

A message from the farmworkers of America:



**WE ARE
STANDING
UP FOR
JUSTICE
IN THE
FIELDS!**

**WILL YOU STAND UP FOR JUSTICE
IN THE STORES?**

**A&P Profits from Farm Worker Poverty
A&P Promotes Child Labor in the Fields**

You can help make A&P care about farm workers:

Volunteer to picket and leaflet A&P stores in support of the lettuce boycott.

BOYCOTT LETTUCE & GRAPES

In March, 1974, black farmworkers were found being held in slavery in a Florida labor camp. They were beaten, held captive, and forced to work. All their wages were taken by the contractor for rent and "expenses". A Florida landowner stated "We used to own our slaves - now we rent them."

In January, 1974, a Gulf and Western van carrying workers to the fields in Florida overturned, killing one Jamaican worker and injuring 86 others. One hundred thirty (130) workers had been packed into the windowless vehicle so tightly that they were unable to have both feet on the floor. The van was unsafe but the company, because it was transporting its own workers, was exempt from meeting safety standards. A similar crash in California the same month killed 19 farm workers. Gulf & Western owns Culbro tobacco in the Connecticut area. Gulf & Western is also the largest stockholder in A&P.

Thousands are now striking in the grape and lettuce fields in California to win union contracts. A nation-wide boycott of table grapes and head lettuce has been called and has been endorsed by the 14-million member AFL-CIO, and by the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

A&P: PROFITS BEFORE PEOPLE

In the Hartford area, all major chains are supporting the boycott except A&P. A&P has a long history of unfair treatment of poor people and workers.

- 1 - In the late 1960's black communities picketed A&P for racial discrimination in hiring.
- 2 - A&P is known for raising prices on welfare check days.
- 3 - A&P stocks ghetto stores with the poorest quality meat and produce.
- 4 - A&P is now facing charges of meat fraud and consumer fraud.
- 5 - A&P profits from the sale of scab lettuce and grapes, and the victimization of 3,000,000 farmworkers.

Please write Thomas Noonan, vice president of A&P, 420 Lexington Ave., New York City, N.Y. 10017, telling him you support the farm workers and urge him to halt the sale of boycotted produce at A&P.

Please complete this pledge and return it to:
United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO
1915 Park Street
Hartford, Connecticut 233-7234; 527-5064



_____ I pledge not to eat grapes or lettuce unless I see the Farm Workers' Aztec Eagle on the package.

_____ I have written Mr. Noonan at A&P.

_____ Contact me to help distribute leaflets.

_____ I enclose a donation.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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