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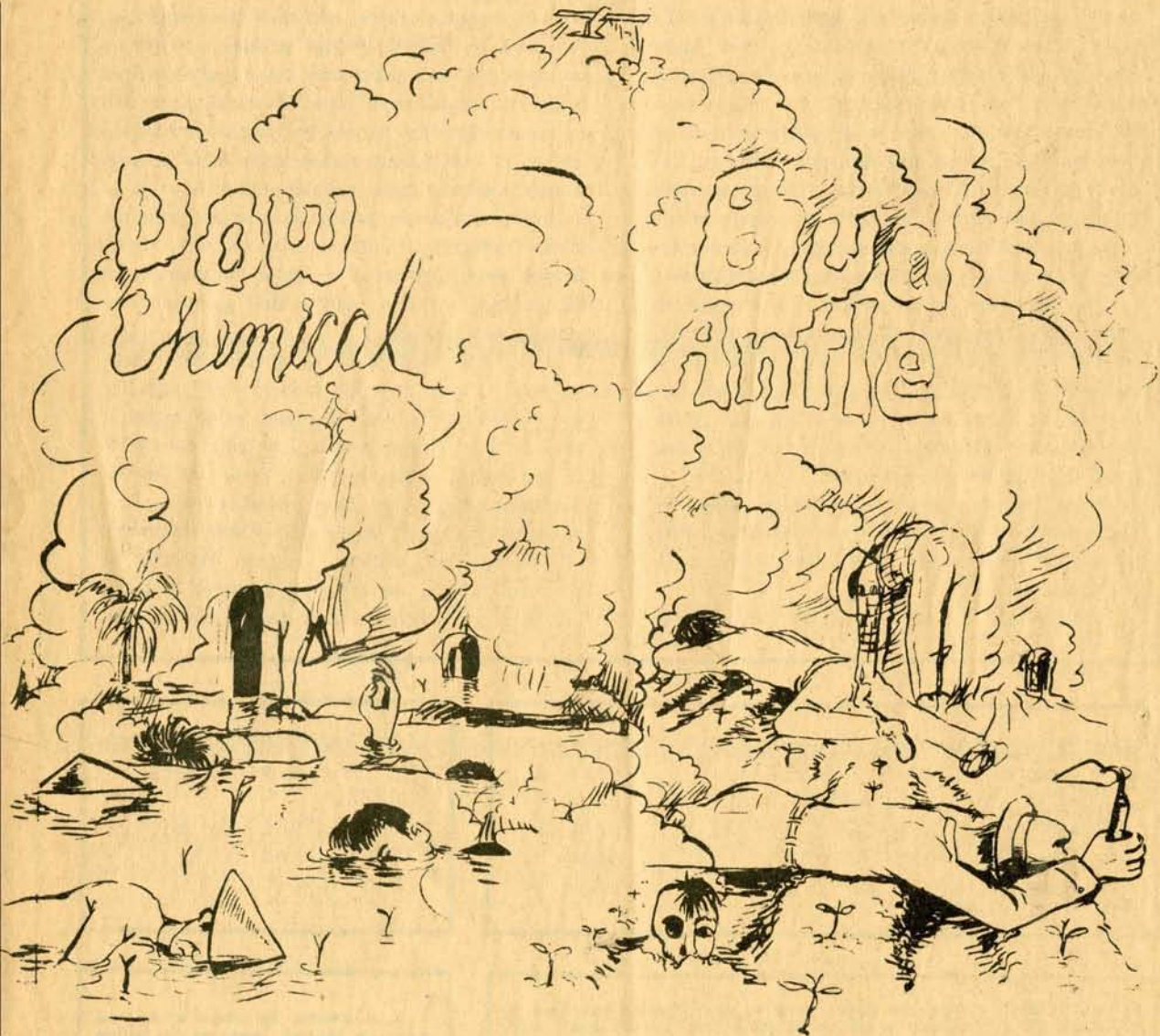


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BUD, DOW, & MILITARY HOW CLOSE!

Today, more than ever before, citizens of this country are awakening to the happenings around them. It's becoming much more difficult to cover up corruption at any level. By close observation people are realizing the possibility of such things as atrocities of war being covered up by high-ranking government officials while those who follow orders are left to face the consequences. Now it is public knowledge that the U.S. Army may not only want you, but is more likely WATCHING you. Today even such cities as San Diego, where local press doesn't make much mention, are possibly involved in corruptions between government officials and business.

The farm workers movement is no stranger to reactionary measures by government officials. During the grape strike we saw our sacrifices and suffering being escalated by the Defense Department's participation in breaking our strike and boycott activities. We are not surprised at all that they are doing it again.

