El Malcriado
"The Voice of the Farm Worker"

Trials of the 44

THE FARM WORKER MASS
EDITORIAL: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Mrs. Jack Radovich, wife of the prominent Delano grape grower, last week expressed her shock and disgust with workers who had turned against their benevolent employer. Mrs. Radovich was quoted as saying, "Why, we even gave them turkeys at Christmas."

Contrary to the opinion of some, the farm worker is not a beggar, nor is he less than any other man. Each man is of equal worth, whether he is a grower or a worker. In this valley, there are 300,000 farm workers, and as in all democracies, the people will prevail. Someday this valley will see a true democracy, and "Don Sotaco" will stand up and say "Patroncito, I am as good as you."

Some are doing this already. They are learning from the strike in the grapes. For example, there are brave women like Mrs. Beatrice Bumanglag of Earlimart who recently defied an all-white jury of hypocrites in their attempt to send Dolores Huerta to jail; another example is Manuel Rivera, who courageously left his wife, his family and newborn child, while being shoved into a police wagon. His only crime was that he refused to stop shouting "Huelga", battle cry of the strikers.

These are people who have learned one thing, and learned it well: that there will be neither respect nor equality for any farm worker who does not stay out of the fields.

The meaning of this strike is much more than just a few more dollars in wages. The questions of justice and equality have aroused the interest of hundreds of priests, ministers, civil rights workers and others. These are intelligent people, who believe in what is right. That is why they are here.

With their support, the grower will someday cease to exploit the farm worker, and we will meet eye to eye on equal ground. One voice will be raised amongst us and say, "Talk with us, or pick your own grapes." Until that day, the farm worker will remain a slave, dependent on the generosity of the Radovichs' and their small turkeys.
Workers And Ministers Face The Courts This Week

They jammed 44 people into a police van, hardly bigger than a bread truck and left it sitting in the mid-day sun. Eight of the people arrested were mothers; a total of 38 children were left alone in Delano for three days, many of them too young to understand what was happening.

Twelve of the strikers arrested were ministers, brought to Delano by their belief that "where the poor are, Christ should be—and is". One of them, Rev. Wayne C. Hartmire, is director of the Migrant Ministry of the California Council of Churches. He was roughly shoved into a police car and taken away.

They were brought to the Bakersfield jail where the farm workers, ministers, and women were rigidly searched and booked in the standard police manner.

The 44 stayed three days while Cesar Chavez tried to raise their bail money. At night, during the visiting hours their children tried to see them. They were turned away, and instead prayed and sang on the steps of the jail.

Why did it happen? The 44 had gone to a field in Kern County, stood at the road, and shouted and yelled and waved signs at the strikebreakers who were picking grapes. Since growers are exempted from labor laws which force employers to talk with unions, the strikers have no other alternative than to picket and demonstrate.

Sgt. Dodd of the Kern Police had warned the strikers not to shout "huelga!" (meaning "strike!") to the workers in the field. They defied his order because (continued on page 8)
FLYING PRIESTS URGE ALL TO JOIN STRIKE

Father Kenny and his Airplane

Two priests who pilot their own airplane upset some carefully-laid strategy by Delano area grape growers last week. In their attempts to keep scabs hidden from picketers, grape growers in the strike zone have been hiding their workers deep inside the fields, far from the road. Only the center of the field gets picked when they do this, but growers know that scabs working by the road will listen to the strikers and many will then quit work.

Last week, growers were surprised to find that even scabs hidden in the middle of the fields were not safely imprisoned. Father Keith Kenny of Sacramento, and Father Arnold Meagher of Woodland, accompanied by FWA Director, Cesar Chavez, flew down over the fields in their own airplane and broadcast a special loudspeaker appeal to strike-breakers to support the strike and quit working. Several crews walked out of the fields after hearing messages broadcast over the loudspeakers. Father Kenny, Catholic priest of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Sacramento, later said, "The strike is a movement by the poor people themselves to improve their position. WHERE THE POOR ARE, CHRIST SHOULD BE, AND IS." Father Kenny promised to return to Delano to help the strike, and said that he has other surprises in store for the growers.
"Our Catholic Church is Involved" Headlined the Central California Register, official journal of the Catholic Church in Central California, in writing about the great strike in the grapes. And as Churches throughout the country became increasingly involved in this fight for decent wages and human dignity and justice, the striking farm workers in Delano held a Mass to thank the Lord for His blessings and to ask for strength and help in the weeks to come.

