

INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT SUCCESS

NEW YORK, May 10—International Grape Boycott Day was as outstanding a success in the Eastern United States and Canada as it was in the West, according to reports coming in from the dozens of Eastern states and Provinces where demonstrations were held.

Pittsburg's Mayor proclaimed International Boycott Day and the Pittsburg Division of A&P announced that it would respect the wishes of its customers on the grape boycott. Boston's 200 A&P stores also gave a favorable response to their consumers' wishes. Baltimore boycotters and friends leafleted A&P's all over the city with a 200-car caravan. Mayor D'Allesandro of Baltimore again endorsed the boycott and said that the city would not buy any grapes for public institutions again this year. And Governor Mandel of Maryland stated in a letter to UFWOC that "I wish you success in your long fight for proper working and living conditions for the people employed in the grape industry."

In Columbus, Ohio, all 17 A&P's were picketed, in spite of rain and hail. In Chicago, supporters also braved bad weather to picket many Jewel supermarkets. In Philadelphia, 25 A&P stores were visited by car caravans. Mrs. Hope Lopez of Fresno, mother of 8 and leader of the grape boycott in Philadelphia, was a fast to protest the local buying of grapes, especially by Philadelphia's A&P chain.

At Times Square in New York, Pete Seeger and other folk singers entertained at a rally. Over 150 people marched and held a rally in Queens, and 4 stores in Brooklyn, 4 stores in New Jersey, and many others were picketed in the New York area.

In Canada, the largest supermarket chain in Eastern Canada, Dominion Stores, announced publicly that they would accept the wishes of their consumers and stop handling grapes for the duration of the grape boycott.

Even in the South, consumers made their opposition to grapes clear. Demonstrations took place in Memphis, New Orleans, Atlanta, Mississippi, and Alabama. Over 200 pickets, including a group of Florida migrants from the organization OMICA, demonstrated at an A&P store in Coral Gables, outside Miami and reported to be the richest town in the nation.

Consumers all over the nation have now made their voices heard. But as the grape season begins, growers and their agents will be trying harder than ever to sell their grapes. The Union is appealing to every member and supporter of the Union to help on the boycott in your area this summer. If you can help, and do not already know the address of the Grape Boycott office nearest you, please call Juanita Brown, collector, at (805) 725-1314 in Delano (who will return your call on her WATS line).



March, Fast Remind Michigan of Farm Workers Suffering

DETROIT, May 19—Hijinio Rangel, a farm worker from Tulare County and leader of the grape boycott in Michigan, led a 45-mile march of nearly 100 persons from Ann Arbor to Detroit this week in support of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee grape strike and boycott. Over 1000 people joined the march and rally at its conclusion here on May 10 in Kennedy Square. Rangel carried an 8-foot wooden cross during the march, and at the conclusion of the march began an 11-day fast to pray for justice for farm workers. Rangel was joined by Michigan State Senator Roger Craig and Rev. Robert Baldwin, a leader of the black community in Detroit, in the fast.

Rangel made public a statement which said, in part: "For the last 25 years, I have been a farm worker. I was very dedicated on my job, but I found that sometimes I could not make enough money to support my family. Then I decided to join the strike in Delano in 1965.

"For the last 3 1/2 years, we have almost felt defeated, but the American people have lifted us up with their hands and their hearts.

"The boycott of grapes is the last hope to bring the growers to the bargaining table to negotiate with the farm workers. If I have to crawl on my hands and knees, I will, if that is what it takes to win social justice for my people. We have struck many times before, but this time we will win your support."

A&P and other major supermarkets in the Detroit area seem to be getting the message, after being made so graphically aware of the Union's determination to win this struggle, and of the broad based support for the grape boycott by consumers.

Ano Ang Grape Boycott

Marahil, ang karamihan sa atin ay nakakatalos sa kahulugan at sa kahalagahan ng boycott sa ubas. Ngunit, sa mga hindi pa nakakatalos, tayo sana ay magkaiwanagan.

Ang boycott sa ubas, o sa ibang salita, ay hindi paminili ng ubas, ay siyang pinakamahalagang sandatang ma-aari ninyong matayuloy sa ating labanan pangkalahayan.

