



Letters

Editor,
Piedmont-Oakland Bulletin
Dear Sir:

Your "canned" editorial on "The Grapes Boycott" disturbs me. I'll never understand why you so often print these handouts from special interest groups. Certainly you have the right to air your editorial viewpoint, but one would expect you to look a little before making such a blind leap as you did in regard to the farm workers.

I am going to Delano tomorrow with a carload of foodstuffs for the families of the strikers; I have been there before; I shall go again. I have seen the picture first hand. How it is you fail to record the fact that men have been brought in from Mexico to help break this strike of American citizens? (Incidentally, they take their wages back to Mexico without paying income taxes in this country.)

I was surprised to find you quoting "The Packer" newspaper with its loaded words and phrases, sweeping generalities, and other tricks of the propaganda experts. This thing you quote says that there are "some very well known communists" on the side of the strikers. There are also some very prominent bishops, particularly the Catholic Bishop right on the scene—and he is supported by the Fresno Council of Churches! Heavens, you have barely scratched one side of the surface, but you have scooped and thereby permitted a number of false statements. Please be a little more perceptive in the future; you can disagree with something without all the sneering and name-calling.

Sincerely,
Ted Mum

Oakland, California
August 27, 1968



Editor:

I have been wanting to write to you for some time. I am a family farmer with seven children. So far I have been able to hold on to my small farm. How much longer, you know?

Having been a truck driver for many years I have come to know the problems of the migrant worker pretty well. I believe every American should earn his bread if he is able. In doing so he shall walk in the dignity bestowed upon him by God. He shall never be asked to bow his head in tribute to any state or man who would seek to enslave him.

In order to have this dignity, labor must have collective bargaining and also the family farmer.

We need industry, labor, and the family farmer—hands joined in collective bargaining. Let us say as fellow Christians and Americans work together for the greater glory of God and a better America.

Yours truly,
Maxwell J. Croninger
Elkland, Missouri
August 30, 1968

Larry Ilting Speaks Out

Mangga Kababayang:
Itong ating Melga naging apat na taon na at siye parin. Kung kailan pa tayong mananalohi hindi natin pa alam. Pero dahil sa mararin hirap at mangga sacrificio na, sa mangga kababayang at mangga kasama natin na ibang lahi, hindi na mararin iting hangang hindi tayong manalohi.

Ang kinakailangan natin ngayon ay sa paggugutan natin na magkakaisa tayong. Limutin natin iyong nakaraan na di-prenca natin. Ang isipin natin, ay sa harapan na panahon at kabutihan natin. Punasok tayong lahat sa atin Union at dumalo tayong sa miting.

At kung maari tumulong tayong sa ating manggagawa palakng na kabutihan, tumulong nangangan manalo tayong. Kung gusto kayong mag- donation nag-kunting kwarta maari din.

Sunae Magazine
Henlo Park, California
Gentlemen:

Being much in support of California as you are, I feel your prominent article on California's grapes and the use of them was in very poor taste considering the grape pickers who have suffered for three years now to obtain better working conditions. My family of eight has not eaten grapes for a solid year in support of these farm workers who up till now have been so exploited by California's landowners. To encourage your readers to purchase grapes and thus support the greedy grape growers was a mistake.

We would like to see in a subsequent issue a statement supporting the cause of the strikers to counteract the benefits the growers will reap by your article.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Barbara J. Leebak
Northridge, California
September 5, 1968

CRANSTON CALLS FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS

LOS ANGELES, September 7--US Senate nominee Alan Cranston today placed the blame for the United Farm Workers' consumer boycott of California table grapes squarely against "a few giant corporate grape growers whose stubborn refusal to bargain has made the boycott imperative."

Cranston's statement was made at a press conference after a tour which included the Woodvill Farm Labor Camp.

Cranston called for a four-point program "to bring a speedy end to this dispute and an early improvement in the entire economy of California, including an end to the boycott through immediate agreement of both sides to sit down at the negotiating table."

The four-point program included: (1) inclusion of farm workers within federal minimum wage legislation, (2) extension of the National Labor Relations Act to farm workers, (3) a "review of the whole agricultural marketing process

to insure that... the farm worker... gets a decent annual wage for his labor, and (4) the agreement of growers to negotiations with the Union in order to end the boycott.

Cranston noted that welfare costs are above the state average in many San Joaquin Valley communities and that most of the welfare cases come from farm labor families. "When farm workers are better paid, welfare costs will go down, one property tax burden will be eased, and there will be more money to spend in the stores of Valley Communities," the candidate said.

He acknowledged that the boycott, which he supports, may have hurt some small growers. Cranston said he regretted this but that the "corporate growers' switching of labels and use of false 'picked by union' labels left the Union no alternative but the boycott."

CARAVAN TO DELANO

SAN FRANCISCO, September 15--A caravan of Huelga Supporters from the Bay Area to Delano is slated for Saturday, September 28, according to Pete Velasco of the Agricultural Support Committee. The Caravan will leave from the corner of 24th and Alabama, San Francisco, at 7 AM. Information is available from Velasco at 655-3256.

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A Confused Nixon Condemns Workers



SAN FRANCISCO, September 5--Republican presidential candidate Richard M. "Tricky Dick" Nixon called the UFWOC boycott of California table grapes "unnecessary" today, because "we have laws on the books to protect workers who wish to organize... a National Labor Relations Board to impartially supervise the election of collective bargaining agents, and to safeguard the rights of organizers."

Union officials promptly pointed that Nixon is evidently unaware that national labor legislation does not protect farm workers.

Democratic candidate Hubert Humphrey and UFWOC officials have pointed out that the National Labor Relations Board does not have jurisdiction over farm labor disputes, and that growers have repeatedly refused to allow elections or collective bargaining with the farm worker's Union.

Nixon urged Humphrey to withdraw his support of the boycott.

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