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Victories!

On Wednesday, January 21, 1976 the UFW and the Western Growers Association announced that a tentative agreement had been reached between the UFW and 16 vegetable and fruit growers -- these are the first contracts negotiated under California's Agricultural Labor Relations Act.

To date, contracts have been signed with Inter-Harvest and Salinas Marketing Co-op (both Salinas lettuce companies), Santa Clara Nursery, Watanabe Ranch, Akitomo Nursery and Akune Nursery (all from the Oxnard area). Three lettuce companies from Salinas and six apple ranches and a lettuce company from the Watsonville area complete the total list of 16, but contracts have not yet been signed with them. A joint statement released by the UFW and the Western Growers Association stated: "These are the best contracts negotiated for farm workers in this country". At the signing of the Inter-Harvest contract, Harold Bradshaw, I-H President, stated "There is a commitment by both the Union and the company to make the contract work."

These contracts are just the beginning as the UFW continues its drive to change the living and working conditions of farm workers. To date the UFW has won 201 elections representing 29,404 workers which is over 65% of the decided elections compared to 28.1% for the Teamsters and 6.7% for No Union. The UFW has been certified as the bargaining agent at 91 ranches.

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Ag. Labor Board Collapses

Because of the unprecedented number of elections and unfair labor practices hearings associated with most of the elections, the administration of the ALRA has been more expensive than estimated. As of February 7th, the ALRB has officially gone broke. They have no more money with which to operate. They have closed their offices and have laid off their staff. The reason for this is that the growers and Teamsters Union have successfully stopped the necessary emergency legislation to grant the Board more money.

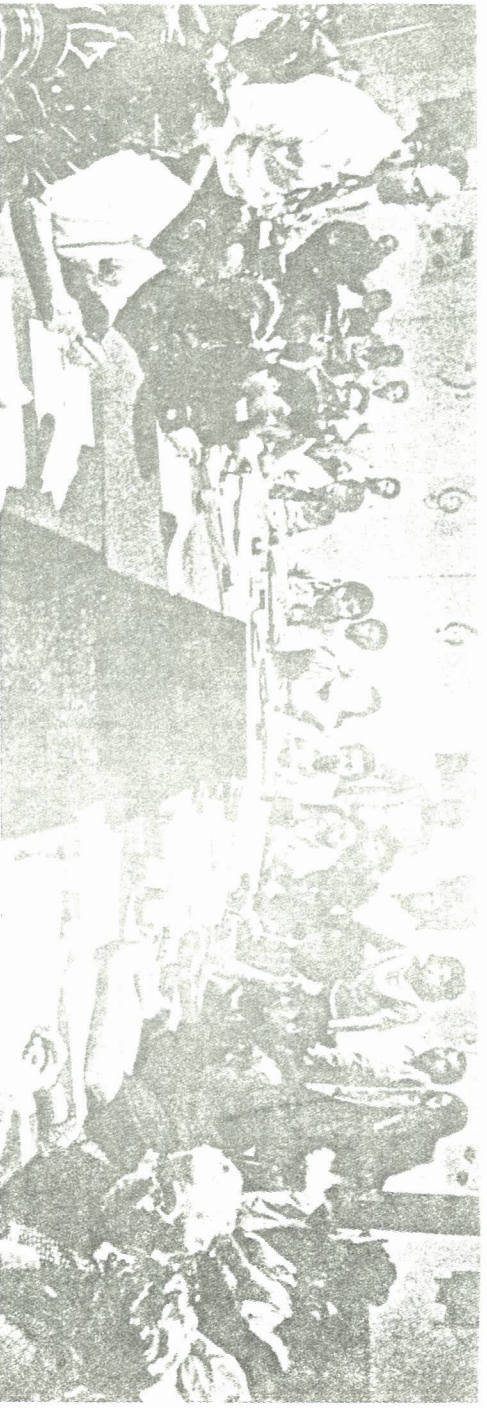
The growers and the Teamsters are using the refunding issue to try to force changes in the law -- changes which will weaken the ability of the ALRB to protect farm workers. Bishop Roger Mahony, chairperson of the Board, has stated that the law needs a fair trial before changes are considered. He is opposed to any amendments. Governor Brown has now taken a similar position, as well as the Catholic Bishops of California. On the issue of more funds, the Los Angeles Times has stated "We have said before -- and we repeat now -- that the growers and the Teamsters are acting in bad faith when they issue an ultimatum to the governor, and to a majority of their own colleagues, that they must knuckle under to such blackmail or witness the destruction of the farm labor board." (L.A. TIMES, January 30, 1976)

