

## MAYORS REJECT ANTI BOYCOTT MOVE

NEW ORLEANS, December 12--Two UFWOC supporters distributing leaflets at the annual conference of the National League of Cities became the personal guests of Philadelphia's Mayor James Tate after a run-in with Delano's Mayor Clifford Loader and Mayor Russ Karlen of Bakersfield, it was reported today.

The Rev. Jerry Fuller and Mrs. Roberta McLaughlin, members of the New Orleans Friends of the Farm Workers, were distributing leaflets near the conference hall in a New Orleans hotel, when Loader, Karlen,



Mayor Loader of Delano

as an economic problem, and that it was right and proper for mayors and cities to take stands on such questions.

The resolution was defeated overwhelmingly in a voice vote, and the boycott of California table grapes received a rousing cheer from the assembled mayors of most of the cities in the United States.

Later, during the discussion with Mrs. McLaughlin, Loader accused the UFWOC supporter of knowing "nothing about the strike."

"I am the mayor of Delano," he told her.

"Who elected you, the growers?" asked Mrs. McLaughlin.

"No, the farm workers elected me," replied Loader.

"Well then why are you opposed to letting the farm workers vote on whether they want a Union or not?" asked Mrs. McLaughlin.

Loader had no answer, Mrs. McLaughlin told EL MALCRIADO.

## MICH. HEARS FROM FORGOTTEN POOR

DETROIT, November 26--A group of 25 Mexican-Americans walked out of a Michigan Welfare League conference today in protest against the League's refusal to pass or even discuss a proposed resolution supporting the California grape pickers strike and the nation-wide boycott of California table grapes.

The conference, which had called together representatives from poor peoples' groups throughout Michigan, had scheduled resolutions and debates on problems of poor people for the morning session, and panel discussions, on such topics as "The Forgotten Poor," "The Future of Michigan's Migrants," and "Hunger in Michigan--Telling It like It Is" for the afternoon.

When Rubén Alfaro, a representative from the Bishop's Committee for the Spanish Speaking in Lansing, proposed that the group support the strike and boycott, he was ruled "out of order."

In protest, he and the large group of brown and black delegates walked

## Farm Bureau Blasts Boycott

KANSAS CITY, December 12--The American Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention has come out strongly against the boycott of California table grapes, against inclusion of farm workers under the National Labor Relations Act, and in favor of their own boycott of Jewell Tea Stores (a large super-market chain in the Midwest) because of its reported discontinuance of handling California grapes.

The Farm Bureau, which is controlled by large banks, insurance companies, food processors, packers, canners, shippers, and some of the largest of American Agri-Business, called on its members to eat all the grapes they could stomach, and encourage their friends to do so.

The convention was picketed by a group led by Robert Bustos, Kansas City UFWOC representative, who passed out leaflets describing the farm workers' plight and calling upon delegates to boycott grapes.

out of the conference.

Tom Chávez, a member of the League Board of Directors, announced his resignation. Miss Lupe Anguiano, UFWOC grape boycott representative in Michigan, who was scheduled to participate in the panel on Michigan's migrants, expressed "surprise and disgust with the League's refusal to discuss an issue so basic to the future of all of America's farm workers."

The Detroit News reported on a speech to the conference by an H. M. Meredith; "H. M. Meredith, director of the Midland County Department of Social Services, said that the rural poor are more numerous than the poverty-stricken in city slums, but are ignored because of their silence. He called them the 'forgotten poor' who only attract attention as they migrate to the cities, at a national rate of 500,000 a year."

Is it we who are silent? Or they who refuse to listen?



More than a 1,000 Canadians were present for a march and rally in support of the boycott recently. More pictures by Morden Lazarus on page 9.

## CANADA RALLIES TO UFWOC

TORONTO, CANADA, December 10--The boycott of California table grapes in Canada reached a new level of intensity in late November and early December, according to Jessica Govea and Marshall Ganz, UFWOC representatives in Toronto. Some of the highlights:

• A special fact finding investigation by three Canadians, William Archer, Ronald Haggart, and Rev. Ed File, visited Delano and returned to Canada convinced of the justice of the farm workers' struggle. In a report carried in the press and over radio and T.V. through much of Canada, the three charged, "The overriding issue in the California grape dispute is the right of collective bargaining which is being denied to the farm workers. From our examination, it is clear that the table grape growers are unwilling to allow their workers to choose their own representatives

and let them bargain freely for them." The report charged Giumarra had refused to allow elections though the UFWOC "would undoubtedly have received majority support."

The report concluded "Rather than surrender or run to violence, UFWOC has taken the only alternative, which is to reach out to the consumer to apply economic pressure on the growers through a boycott of table grapes. The boycott offers the only viable method for bringing the grape growers to the bargaining table."

\*The Mayor and City Council of Toronto proclaimed "Grape Day" on November 23, in honor of the grape pickers and in support of the grape boycott.

\*Over 1000 Canadians attended a march and rally in support of the boycott. Included among the mar-

chers were labor leaders and workers, nuns, priests, students and concerned individuals. The march received nationwide publicity.

\*Grape growers, desperate at the rising tide of boycott support, tried to stop the boycott with a special injunction. After a court hearing, the Canadian Judge dismissed the growers' charges and demanded that the growers pay all the costs of the trial, over \$4,500, including fees for the lawyers defending the boycott.

\*John Giumarra Jr. made a frantic trip to Canada to appear on Canadian T.V. to defend the "poor growers." But UFWOC Attorney Jerome Cohen met Giumarra before the T.V. cameras and debated him. By all reports, the UFWOC lawyer overwhelmed Giumarra with facts and statistics supporting the justice of the boycott and strike.