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## BLACK PANTHER CAUCUSES

### EXPOSÉ . . . 1969

We, the Black Panther Caucus of the Union Movement -- the Vanguard of Labor -- will expose the true nature of G.M., Ford, Chrysler; we will pull the sheets from the second largest pig power structure in this or any other racist nation. (The first in line for this SWARD FOR RACISM is the U.S. government). At the General Motors Corp., a G.M. supervisor said, quote, "If you have the right attitude = U.S. diploma, you can be a foreman, unquote. TRANSLATION: (1) You must possess a racist attitude. (2) Be semi-illiterate, (3) Be a latent homosexual -- the foreman is always trying to fuck the workers. The meaning of RIGHT ATTITUDE for the so-called Negro foreman is variable. Two and Three are self-explanatory and number 1 clearly states that you are niggers first; bosses last. Now, students, if you all understand what I mean by the RIGHT ATTITUDE, I now pronounce you G.M. foremen!

(The following excerpts are taken from a statement entitled, ALLIANCE FOR LABOR ACTION, issued by the UAW and Teamsters).

"The Alliance for Labor Action (ALA) will devote its efforts and contribute its resources affirmatively and constructively to the millions of unorganized, strengthening collective bargaining and DEALING WITH CRITICAL POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE DAY.

#### DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

"The labor movement is at a crossroad. It must subject itself to honest self-searching and self-evaluation. It must free itself from complacency and self-congratulation. It must acquire a sense of renewal and rededication to social progress. It must free itself of old attitudes and habits and demonstrate the willingness, the capability and the commitment to make fundamental changes in its policies that respond to the realities of a swiftly changing world.

"In this time of crisis, dynamic and responsible labor organizations must contribute leadership and provide teamwork toward the continual advance and protection of the welfare of working people and must work together in the community in the common effort to find answers to the urgent problems of the whole of our society.

"The plight of the farm workers is insupportable. Denied the protection of law and exploited by the huge corporate farm owners, these workers need active and total support and assistance to build a union organization if they are to achieve elementary dignity and justice.

"Our cities are in crisis. Poverty casts its shadow over the total society. Unemployment remains a threat to the general

eat at the core of our cities. Millions of families live in shams with decent housing beyond their economic reach.

"The cancer of racism is still uncured. Neither civil war nor a police state is an acceptable alternative. There is another way: . . . a massive assault by all men of good will and of all races and creeds against bigotry and against social and economic injustice.

"We need to remove the economic barriers and all forms of discrimination that deny a child or youngster opportunity for maximum growth and development.

"We need to reorganize the economics of hospital and medical care to check the skyrocketing cost and make modern, high quality, comprehensive health care available to all the people as a matter of right.

#### COMMUNITY UNIONS

"Join with other groups in the community in helping to organize community unions so that the working-poor, the unemployed and the underemployed may have the opportunity of participation, of self-organization and self-determination in dealing effectively with their problems.

#### SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY ACTION

"Cooperate with other concerned community groups to promote and support activities at the national and local level:

"To expand educational opportunities to facilitate the growth and development of each child and youth to his maximum capability, including free university education, unrestricted by economic, racial or other such barriers.

"To join with others in a massive effort to help rebuild and rehabilitate America's urban areas by the full use of advanced technology, new materials and methods and by enlisting the maximum and meaningful participation of the people of the inner city in all aspects of this urgent task so that decent, adequate housing can be made available and put within the economic reach of America's low-income families."

#### PURPOSE OF THE B.P.C.

We must educate the working people to the political impact that the U.A.W. and other unions have on their social and economic lives.

We must gather the masses in a revolution to throw out the bogus leaders - by democratic elections or any means necessary.

We have allowed ourselves to become part and parcel to the exploitation of non-working people by simply remaining quiet and passive. We must, after dealing with the pigs, give all the power to the people as stipulated in the International By-Laws and local by-laws of UAW and other unions. To the pigs, go the swill!