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On Tuesday, January 27th, the California Senate voted 20 to 15 in favor of the appropriation, but this was short of the 2/3 vote needed. At this time, it is not exactly clear what all of this is going to mean to the farmers of the AIRD and the law itself. We do know that as of now, no more elections can be held, unfair labor practice hearings on hundreds of elections have been halted, election victories cannot be certified and negotiations cannot begin; the growers will not have to face charges for unfair labor practices and the Gallo election result will remain undecided. It is clear that the boycott will be more important than ever.

Senator David Roberti (D.- Los Angeles) summed up the situation when he stated the "real issue" in the legislative battle is that the growers and Teamsters Union "don't like the victories being won by the UFW." (Los Angeles Times, January 28, 1976)

The United Farm Workers has announced that it has filed an initiative with the state of California. We must collect over 300,000 signatures of registered voters in the state by April 28. Then the people of California will be able to vote to make the farm labor law a constitutional amendment - and the growers will not be able to tamper with it. We will have more information about this soon.



Last negotiating session for the Inter-Harvest contract - Grower representatives on left; UFW negotiators on right and back.

WATERGRAPE!

THE RESNO DEE •
AB Sect., Jan. 10, 1976

Salinas Grower Tells Of CIA Cont acts In Burglaries Case

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI) — A Salinas grower has testified that he and admitted political burglar Jerome Ducote twice met with representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Stephen D'Arrigo was a witness Friday at the preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge John Schatz for Ducote, 46, former Santa Clara County Sheriff's detective charged with more than 20 counts of grand theft and receiving stolen property.

Ducote, the father of eight, previously told a state Justice Department investigator that he conducted political burglaries in the 1960s in an effort to change left-wing organizations and the United Farm Workers Union.

D'Arrigo backed Ducote's claims

he paid for some of his work. He also told the court that he met with CIA representatives in Washington, D.C., and San Jose in 1968 or 1969.

D'Arrigo did not say what took place at the meetings nor did he identify the federal agents.

He said he paid money to Ducote, who had been active in the local Young Republicans organization, for conducting investigations in the late 1960s and he also paid Ducote's expenses when they went to Washington.

But, D'Arrigo told Schatz, they had a falling-out after Ducote began "using my name fraudulently" to solicit funds from others for his burglaries.

Judge Schatz reduced Ducote's bail from \$100,000 to \$20,000 and several

hours later, Ducote was released from the Palo Alto jail where he had been lodged. He returns to court Monday.

Five other witnesses testified Friday that they loaned Ducote from \$1,000 to \$1,700. Gov. said the ex-peace officer agreed to pay them back with 50 per cent interest within several days.

Schatz warned the witnesses that admitting they had been offered the high interest could bring accusations of violating California's anti-loan shark laws. But they said they desired to continue giving testimony.

The hour witness trial about the high interest were Douglas Austin, a San Jose chiropractor; Arvon E. Hubbard, Theodore Schmidt and Stanley Wieman, a San Jose barber.

Chavez asks Gov. Brown for probe

SAN JOSE — Cesar Chavez has asked Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to appoint an independent committee to investigate agribusiness involvement in political sabotage against the United Farm Workers Union.

The telegram was made public during a press conference which followed Chavez's testimony yesterday at a preliminary hearing for Jerome J. Ducote.

A former Santa Clara County sheriff's deputy, Ducote has said he was involved in burglaries against UFW, which were financed by growers and with indication of cover-up of the crimes by Delane and San Jose police.