The mass was held outdoors at Ellington Park in Delano, and over 400 farm workers, plus many other Catholics and others supporting the strike attended the service. The mass was held in honor of St. Joseph the Laborer, and Father Ephrim Neri of St. John's Catholic Cathedral in Fresno, and Chaplin of the Guadalupena Federation, led the service. The people offered thanks that the eight mothers arrested the previous week by Kern County Police were able to attend the mass.

Friends of farm workers from all over the county had contributed money to help bail them out of jail. Father Neri gave a moving prayer, reminding the people that "Christ the Laborer, Christ who was poor like you" would heed the prayers of the workers, and asked them to have love and charity in their hearts for the growers, in spite of what the growers had done. Other clergy participating included Father Anthony Soto and Father Thomas Fry of San Jose.
He was arrested by Sgt. Dodd of the Kern County Police when he refused to obey the demands of the Midstate foreman that he stop the reading. The charge was "disturbing the peace". Rev. Havens, who is from the First Christian Church of Visalia, was forced to spend Sunday in jail.

The "definition of a strike-breaker" is among the writings of the famous writer, Jack London, and is a strong and accurate description of the people who are walking over the backs of their brothers out of ignorance or greed. It has appeared several times in this magazine.

Prominent San Francisco lawyers have asked to defend Rev. Havens as their contribution to the cause. Havens has been helping the Farm Workers Association since the first day of the Strike.

This was the first in a wave of arrests which failed to stop mass picketing. The strikers know that they are not breaking the law and are not afraid of this kind of persecution.
Rent strikers in Tulare County Farm Labor Camps won an unexpected victory last week when Judge Paul Eyman agreed that the rent increases imposed on the camps were illegal.

In a trial in Visalia, the Judge decreed that the Tulare County Housing Authority could not make Linnell tenants pay extra rent, which the Housing Authority has illegally been trying to collect since last June. Happy Linnell tenants represented by Manuel Ponce and John and Daniel Delgado were defended by San Francisco lawyers James Herndon and Carlos LaRoche. They agreed to hand over their back rent and pay at the old rent of $18 for the first cabin and $5 for each additional cabin. The rent strike began six long months ago, when the Tulare County Housing Authority tried to raise rents on the tin shacks of Linnell and Woodville Camps to $25 a cabin. Tenants in the two camps, aided by the Farm Workers Association, organized Protest Committees and refused to pay any rent to the Housing Authority until rents were lowered back to the old level.

Instead, they paid into a Trust Fund held in the bank. The Housing Authority, which had accumulated a $120,000 profit from its poor tenants in recent years, was hoping to make even bigger profits. Then they suddenly began to lose money. By September they had lost over $7,000, while the Tenants' Trust Fund had its thousands of dollars safely in the bank.

A great 7-mile march was held in July to publicize the horrible conditions of the camps and the injustice of the rent increase. In August, County Health and Building Inspectors investigated the camps and said that the tin shacks were not fit for human habitation at any price. The Housing Authority was officially condemned for many violations of the law, and for operation in an illegal manner.

But though they were convicted of these crimes, the Housing Authority bosses hoped that they could get the courts to help them evict the rent protestors. Ferris Sherman, Earl Rouse, their fat lawyers and the rich farmers on the Housing Commission were thus shocked when Judge Eyman brought them to justice instead, and upheld the rent strike.

Though tenants have agreed to pay their rents at the old level, they have warned the Housing Authority to fix the horrible conditions in the camps or face a new protest. The County Board of Supervisors has also demanded action, setting six months as the deadline for a plan or start on building better housing. Plans for court actions in bringing charges of criminal negligence against the Housing Authority are also being considered.
THE DAY THEY TOOK THEM TO JAIL FOR SHOUTING "HUELGA"!

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It was illegal and unjust, the 44 were willing to risk imprisonment to prevent the growers from using the police as their tools, but the police went all the way and took them in. The charge: unlawful assembly.

El Malcriado says that if Sgt. Dodd tries to justify his actions by saying that a "riot situation" existed at the field, then Sgt. Dodd is a vicious liar. If he says this in a court, then he is a perjurer.

The trials of the 44 will be memorable. The trials will show how strong farm workers can be when they know they are right. They will show that unlimited outside help is available. They will show that the system of farming in California in 1965 belongs in the Dark Ages. They will show the hidden picture of brutal prejudice against the Mexican and Filipino in California.

The result: Police suppression. Some observers said it was Mississippi all over again.

"Get in that car, you".... Sgt. Dodd shoves Rev. Hartmire. None of the strikers resisted arrest.

The strikers did not move.