Since its last failure at strike-breaking, the Department of Defense has become either much bolder or very stupid. The latter seems more applicable here.

How deeply do the connections between the

military and exploitative big business actually run? Could conspiracy enter the scene when a Catholic priest is banned from a military installation because he delivered a sermon politically favoring farm workers and then the same Department of Defense brings politics on base by increasing lettuce purchases from boycotted Bud Antle, a subsidiary of Dow Chemical, from 10% to about 30%? The figures are public information and it is our intention that these facts become widely known. Most people believe that it is a government policy to purchase lettuce from the lowest bidder. If this is true, why is Antle's lettuce being preferred to other competitors at higher than average cost? This game has obviously been exposed.

Now what remains is for good human beings to look at this struggle closely and judge for yourselves as to who is right. Our strength lies in our determination and deep conviction to the cause. Although Bud, Dow, and the Department of Defense know violence on a first name basis, they'll never find a way to damage or destroy our endless spirit. Because we are truly right, we are well prepared to battle and defeat any opponents of our non-violent struggle.

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FARM WORKERS PROTEST AT PENTAGON:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS BREAKING ANTLE LETTUCE STRIKE

"United States Department of Defense direct lettuce purchases from boycotted grower Bud Antle increased from under 10% to 30% of total purchases of lettuce in July, August and September, and are still increasing," Jesus Carrasco charged from the steps of the Pentagon. Carrasco, a lettuce worker representing UFWOC, appeared in Washington, D.C. on December 23 with 20 fellow lettuce boycotters to protest renewed efforts of the Department of Defense to stifle the farm workers' chances for a union.

per pound (averaging boxes of 50 pounds). Antle's prices to the Department of Defense in the first quarter of fiscal 1971 averaged 16.06 cents per pound, while Department of Defense purchases from all suppliers averaged 15.95 cents per pound. Government Bureau of Labor Statistics reports wholesale prices at 12.9 cents per pound.

During the 1967-70 boycott of table grapes, Department of Defense purchases soared upward by millions of pounds with a 350% increase to Vietnam in one year

in Oakland, Denver, Seattle and elsewhere Bud Antle is being specifically bought by Department of Defense agents seeking it out in the produce terminals in preference to all competing brands at jacked up prices. In city after city, as grocery chains and other business has dried up for Antle as a result of powerful boycott activity, his military sales have boomed.

Since August 30, when the largest shipper of lettuce, Inter-Harvest, signed a contract with UFWOC, they (Inter-Harvest) have

	1969	1970	1971-1st qtr.
DoD LETTUCE PURCHASES (pounds)	75,828,000	71,726,000	16,046,000
DoD LETTUCE PURCHASES (dollars)	\$10,461,000	\$8,962,000	\$2,560,000
PRICE PAID PER POUND	13.80¢	12.49¢	15.95¢
DoD PURCHASES FROM ANTLE*(lbs.)	7,550,000	5,960,000	4,960,000
DoD PURCHASES FROM ANTLE*(\\$)	\$840,000	\$730,000	\$750,000
PRICE PAID PER POUND*	11.13¢	12.25¢	16.06¢
<i>*these figures show direct carlot sales only, and do not include sales to jobbers and wholesalers who in turn sell to the Pentagon.</i>			
PERCENTAGE BOUGHT BY DoD DIRECTLY FROM BUD ANTLE	9.9%	8.3%	29.1%

In his speech, Carrasco stated that when the figures from the present quarter are in, combining direct and terminal market purchases, Bud Antle will have supplied a boycott-busting 60% of the entire military purchase of western iceberg lettuce at prices outrageously above market wholesale averages, city by city.

Due to the enjoined but successful boycott, Bud Antle has been shut off from market after market and has been selling at distressed prices. Last week in Washington Antle sold wholesale at 4.5 cents per pound while other wrapped iceberg lettuce sold for 7.5 cents

and was also accompanied by purchases above prevailing market prices. Carrasco, speaking to reporters, generals and colonels as they strolled past said that the same maneuvers are being performed by military suppliers again. A lot is at stake: last year the Defense Department bought 71,726,000 pounds of lettuce for \$8,962,000.

The figures presented above for Bud Antle represent only his direct carlot sales to the military. He also sells to jobbers and wholesalers who sell to the Pentagon, which buys 40% of its lettuce this way. Carrasco charges that

experienced a very dramatic withering away of military sales while other sales have gone very well.

