Picket Shot, Many More Arrested in Grape Strike

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DELANO, Calif., Aug. 2 — Arrests and violence swept across the San Joaquin Valley today as the United Farm Workers Union pressed its strike against California table grape growers.

There were hundreds of arrests. There were reports of many more clash'es and picketing incidents in Delano and other farm towns yesterday.

In Tulare County, the sheriff's department said that a farm union picket had been shot and that during the same attack several bullets had also pierced the car of a free-lance photographer from San Francisco, although the photographer was not injured. In all, the sheriff's department said that about a dozen shots had been fired.

In Kern County, where tensions were particularly high, more than 200 pickets were arrested before noon.

Among those arrested was Dorothy Day, 76-year-old leader of the Catholic Worker Movement, who was on the picket lines with the farm workers the last two days.

The worker who was shot was on a picket line at the Delano, county department as Joseph V. Morn, 18,Deputies that he had been on a picket line of 60 workers at the Tudor Ranch.

They added that he was the only person struck by the shots that were reported fired from a passing truck.

The attack was in the upper part of his right shoulder and was not in serious condition.

Violence-Caused Arrests

Before this week most of the arrests were for violations of injunctions that restricted picket line activities. But in recent days, a number of persons have been arrested for assault.

The arrests and the increased violence reflect the bitterness that began to develop earlier this year when the farm union called strikes against the 29 growers in the Delano area, producers of some 40 per cent of the table grapes grown in California.

The strike against the Delano growers was significant not only because it was fired first in the state but also because it was here in 1965 that the effort to unionize the growers began. The first contract was signed in 1970.

Disputes over three basic issues are going on. Because of the poignant in the square that has resulted in the growers refusing to sign with the farm union led to a charge of violence.

Most of those who once held contracts with the farm union have signed with the Interna- tional Brotherhood of Teamsters. Thus far the prime excep- tion has the growers in the Delano area who have not signed with any union.

However, Jim Smith, the Teamsters area supervisor, said last night that he had begun talks with the Delano growers. He said he had informed them that the Teamsters would represent a majority of the workers if their fields and had asked that they sign Teamster contracts. Owners made no comment following the meeting.

Opposition to Chavez

John J. Giannara, operator of the largest grape-growing company in the area, said in an interview yesterday that Delano owners wanted peace. He said he had led the organized the first teamsters and that he had asked the growers to sign Teamster contracts with Mr. Chavez a month ago.

"He can boycott and do a lot of damage," Mr. Giannara said, "but I don't think the growers will ever sign with him again."

In recent days the Giannara vineyards have been a particular target of the farm union pickets. Still Mr. Giannara said he was getting along in his harvest. He said that to protect his workers he had already hired some armed guards and that he would take on more if necessary.

Statements by the growers that they will never again sign with the farm union, along with the insistence that they get those contracts tested to show the depth of this dispute.

On the other hand, the farm union says that it is prepared for a long struggle and predicts victory.

"We are not going to pick up the phone and call them (the growers) but we're going to raise so much hell on the picket lines that they will call us," Mr. Chavez, the farm union leader, said.

Meaney-Fitzsimmons Talks

Mr. Chavez returned here late yesterday from a trip to Chicago where he met with George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations. While there, Mr. Chavez said, he also delivered a progress report on the talks to the A.F.L.-C.I.O. Executive Council.

Mr. Chavez said that the council had again pledged total support for his union in its dispute with the growers and the Teamsters. The labor federation had already given the farm union $1.6 million to help finance their campaign.

In an interview on his return here Mr. Chavez disclosed that there had been secret talks be-