The words crackled over the police loudspeaker: "THIS IS AN UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. I ORDER YOU TO DISPERSE!"

The Answer: "HUELGA! HUELGA! HUELGA! HUELGA! HUELGA!"

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your letter authorizing me to represent the National Farm Workers Association in any matters pertaining to legislative activities. I read Father Vizzard's wonderful letter in "El Malcriado" last week and I would like to say with Father Vizzard that if I could I'd be on the picket line myself with your workers. I will continue to do all that I can to aid you here in Washington. Viva La Causa!

Sincerely in Christ the Worker,
Father Victor Salandini
Washington, D.C.

Dear Editor:

The grape pickers of the San Joaquin Valley were contented with what they had until they read your worthless falsity of a magazine. The years that the ranchers took to make a name for themselves were filled with heartache and disaster. But they did not give up because they are truly great men.

Take a long look at yourselves. Can you actually call yourselves men? Signed, "Who Am I Hurting?"
Delano, California

El Malcriado Says:

First, the "Worthless Falsity of a Magazine" has grown so that after only ten months of life, its circulation is over three times that of the unmentionable newspaper on the other side of this town, which is 50 years old.

Second, your rancher friends can save themselves a final heartache and disaster by bargaining over the table in a peaceable manner with these strikers who will never give up, instead of by spraying them with sulphur and trying to frighten them with vicious dogs. We have little doubt as to who the real men in this conflict are.
Dear Editor:

Please publish the following:
I say to all the farm workers, don't work for the snakes who are trying to bring people to work in the grapes of the strike area. They just want you to slave over the hot and dirty day while they are home drinking mixed drinks with the rancher. Let's all stick together and we will win this Strike.

I would be very grateful if you could send me subscriptions in both the English and Spanish editions of El Malcriado. I enclose $4.

"A housewife and admirer of El Malcriado"
Delano, California

Dear Editor:

I am one of the "outside agitators from San Francisco" mentioned in a newspaper article, "Grapes of Wrath in Delano"... We came to know Cesar Chavez personally, to share his labors, to participate in his heroic efforts to obtain for his people a decent living wage... Cesar Chavez is not only a highly intelligent and gifted organizer, but he is also a humble and deeply spiritual Christian leader with a cause that is just.
Under his leadership the Valley Grape Strike is one of the most significant breakthroughs for social justice in California's long history.

Mother Mary Xavier, O. S. U.
Novato, California

(The following is part of a letter appearing in the Central California Register.)

Dear Editor:

I read where the churches are sending food down to Delano... how disgusting! I say, let the loafers starve. Think how much their pay checks would be, even at 75¢ an hour!

Signed: "A Christian"
Fresno, California

To the thousands who have helped...

simply, our grateful thanks

In the long fight ahead...
we beg you to remember us.

Cesar Chavez, director
National Farm Workers Association
THE CALLS WHICH GROWERS FEAR

The following are phrases and translations that the strikers use to call the Scabs. When Scabs are close enough to talk to, picketers explain the strike to them and give them leaflets and "El Malcriado" to read.

**Spanish:**

- **HUELGA!** STRIKE!
- **SALGANSE!** COME OUT!
- **AYUDENOS!** HELP US!
- **AFUERA!** GET OUT!
- **VENGANSE!** COME HERE!
- "No Trabaje Aquí!" "Don’t Work Here"
- "Deberia Tener Verguenza?" "Have You No Shame?"

**Filipino:** (Tagalog)

- Mag labas cayo, cabayan! Come out of there, countrymen!
- Owag cayo mag trabajo! Don’t anyone work here!

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*Farm Workers Assn. - Delano*

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**MEMO TO HAGEN, MURPHY, KUCHEL AND COMPANY**

......"In the War on Poverty we're not afraid of pickets, we expect them. In the Peace Corps our community development projects depend on organizers--agitators if you will--to work with local leaders in organizing the poor and the outcasts."

*Sargent Shriver, director Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D.C.*

(from the S. F. Chronicle)
What Is A Union?

A Union can be a hundred different things. In Spain the unions are branches of the government designed to keep the people in slavery; in Mexico they are a strong political force which does not concern itself too much with the people; in San Francisco they are a potent force which makes it possible for common laborers to get $5.00 an hour; in Salinas—in one case at least—they are a means for racketeers to get rich at the expense of the people. In New York, or Sacramento, or San Diego they may be—and usually are—the one way that the working people can have a decent life.

WHAT IS OUR UNION?
The National Farm Workers Association is an independent membership organization started three years ago by Cesar Chavez, in Delano, California. Any farm worker may become a member and obtain certain free services in exchange for a monthly membership due.