Brother Carrasco stated that this entire factual picture is due to opposition to our union by the heads of the Federal Government. He and the Washington boycott to the Pentagon to stop buying Antle products and asked the senators, congressmen and investigative reporters to probe deeply to further disclose and stop this blatant move to keep poor working people, denied labor law, denied decent wages, from having a union of their own choice.

(SALINAS, CA - December 24) Twenty days before, Salinas had been a rallying place for UFWOC members and our many supporters. On that cold, wintry morning of December 4th, thousands waited and watched as Cesar Chavez was led to jail for an indefinite period. As he went in our hearts followed while our bodies pledged to begin an all-out attack on Bud Antle and Dow Chemical. Cesar knew he wasn't alone. many dedicated farm workers took part in the vigil outside the jail which lasted

Court ordered Cesar to be released on his own recognizance until a hearing by the court decided whether or not the injunction (prohibiting picketing and informational activities against Bud Antle, Inc.) had violated his constitutional rights.

Late December 23rd, about 500 UFWOC members and supporters were on hand as Cesar stepped out of the Monterey County Jail into the cold winter night. Holding a news conference on the steps of the jail, Cesar said he felt well and he had

Cesar is released from jail



In their 6 to 1 decision to release Cesar from jail, the Supreme Court also made it clear that UFWOC would continue to boycott Bud Antle and' to publicize our labor dispute.

the entire twenty days. On December 5th, Cesar sent out the following statement:

"I am in fine spirits. They are being very kind to me.

"I was spiritually prepared for this confinement. I don't think the judge was unfair. I'm willing to pay the price for civil disobedience.

"I am still very committed and not bitter at all. At this point in our struggle there is more need than ever to demonstrate our love for those who oppose us.

"Farm workers are being damaged by being denied representation by the union of their choice. Jail is a small price to pay to help right that injustice.

"We will continue our struggle until we have won the same rights enjoyed by other workers in America."

The prompt action of the California Supreme

been well treated by the deputies. Even though he wasn't bitter about the jail term, Cesar mentioned, "No matter how well you are treated inside and how much support you have outside, a jail is still a jail."

Cesar's release was delayed because Judge Campbell (who had ordered him jailed) wouldn't release him without the official order from the Supreme Court. If the court reporter hadn't gotten a copy of the order and taken it home, Cesar would have stayed another day.

Cesar made mention that the boycott would continue and ended the press conference saying, "In the spirit of the holiday, I am calling on growers to meet with the union so we can negotiate contracts and end this squabble. Contrary to public opinion, we are not crazy about boycotting and striking. We would rather negotiate."

On December 4th, after the jailing of Cesar Chavez, farm workers from the Pajaro and Salinas Valleys marched to Cristo Rey Church to hold a Mass. At that time they took a vow to hold a 24-hour vigil until Cesar had been released. Wives of farm workers built an altar in the back of a borrowed pick-up truck. The

priests from different churches in the valley held Mass, until the day Cesar was released.

Roberto Garcia, a Salinas striker and the organizer of the vigil, stated that "It was beautiful. People marched through the rain and near freezing weather, giving of themselves to show support for Cesar."

Coors beer."

Roberto also stated that the police cooperated very nicely and made no attempts to ruin the vigil.

The highlight of the vigil was on December 12, the day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. the farm workers sang the mananitas in honor of the Virgen and then as



farm workers hold 500-hour vigil for Cesar

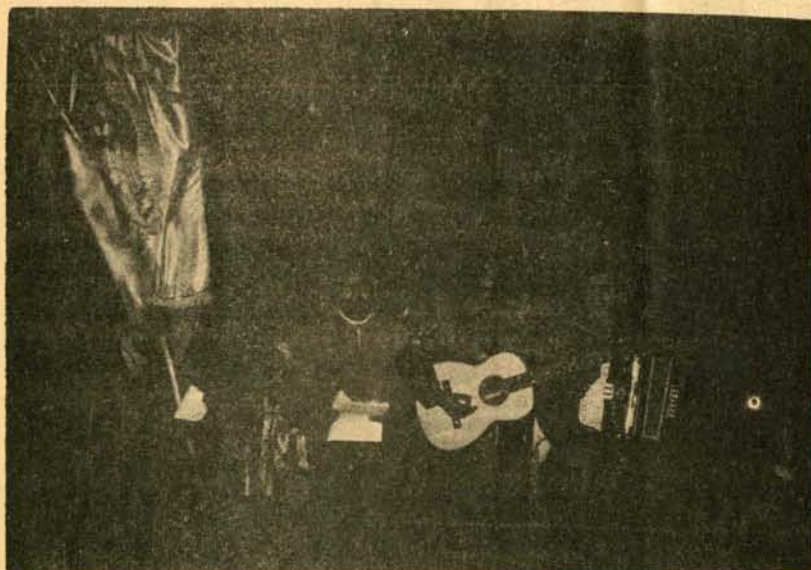
altar consisted of a shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, surrounded by candles, the flags of Mexico and the U. S., pictures of non-violent leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez and Robert F. Kennedy. Flowers were placed around the altar. Each evening at six,

Others showed their support by giving hot food and some money.

