

Letter from Jim Drake to Mike Miller. 1966

January 4, 1966:

Mike:

I have little to report re: boycott. I talked with Schenley rep. from S.F. office and he did admit that some "ex-employees" of their Delano outfit had signed authorization cards with NFWA, but that that really didn't constitute a labor dispute, and they had nothing to talk about. His voice shook a little but he was quite cordial.

Re: Easter pilgrimage to Delano...Cesar likes the idea, is a little worried about being able to stop it if we should get a contract before Easter, but wants us to go ahead with publicity about it. I am no expert on pilgrimages (in spite of my revered title) and so am looking to you for ideas. I think we should emphasize the MORAL issue (making Delano growers look immoral) and should go on it pretty soon in order to give plenty of time for pressure to build up. City fathers here will blow their stacks so we need to start early enough for them to have time to pressure growers.

Cesar is convinced that a significant number of people will come, so we have to consider just what we want to do with them once they are here!

Kick it around and let us know what you think up there.

By Easter, by the way, there will probably be nothing doing in the fields unless we have phenomenal success with slowing down pruning.

I will need this secretary badly.

Viva la causa,

Jim