Ang Union ay matagal nang humingi-hingi ng kalinaan mula sa arhbang panatimang ubas: "Kami nang mga nakikipatrabaho sa inyo ay mga to, o kalabaw? Bakit ang ibang mga trabahador sa mga ibang industriya ay mayroong mga Union at maraming karapatan at kasaganaan?"

Ngunit ang arhban ay panuloy na tumatagilid. Ayaw nilang ang kanilang

mga kalabay ay magiging tawag ng mga karapatan. Ngayon, sa hinabaha ng panahon, ang mga kalabay ay numatagilid nang patadyakan o kayay madapung ng pamaliti. Nag-simula silang magtatong-tatong sa kani-kanilang mga sarili—Bakit natin pabayaan ang mga tigapamahaling mang-ppi sa atin ay kakaunat lang naman sila, labang tayo hindi mabiling sa ram? At anong silbi ng ating mga sungay? Pabayaan ba nating gamitin lang nilang sabbitan ng kanilang mga mamahaling sabbalito? Bakit hindi natin gamitin ang ating mga sungay sa tamang kagamitan? Ang sungay ay pinatung ng Diyos sa ating mga noo upang gamitin natin na pantatungilaban sa sinumang aapi sa atin. Sa malinaw na salita, pang-ang.

Ang ating sungay ay tinatawag nang tawag GRAPE BOYCOTT. Hug-asa kung tayo ng mawawalan ng pag-asa kung tayo ng makarinig ng sabbal-sabbal ang aklatan daw na ito ay walang kapararakan, na ang tamang paraan daw ay pauluhan ng dupo at pamasang ng baso. Sa loob ng baong tinubuan ng sungay, tayo ay mayroong kaunting bagay roon na ating tinatawag na utak. Gamitin natin ang utak na yan. Ang utak ang pabayanan nating maging tigapanuro sa pinakamabuting bahagi



These farm workers formed the boycott committee in Selma, California, for the May 10 demonstrations.

ng katawan ng kalaban na terakan.

Bakit bihira ang torong makapanatag ng torero? Dahil ang toro, sa halip na suwagin ang torero, ang kanyang pinag-linitan ay ang mapulang pirasoong damit na ginagamit ng torero pambulo.

Kung magtatayan ang dalawang panig ng manggagawa, sino ang masasaktan? Walang iba kung hindi ang mga manggagawa. Kung magkasaktan ng malubha ang dalawang panig ng mga pobrang nakikipatrabaho, at nagdatangan ang mga pulis at ang National Guard, kaniinong bungo ang magliliparin at kaniinong katawan ang magkabutas-butas sa pulo? Hindi naman ho sigurong ma-aaring ang masasaktan ay ang mga mayayaman may-ari. Nandoon silang na-kaupo sa malambot na kutson saharapan ng television, at tumatungag ng pagkasarap-sarap na Cocktail. O kayo ay nandoon sa New York o sa Europa na dumadalo sa mga kasaysayan.

Kaya ang ating sungay ay doon natin ipinapak sa kanilang pulis. Sa mga mayayaman, ang pinakalaping

sugat sa kanila ay kung mapaghamtanan natin ang kanilang Diyos, at iyan ay ang kanilang salapi.

Kaya huwag nating blihin ang kanilang ubas, at huwag tayo ng maminili sa mga tindahang nagtinda ng ubas. Mayroon naman tayo ng pulis, hindi naman nating gustong sita ay maghirap, ang husto lang naman natin ay laki-lakihan naman sana nila ang ating bahagi at bigyan tayo ng mga karapatang tao, hindi sa hayop.

Ngunit paanong malalaman ng mga tindahan na tayo tumigil ng paminili sa kaniya dahil sa ubas? Baka sabihin lang nilang marahil ay nauubusan lang tayo ng pera kaya nagtigli na tayo ng maminili ng pagkain mula sa kanila. Kaya tayo ay maglaga sa petition na tayo hindi na maminili sa kanila bago di sila humihinto ng paminili at paniniinda ng ubas.

Dito sa California, ang pinakamalaking mga tindahan ay ang Safeway. Sila ang utak ng mga tindahan. Kung walang utak, patay ang katawan. Ba yaniban lang ho sana, huwag nating kalilituman ang ating kinagisnang paulungan.

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