When asked about any problems during the vigil, Roberto said, "Oh, yeah, we had quite a few incidents. One night two guys came by and tried to dump four cases of empty Coors beer cans, and Chicanos don't drink

a tribute to Cesar.

EL MALCRIADO wishes to praise Roberto Garcia and the hundreds of people who took part or visited the shrine. Looking, with our hearts, at what they've done, we can clearly see the beauty of their sacrifice and determination.



A PROCESSION IS FORMED, LED BY MUSICIANS, TO SING THE MANANITAS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE..



AND MORE MANANITAS IN FRONT OF CESAR'S CELL

AN INTERVIEW WITH

THE MORNING FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE, CESAR WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOME BY EL MALCRIADO. THE FOLLOWING ARE CESAR'S RECOLLECTIONS OF HIS 20-DAY STAY IN JAIL.

EL MALCRIADO- How do you feel after going to jail for civil disobedience?

CESAR- Well, it was partially civil disobedience.

It wasn't a real classic case of civil disobedience. I was sentenced to an indefinite period. So I couldn't look forward to a year or two; I didn't know what was going to happen. Really what the judge was saying is that it is up to me to get out of jail if I called off the boycott. That put the responsibility

on me to say: No, I'll never call it off. It wasn't the classic civil disobedience case but it was a very good case. It was hard but now that it's over, I feel elated.

EL MALCRIADO- What was your relationship with the other inmates?

CESAR- I made a lot of friends inside with the inmates, did a little organizing and spread the word around quite a

bit. I wasn't too successful in convincing anybody about non-violence inside, but they are all with us. This includes blacks, whites and chicanos. The saddest thing is that the people who are in jail by and large are poor people. Only poor people go to jail and stay there. Also men who don't have anyone on the outside who really cares

I had something on the outside going for me and I had the conviction of the cause. But they don't have any of those things. I learned that there is a very serious problem on the whole question of parole. Parole, I think, is a damaging, unconstitutional and damning thing for people. It gets a guy, puts him on parole, and they'll never let him go.



On Christmas Eve, Cesar met with the staff, volunteers and strikers at UFWOC headquarters in Delano to celebrate his release from jail. Here, a joyful group sings "Solidaridad Para Siempre."

for them. Or who have someone on the outside who cannot really help them. It's very, very sad. Mostly young people. The routine... they put them in jail, they book them. Then they bring them into court and have the hearing and bring them back. It's like a completely different world. I couldn't help feeling sorry for them. At least

They're singing!" Then I heard the chicanos in the jail gritando (yelling) you know. "Eran las mananaitas", about the second verse and ooi, you know how they feel really good. So I just opened my ears and turn over in my pillow and blanket. It's the first time they gave me mananaitas, you know. Well, they were for the Virgen and the chicanos were

EL MALCRIADO- Did those on the vigil keep you company?

CESAR- Yeah, I never felt alone. For one thing at night I could hear their signing. I heard the mananaitas. Oh great! I was asleep you know. They started signing and the jailer opened the front door. I heard this rapping on the bulkhead "Wake up...

CESAR CHAVEZ

all over the jail. Four thirty in the morning gritando, you know, gritos de la raza, all over. It was really great. The poor guys on the vigil sacrificed more than I did. See the determination? The growers said they were going to do the same thing. They lasted a day. But the people were really beautiful. The visitors were a tremendous support. I talked to about 150 the 1st Saturday and about 300 the 2nd Saturday. I talked to a lot of women, really very sincere. It gives you a tremendous feeling. I was very happy that Coretta King, Ethel Kennedy and Bishop Flores came. They did a lot of good for me spiritually and an awful lot of good to the people.

EL MALCRIADO- What did you think of our opposition's violence during Ethel Kennedy's visit?

CESAR- It's a clear example exactly how violence, whoever does it, really hurts their cause. Those guys really lost points. The day after it was on TV, how bad the guys were. A lady came to the vigil in a Cadillac and gave \$25. They wanted to take her name and address and she said no, I trust you: I'm giving you \$25 because I think I under-

stand one thing - I want to become an American again. I can't give you my name because my son is a grower". You see, that kind of spirit, that kind of discipline, nobody can reject. You can't beat it.