- Kenny Horston, Director BPC  
UAW, Local 1364

# TOWARD A NEW UNIONISM

Kenny Herston

This two-part article will include interviews I had with 3 union brothers on a recent trip to Detroit, Michigan. Today, you will meet Mr. John Watson, Editor of the now financially-bankrupt revolutionary paper, INNER-CITY VOICE, currently the much harassed Chief-Editor of THE SOUTH END, newspaper of Wayne State University and member of the Central Committee of the League of revolutionary Black Workers.

Part II will deal with Mr. Mike Hamlin, spokesman for the League and a leader in the real Dodge Rebellion, DODGE REVOLUTIONARY UNION MOVEMENT. Mr. Hamlin and I discussed the basic theory for forming revolutionary caucuses in other unions throughout the nation and he makes clear the need for this in his informative discussion.

**KENNY:** What do you believe as far as what you're doing and what you want to do, and how you go about doing it?

**JOHN:** Okay, we have the conception that the working - black working class is the fundamental class in the black community and the most powerful element of the community in struggle against the man, because of the fact that black workers are located at the point of production in most essential industries in the country's economy. We have a long history of involvement in Black movements, we have studied and have had a lot of experience and practice which has led us to this conclusion. We believe that the various elements in the Black community which must be organized in the struggle for liberation. First of all, of course, you know there is a student movement, then there is a movement in the community and thirty three is a movement of workers. Out of the three we believe that the movement of the black workers is the most important and the most essential, for a number of reasons which I really can't get into 'em all. But I'd like to say just a couple of things that are important - extremely important along these lines. First of all, black workers are found in large numbers in the hardest district jobs in the economy in basic industry, and the jobs which most black workers have found are jobs which are essential to the productive growth of the country - this is whereas amongst white people you have a huge middle class which is involved in shuffling around papers and planning and also some other bullshit. You got black people who are basically throwing steel on assembly lines and although the large segments of the white population they could be removed from the element of production which they assume you can't make cars and can't make steel without the basic cut on the line. There's another factor to reorganization of Black workers too, this is that Black workers can be organized once you get the key to organizing they can be organized much more readily



ly and to a much stronger unity than is normally the case in the community. This is because in a factory you may have 5, 6, 7, 8 thousand black people all under the same hammer 8 to 10 hours a day 5, 6, 7 days a week and it's not like you know it is out in the community where when you go from house to house and from apartment to apartment you gonna find people who have problems, although the problems all relate to the system there are different specific problems that is, you know, cats may have you know, owe money to different people, cats, you know, associated in different areas and they get in trouble with the police, or you know, what have you, within the community, it's more of a scattered, unhomologist sort of situation, whereas in a factory, everybody in there is being messed over, by the same man at the same time, and when you mobilize the people just say in one automobile factory in Detroit, you are mobilizing thousands of people at the same time.

**KENNY:** Do you have any thoughts about Huey P. Newton, the Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party?

**JOHN:** We've known about the Black Panther Party here for the last 2 years and we've been quite significantly impressed by it's organization, its development, and its politics, that is, theoretical understanding of the struggle. We feel that Huey P. Newton, especially is one of the foremost leaders of Black people in this country, we feel that he's a leader who has managed to go beyond the state of selling wolf tickets which, you know, brothers get up and talk about, you know, the man is this, and we gonna do this, and we're such big bad, black people, and so on and so forth. He's demonstrated concretely he is willing to lock, will lock, can lock and has locked and at the same time through his readings, from his writings and from speeches we have heard of, he has also indicated that he is one of the most sophisticated Black revolutionary theoreticians in the country.

**KENNY:** Now another question I would like to ask is did your paper, the paper you're the former editor of, the Inner City Voice, and the South End paper that you're the editor of now, did they support Huey's belief during his trial or whenever it was that these things transpired what was your stand at that time?

