

NFWA Delano Grape Strike Sees Major Breakthrough

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The first major breakthrough since September came Wednesday in the Delano grape strike, and officials at the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) office in Delano expressed hope the strike would end soon.

At the University, Ken Kastner, member of the farm work committee of the University chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, was exultant when news of the agreement broke. "I told you yesterday we couldn't lose, didn't I?" Kastner exclaimed.

SDS has been conducting a week of activity at the University this week in support of the Delano strikers.

Made in LA

According to Jim Drake, coordinator of the NFWA boycott against Schenley Industries (second largest grower in the Delano area and producer of several table wines and distilled liquors) the pact came around 11 a.m. Wednesday at the AFL-CIO offices in

Los Angeles. Drake told the Emerald by telephone Wednesday that the NFWA had been represented at the Los Angeles meeting by Cesar Chavez, who has been working with the workers since 1962, and two attorneys.

Drake said the machinery of the boycott had been "put into neutral," and that boycott offices in 15 major cities had been notified to this effect. Drake said, however, that the boycott against Schenley would continue if further negotiations failed.

Economics Forces Recognition

Asked how much further he thought Schenley would go with negotiations, Drake said he personally felt that "Schenley will have to sign a contract with the union because they've been forced

to recognize us because of economic pressure."

Drake mentioned the possibility of an enlarged boycott against other growers in the area. "We're analyzing what we've done and we think we're learning to organize an effective boycott. We realize that certain growers are more vulnerable than others and we know what a concerted boycott would do to them."

Meanwhile, members of the California Council of Growers met during most of the day in Council offices in San Francisco and were not immediately available for comment.

Not Surprised

Later in the day, however, Les Hubbard, executive assistant of the Council of Growers in San Francisco, told the Emerald he "wasn't surprised" at Schenley's action. "After all," he said, "Schenley is a New York concern and their business is mainly whiskey-making. Their farms in California are pretty incidental."

"I don't really think Schenley's action materially changes the situation," Hubbard said. "The growers in Delano are pretty firm in their belief that the NFWA is representing a group against its will."

"Don't Want It"

The growers contend that these people shouldn't be forced into a union situation when "it's obvious they don't want it. After all, who do you think stayed and harvested the crop last year? They can't be too interested in joining a union."

Hatfield, Jones To Join Fraternity

Oregon's Gov. Mark O. Hatfield and Harold R. Jones, president of Jones Veneer and Plywood Company, will be initiated into Alpha Kappa Psi, the University professional business fraternity today.

The chapter will hold its banquet and initiation at 6:30 p.m., at the Thunderbird Motel in Eugene.

Hatfield, governor since 1958, was secretary of state for two years prior to that. He served as a state representative from 1950 to 1954 and state senator from 1954 to 1956.

Jones has done a great deal to help students with financial need to obtain a college education, providing summer employment in his lumber company for 40 university students, and part-time employment during the school year for several others. He also sponsors a Japanese high school exchange student.

Jones was chosen "Man of the Year" in 1965 for the entire Georgia Pacific lumbering operations.

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Solar Energy Topic of Lecture

The uses and limitations of solar energy will be reviewed during a lecture at the University Friday at 8 p.m. in room 16 Science.

Farrington Daniels, 1965-66 National Lecturer for the Society of the Sigma Xi and its affiliated society, The Scientific Research Society of America (RESA), is the scheduled speaker. The program is open to the public at no charge.

In his lecture, "Direct Use of the Sun's Energy," Daniels will consider the use of solar energy as a source of fuel in sunny areas of the world where fuel is scarce. He will discuss the progress of research done in using the sun's radiation for such operations as water and house heating, cooking, refrigeration and air cooling and the distillation of salt water.

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