EL MALCRIADO- During the confinement, how did you feel physically and mentally?

CESAR- Physically very well. Psychologically I



was prepared. Spiritually I knew I was going to jail. So I just made up my mind that I was going to go and not be suppressed. I said that they could have my body here but my spirit's going to be free. It took me a couple of days

to get used to the routine. You see, all of a sudden I'm in jail -I'm confronted with just an upside down of my life schedule. On the outside I'm going 16 hours a day every day. I had to schedule my time inside so I would use it wisely and make the best out of my stay. I just settled down and said I got to work myself out of it, and I

did. In fact the almost three weeks in jail did not seem like a long time. I lost about 15 pounds, eating about a quarter of what I would usually eat outside.

EL MALCRIADO-What are your thoughts about possibly going back to jail?

CESAR- I don't want to go back, but if I have to I will. To commit civil disobedience I wouldn't have had a hearing. I would just tell the judge I'm guilty, give me the maximum time. Although I wanted to do that, I had to consider the union. If it had

been me personally I think that I would have pleaded guilty and asked for the maximum time.

EL MALCRIADO-What is in store for our future?

CESAR- Back to the grind.



TO SEE WHO WE ARE AND WHAT OUR STRUGGLE HAS BEEN,
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND LOOK AT US WITH YOUR HEARTS.

CORETTA KING VISITS WITH CESAR IN JAIL, ASKS BLACKS TO BOYCOTT LETTUCE

SPEAKING BEFORE TWO THOUSAND FARM WORKERS AFTER HER VISIT WITH CESAR IN JAIL, CORETTA KING DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

As I was preparing to leave my home in the east, the President of the United States was involved in a unique ceremony. On Wednesday he was publically celebrating the reaching of the trillion dollars mark in the annual output of American goods and services. The trillion dollars is a lot of money - one thousand billion dollars - so much it is hard to understand. But what is easy to understand is that even with such fabulous wealth there is poverty in this country.

A trillion dollar economy takes care very handsomely of the people at the top. It takes care generously of the people near the top. It rewards people in the middle, but it starves and brutalizes people at the bottom. The weight of all that wealth is like



especially those poor who are black, brown and red skin. We live in a day when great unions are institutionalized in the structure of our society. This means in ordinary terms that the long established unions no longer have to fight to survive. They are recognized and accepted and certainly they should be. They no longer lose strikes, they struggle only for a greater share of the proceeds of their work. Yet your union, in this day, fights to live. Those who control the billion dollar economy have said blacks and chicanos do not have the right to a decent life or to human dignity. They must live on the crumbs from the tables groaning with food. Cesar Chavez is in jail because he believes that you should have the same rights and privileges Americans should enjoy. For more than thirty years, no one would concede that point. For more than thirty years farm workers were thought to be unorganizable and so powerless they could not demand and achieve security and dignity. But Cesar Chavez challenged the tyrants, organized the working poor and became a threat, so they have jailed him. But as my husband so often said, "You cannot keep truth in a jail cell." Truth and justice leap barriers, and in their own way, reach the conscience of the people. The men of power thought my husband was a powerless man with grandiose ideas. He had nothing but an idea that people at the bottom could be aroused to fight for dignity and equality. The power structure became alarmed when his ideas were transformed into marching millions and the right to vote, the right to use public facilities, the right to jobs, and the

a mountain crushing millions who are below it and

right to private dignity were won

You are carrying on, with other millions at the bottom, the work my husband began. That is why I have come here today, not just to support you, but salute you.

I feel so close to you because nowhere in this country are people so fearlessly upholding their rights in a spirit of militant non-violence. Our brotherhood is not only grounded in our common exploitation, not only in our victimization of race, but it is based on our use of the same social weapon: non-violence, organization, militant mass action and soul force.

Our struggle, like yours - that is, the struggle of black people - could not be won by us alone, we had to find allies among the Americans of good will, black, brown, and white, who are ashamed of poverty in a trillion dollar economy. That is why your boycotts have succeeded. While some Americans are willing to forget the poor and if necessary suppress them with violence and brutality, there are still many Americans who cannot live with the immorality of inequality.

They believe the heritage of this nation is decency and fair play. They would not eat grapes when grapes became a symbol of oppression and they will not eat lettuce, now that it has become tainted with injustice.