"Political agencies at all levels of government have been implicated," Chavez said in a telegram which listed the two police departments, FBI, CIA, former State Sen. Hugh Barris and the Reagan Administration.

He asked for investigation by a committee chaired by the Governor himself or by Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally.

Cited by Chavez as among at least 52 crimes against UFW involving investigations are the 1970 shootings and bombings of its Salinas and Hollister offices.

"A Day Without Sunshine" is a comprehensive documentary about America's farm workers. Narrated by James Earl Jones, the program focuses on the Florida Citrus industry.

The program includes interviews with citrus agribusiness leaders, growers, government officials and Mack Lyons, UFW Florida Director (Mack was in Chicago for our November 8th March). "A Day Without Sunshine" concludes with an overview of action that might improve the farm workers' lives, including the findings of a Governors Task Force recommending collective bargaining as the key to solving the farm workers' problems.

This documentary has been banned by at least one of the Public Broadcasting stations in Florida and, as of yet, has not been shown in Chicago. Channel 11 - WTPW has stated that they do not know when they will schedule it. We think that this documentary should be shown and soon. Please help us convince WTPW that they are doing a disservice to America's farm workers and to the public by continuing to delay the showing of this powerful documentary. The original time for the airing of this documentary across the country was in the middle of January.

Please write to:
Program Director
WTPW - Channel 11
5400 N. St. Louis Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625

They need to know that there is an interest in this film or it may never be shown.

THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1976

Protesters Picket

WEDU-TV

By ROBERT SHOEMAKER
Tribune Staff Writer

About two dozen demonstrators marched in WEDU-TV's parking lot yesterday protesting the station's decision not to show a documentary on Florida farm workers.

Led by Bob Weisberg, state boycott director for the United Farm Workers Union, the protesters included students, clergy and a retired school teacher. The demonstrators charged the station with censorship. The documentary was to have been aired Monday night, but was cancelled.

Although the 90-minute program had been shown on a number of Florida stations, WEDU president and general manager Leroy Lastinger decided not to air the show when it was offered on the Public Broadcasting Service hookup.

IN A PREPARED statement, Lastinger said "it would not be in the public interest to broadcast this program."

His decision to pull the documentary out of the station's already published evening lineup apparently was made at the last minute.

In his statement, Lastinger said one important consideration in his decision was that the program "might tend to create divisiveness between certain socio-economic groups and could cancel out some of the gains that have been made in alleviating certain socio-economic problems."

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Protesters Picket Over Cancellation

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Saying that WEDU was obligated to program in the public interest, Lastinger's statement said those interests could vary depending on the "particular geographic area" involved.

THE STATEMENT charged that the program, "Day Without Sunshine, deals with subject matter fraught in this geographic area, with a high degree of emotionalism."

The program, narrated by actor James Earl Jones, was produced as a year-long special project by WBFT-TV, a Miami PBS station, in 1975.

Lastinger met with a small group of the protesters in the station lobby, while the others were demonstrating outside.

The grey-haired Lastinger heard charges that his decision robbed farm workers of "freedom of the media."

WHILE FENDING off requests that he discuss his reasoning in making the decision not to air the show, Lastinger steadfastly claimed his motive was based on "concern for the people of our broadcast area."

"I'm sorry, the decision to run or not run a program is mine alone," Lastinger said.

He denied, in response to a protester's question, that "any pressure" had been brought to bear "to kill the show, which spotlights conditions among citrus crop workers in particular."

Lastinger also said he was a "lifelong Floridian," but owned no farm or citrus properties.

MRS. RUTH UPPHAUS, a former St. Petersburg school teacher, said she had been "shocked and devastated by this decision," and wondered "what we're celebrating in 1976 if we haven't freedom of the media."

She said the public was already aware of the problems of Florida farm workers from previous recent disclosures. "We still have slave labor in Florida and terrible conditions in some camps," she said.

But when Rev. Fred Eyster of the Florida Christian Migrant Ministry, demanded a more detailed explanation from Lastinger, the station manager asked the group to leave the office.

