



# UNITED FARM WORKERS ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CONFERENCE



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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

6th & GALAPAGO

DENVER, COLORADO

MAY 7-9, 1976

FRIDAY, MAY 7

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Registration

7:00 - 8:00

Opening session

Welcome: MAGDALENO AVILA

8:00 - 11:00

Teatro - Entertainment

SATURDAY, MAY 8

7:00 - 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30

General session

9:45 - 12:00

Workshops

"FARM WORKERS AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT"

Panel: Tim Flores- Colorado Labor Council

Ellen Lavroff- Colorado Federation of  
Teachers

Representative- UFW Denver Staff

"LA CAUSA ON CAMPUS"

Panel: Representative- Apostles for Justice  
Greeley, Colo.

Jerry LeBlanc- Farm Labor Task Force  
Univ. of Colo., Boulder

Representative- UFW Denver staff

"THE CHURCH AND THE FARM WORKERS"

Panel: Father Sullivan- Christ The King Church  
Denver

Father Jose Lara- Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Church, Denver

Diane Rich- Peace and Justice Committee  
Representative- UFW Denver Staff

"RESOURCES AND FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP"

Panel: Richard Longoria- former UFW regional  
Director  
Ricardo LaFore- UFW activist  
Representative- UFW Denver Staff

"GENERAL ORGANIZING WORKSHOP"

Panel- Len Avila- former UFW strike leader  
Nick Rizza- former UFW Staff member  
Representative- UFW Denver Staff

12:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 4:00	Conclude Workshops
4:15 - 5:30	Report Back to Conference
5:30 - 7:00	Dinner
8:00 - ?	UFW Benefit Dance and Rally

SUNDAY, MAY 9

7:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30	General session
9:45 - 12:00	Regional Support Committee Workshops
12:00 - 3:00	Lunch
	Teatro de Ustedes (Boulder)
	Film: FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES, Academy Award Nominee
	Entertainment
	Speakers: JUAN HARO- Crusade for Justice

## 1976 FARM WORKERS YEAR OF STRUGGLE AND VICTORY

Since 1962 there has been a new kind of hope for farmworkers because of the movement begun by Cesar Chavez in California's Central Valley. The movement has been based from the very start on the principle of service by the union and struggle by the farmworkers to build their own organization to free themselves. Farmworkers now staff service centers and union offices in 6 states, administering contracts that will soon cover 40,000 workers. Minimum base wage in the vegetable industry where the UFW will soon represent the overwhelming majority is \$3.10 today with 31½ cents per hour additional paid in medical and pension benefits. Today farmworkers can be treated in 6 clinics, 5 in California and one in Florida; and the RFK medical plan will pay up to \$10,000 per family for major medical expenses. But the fight has only just begun.

January 1976: only five months after the beginning of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Law, farmworkers first election law, rural legislators teamed up with agribusiness to block the re-funding of the labor board which administers the Act. Public pressure from all sides in California could not budge the grower legislators. A major campaign was set into motion by the UFW in order to beat the attack against the new law. California agribusiness has not given up one inch of ground without a huge struggle.

March 3, 1976: the United States Supreme Court ruled 6-2 that striking (or boycotting) union members have no First Amendment free speech right to picket inside a shopping center to advertize their dispute. The farmworkers realize that the elections law won in 1975 is the result of the boycott in hundreds of North American cities. Growers know that UFW election victories in the fields and a strong boycott in the cities spells the end of agri-power dominance over the poor farmworker.

In 1976 hundreds of new volunteers must be added to the UFW staff to maintain the tremendous momentum added to the struggle by the A.L.R.A. Cesar Chavez has said that only through reaching out to the more oppressed worker will the organized farmworkers be able to build the kind of union they have waited so long for. Arizona, Florida, Texas, Ohio, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut will be organized in the next few years but today the threat of repressive farm labor legislation looms in many of these farm labor states. It takes organizers—and lots of mechanics, printers, nurses, book-keepers, keypunch operators, artists, and people willing to learn new skills— 1976 will be the year of struggle and victory for the farmworkers.

REGISTRATION: The \$5 registration fee includes admission to Benefit Dance, meals during the Conference, and will cover Conference expenses. Make checks payable to United Farm Workers.

HOUSING: Sleeping space will be provided at St. Joseph's Catholic Church for Friday and Saturday nights. Special arrangements available for families.

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- ( ) I am enclosing five dollars (\$5) registration for the UFW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, to cover Conference expenses.
- ( ) I cannot attend but I am interested in joining the farmworkers' movement.
- ( ) I will attend the Conference