**JOHN:** Our stand from the beginning when we first heard about Huey P. Newton was uncritical - was absolute uncritical support when we first heard - well we had heard about the Black Panther previously in terms of various actions which they had out on the West Coast, but it wasn't until the incident in which the cop was killed that we really became actually aware of the Panthers and what they were doing - at that time the Panthers were relatively unknown in this area and the Inner City Voice was one of the main organs through which Black people learned about the Black Panther Party, its program the case of Huey P. Newton, the alliance - coalition - I don't know the proper words in use, but with the Peace and Freedom Party and so on and so forth. The Inner City Voice ran into financial problems at that time. We're attempting to get it back together now, we should be publishing within the next couple of months or so. In the meantime, we managed to take over the administration of the South End newspaper at Wayne State University and one of the first things which we did when we came into power last September was to begin to run articles on Huey Newton and the trial, in fact one of the papers that was published - it's a daily paper that we published last September or October carried the headline "FREE HUEY" and a story about the trial and everything and it was one of the papers which dropped the man down on our back here, they thought it was completely outrageous that we should have such a thing on the front page but of course we ignored them and we continue to land the greatest support that we can through our publications.

**KENNY:** Another question is

what are you working with the Detroit Chapter of the Black Panther Party here, and what is your understanding that you have with the brothers in this chapter?

**JOHN:** We have a fraternal relationship with the Black Panther Party in Detroit. We feel the Black Panther Party and Drum should work together with all cases because we're both revolutionary organizations, Drum being basically an organization which is based on the masses in the plants, the Black Panther Party being - what we hoped it would become the revolutionary vanguard party which can lead those masses successfully to political and military victory. As far as the relationship with the Party is concerned now the Party is a new party which is still getting itself together so to speak. We have many members of the Black Panthers there is an overlapping membership between the League of Revolutionary Black Workers and the Black Panthers. There are Black Panthers who sit on the central committee of the League, so obviously it is our intention to see that the Party and Drum will be able to work hand-in-hand in moving towards Black Liberation.

The League of Revolutionary Black Workers - I guess as you understand is a federation of a number of different organizations depending upon black workers are working and where they are located. One of the organizations which we formed is called Nerum (Detroit News Revolutionary Union Movement) and it's an organization of Black workers at the Detroit News, one of the daily newspapers here, which is a fascist racist newspaper. We had a strong group of brothers there and when we moved to organize Nerum we had been talking to a small group of white kids there, some of whom were members of S.D.S. about organizing white workers. However, what we found out was that as soon as we began to organize Nerum independently of white workers, you know, of course with the hope that eventually there would be a white radical group in the plant and we would be able to

form a coalition against the company or something along those lines. But these guys - it seems that the political consciousness and awareness is so low that when they found out that we were organizing Nerum as an all black organization, they got personally offended and quite upset, you know quite up-tight, about the situation and it just demonstrated that even in that kind of situation it is very difficult for us to count on the white radicals to do anything right. We had acted with them in complete good faith there was no hostility between the two groups, that is the Black group and the white radicals down at the News. But when we began to act because of a historical and objective necessity of racism in America they rejected it simply because of their own individual needs. So it seems to me at least that the white left around here really needs a lot of education. Right now what they want is for black people to wipe their nose, or wipe their ass and pat them on the shoulder and tell them we like them and then they think that "wow everything is really gonna be alright," you know, "that we're going to have a new lovely society." But we're not interested in forming any kind of integrated groups which people can feed off of each other's egos, we're interested in making basic fundamental changes in the country and that alone seems to be the big contradiction between us and the white left.

**KENNY:** Brother John would you like to comment on the Chairman of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seal and the love that he has for the Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton. I'm quite sure you have read some of his teachings and some of his statements that he has made in his travels around the country, would you like to comment on this?

**JOHN:** Yes, I think that the kind of support, unsolicited support which Bobby Seal has given Huey P. Newton is a lesson which all black people who aspire to be revolutionaries in this country should learn. There have been too many instances in the struggle in which brothers have dedicated and sacrificed themselves and placed their own personal lives in jeopardy, been thrown into jail, been shot and killed by the man in which the brothers with whom they were associated with, completely forgot about their problems. I think that it is the duty and role of a revolutionary to support all his revolutionary brothers, and I think that when a brother is busted or when a brother is being harassed or intimidated by the power structure that we have to recognize that if we're going to build a strong revolutionary movement that we have to stand behind these brothers and do all that we can to defend them. I think that the case of Huey P. Newton and the actions of the Black Panther Party is probably the greatest example to black people throughout the country to follow along these lines.



