce three times as much as a man from skid row."

"Since these people are the most productive in orchards, they are also in demand in turn demanding a good deal in order to be satisfied. They will continue to negotiate as long as their demands are met."

"The grower needs to understand both the Latin make-up that involves the skill and fun of negotiating as part of our society, but also understand the short Latin temper. He should figure out ways to concede to some of their needs and be able to say no to others."

"The grower must be ready to very carefully supervise these fellows and not relax his concept of a Quality Job. After the rules are established and with frequent checking, you will find that these people are a real pleasure to have on your ranch."

"A good psychological approach with Mexican-American men is to show an interest in them personally and in their families. They are separated from their families and are pleased that they are included. Often they want to show pictures of their families and they are very interested in mail. You can build rapport by bringing them a letter from their family to the field rather than have them wait until the end of the day."

"A show of interest, such as a Christmas card, can often get you on their itinerary as a place to stop during a certain period each year."

**MORE HINTS**

More hints on farm workers from apple grower George Ing (The Good Fruit Grower, April 15, 1972):

"Caucasian couples are still a factor in our labor force year around. Usually the man works and during the harvesting season, the woman will also work. These people are more stable than other types but have a multitudes of problems. They are not legally married, one or both drinks, the car is usually broken down, and they need frequent drugs."

"Our approach has been to try to regiment them somewhat. They are very responsive to good housing and also to who else is living nearby."

"We have found that these people will do a commendable job under a controllable volume of work. They often have experience and sometimes so much experience that they have certain ideas about how to perform the job that may be different than ours. They must have good direction and they often have to be trained carefully."

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CONGRATULATIONS
Feb. 12, 1973

Dear Editor:

I am writing to congratulate you and your aids for your excellent job of putting out EL MALCRIADO. In terms of makeup the paper has striking personality, with art work and news items attractively balanced.

You will be interested to know that Cesar Chavez and seventy farm workers attracted 300 people to an anti-Safeway meeting in Albuquerque Saturday evening, Feb. 10. When Cesar came on the platform the effect on the audience was electric. In American history he will be listed along with such moral geniuses as Eugene Debs, Martin Luther King, Norman Thomas and A.J. Muste.

Sincerely
Frank Marquart
A Boycott Secretary

SUGGESTION FOR MALCRIADO

To the Editor:

Last week we read about re-negotiation of contracts between the Teamsters Union and the growers. We wonder if any re-negotiated contracts shall be subject to, attack and in my mind were never considered valid. It was never approved by the rank and file. When I say "rank and file" I mean all the farm workers who actually do the dirty job. I don't mean the truck drivers or the packing shed workers. They have different kinds of contracts.

(b) That there was never a farm worker member of the Teamsters in 1970 except Bud Antle which holds a contract with them prior to that year. I became a member of the Teamsters along with the rest of employees of Merrill Farms, We didn't sign voluntarily in fact we stalked for awhile. But then we were told that unless we signed, we would be de-privileged of our employment. There was no alternative but to comply.

(c) I was clear all this time that the Teamsters were never interested in the welfare of the farm worker. Aside from paying our dues, we never saw a union representative nor were we asked to attend meetings which I am sure can give us the opportunity to discuss our grievances.

In conclusion may I respectfully demand from the union leadership and growers alike that all our grievances be subject to the approval of the farm workers membership.

R.R. Nachor

UNION OF MY CHOICE, Not by Force

I worked in the fields from when I was 12. I worked so hard I felt like a dog. I liked my job just 'cause I'm brown.

But the Teamsters Union has got my job. To work for a living, I have to pay dues; I'll be no good then. They'll they'll take my job. And where would I be? I went to Nam just to come back to the job that I like, and work hard as I always did. But to pay to work and get no benefits, it's just plain wrong. If I'm a slave, I'm not that dumb just 'cause I'm brown.

Moses Ruiz

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Construction Committees
Repair Educational Center
At La Paz

LA PAZ, California—After two years of hard work, the Farm Worker Educational Center building is finally nearing completion. Bill Encinas, Farm Worker Fund Administrator, and John Gibson, Director of Construction, agree that progress on the building would have been impossible without the help of the Comites de Construcion, comprised of farm workers from Lamont and Santa Maria.

The volunteers, who are already sacrificing their time on weekends, want all Union members to help finish the building by April as planned. The completion of the project will make it possible for the Union to move forward with its educational programs, featuring weekend sessions.

LOS COMITES DE CONSTRUCCION:

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