

# Chavez: Says "Farm Workers Will Win"

One of the ways in which ILWU families can daily honor the principles this union stands for is to help the United Farm Workers members win an early victory for re-recognition of their union and new contracts for better wages, hours, working, safety and housing conditions, hiring halls, grievance machinery, etc. And as ILWU Local 142, Honolulu, points out, it's very easy to help out - just "avoid buying Gallo wines, or California grapes or lettuce which do not have the Aztec black eagle union label."

Following is an excellent story which appeared in last month's issue, under the above headline, of the VOICE OF THE ILWU, official monthly paper of Local 142:

As 1975 began, United Farmworkers leader Cesar Chavez told the press that the sympathetic boycott action of thousands of consumers all over the U.S. will enable the Farm Workers to win. It may take some time, but "we have more time than money," Chavez says.

### BOYCOTT IS HURTING

The Farm Workers are just as determined and as confident of victory as ever, and say that the boycott is hurting the growers who refuse to recognize the Farm Workers.

Gallo sales are variously reported off by between 9% and 20% and the company is mounting a high-powered advertising and p.r. campaign to try to convince consumers that it is really not anti-union.

The UFW boycott list of Gallo wines includes Boone's Farm, Madria-Madria, Tyrolia, Ripple, Thunderbird, Spanada, Wolfe & Sons, Andre, Paisano, Carlo Rossi, Red Mountain, Eden Roc "and any wine made in Modesto, California." UFW is also boycotting Guild and Franzia wines.

### TEAMSTERS HELPED GROWERS

The Teamsters union signed back door agreements with the growers in 1973 when the first Farm Workers agreements expired and helped them break the Farm Workers' strike.

Because of mounting violence by strikebreakers and pro-company police, the Farm Workers finally called off the strike and replaced it with a boycott, which could be operated out of reach of the powerful companies and the police and courts of rural California communities which the owners dominate.

Chavez recently told Ramparts magazine "normally, a small, struggling union like ours would have been destroyed by the combined opposition of the powerful union . . . and growers with great influence in their community. But it is not going to destroy us. Our boycott will be more effective than ever. We are going to beat them."

The UFW still has 10,000-12,000 workers under contract, but says that this figure does not reflect its total membership of over 60,000 in California alone. Many pay dues to the Teamsters now, in order to keep their jobs, but Chavez says their loyalty remains with UFW.

"If there were no Teamsters," Chavez says, "we'd easily have a \$3 base pay scale instead of \$2.50 and our union would have 100,000 workers organized in the state. Don't forget the Teamsters don't organize growers. They sign sweetheart contracts with the growers and tell the worker they now belong to the union."

Chavez is confident that in a secret ballot election the Farm Workers would win. "The Teamsters have the contracts, but we have the workers," Chavez says.

For years, Chavez opposed various proposals for state or federal legislation for elections, because they would have outlawed the boycott or harvest-season strikes. But recently he has changed his mind. Last year, with AFL-CIO support, the UFW sponsored a California secret ballot election bill which did not have provisions to rule out boycotts and harvest time strikes.

The growers and the Teamsters who had been saying all along that they wanted an election law, lobbied to kill the bill in the State Senate after it had passed the lower house.

Prospects are brighter that such a bill will pass this year. Newly elected California governor Edmund G. Brown says he will give it high priority.

It was passage of a State bargaining election law covering agriculture - the Hawaii "Little Wagner Act" in 1945 - which enabled sugar and pine field workers to win recognition without a strike. The Hawaii law was passed after an intense political action campaign by a newly formed Labor Political Action Committee. A majority of the PAC endorsed candidates were elected to the legislature.

### Farmworker Aid

DELANO—Local 34 members donated \$1460 to the United Farm Workers to aid farmworkers' children in a recent aid caravan to union headquarters in Delano. Another \$500 came from the San Francisco waterfront \$5 per month club, according to fund raiser Don Watson, Local 34. Around 300 union people, primarily from Southern California, went up to Delano late last month bringing cash, food and Christmas toys.

NOTE: Local 34 is our large Clerks local in San Francisco. And Brother Don Watson is the son of the late Morris Watson, founding editor of THE DISPATCHER.

Below are two sets of buy/don't buy lists for the UFW boycott.

## BOYCOTT

**Gallo**

Gallo	Boone's Farm	Spanada
Paisano	Thunderbird	Tyrolia
Carlo Rossi	Madria Madria	People
Eden Roc	Songrio	Andre
Wolfe & Son (Sitarberry Ridge)		
*Also, any wine which says "Modesto, California" on the label is Gallo. Gallo does not appear on all labels. Gallo is the only wine company with headquarters in Modesto.		

**Guild**

WineMaster's Guild	Old San Francisco	Parrot V.S.
Tres Grand	Director's Choice	Guild
Cooks Imperial	Tavola	Mandocino
Roma Reserve	Famiglia Cribari	Larretti
Cribari Reserve	Alta	C.V.C.
Jeanne d'Arc	Lodi	
La Boheme	La Mesa	
Ceremony	Ocean Spray	Cranberry Rose
Versailles	Vin Clogg (Parrot & Co.)	
Cruce Blanca	Citation	
Saratoga		
J. Pierot		
Guid Blue Ribbon		
Roma		
St. Mark		

**Franzia**

Table	Vermouth	Private labels
Dezani	Louis the Fifth	
Sparkling		
* Also, any wine which says "Franzia and bottled in Rippon, California." All Franzia products have #BWH3854 on the label		

Boycotts have been an essential part of past farmworker victories. To help protect farmworkers rights

DON'T BUY THESE LABELS.

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**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS**  
Christian Bros. Mont La Salle

**ALMADEN**

Almaden Le Domatne

**PAUL MASSON**

Paul Masson

**ITALIAN SWISS COLONY**

Amle Green Springs	Gambarelli
Bali Hill	Davieso
Figlio	Margu
Sampate	Crestone
Lejon	Colle
Patri	Parma
Santa Fe	Val Bros.
Mission Hill	Betty Ross
Jacques Bonet	Italian Swiss Colony
	Gambelli

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Aristocrat	L & J	A.R. Morrow
Greystone	Galun	F.T.
Victor Avco		Quatt
Ambassador		Ambassador
Fino Eleven Cellars		Vermouth
		Vino Fino

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