

HISTORIC VICTORY.

FARM WORKERS WIN

Five months ago, Robert DiGiorgio said that he would let his workers have an election, so that they could vote freely, either for or against the union. Last week the workers finally voted, and they gave Cesar Chavez and the striking National Farm Workers Association a tremendous victory. The whole state was amazed that we, poor farm workers, had beaten a great corporation-grower like DiGiorgio, and praise came in from all over the world.

Out of 1,343 who voted, only 19 voted for "no union", again dramatically disproving the lies of the "Delano Record", the Citizens for Facts & Fascism, Congressman Harlen Hagen, and all the other hateful people who said that the workers didn't want a union. In the field workers' election, 530 voted for the National Farm Workers Association, and 331 voted for the Teamsters. Seven voted for no union. In the elections for the packing shed workers, the Teamsters won, with 97 votes, to 45 for the N. F. W. A. and 12 for "no union".

The two unions will have to work together to defend the workers and win good con-



A striker gets to vote.



At a special mass, we gave thanks for our victory.

tracts and high wages from the DiGiorgio bosses.

It was a great victory for the farm workers to force DiGiorgio to hold fair elections. For five months, DiGiorgio had tried to prevent elections, and in June they held a rigged "phony election." And it was an especially great victory for the farm workers because the N. F. W. A. won. DiGiorgio was trying to bribe and force its workers to vote for the Teamsters, because the Teamsters would not make a good union for the farm workers. But hundreds of ex-employed of DiGiorgio, from as far away as Jalisco, Mexico, who had joined the strike since last September, returned to Delano to vote for the N. F. W. A. But this great victory is still only a beginning. The strikers still have over 30 other ranches in the strike zone. And Cesar Chavez has promised not to stop the struggle until every worker in California, and every farm worker in the nation is protected by good wages, a written contract, and a strong union.

DIGIORGIO ELECTIONS

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MUST SIGN CONTRACT

Robert DiGiorgio has agreed to begin negotiations with the N. F. W. A. for a contract for its farm workers. (It will also have to sign a contract for its packing shed workers who will be represented by the Teamsters). The farm workers will demand a contract similar to the Schenley contract. But DiGiorgio is a bigger, richer company, and can afford higher wages than Schenley pays. And they should be made to pay for all their broken promises, for the brutal attacks on the strikers, and for all the lies and sins of which they are guilty.



Cesar Chavez and Farm Workers celebrate victory.

IS ARVIN NEXT?

DiGiorgio's biggest ranch of all DiGiorgio's biggest ranch of all is near Arvin. It is a hacienda of over 9,000 acres, and employs over a thousand workers during the harvest. The workers at DiGiorgio's Borrego ranches have had their chance to vote for or against the union. Now the workers at DiGiorgio's Arvin ranch have demanded the same right. A big majority of the workers wanted elections in August, during the early harvest. But DiGiorgio refused. Work will reach a peak again in the first week in October, and workers have asked that elections be held then. DiGiorgio already promised to hold elections, but now they refuse. They have broken so many promises before

that we will have to "persuade" them to have elections. We hope that Bishop Willinger will help us arrange for fair elections in Arvin, since he is so much in favor of the Democratic process. But if the company still refuses to have elections in Arvin, the workers may strike there, and force some sense into the bosses' heads.

EL MALCRIADO SAYS: The time for elections is BEFORE the strike breaks out. Mr. Boss, we suggest that you hold free elections for your workers the first week in October or you will again face a strike, a boycott, and everything else that we can do against you to beat you.