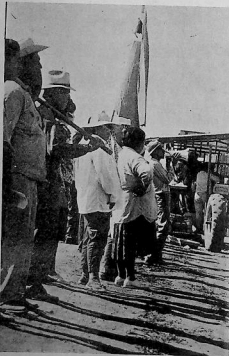


4 STRIKE CONTINUES AGAINST OTHER GRAPE GROWERS

The farm workers have won another great victory over the growers by beating DiGiorgio in the elections last week. With both Schenley and DiGiorgio beaten, the Farm Workers Association has conquered the two biggest growers in the Delano area. But we still have strikes against over 30 other growers, who employ about 4,000 workers in the strike zone during the harvest.

The main effort will be against the Caratans, Dud Steele, Lucas and Sons, and Guimarra. Guimarra owns or leases over 10,000 acres in Tulare and Kern Counties (most of it at present outside of the strike zone). He steals water. He may find the strike spreading from his Delano and Ducor ranches to his other property. Patron



Caratan said in April that if DiGiorgio allowed elections, then the Caratan workers would also be allowed to vote freely. We shall see if Caratan is a man of his word.

Other growers are still trying to arrange secret deals with the Teamsters. It is rumored that Pandol plans to sign with them, and workers on some of the Zaminovitch ranches were ordered to join the Teamsters or be fired. Pete Divizitch is trying to sell off a lot of his vineyards to avoid a contract.

The Farm Workers Association is asking for fair elections to be held at all the other ranches in the strike zone, under the same rules as at DiGiorgio's elections. This would be the democratic and fair way to end the strike.

Meanwhile, one other small grower is on the verge of signing a contract. All of his workers have signed up with the Association. He is Irving Goldberg, who employs two crews picking table grapes. He is actually picking grapes on Schenley property, but he claims he bought the grapes on the vine. He complained that it was as if he had "bought a car" and he alone owned what he had bought. So he said that he didn't have to abide by the Schenley contract. But union leaders said that even if it was like "buying a car", the grower still needed a drivers' license and insurance or he might have a bad accident. That's good advice for the other growers around here.



Picketing the 1966 harvest. On the first day after the election, over 150 workers in the fields signed up with the union.