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It's either or. Either we come together in a United Front Against Fascism, or we suffer at the hands of these oppressive pigs. Either we unite to wage a successful struggle against finance capital or suffer collectively at the hands of these terrorist murderers. Either the labor movement aligns itself with all the oppressed people of this country, ON THIS EARTH, in their struggle against fascism, or continue to perpetuate its own destruction. Fascism is not new to this country. Fascism is not an import from overseas. It has manifested itself in the Black, Brown, Red, and Yellow communities throughout its history. Fascism is not new to the labor movement. It has manifested itself in the '30's, with it's open shop drive, in the '40's with it's anti-labor laws, like the Taft-Hartley Law, in the '50's, with the vicious smear drive by the Senate McClellan Committee which led to the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Law. The key objective was to divide labor's ranks. The outrageous presumption that the government should dictate to a union a ban on its right to elect or employ a Communist is clearly an act of fascism. Fascism is manifesting itself today in Congress, in the state legislatures where laws are being endorsed by two-bit movie actors, Ronald Reagan and George Murphy. Laws are designed to deny workers their most basic democratic rights, the right to strike or boycott, the right to negotiate on their own contract. Fascism manifests itself when politically ignorant workers align themselves with demagogic Al- loto's pig forces and attack other workers, as witnessed some members of the Teamsters Union in San Francisco when they attacked workers and members of the community at a school board meeting. No, Fascism is not new to this country. The game's the same,

the name's changed; law and order. No, Fascism is not new, as witnessed the vicious attacks of the Ku Klux Klan against Black people. White workers in this country have a history of standing up and waging successful battles for their rights as workers. But white workers also have a history of turning their backs on the Black Liberation struggle - of turning their backs on the struggles of other oppressed people. White workers in this country have been and are being used as pawns in the game of racism to divide the labor ranks -- a fascist enemy who is waging a battle to divide the labor ranks -- the fascist enemy who waging a war to suppress the Black Liberation movement, a fascist enemy who is out to destroy the vanguard of the struggle, the Black Panther Party. Yeh. The same enemy that controls that mealey-mouth in the White House -- Richard Nixon. Yeh. That's what he is, a mealey-mouthed, demagogic, fascist pig. The monopoly capitalist, Rockefeller, Hunt, the DuPon's the Fords, that finance capital that gives financial support to the fascist right-wing organizations, such as the Minutemen, the Birchers, the White Citizens Councils and many more. They make the policies that govern domestic affairs, and they make the policies that govern this country's foreign affairs. They are the same enemies that interfere with the revolutionary struggles around the world. They same enemies that attack the revolutionary and progressive elements in this country and charge them with conspiracy when they are the ones who are guilty of conspiracy -- conspiracy against the people of this country, the conspiracy to perpetuate poverty, racism, ignorance, and exploitation of the people. The same enemies that

send the boot-licking opportunist labor leaders of the AFL-CIO to countries of Asia, Latin America and Africa to organize, control or destroy their labor movements. It is not enough to be able to explain or interpret these oppressive forces, these neo-fascist tendencies, but it is our obligation to take this knowledge and to wage an unrelenting struggle to stop this shit, to stop the shit that is going down against the working people; to stop the shit that's going down against all oppressed people; to stop the shit period. Out of this conference we must put forth a program to go forth and raise the political awareness of the working people. Out of this conference, we must put forth a program to take to the working people so that we can bring about progressive movements within our locals, our unions. We must take the unions out of the hands of the renegade labor leaders, who endorse a government that wages wars against oppressed peoples of the world. We must take control of the unions and give it back to the masses of the workers, we must lead the type of struggle like the progressive elements of the labor movements did during the latter part of the '40's, before the leaders of the AFL-CIO capitulated to finance capital and expelled the revolutionary elements from the labor ranks. Those brothers were struggling against those same fascist pigs whom we must combat today. Yeh. It's either or. Either come together and form a United Front to destroy fascism or be destroyed by it.