WHY DO THEY CALL IT A MOVEMENT?
It is a movement, because it looks toward the day when every farm worker in California: Mexican, Filipino, Negro, Puerto Rican, or Anglo will have a living wage and a position of dignity. It is an idea, an ideal, and a challenge. To the growers, it is a threat and a thing to be feared and respected.

WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR VICTORY?
It is simple. If one worker demanded more money, the grower would fire him and hire another man, a little more hungry, to work for the low wage. But if hundreds of workers get together behind one leader the leader can say, "We will all quit and no one will pick your crop until you pay a decent wage." There would be no harvest without the workers to pick the crop. The growers depend on us, and this is our strength. Working together so that all will benefit, this is our strategy, this is a union.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
There have been people who have gone before us and shown us the way. In Pennsylvania the miners were organized only after long and bitter struggles lasting for years. Today they will tell you that it was worth it, because they know that even though many of them were foreign born—they know that they are the real men of America, who had the courage to shape their own future.

WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?
The battle today is the strike in the grapes. Before anyone can join our strike he must have enough strength of character so that he can put the needs of all the people above his own greed and selfishness.
Food, Prayers And Money

Keep The Strike Strong

Tons of food continued to pour into the strike area. Some came from people with good jobs in San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Jose. Other donations came from farm workers outside the strike area.

*PARLIER--The newspaper of Parlier, "En Nuestra Colonia", appealed for food for the strikers. Several hundred Parlier families made contributions which were sent to Delano. When the strike is won, the farm workers of Delano will help the workers of Parlier in their strike against injustice, discrimination and low wages. That day is not far off.

Outstanding or unusual gifts included the following:

***Two cars
***One station wagon
***A movie about the Farm Workers Association
***One ton of rice
***189 shoes
***3,250 cans of peaches, corn and spagetti.
***8 cubic yards of collard greens
***183 one dollar gifts
***One $300 gift
***Twenty dollars worth of photographic paper
***1,000 "Huelga" buttons
***A garage to store food and clothing

***Felipe Navarro of McFarland has given $5, $10, or $12 every week since the strike began. He works in a winery.

***Santos Chapa of Delano, who works as an irrigator on a cotton farm has given donations every week, sometimes as much as $30. He has eight children.

***Ted Natera, a Delano gardener has given a portion of his wages every week.

***Farm workers from Exeter, Lindsay and Farmersville raised over $80 to aid the strikers.

***Many, many more who gave more than they could afford, because they understand the meaning of our cause.

This huge truckload of food arrived in Delano on November 3 from Los Angeles, a gift of Teamsters, AFL-CIO, and others.

A portion of the flood of food coming into Delano to sustain the strike, a symbol of the strength and determination of people from everywhere to win the Strike in the Grapes.
For the first time in history, Filipinos, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Negroes, and Anglos are all working together to win a strike. This is because all realize that the only way for the workers to win against the rich ranchers is for everyone to stick together. The ranchers have tired to divide the farm workers, but the unity of all workers has never been stronger.

The Filipinos of the AWOC Union under the fine leadership of Larry Itliong and Ben Gines, were the first to go on strike. Cesar Chavez, Director of the National Farm Workers Association and leader of the Mexican and Puerto Rican farm workers in the Valley, promised full cooperation with the strike from the first day. And within a week he had sent out the call for the great meeting of September 16, at which over 1000 FWA families voted to go on strike themselves. Since then, Chavez, Itliong, and Gines have perfected the smooth-running cooperation which has carried this historic united effort through eight long weeks of struggle.

Though no grower has yet agreed to sit down and discuss fair wages for the workers, the two unions, already planning for the day of victory, have set up procedures for joint bargaining. All joined together for the great march of September 26 and the later strike rallies at Filipino Hall. The unions cooperate in locating scab crews who are working near roads, and in setting up pickets to break the crews. Picket crews have been "integrated" since the first days of the strike, and Filipinos and Mexicans have stood together under attacks of the growers and persecution by police. They have gone to jail together for the same unjust charges.

The unions share all "intelligence reports" (information brought in by spies). And since many Filipinos lived in the growers' camps for years and know the geography of ranches so well, they are especially effective in establishing contact with newly imported scab crews, some of which are virtually held captive in these camps. Almost all of those working for the strike have the fine staff at Filipino Hall to thank for daily lunches.

A sign at Filipino Hall says, "In Unity there is Strength." This is the strength of the Great Grape Strike.
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