They cannot be complacent about the brutal fact that though you feed the affluent society, it starves you. This is why you will win, that is why Cesar Chavez



CORETTA EXPRESSES HER SOLIDARITY WITH CESAR'S CAUSE IN FRONT OF THE FARM WORKER SHRINE.

will be free. You are doing what you must do, organizing and resisting, boycotting and demonstrating across the land while remaining non-violent. No struggle, based on these principles, has ever failed if it remained spirited and united. The struggles that are lost have occurred when discipline was broken, when violence of a few was substituted for mass resistance and determination, when

impatient, unthinking people thought there was a short cut and a cheap road to victory.

Social progress has always come when the people on the bottom, who in organized strength and from the foundation shook the whole structure. Social change does not come from voluntary good will and charity from the top. It comes from motion at the bottom.

Black people and brown people are herded at the bottom and told to be quiet and to wait for slow change. But change has never come to us in waiting. Waiting has multiplied the profits of the rich, but it deadens and depresses those below.

We are tens of millions strong, and waiting not only offends our dignity, but leaves us in deprivation. We know our own history, waiting and patience have resulted in economic exploitation and racial abuse, and finally together, we have said there is an end to waiting.

We are not enemies of the nation, but we are treated as if we were conquered and enslaved. We have fed and clothed the nation by our sweat and toil, but our share in its goods is the share of prisoners.

I know we will win our common fight because we are more united and have more mutual respect than ever in our history and because in mass ranks, we are moving forward.

I hope as we look for allies, we will give special attention to women. First of all most women

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MRS. KING IS WELCOMED BY TWO THOUSAND FARM WORKERS IN SALINAS

from page 11

in this country, like non-whites, are not equal. They can understand our profound need for freedom and equality. They also have special power to make a boycott punishing for the exploiters. It is they who buy lettuce and when lettuce becomes the symbol of inequality and oppression, women will know that they, too, have a stake in our struggle.

In closing I want to express a personal note. I do not have to read books or stimulate my imagination to understand how grueling it is to work in a sun baked field all day. I was born on the land in rural Alabama and worked in the cotton fields. Although my family owned the land, the system was organized to keep the earning from cotton too low to maintain an adequate subsistence. My father worked at two jobs to advance, and he managed to educate his children and provide security. Often I think what a remarkable man he is and what a greater contribution he would have made to society if it had given him opportunities that it gave to others.

So I know that among you your children are undiscovered, undeveloped people of talent. Cesar Chavez is not an accident; he is



CORETTA KING AND UFWOC'S DOLORES HUERTA SHARE GREETINGS AT THE SALINAS AIRPORT.

a genius of his people, and their union, the farm workers union, is a hero union. When you have succeeded in making your lives more secure and richer, the whole nation will benefit. That is why your struggle has deeper dimensions than a strike for wages. You are demanding a place in the halls of man. You are saying there are no lowly people, there are only people who are forced down.

If this nation can produce a

trillion dollars every year, it is a disgrace in the eyes of God that some people should be haunted by hunger and hounded by racism. The President of the United States should not gloat and take pride in a trillion dollar economy. He should be ashamed and mortified to acknowledge that abundance exists while the system producing it still cheats the poor. His days should be restless until the crime and violence of poverty is rooted out of the land rich beyond imagination. While the President stands before the flashing lights of the computer that says a trillion dollars, we stand before a dark jail that says oppression. America cannot be both and be America.

Our consolation is that if the President will not do what decency demands, we have the power to struggle until exploitation and racism are torn out of this nation even if its structures must be shaken and altered to bring about decency for all God's people.

Two thousand years ago in Bethlehem, a man spoke to the lowly about poverty and human dignity. Jesus of Nazareth was crucified, but he is here with us in Salinas today because the lowly need him again.



IN HER ADDRESS TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE FARM WORKERS UNION, MRS. KING NOTED THAT "WOMEN IN AMERICA, LIKE NON-WHITES, ARE NOT EQUAL. THEY UNDERSTAND OUR PROFOUND NEED FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY."

GREETINGS FROM OUR CHICANO BISHOP

On Dec. 15 Bishop Patrick Flores visited with Cesar in jail. Following the visit he made this statement to those present at the vigil site across the street from the jail.

My Dear Brothers in the Lord;

I greet you with warmth and affection. I am sorry that I was not able to stay until 6 o'clock to worship the Lord with you. For reasons of commitments in the Diocese of San Antonio, I had to return as soon as possible.

But I leave very happy that I had the opportunity of greeting and visiting personally with your esteemed leader Cesar Chavez. I return very happy because I found Cesar Chavez very content, optimistic and with great enthusiasm.

