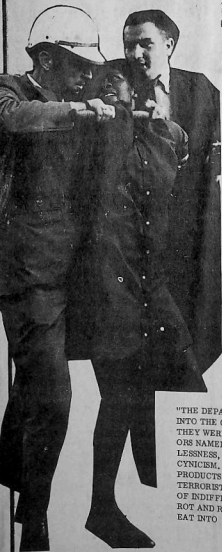


# The Law of the Blackjack



Dear Editor:

I should like to comment on the letter from Judith Holmes (San Jose) which appears in issue No. 54 of *El Malcriado*. First, may I suggest that Miss Holmes read more carefully the statement at the top of page 14 of issue No. 52 of *El Malcriado* which disclaims responsibility for views expressed in Senorita Alma's column. Secondly, she should note that the "offending" sentences are those of a reader, not the columnist.

Miss Holmes believes that "untruths such as these sentences should not appear in the columns of this magazine." However, she resorts to a sophistry by stating that "it is not true that all police are the enemy of the people, and... the police are not trained to look down on minorities and incite them against each other." Miss Holmes is incredibly naive if she believes that a few hostile statements about policemen are going to "do a great deal of harm to the minds and hearts of the Farm Workers who read them." The minds and hearts of the Farm Workers and all other minority groups have long been painfully aware of the brutal realities of tear gas, billy clubs, gun butts, cattle prods and the use of these which passes for police surveillance in our country. These things do have a real effect on the minds and hearts of minority groups - but should *El Malcriado* censor the words for that effect?

Unfortunately, Miss Holmes has not had the opportunity to learn firsthand that there are police who are bigoted and racist and that they are not in the minority. They receive thorough training for their jobs which includes courses on how to deal effectively with minority distur-

CONTINUED ON PAGE 38

"THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS LOOKED CAREFULLY INTO THE CAUSES OF THE RIOTS. WE CONCLUDE THAT THEY WERE INDEED FOMENTED BY AGITATORS—AGITATORS NAMED DISEASE AND DESPAIR, JOBLESSNESS AND HOPELESSNESS, RAT-INFESTED HOUSING AND LONG-IMPACTED CYCLISM. THESE SOURCES OF AGITATION ARE NOT THE PRODUCTS OF COMMUNISM OR BLACK NATIONALISM OR TERRORISTS. THEY ARE THE PRODUCTS OF GENERATIONS OF INDIFFERENCE BY ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE ROT AND RUST AND MOLD WHICH WE HAVE ALLOWED TO EAT INTO THE CORE OF OUR CITIES.

ATTORNEY GENERAL  
NICHOLAS KATZANBACK

## DELANO AND MISSISSIPPI

Dear Editor:

I was interested in two letters from Bakers field printed in the current issue of *El Malcriado*.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Richardson are right in comparing our system to Fascism. We're supporting it all over the world and our military-industry complex leaves only one more step to complete Fascism.

The problem of M. C. R. is not unique in the history of the labor movement. Many sacrifices have been made by the people to build unions. Many wives have been unwilling to make such sacrifices.

Only militant unionism can provide the workers with the ordinary comforts of life in a system where the strong exploit the weak.

Unions are built by dedicated people who are willing to make sacrifices. They don't come easy.

During WW2 I was stationed near Bakersfield and I've been to Delano. I've also been all over the South. It requires as much courage to organize a union at Delano as it does in Mississippi.

Best luck,  
Lester Nash,  
South Bend, Ind.

## An Article of LUIS VALDEZ

Gentlemen:

I have read the article "La Raza" by Luis Valdez in *El Malcriado*,

and would like to reprint the article in a publication being developed entitled "On Organizing." "On Organizing" will contain selections written by people active in some area of organizing.

The major part of the book will emphasize approaches to organizing, with particular distinctions made between rural and urban work. The articles selected will stress technique, tactics, and methods of organizing, as opposed to theory. Credits will accompany each article used.

I believe your article would be an important contribution to "On Organizing" and would appreciate your permission to reprint it.

Sincerely,  
William Weinstein,  
Berkeley, Calif.

## REAL Voice of the Teamsters

To the *Malcriado* Staff:

We enjoy every issue of your paper and pass it on to friends whom we encourage to subscribe. My husband is a Teamster steward in a good, honest local, and he has raised criticism in his union of the splitting role of the West Coast Teamsters who have attempted to compete with and destroy the farm workers union. We believe that the Teamsters Union is basically progressive, and that if enough voices of dissent are raised on the question of the farm workers the International Union will be forced to expel the whole reactionary West Coast group.

Keep up the work on your excellent people's newspaper.

Arlene Tysner  
Phila., Penn.

# Letters From the Readers



## SOMETHING MORE THAN PRAYING



Dear Editor:

Was most pleased to receive your sample copy of "El Malcriado" #52. As the child of parents who were both active in union organizing in the west coast's lumber industry and very much aware of the acute pressures that can be placed upon such families (through our own experiences), naturally I count the migrant workers' cause as my own. At present I am teaching my American History classes about the period between the 1860's and 1920's, and have used newspaper accounts of your struggle in order to make the class "come alive." The rights you seek are long overdue, and I promise to do all that I can to see that all Americans are treated with justice and receive their due as creatures of our Heavenly Father who created all men in His image.

I wish to assure you that something in addition to prayers will be said, and this includes seeking to interest the North Dakota American Federation of Teachers

CONTINUED ON PAGE 18