Power to the National Committee to Combat Fascist  
 Panther Power to the Vanguard  
 Free All Political Prisoners  
 All Power to the Workers

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Labor Day Sept. 1, 1969  
 Given By *Labor Committee*

*to Combat Fascism*

Place: Arroyo Viejo Park  
 7904 Krause Ave., East Oakland  
 Time: 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.



*Free Food and Drink!!*

There will be speakers from the community to commemorate Labor Day and its importance to workers, both men and women! Bring your families and friends!

**Power to the Workers**

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## REVOLUTION AND LABOR

The sword of oppression reaches out with its sharp blade of deceit and racist attitudes in all directions. The Brothers in the Field of Labor, the backbone of the nation's economy, stand tall and speak loud and clear in declaring a Revolutionary change in the Bullshit they have to contend with. The Indians chapter introduces

the Revolutionary Black caucus of Indianapolis. The ruling of labor has been a constant enemy of black progress and the black brain, but this era of the black demands and will receive this just due. Pictured are the representatives of the Indianapolis Black caucus. Left to right..... Nathan Wimberly, co-Chairman

Marvin McCurdy, Chairman  
 Lewis Jones  
 Edward Winters and Denis Webster  
 Ministry of Information  
 Indianapolis Indians Chapter  
 Black Panther Party  
 All Power to the People

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Students on the line at Standard Oil, Richmond.

# Oil strike is settled in Bay Area

By Morry Wright  
Special to the Guardian

Richmond, Calif.

Three days after Local 1-561 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers announced plans for an international boycott against Standard Oil of California, an agreement was reached ending the two-month strike at the company's refinery here.

The strike had received wide publicity, first because of violence against union pickets and later when hundreds of students and teachers joined the picket lines.

It is a safe assumption that Standard Oil companies across the country were concerned about the boycott, with the possibility of informational picketing at their service stations.

Meanwhile, a degree of solidarity is developing between oil strikers and students. It is a most interesting development, but it would be a mistake to expect the same phenomenon to appear elsewhere without certain conditions which are atypical in the American labor scene.

The strike continues against Chevron Chemical Co. here, a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Oil of California. The primary issue is continuance of the union shop. While this kind of union protection is a part of most contracts of industrial unions, it is the only one at a Standard Oil of California plant.

G.T. (Jake) Jacobs, secretary-treasurer of the local, called the settlement a victory for the union. "We got double the original offer of the company," he said, "and we forced the company to rescind the firings for strike activities."

"We wouldn't have been able to make these gains if it weren't for the help we received from outside, such as the Third World Liberation Front and other students and the longshoremen."

"We will continue the cooperation that has begun between Local 1-561 and students and minority groups. We sent a contingent of oil workers to join the picket line of the students at San Francisco State College yesterday (March 3)."

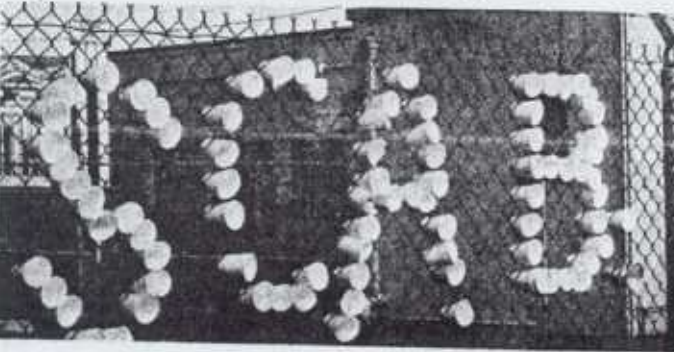
While the boycott of Standard gasoline has been lifted, it continues in effect against Ortho fertilizers and pesticides, produced at the struck chemical plant.

