STRUGGLE IN DELANO

Farm workers earn from $1600 to $2000 a year. They work in unsanitary conditions, have no medical attention , and are not paid during the time it takes to move from one field to another.

Since 1965, the United Farm Workers' Organizing Committee, A.F.L.-C.I.O. has been seeking union recognition from the grape growers of Delano, California. The growers refused to hear the farmwworkers' plea. Even though the union represented a clear majority of the farm workers, it could not take advantage of election procedures of the National Labor Relations Act because farm workers are specifically excluded from the Act.

In September,1965, the Union struck the Delano growers. Since then, mainly as a result of consumer boycotts, the Union has won several contracts. The strike still goes on,however, against all grape growers whose workers still endure the same inhuman working conditions that still existed before the strike.

Since the beginning of the strike in 1965, 5000 workers have walked out on strike, but the growers have replaced the strikers with scab laborers from Mexico. They obtained a strike-crippling injunction to keep the workers on strike from picketing the strike areas.

In mid-August of 1967, the Union launched anationwide consumer boycott against all California grapes. Suddenly the growers flooded themarkets with the labels under different names to confuse consumers. The Union immediately reported this to the food and drug administration,California Industrial Commission, and the New York Commissioner of Markets; but still the growers continue their illegal practices.

In one way this abuse has strengthened the Union's hand since these growers produce most of America's table grapes. Labels are no longer of any consequence, the boycott is now against ALL California grapes.

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Since Boston is one of thenation's largest table-grape markets, this city was chosen as a major point of concentration. The distributor of grapes for this area is Israel Gilfenbain.

Farm workers are currently engaged in the task of uncovering the "Grape Camouflage" throughout the country.

HELP

US BY NOT BUYING CALIFORNIA GRAPES UNTIL THE GROWERS SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, A.F.L.*C.I.O.

WITH YOUR HELP WE WILL NOT ONLY BRING THE GROWERS TO THE BARGAINING TABLE,BUT WILL ALSO BRING JUSTICE TO ALL FARM WORKERS.

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