

**Kastner Says**

# Grape Strike Not Over Yet

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Despite Christian Brothers' announcement Wednesday that the firm would recognize the farm workers now striking in the grape industry near Delano, Calif., the strike has not ended.

According to Ken Kastner, member of Students for a Democratic Society's farm work committee, who is now in the Delano area, the strike will continue until some accord is reached. Kastner said that this is contrary to reports broadcast over a Eugene radio station to the effect that the strike has ended.

"Everyone is optimistic here and things seem to be going pretty well," Kastner told the Emerald in a telephone interview Thursday. "It looks like the strike is going to be a fairly long one."

To date, Christian Brothers and Schenley Industries have recognized the strikers' union, the National Farm Workers Association, as legal bargaining agent. The area's largest grower, DiGeorgio Corp., recently agreed to call for a vote among workers to determine whether or not they want representation by the NFWA.

**"JUST A STALL"**

"That's just a stall," Kastner has said in the past. "But, the signing of these two growers is a real wedge in the door," he says.

"We're starting a nationwide boycott of DiGeorgio products—much as we did Schenley—very soon. The DiGeorgio strike is the crucial thing now, and the strike has to be won all over the country in the boycott. It can't really be won on the picket line," he said.

Kastner said he has been out on the picket line for the past several days and "it's unbelievably great—it's just too much."

"But you wouldn't believe the harassment the strikers are subject to."

"Here's how it works: first we send around a scout car to find out where workers are working close to the road. Then the rest of us come around and try to talk the scabs out of the fields, to go to work for Schenley or Christian Brothers."

"But they send trucks around behind us equipped with public address systems, and they play music—loud—so the scabs can't hear us."

**SOME SUCCESS**

"Still, we've met with some degree of success, despite the fact that some of our people have nearly been run down by trucks and such. There's a certain amount of danger involved in our work here," he said.

"But I don't want to sound like a martyr," he continued.

Kastner said collecting food, money and clothing in Eugene for the strikers is still a major project.

He said he hopes to get speakers to Eugene from the Delano area, and mentioned the possibility of bringing up a theatre group composed of strikers.

"I'll keep you posted," he promised.

## Special Project Needs Students

CORVALLIS (Special) — The National 4-H Foundation and the Peace Corps are looking for University students to participate in a special project in El Salvador where they will help extension agents with rural youth club work.

Betty Cline and Joyce Wright, former Peace Corps volunteers in charge of this recruitment program, said that 35 persons were needed. In El Salvador, explained the team, they will assist with youth club organization, leader and officer training, recreation, and project work in home economics and agriculture.

Although most Peace Corps applicants have little idea what country they will be assigned to, because of the particular need and urgency of this situation, the

Peace Corps has combined with the 4-H Foundation for special recruitment on this project.

Interested University students should contact Eugene Dils, Peace Corps Liaison and Director of Placement, located in Susan Campbell Hall, or the Lane County Extension office.

Volunteers for the project will take Peace Corps placement test prior to acceptance, as is normal procedure. The 35 will begin a three-month training session in Oklahoma during August and leave for El Salvador in November.

While persons in home economics, 4-H, and agriculture are especially needed, there are openings on the team for those with non-agricultural backgrounds.

### Salisbury Publishes

Poems by Ralph J. Salisbury associate professor of English have recently been published.

The winter issue of Perspective magazine contains three of his poems, "The only winner of all the wars," "The Dreamers and the Wars," and "An Awakening."

Four poems have been accepted for publication by West Coast Review — "Rumpelstiltskin's Memo to the New Queen," "Man Without a Hoe," "The Lyricist Attempts to Clear His Manuscript File," and "For William Stafford, James B. Hall and Earle Birney."

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