Photo by Alan Rastler/Peoples World



Solidarity: black students and longshoremen keep the scabs away.

Photo by Alan Rastler/Peoples World



Behind the Rockefeller fortune.

Of five oil plants in California that were struck Jan. 4, three are still struck: the chemical plant here, a small asphalt plant in Oakland, and a Shell refinery at Martinez. At a Standard Oil refinery in El Segundo (near Los Angeles), the strike was lost and the workers returned late in February.

During the first week of March, after the refinery strike ended, students continued some picketing at the chemical plant, but turned their main attention to the company's headquarters on Bush Street in San Francisco's financial district.

There are several factors which make the worker-student cooperation unique here:

First, the union involved must need the kind of help that students can offer in a crisis. Only later, with relations established, might it consider other kinds of mutual aid.

The oil strike here is not typical of contemporary American labor struggles. For example, when the nonferrous metals section of the United Steelworkers struck for nine months in 1967 and 1968 at scores of properties in more than a dozen states, only token picketing was necessary. The union shop is the rule and potential strikebreakers were not about to risk the consequences of going into the mines or plants.

In California, five plants owned by oil companies were struck at the first of the year. Only one of the five—Standard Oil's Chevron Chemical plant has a union shop. Not more than four or five scabs are there and they will be out of jobs when the strike is settled. At the other four, scabbing has been on a big scale, by some regular workers and some outsiders.

In such circumstances picketing becomes crucial. Picket duty became battle duty. Scabs attacked pickets with chains, baseball bats, lead pipes, cars and trucks. A picket was run over and killed by a Standard Oil truck in nearby Martinez. Both pickets and scabs were hospitalized. Arrests began, of pickets, naturally.

## Beaten by cops

Jacobs went to bail out one of the first pickets arrested, was beaten by five cops, knocked to the floor and kicked.

When a court injunction came, limiting pickets to five at a gate, the union was in bad trouble. The judge did not give the strikers a fighting chance by limiting scabs and goons to five at a spot. He also did not enjoin the cops, who moved in with the brutal beatings and gassings they had been practicing on blacks and students.

In addition to scabs taking jobs of OCAW strikers, members of eight other unions continued to work in the struck plants. These are various crafts, including machinists, members of a union that was badly hurt by scabbing on its members in 1966. In an automated industry such as oil, a big percentage of normal production can be maintained under these conditions.

At first, there was a lot of skepticism among the strikers about having students, including a good percentage of women, on the lines with them.

This changed. As one OCAW picket put it: "When I come out here before daylight, I feel very good to see those students, and the more the better. The goons don't come out while they are here, and the cops are too busy chasing them around to bother us."

While the court injunction limits oil union members to five at a gate, it does not apply to nonmembers. Students quickly showed themselves to be seasoned fighters. They did what they could to stop and harass scabs. Clubs and tear gas were not new to them.

A statement by Local 1-561 asserts: "The tradition of labor solidarity within its own ranks has sadly and steadily gone by the boards. To be perfectly frank, we are not getting the kind of support from some key unions that would have been matter of fact 30 years ago."

"We have taken what some think a bold step. We have endorsed and supported the struggle of the students and they have endorsed and supported our fight. In addition, we have launched a campaign to bring the labor movement into the overall fight."

... the S.F. State students, like most students in the California state college system, come predominantly from the homes of ordinary working families. Many of them are sons and daughters of trade unionists.

The fact that the student strike is being led by students of various minority groups further illustrates this point. Not only are they from a working-class background, but they come from the layers of the population that suffer the most at the hands of the corporations.

... the student demands arise out of the conflict between their needs for education that is relevant to their lives and the needs of the corporations that run the schools to produce unthinking future employees.

... If they are angry, you would be, too, in their place. And we oil workers are pretty mad ourselves.

"They identify with any person who is getting a bum deal."

