

Judge Stops Harassment

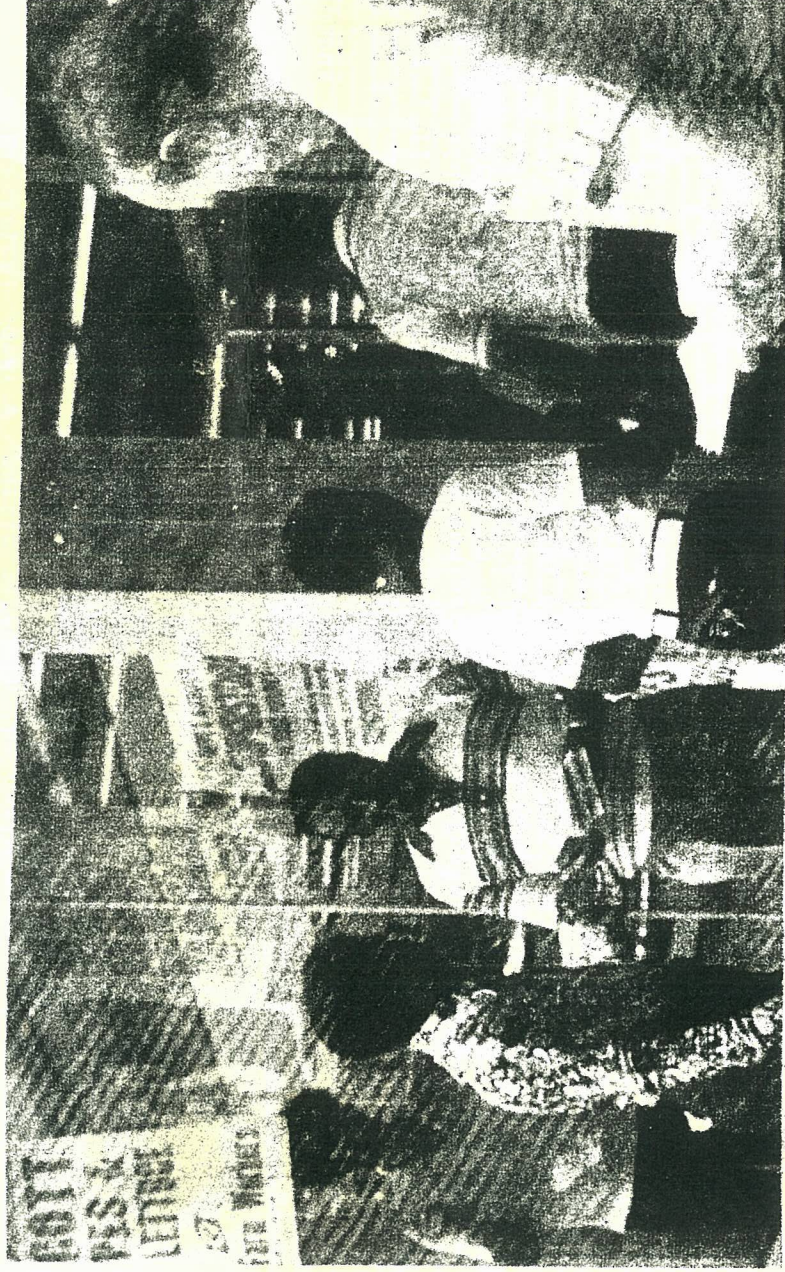
Grape grower Kelvin Keene Larson had filed suit against the union seeking to bar the UFW from boycotting and picketing on the basis of the Jurisdictional Strike Act. According to Larson, the Teamsters and the UFW are fighting over who has the right to bargain for his workers, and, he alleges, he is an "innocent" third party and should not be made to suffer. After hearing 51 witnesses called by UFW attorney Sandy Nathan, Riverside Superior Court Judge Fred Matheny has issued a two-fold TRO. First, the UFW can not secondary picket any store that is selling Larson's grapes, and second, grape grower K.K. Larson can not fire, or threaten to fire, any worker who will not join the Teamsters. Larson's contract with the Teamsters, which the workers had nothing to do with, states that all of Larsons employees must become members of the Teamsters. Judge Matheny has just taken the first step in making the phony Teamster contract invalid.

BOYCOTT COMMITTEES

Well, the support of the West Side is expanding! Since the last newsletter, another support committee has come into being, this time in the North West Area. The people involved in this committee have been holding down a good line in front of the Kroger at University City Shopping Center on Olentangy R.Rd. every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The line is good, but not good enough-We still need you. The committee is also looking into a lot of other possibilities for spreading the word of the boycott and helping raise money that is still so badly needed for the strike fund.

The grapes are being harvested NOW. THIS IS THE CRITICAL PERIOD, it means everything.

Won't you reconsider and join us on the informational picket lines on Saturdays? For those of you who have been coming out-Thank You. You know how badly you are needed. If you live in South West Columbus, call Bill Clark at 274-9726. In North West Columbus, call John Reeder at 488-7649. For those of you in other areas, call our office at 258-7568 or 258-9571. We would love to hear from you, anytime, even if just to answer a question or two.



Southwest Area Coordinator Bill Clark (far right) on picket line at Kroger at Central Point Shopping Center. At far left is Ron Page, Acting President, APSCWE 133 and 3rd from left is Jim Ervin, President CWA 101.

We are now organizing a North East Columbus support committee. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:30 PM at the home of Carol Roddy, 107 Garden Rd. (off N. High St.). We will show a slide show on the UFW and a short film on the strikes in California last summer. Please come (and bring a friend) and find out the latest news about the farm workers and help organize a strong support group in the North East. For more information call Carol at 263-9375 or me, Madeline, at 258-7568