I wish to tell you in the first place, that you are not alone. All of your brothers throughout the country share your anxieties, and all are disposed to help you, and to continue praying to the Lord and the Most Blessed Virgen of Guadalupe on your behalf.

You have been for us a great inspiration. You have been able to organize yourselves in the vineyards and you have been successful without having to recourse to violence.

We ask you to continue united to achieve justice for all but without yourselves ceasing to be just.

Patrick F. Flores

Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

ARMY WANTS "THAT OLD TIME RELIGION"

In the editorial EL MALCRIADO mentions that a priest was banned from future saying of the MASS at a military installation. Here is a reprint of the letter banning Fr. Victor Salandini.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: FATHER SALANDINI

FROM: FATHER ROSSBACH

SUBJECT: YOUR CHECK AND A "SITUATION REPORT"

1. Enclosed is your check for Last Sunday's Masses.
2. Your appeal from the Pulpit to Boycott Alpha Beta and Safeway Stores for Advent and the Catholic Church's Social Revolution for the overthrow of Imperialism and Capitalism was to say the Least in Absolutely Poor Taste, Lack of Respect for my Parishoners (Military Personnel who buy their groceries in their own sotre called a Commissary), and purely "POLITICAL" and not in the Spirit of the Gospel, was not at all well-received. Present at the 8 A.M. Mass was the Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps Base (Equivalent to Vicar Gen,

Chancellor of a Diocese) who walked out of your Mass and "CALLED ME ON THE CARPET" for allowing a priest to "EXPRESS HIS POLITICAL VIEWS" to a military parishoners as a "GUEST ON OUR BASE". He asked that I report your lack of "TACT AND COMMON COURTESY AND YOUR USE OF THE PULPIT ON A MILITARY BASE TO EXPRESS YOUR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL VIEWS TO THE DIOCESAN AUTHORITIES" and directed me not to allow you to say Mass on this Base again. This I assured him I would do.

Commander George F. Rossbach
Catholic Chaplain at Camp Pendleton,
Oceanside, California

EL MALCRIADO SAYS - Instead of pleading to the consciences of those present at the Mass maybe Fr. Salandini should have run down the amount of purchases the Department of Defense is making from boycotted Bud Antle. Perhaps the Chaplain has been "ON THE CARPET" so long that he has forgotten that Jesus Christ loved the poor and did not add to their suffering.

ATTENTION ALL CREDIT UNION MEMBERS:

We are again having the Grand Annual Farm Workers' Credit Union meeting on January 31, 1971, at the Filipino Community Hall, 1457 Glenwood, Delano. We have these meetings once a year and it is of great importance that you come and inform yourself as to the way your credit union operates. It is at these meetings that you decide what kind of services you want from it. Bring a new mem-

ber with you to the meeting and if you have any money to save, bring it with you too.

Also, all credit union members will be receiving post cards with ballots for voting on whether or not to increase the Board of Directors from seven to nine people. It is urgent that everyone fill out the ballot and mail it back to the office.

LETTERS TO CESAR

DURING HIS CONFINEMENT, CESAR RECEIVED THOUSANDS OF BEAUTIFUL LETTERS FROM GOOD PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. OUR LIMITED SPACE DOESN'T ALLOW FOR REPRINTING MANY OF THEM. HERE WE'VE CHOSEN A GROUP OF LETTERS FROM 3RD GRADERS AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SCHOOL IN SAN DIEGO.

Dear Mr. Chavez,

I am in Sister Lynne's class room. I hope you keep on fighting. And I would like you to come to our procession this Sunday. It is for Our Lady of Guadalupe. And Bishop Flores is coming to the procession to say the Mass. It will be in Spanish.

With all my love,
Silvia Tapia



Dear Mr. Chavez,

I have hears all about you and I hope you will get out soon. I will say a prayer. God help you.

Love to you,
Frank



Dear Mr. Chavez,

I wish you still keep on loving people. Like I love you. And I know that you are not afraid. Sister is telling us about you. And I wish you a Merry Christmas to you.

And I hope you have as many presents as I will, and I hope you keep up the good work.

Love,
Rosalie Lopez



Dear Mr. Chavez,

I heard that you are in jail. I hope you get out because the judge is trying to make you mad.

Fernando
Franco



Dear Mr. Chavez,

I hope you enjoy Christmas. All of us hope you come and see us soon. We are going to pray for you. I feel sorry for you. Our teacher told us that they put you in jail. I hope you get out soon. We are going to have a procession on Sunday and on Saturday we are going to hear the Mananitas.

Love, your friend,
Rebecca Rodriguez



Dear Mr. Chavez,

I like what you were doing for the farmer. And I want you to know that I am on your side.

