

3rd World supporters urge boycott of Safeway

The attention of Third World Week turned momentarily to the plight of farmworkers Saturday, as about 100 people marched and chanted from the EMU terrace to the Safeway store on 18th and Oak, decrying the store's selling of non-union lettuce and grapes. Most of the marchers then remained for a two-hour picket, urging Safeway shoppers to shop elsewhere.

The local boycott is part of a larger, nation-wide boycott of

non-union lettuce and grapes being conducted to force California and Arizona growers to recognize Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers' Union as the legitimate union for farmworkers.

Defense attorney William Kunstler, who spoke to a Mac Court crowd Friday night, signaled the beginning of the "solidarity march" just after noon with a short expression of support. He then joined the

march, which proceeded with a police escort down 11th Street to the mall, then north on Willamette Street.

Chants could be heard continuously, reinforcing the hand-painted messages on the many signs which appeared above the marchers' heads. Most urged the boycott of Safeway stores ("Safeway is the Wrongway"), but many stated more general Third World themes ("Nixon is the Puppet of the Ruling Class," "Your Tax Buys Torture").

When the marchers reached Safeway, Mel Kang, of Eugene Friends of the Farmworkers, told them that picketing is a slow process and asked them to be patient and to obey the law. "We've been picketing Safeway at three locations for more than a year now," he said, "and we've turned away 7,000 people." Despite this claim of the picketing's effectiveness, Kang later admitted that it may take another "year or two" to change Safeway's policies.

Safeway manager Oscar Palmquist told the Emerald that there has been no marked decrease in lettuce or grape sales attributable to the boycott. "It's too difficult to tell (if the boycott has had an effect) because a lot depends on price and quality," which, he said, is determined by Safeway's wholesale buyers in Portland.

Palmquist did say, however, that the picketers had succeeded in turning away some people from his store. As for the future, he said he did not know whether the boycott could ever change anything.



Photo by Marsha Emerman

Mel Kang, from Eugene Friends of the Farmworkers, asks marchers for continued support in the boycott against Safeway, largest buyer of non-union lettuce and grapes. About 100 people, marching in solidarity with Third World struggles around the world, joined the farmworker's weekly picket in front of Safeway.

Eugene Hotel sold to out-of-state group

The Eugene Hotel, a prominent building in the city since it was built in 1923, is in the process of being bought by an out-of-state group of business and professional people.

Henry Comarot, Henry Loewen, Michael Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keogh and Allen LaCroix will be the new owners from Seattle, Wash., and Vancouver B.C.

A reliable source speaking for the group said the Eugene Hotel will be managed in basically the same way as it has in the past. The owners plan to make some improvements and renovate the building somewhat, but there will be no major changes made right away.

It is not known the exact price the buyers plan to pay for the 171 room hotel, but one of the new owners estimated "about \$1 million."

Two retired brothers, C.E. "Chet" Gunderson of Scappoose and the late A.E. "Al" Gunderson of Portland owned the Eugene Hotel since 1944. The stock of the Eugene Hotel is being sold by Chester Gunderson and the estate of Alvin Gunderson to the out-of-state group.

One of the buyers, Henry Camarot, practiced law in Eugene for about six years until 1970, and is now an attorney in Seattle. He continues to have clients in Eugene working from the office of Hutchinson, Harell, and Cox in the Forum Building.

Camarot will have a one-third ownership of the hotel, while the other five owners will divide the remaining ownership between them. The other buyers are directors from the All-Fun Tours, a bus tour company with their main headquarters located in Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. The chief executive officer of All-Fun Tours is Loewen and La Croix, another owner, is an attorney for the company.

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