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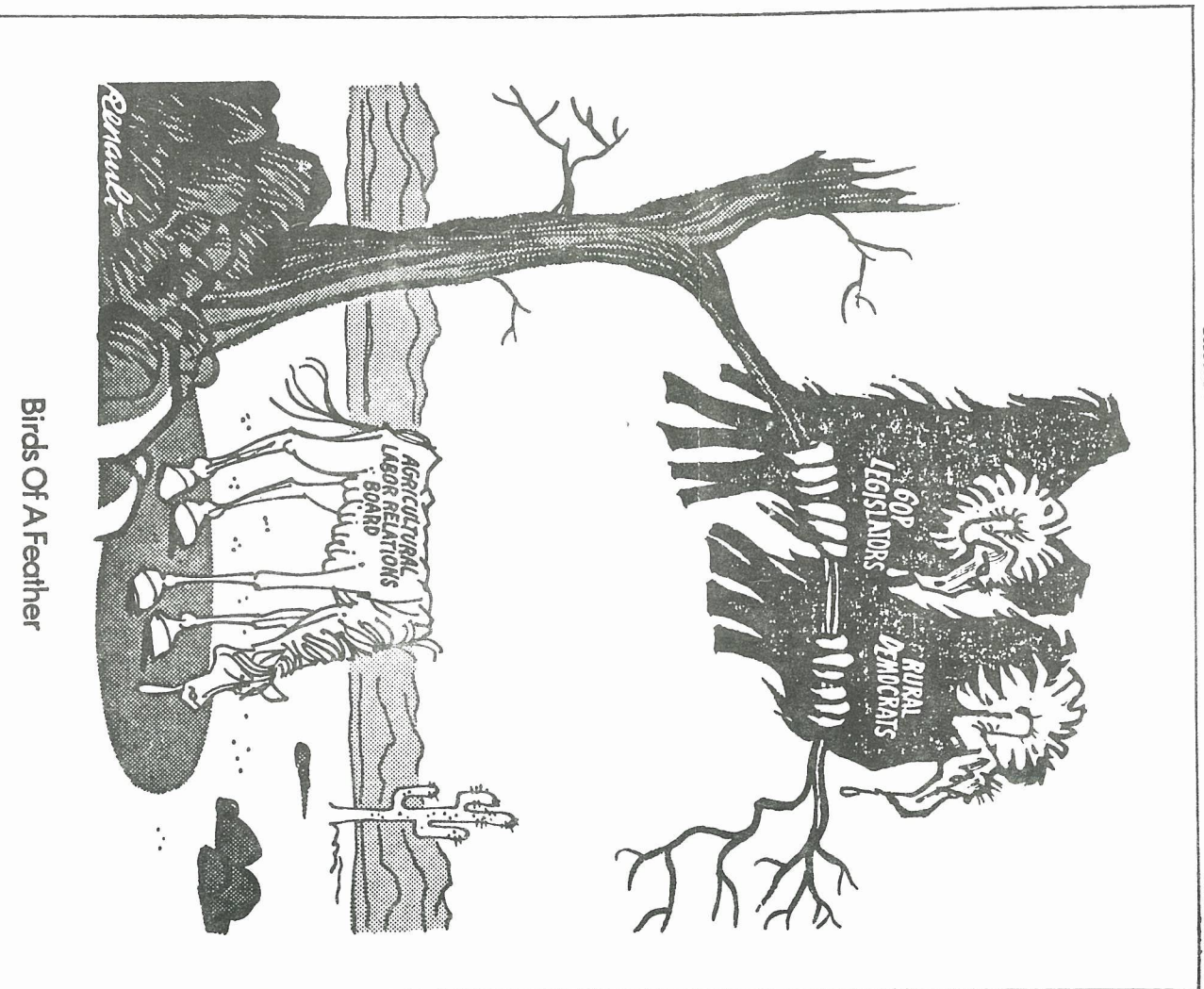
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18th and Union Sts.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 1976 4:00 PM

SPEND THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH FELLOW UFW
SUPPORTERS - - HEAR AN UPDATE ON "ALL" THE LATEST
DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE UFW.
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Birds Of A Feather

IMPORTANT NOTICE 5

About six months ago, we started sending this newsletter out by first-class mail so you would receive it quicker. Due to the increased cost of postage and the size of our mailing list, we no longer find this possible. We will continue to send out this newsletter but only every 6-8 weeks and at bulk-rate. Anyone interested in receiving a more up-to-date mailing sent first-class every 4 weeks should fill out the coupon at the bottom of this page and send it to our office. If possible, a \$2.00 donation would be appreciated to help cover postage, paper, etc.