Your friend,
Juan Valenzuela



Mr. Cesar Chavez

Dear Mr. Chavez,

I hate to see you in jail. I hope you come out soon. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Mr. Chavez, don't be afraid of the judge. Mr. Chavez, I heard that you are helping the United States of America.

Your friend,
Joaquin M. Suarez



Dear Mr. Chavéz,

I hope you get out of jail soon. And the other farm growers sign the paper that you want them to. The whole class is praying for you every day. Sister Lynne told us about you today. I am sorry you are in jail. Sister Lynne is going to show us a picture of you. Do not be afraid of the judge.

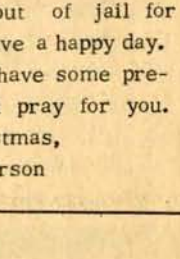
Love,
Amanda Guerra



Dear Mr. Chavez,

I am sorry that you are in jail. I am glad that you are not afraid. Get out of jail for Christmas and have a happy day. I hope that you have some presents and I will pray for you.

Merry Christmas,
Angela Anderson



Dear Mr. Chavez,

You're wonderful for all the things you did for the United States of America. But even if you have to go to jail. Oh, I forgot, you do not know who I am. I am Diane Penney. Oh, please send me a picture of you.

Love to you,
Diane Penney



Dear Mr. Chavez,

I hope that you keep your great strength. You have done beautiful things. Don't be afraid of the judge. The judge thought you would be afraid only because he put you in jail. Tell him all you want but don't be afraid.

Your friend,
Armando Anguiano



Dear Mr. Chavez,

I hope you get out of jail soon. Sister is going to show us pictures of you. They were very pretty. I wish you could be in the fiesta. My aunt works in the grapes and she told us that they were getting more money. Please, Mr. Chavez, don't be afraid of the judge.

Your friend,
Marcía Luna



Dear Mr. Chavez,

I hope they are treating you very nicely. And even if they call you bad names, try to avoid them. And if you can't, just say in your mind that the big lettuce company that did not want to sign the contract is signing it right now.

Love,
Vivian Soria



THE OTHER THIRD GRADE STUDENTS FROM OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SCHOOL WHO SENT LETTERS TO CESAR WERE: Alfredo Hueso, Ruben Hernandez, Luis Lopez, Mary Arreola, Jose Mejia, Carlos Aguirre, Christina Smith, Curran Price, and William Melgarejo.

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Telegram

CESAR CHAVEZ

UFWOC HEADQUARTERS, SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

MR. CESAR CHAVEZ:

THE STRIKE ACTION LAUNCHED TODAY IN CELEBRATION OF YOUR RESURRECTION FROM JAIL IS A CONTINUING EXAMPLE TO THE CONTEMPT THAT YOU OBVIOUSLY HOLD FOR THE CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT. DESPITE THE OBVIOUS LENIENCY OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT IN TEMPORARILY FREEING YOU FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND STATEMENTS OF TEAMSTERS LEADER FRANK E. FITZSIMMONS, YOU INSIST ON INVOLVING INNOCENT PERSONS IN A JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE. I AM SURE THE INTENT OF THE SUPREME COURT WAS NOT TO GIVE YOU CARTE-BLANCHE TO INTENSIFY BOYCOTT ACTIVITY AGAINST BONA FIDE TEAMSTERS-REPRESENTED WORKERS' PRODUCTS, AND TO CALL A STRIKE AGAINST GROWERS WITH LONG TERM TEAMSTERS UNION CONTRACTS. YOUR MOTIVES BECOME HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE WHEN YOU ARE FREED BY THE COMPASSION OF THE COURT AT YULETIDE AND IMMEDIATELY ATTACK A GROWER WHO PAYS HIGHER WAGES AND PROVIDES MORE BENEFITS THAN ANY COMPANY WITH A UFWOC CONTRACT. (sic) PROOF OF YOUR HONESTY AND INTEGRITY CLEARLY CALLS FOR YOU TO DECLARE A TRUCE IN STRIKE-BOYCOTT ACTIVITIES UNTIL THE SUPREME COURT MAKES A RULING. IF YOU, MR. CHAVEZ, WISH TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR GOOD FAITH BY PERSONAL INFLUENCE AND THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE FREE MARKETING COUNCIL TO ARRANGE FREEDOM OF CHOICE ELECTIONS UNDER NLRA RULES TO DETERMINE REPRESENTATION OF FARM WORKERS BASED ON THEIR DECISION, NOT YOURS, MINE, OR THAT OF ANY GROWER.

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