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PRO - UFW PRIESTS at Mass in Salinas, 1970 [B & W]:

19:00:43 PRIEST: ...this is what we have to realize, that more than a union is involved here, more than just an organization to achieve collective bargaining with the uh, businesses, with the farmers and so forth. Here, also, in this movement is a spirit, the spirit of a people who want to be free, a spirit of a people who no longer want to be captive, the spirit of a people who want to be able to determine for themselves how they are going to live. This is the kind of...[CUT] ...as if, the opposition is so great, so great...

19:01:31 PRIEST: ...that, you will succeed. That this boycott will be successful, and that UFWOC once again will be able to sign up all the growers in the Salinas Valley. Some people are discouraged by the fact that these kind of talks are given in church, are given from a pulpit. But as a good friend of mine, a TV man who said here, a little while ago, rather prophetically, “what are you trying to do with this church? Are you trying once again to make this church holy, a place for the holy people of God?” And that’s true, because what else do the words of the Lord mean today? The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me, he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to obtain liberty for captives, and to the blind to bring sight. To set the down-trodden free, to proclaim the Lord to your favor. And that is precisely, with all of you people

gathered here together are trying to do. To do that for yourselves, for your fellow man, and for your children. And with the spirit that you have today, you will overcome. It is certain. You will overcome. Viva la causa. Viva la huelga. Viva Cesar Chavez.

UFW ORGANIZER, male, speaks to reporters, [OFF CAMERA:

19:03:44 ...has signed a contract with the United Farm Workers. This is the only company that has done this. And within 8 or 10 days, there will be appearing on the market, individually wrapped lettuce heads that will bear the Chiquita label and that United Farm Workers union label, the bird label, the eagle label. So this is the label that we are going to be asking our friends throughout the country to buy, only lettuce that carries the Union label....Anybody else have any questions?

PRIEST, with his hands outstretched:

19:06:10 ...today, oh Lord, we gather together, to forward the cause, of the farm worker, in the state of California, and in the United States. If we stand alone we will fall, but standing with you we can succeed, we can overcome. In the measure that we open ourselves to others we will find meaning and purpose in our lives, the meaning and purpose you have given us when you called us sons and made us heirs to life. Oh glory be to you, Father, and to you, Christ, and to your spirit that makes us one for ever and ever, Amen.

MARSHALL GANZ, interview [color]:

19:07:54 ...put out by growers organizations to scare growers from coming in with the unions, there are a lot of things like that, and that's one of them....

HANSEN, grower, interviewed [color]:

19:08:31 REPORTER: Why don't you want me to talk with your workers, now?

19:08:36 HANSEN: Uh, our workers uh, this last week have been harassed so much, they have been threatened, that uh, we feel we should uh, protect our workers, those who want to work, and uh, we just feel that we don't want anybody talking during the day, during working hours, just uh, so they can actually work. These workers are here for one reason, that's cause they want to work. If you want to come back in and talk to them after they are through working, you're perfectly welcome to.

19:09:04 REPORTER: Are any of these men from, brought in recently, from areas outside of Salinas, from Bakersfield or even Mexico?

19:09:13 HANSEN: Uh, our men have not, I could not say what might be true with other growers. This as you can see if a very small uh, crew. They're our old workers who are still wanting to work.

19:09:28 REPORTER: Why won't you sign with Chavez?

19:09:31 HANSEN: Uh, we have a very legitimate contract right now, with the Teamsters, and we feel that it was uh, made in good faith. Uh, we've dealt with the Teamsters for years, and you can sit down and talk to 'em. Uh, with Chavez, uh, they give you a contract, no negotiations, you just have to sign it. Uh, we don't feel, uh, in agriculture, that you can be as tied up as you are, as you are, if you have signed a Teamsters, pardon me, I mean a Chavez contract. We feel we can work with the Teamsters and we cannot work with Chavez.

JERRY COHEN, interviewed by reporters:

19:11:03 REPORTER: ...seems to have shifted in the courts, can you tell us something of what's going on?

19:11:05 COHEN: Uh, the battle hasn't entirely shifted into the courts, it's just another, as Cesar said earlier today, it's just another non-violent tool that we're going to use. The strike's going to continue, it's effective. But uh, we're adding some additional elements into the battle. One of the most important weapons that we have now is this anti-trust suit. We've got good hard facts, and we think we've got a good hard money damage suit. Uh, they've engaged in a pattern of illegal restraint of trade, so we've filed a 240 million dollar anti-trust suit in Federal Court. This is on behalf of farm workers who's wages have been curtailed over the course of the past ten years, and will be curtailed in the future if the growers are

allowed by an illegal oral agreement to restrict the production of lettuce at various times during the season, in order to keep the price artificially high....

19:11:51 COHEN: ...There are other groups of people in society who have been hurt by this, consumers, and we've been in touch with some economists, some anti-trust professors and lawyers in New York City and elsewhere in the country, and next week they are going to be pursuing anti-trust remedies against these same growers. Mr. Fleming and the growers he represents here in the Salinas Valley. That's only one kind of suit. Uh, I was uh, I had to take an involuntary vacation last week at the, at the, because some of my Teamster friends sent me to the hospital. We were supposed to start a pesticide uh, suit campaign because various workers have come in complained of various symptoms. Now, next week as we get more facts on that we're going to be picking out the growers who we think uh, are the worst violators of basic state laws, and we're going to be suing them. The use of prisoners has got to stop. Uh, the use of child labor has got to stop. The use of beatings and violence has got to stop, and one way of doing that if the police won't arrest the people responsible, is to file civil suits against them. So all of these things...

CESAR CHAVEZ at press conference:

19:12:50 ...they were arrested...on the average of about five or ten a day. We have the similar, same similar situation even with more of a serious nature, in the front of Inter - Harvest, and the police has not arrested one yet. ...

19:13:03 ...with the Salinas Californian. The Salinas California has, in the last four days, attempted to make this conflict a racial conflict. It's disgusting the way they say, Mexican workers, Mexican workers. I think that they should understand that it's a very, very serious problem we're facing in this Valley, without him to inject the racial aspects into it....

19:13:23 ...how soon it's going to be, but uh, we're going to win.

PRIEST speaking to reporters:

19:16:00 ...uh, Mr. Cesar Chavez, who is the president of UFWOC, and asked him if he were willing to meet with the Antle's and with all of the parties concerned. His def-, his answer was a categorical "yes," that he certainly is willing to meet, but however, since he at the present time is a non-person since he happens to be in jail, he was delegating all the right to negotiate for UFWOC to Dolores Huerta....

19:16:38 ...what I would say is that there is hardly any problem in this world that is not in some way moral. And I think that's why clergymen are present here, and my confreres are here for that very reason. But, uh, I don't like that statement made, because it's sometimes interpreted to mean that UFWOC is not really a real labor organization that can truly represent the workers and deliver an adequate work force to the growers. Uh, it's true there is a moral aspect to all of this, but UFWOC is a labor organization that truly represents its workers and also can deliver to the growers the kind of work hands, the field workers that they need.

SERIES OF OUTTAKES, NO COMPLETE STATEMENTS...

BUD ANTLE interviewed [color]:

19:18:14 REPORTER: How does Bud Antle feel about Chavez being in the county jail.

19:18:20 ANTLE: We wish he were not there because if he was not there there would be no boycott against us around the country. And the boycott is disrupting our business.

19:18:27 REPORTER: Is the boycott effective?

19:18:28 ANTLE: Yes.

NIGHTTIME MASS in Spanish, series of short takes...