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# CALIFORNIA WINE BOYCOTT

ARTICLE TO INFORM THE BLACK COMMUNITY ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN DELANO AND THE PROLONGED STRUGGLE OF THE FARM WORKERS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

Written  
Nick De Lara

## THE SECONDARY BOYCOTT BECOMES PRIMARY

This year the California Grape Boycott is taking another turn. For the past three years, Californians have noticed picket lines in front of many stores. The lines were attempts to stop shoppers from patronizing stores that carry grapes. These efforts were generally unsuccessful. This is the reason for the new tactic that will be used by the farmworkers. The new tactic is a petition campaign against the Safeway Stores.

This strategy was introduced by Fred Ross in the L.A. area last year and proved to be very successful. So the campaign is now going throughout the nation. You will no longer see the picket lines on the sidewalks in front of stores. The farmworkers ask for your support in the petition campaign, and that you help as much as you can in informing your friends.

The hope is that by closing Safeway through petitions, Safeway will bring pressure to the growers and force them to negotiate with the strikers. "This can only be done with the community support and dedication to fellow man," said Vivian Levine, director of operations in the Oakland East Bay Area. The farmworkers ask all our readers to look for the petitions and signs.

## DEATH AND DISEASE LURKS THE FARMS

A new threat is now on the shoulders of the Farm Workers in Delano and other areas in the state. An exposure of the pesticides and insecticides leads the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee to conclusions that these agents of death and disease must be directly responsible for many of the illnesses and deaths to their own. Measures are now being taken to rectify the situation of infection in the valley.

A team of researchers attempted to look into records of the pesticides and insecticides used by growers but were denied access of the usually public records. It appears that there is something being hidden by the state and the growers in this matter. The Farm Workers want to know why they cannot have access to those public records.

## STATISTICS ARE FRIGHTENING

Since 1951, 32 occupational fatalities implicating agricultural chemicals occurred in California. During the same period, 82 children and 22 adults died from accidents attributed to pesticides and other chemicals. A total of 136 deaths caused by a variety of dangerous substances.

In 1966 was an even worse year. 1347 cases of reported occupational disease, which arise

ticides and insecticides were recorded by doctors in California. The most commonly recorded of these diseases are: skin conditions, 452; eye conditions, 362; systemic poisonings, 233; chemical burns, 116; from the 233 systemic poisonings, 173 (74%) were caused by organic phosphate pesticides, nearly 1-1/3 times more than in 1965. Considering the entire 1347 cases, 253 were caused by organic phosphate pesticides, 102 by parathion, and 438 were unspecified.

## FROM THE FACT SHEET

"Because the number of victims continues to increase, protective measures must be taken. Washing of facilities for farmworkers in the fields must become available. There should be adequate supervision of agricultural chemical users. Improvements must be made concerning the engineering of crop-dusting aircraft, and related equipment. Finally, it is essential that all pesticide containers be labeled correctly."

The farmworkers say that there has been no immediate action taken on this matter by the growers. There seems to be no evidence that the growers have concern. More over, it appears that the growers are using this type of chemical warfare to destroy the farmworkers in the valley and also destroy the valley.

According to certain leading conservationists, the pollution of water and food for wild life is increasing due to the pesticides and insecticides used in the area. Concern to conservation is the other primary argument for the limit and control of these deadly and paralyzing chemicals.

The farmworkers ask the support of the community in the attempt to put control on the users of these chemicals. If the community can support these efforts the struggle will become easier.

## GUERRILLA WAR DECLARED AGAINST DELANO WORKERS

For the past 100 months, there has been a war on in the home of a Delano boycott family. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Chavez, has been the target for night raids from some unknown guerrilla force. "We will not be moved!" Chavez says.

The incidents have been occurring since the family became involved in the Delano boycott. At first it was just simple phone call threats, and egg throwing. Then the attacks escalated with the use of flower pots. The missiles were thrown through the window of the Chavez home and once, there was a near serious victory for the raiders. But Reuben Chavez, still refuses to move.

Last week there was a vigil to protest the stagnancy of the police department. The march was very successful and was not at all violent. Although there was obvious mass support, the San Leandro police had taken no action to step up protection of the home. In light of this, the Chavez family ask the support of the black community in persuading the pigs to