

CALEXICO REPORT:

House meetings: The first two weeks of August were primarily devoted to the house meeting campaign. During this time the staff of four organizers did 48 personal visits and 13 house meetings with 69 people in attendance.

Proposition 14: From August 9th to the 15th we canvassed house to house in Calexico, telling people about proposition 14 and asking them to put a bumper sticker on their car. The response was tremendous. We put on 480 bumper stickers in this way and collected approximately \$60.00. We recommend this to all the field offices as a terrific way of getting new contacts and house meetings. The people were very pleased to see us and a number of them invited us into their homes. We did not meet one person who said no to us. In fact, Lupe Gamboa put a bumper sticker on all three of the cars belonging to Constantino Martinez, otherwise known as El Pinguino. He is a well known labour contractor in this area! His wife said that she knew all about the farm workers' situation, as her husband was in the business.

The Convention: Everyone is busy election delegates to the Convention. We went to the board meeting of a community organization here and got a commitment of three mini buses from them. They were very enthusiastic about the convention and the Proposition 14 Campaign. People here seem to be very turned on with the idea of the power of the Union and poor people.

SAN LUIS REPORT:

Reporte de la primer quincena de agosto: la actividades han sido las siguientes: Juntas de casa. Primera junta el 2 de agosto celebrada en casa de Inocencio Aguayo en la cual se formo una comunidad y fue electo presidente Porfirio Garcia y suplente Inocencio Aguallo. Esta comunidad se compone actualmente 14 miembros.

La secunda comunidad la representa Pedro Cerrado como presidente y Adrian Duarte como suplente. La componen actualmente 12 miembros. La cuarta comunidad la representa Isidoro Lopez como presidente y suplente Luis Arias. La componen 8 miembros. Total por estas comunidades 44 miembros. Estamos siguiendo nuestro trabajo con mas juntas y contactos aunque poco despacio ya que la mayor parte de nuestra gente esta fuera de nuestra area.

TRACY-STOCKTON REPORT:

Interharvest: I will be filing a grievance on wages in behalf of one worker who is a sub-foreman irrigator that was being paid \$3.15 when he should be getting \$3.30.

RILCO: We filed a grievance in behalf of Luis Vasquez who is a tractor driver I which pays \$3.90 per hour since June 3rd. So we are asking for back pay. Company said that they were training him and two others, one who works for four days, the other for about a week and a half. But that's bull shit because Luis has experience in driving catapillar and some heavy equipment. So we will also file in behalf of the other two.

Tracy-Stockton report cont:
We are filing a group grievance on behalf of all tomato sorters because company refuses to give them gloves, even after workers signed a petition requesting them under Health & Safety Article 19. So we will be meeting with the company soon on all the grievances. Negotiations: Yamada Bros: As soon as the workers from our negotiation committee got back to work the next day, the company shifted one of the workers. Natividad Gutierrez, who is a cat driver and who is a permanent worker at the ranch, was put on a machine to sort tomatoes. Well the workers got pissed and told us about it, so Jan, Julie and I went out and stopped the tomato harvester and got Natividad off the machine and went looking for the Yamada brothers, Bob and Carlos. When we found them we started to raise hell and screamed at them for bad faith negotiating- that we were going to file ULPs etc., that they put Natividad on a cat right then and there. We also demanded that the company put shades on all cats and tractors. Viva los gritos! Abajo being nice!
General meeting: We had an act performed by the staff called "La Ley Campesina" (sound familiar?). Although we were all new in doing acts, we still did pretty good and the workers got the message, plus it was fun. We are still far from being another Teatro Campesino!!! There were less workers at this general meeting because the machine tomato harvest started and workers work until 7 or 8 PM and sometimes into night shifts. So we had about 80 - 100 workers.

VISALIA REPORT:

Campesino Center: Tessa has set up three house meetings for the purpose of getting volunteers to help in the center a few hours a week. Presently open 10:00 to 6:00 Mon thru Fri. Won a big Social Security hearing on Wed. The woman was awarded payments for the last two years and will receive monthly payments from now on.
Field Office: T.B.T. Have had two house meetings in this company. Presently has about 34 workers. Company failed to recall union organizer from election plus two other pro-union workers, and directly refused one of them work. On 8-18-76, three workers and myself went to the ranch to confront company on this. Foreman claimed to know nothing about anything. Willson personally would not commit himself to anything. Workers are united on this issue and want their jobs. We will file ULP.
General Meetings: Thurs, Aug 19, twenty-nine people came. There is a very real need to get a lot more people involved, I think through house meetings. Also a need for a bigger meeting hall. I will check out places next week.
Visalia, August 27, House Meetings: One house meeting was held with Campesino Center people. Two people attended and both are involved with volunteering a few hours weekly in the center. Two more Campesino Center house meetings are presently scheduled.
One house meeting was held with workers from TBT Farms in Ivanhoe. Four people attended and all four will be going to the convention and one worker has another house meeting for this next week.