

Season's greetings! This is a quick update- more to come soon.

ELECTION BRIEFS

The new farmworker election law in California presents us with a tremendous opportunity. Thanks to your support with the boycott, this law was passed and went into effect in September. Despite a grower/Teamster campaign to subvert the law with violence, firings, and intimidation, great progress is being made. Latest results show a 2-1 margin.

	ranches	workers	%
UFW	176	25,338	48.8%
Teamsters	96	12,802	24.7%
no union	18	2,233	4.3%
challenges	35	11,505	22.2%

Unfair labour practice appeals are expected to add to the UFW total. The grower attempts to sabotage the law and stall negotiations must be stopped. To insure that fair elections are held and that justice for farmworkers becomes a reality, the grape and lettuce boycott must continue.

MARCH FOR JUSTICE FOR FARMWORKERS

Stop the grapes in Montreal! Christmas has been a time when large quantities of grapes at low prices are dumped into the Montreal market. We are marching on Dec. 20 to stop the grapes. Meet at

Mary Queen of the World Cathedral
1110 Mansfield (corner Mansfield) *Dorchester*
12 noon, Saturday Dec. 20 *1975*

We will be walking through the downtown area to bring the message that there's a boycott on. Special guest speaker will be Sam Baca, UFW field organizer in California and former Detroit boycott director, who will give us first-hand information on the elections. Mark the date and come join the march!

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

You are invited to the farmworkers' celebration after the march. It's at St. Giles Church
615 Stuart (corner Bernard), Outremont
7 PM Saturday, Dec. 20

Donation for the evening and a meal is \$2.50 for adults. There will be food, music, Sam Baca again, and surprises. Bring the family!

Gift ideas- we have books, including the new "Cesar Chavez- Autobiography of La Causa," by Jacques Levy; beautiful hand-printed greeting and note cards by Rita Corbin, artist for the "Catholic Worker" newspaper; and a selection of farmworker jewelry.

URGENT NEED FOR FUNDS

Funds are urgently needed to keep the union going. The election campaign in the Imperial Valley this winter will cost \$100,000. Field organizers are confronted with the choice of spending their money on food or on gas. You can help to keep the cause alive and to build our union by making a monthly pledge to the farmworkers this holiday season. With your help, we will win! Si, se puede!

Please mail to UFW, 1196 Alexandre de Seve, Montreal
(Make checks payable to United Farm Workers)

I would like to
make a monthly pledge of _____
make a contribution of _____
for the farmworkers.

Name.....
Address.....
Phone.....

The United Automobile Workers have been a big help to the farmworkers ever since the first boycott. They continue to help us with office supplies and their own personal active participation in our community gatherings and in our picket lines. Many thanks to our brother Larry Redmond for his active day to day involvement in our movement.

The Canadian Paperworkers Union has also helped us since our coming in the first boycott. We are thankful for the continued support of our brother Neville Hamilton and his family to make our struggle in Montréal a little more fruitful.

The Corporation des Enseignants du Québec has been extremely helpful both financially and actively. Within the past two weeks we have received two phone calls from locals wanting to set up picket lines. On the financial front a number of locals from the CEQ have sent in contributions which amount to a considerable boost to our strike fund.

In Québec City, André Noel, who is a member of the Canadian Labour Congress there, is helping to lay the ground work for what looks like one of the best farmworker support organizations in the province of Québec. The labour groups there will work together with the church to put the committee together. VIVA QUEBEC CITY!

Generally speaking the unions in Québec have been very helpful to us. A massive education has been done with most of the unions in informing rank & file members not to buy grapes or iceberg lettuce and to spread the message. We are grateful for the help of trade unions in this struggle. We invite more participation at a time when every person we have in our ranks could be the straw that breaks the growers' back.

OFFICE HELP

All of you who are able to lend a helping hand in typing, translations, filing, printing, layouts, etc. are welcome to come and help in our office. With all the new people who are getting involved, we are having a difficult job in keeping up & servicing people with adequate information of our struggle. This kind of help, along with the picketing and action program, would be a most valuable effort to support the cause. Since there will be many people banging at our doors, we ask you to please call before you come in.

MORE ON DOMINION

Since our boycott here on Dominion stores has been so effective, the Dominion management is now attempting to harrass us at our petitioning lines. Word has it that the Dominion people are now crying to the police that we are interfering with their business. In some areas the police have said that it is illegal to hand out leaflets. In cases where we have refused to stop leafletting, the police have left us alone. Dominion has employed many useless tactics to try and discourage Montréalers from taking part in this just cause and in all cases they have been unsuccessful. We are fully aware of our legal rights in terms of the boycott and its many activities and we have many adept lawyers who are well versed in the law of the land. It is every human being's right to speak freely and solicit support for our cause in any area that is open to the public. (sidewalks in front of Dominion's, open plazas, etc.) We intend to meet any such threats head on in the future and we are confident that it is this kind of non-violent perserverance that makes Dominion confused about how to handle the farmworkers. We are happy to know that they find it necessary to repel us because it insures us of doing a good job in getting those grapes off the shelves. As Chavez once said, "WE HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO WITH OUR LIVES EXCEPT TO BUILD THIS UNION. WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP! MAY THE BOYCOTT GO ON!"

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For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to give a house meeting, leaflet with us at the Dominion Store or make a monthly pledge, we are in dire need of your help and extend an invitation to you to phone us at 525-3936. We will give you the information you need concerning the current campaign and show you the things you can do to help us win dignity & justice for farmworkers in California. We are doing so well with our new campaign that we have decided to set a goal of being able to cover 30 stores each week by the end of February. Si Se Puede! (It can be done). We're sure that you share the belief that to actively convince others to join in the farmworkers movement is allowing others to have the same concern that is vital to the advancement of all people.