



1000 MARCH IN DELANO

One week after the end of the Pilgrimage in Sacramento, farm workers from all around Delano gathered to celebrate their victory over the Schenley Corporation. There was a march through the West Side in which over 1,000 participated. (See the photograph below.) Heavy winds prevented the celebration of the outdoor Mass which was planned, but did not prevent a group of contractors and growers from showing up to protest against the Mass and from hurling insults at the Virgin of Guadalupe. The farm workers held the rest of their rally at Filipino Hall (also see below), where Cesar Chavez spelled out what the contract with Schenley would mean. Larry Itliong, leader of the Filipinos, thanked the people for voting for him (Itliong ran ahead of all other candidates in every farm-worker precinct, and carried the West Side easily, but the ranchers still rule the east side of town and successfully elected their favorite sell-out, Frank Herrera, as new city councilman).



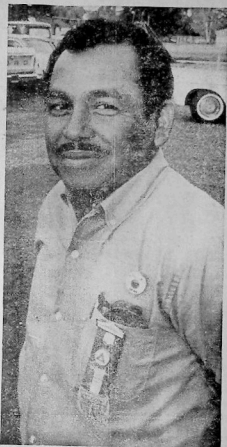
Association Expands in the North

Edgar Diaz runs the Farm Workers Association in Sutter and Yuba Counties, who with the help of Chris Bergholdt (full-time labor organizer, ex-grower, churchman) is building the NFWA in the Yuba City area. Diaz, born in Starr County, Texas, has done farm work all his life.

His first task is to extend the membership services of the Farm Workers Association to this northern area, rather than to hold strikes or demonstrations. Nevertheless, the Sutter-Yuba NFWA held a march in Yuba City in sympathy with the Delano grape strikers.

One Yuba City member said, "Farm workers are beginning to hold their heads up high" because of the NFWA movement, "and they are working better because they have pride in themselves."

A few days after the Yuba City rally, the first offer of a union contract came into the NFWA from the northern counties. This was from the Christian Brothers, wine-grape growers in Napa County. Secret negotiations are underway for union recognition with other growers in the north.



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