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We also ask you to consider becoming a "Sponsoring Associate" of the UFW. A pledge of a monthly donation, no matter how small or large, is all that is required. You would then automatically receive our Action Mailing.

In order to make realistic decisions concerning the future of the UFW, it is necessary to be able to estimate our monthly income. In a short period of time (ten years), we have established five medical clinics, a credit union, a death benefit plan, social service centers, legal offices, leadership training programs and a Farm Worker Retirement Village - the only one of its kind in the country. As we now prepare to take on the massive task of a farm worker initiative for the November elections in California, we would like to keep as many of these programs as possible functioning. Through your pledge of monthly financial assistance we will be able to determine if this is possible. Please give this serious consideration, as it is a very important decision for the future of the farm workers.

Remember - if you want to get the up-to-date Action Mailing then you must fill out the coupon and return it to us. The only exceptions are people who are already "Sponsoring Associates". If you wish to become a "Sponsoring Associate" you can also do that by sending in the coupon along with your first month's pledge.



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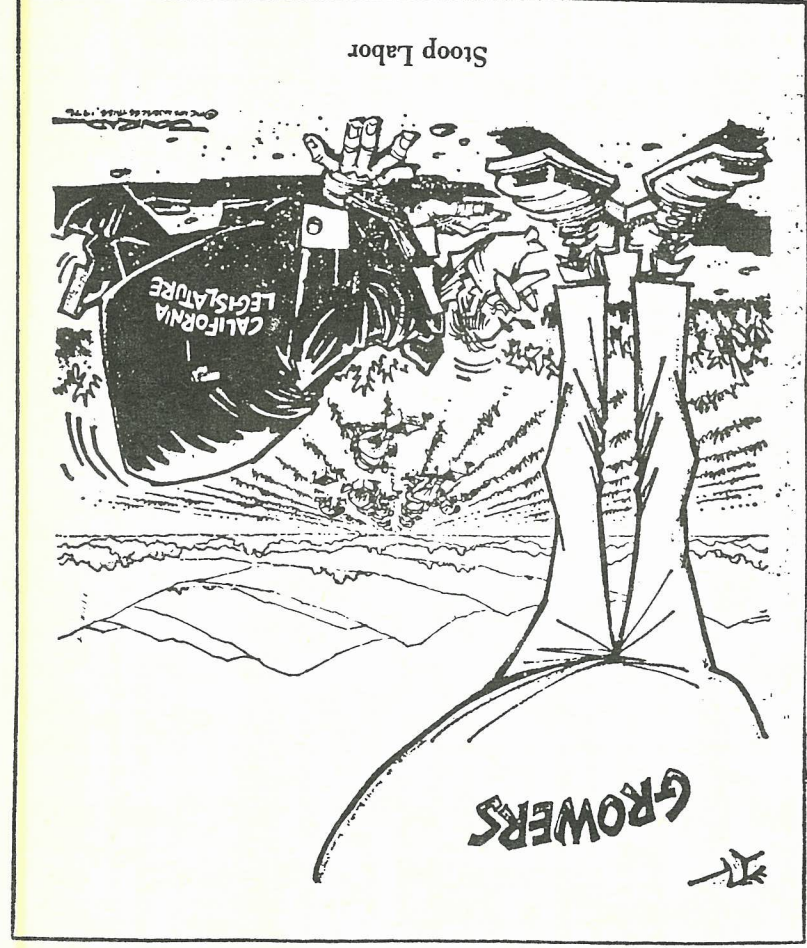
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