

International Boycott Day

Rally protests treatment of U.S. farmworkers

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This Saturday, September 14, is the International Grape and Lettuce Boycott Day.

Across North America, supporters of the striking farmworkers will participate in activities sponsored by the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO.

In Toronto, a rally will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at City Hall. Participants will proceed to mass picket lines at major Toronto supermarkets carrying non-UFW grapes and head lettuce.

The farmworkers of the southwestern United States, many of them migrant laborers of Mexican-American origins, are being forced by the large growers to work up to 12

hours a day, six days a week, in daily temperatures as high as 120 degrees. They have no work breaks, no free drinking water and no toilet facilities in the fields.

Twenty-five per cent of all farmworkers are children. With poverty wages of 80 cents an hour, the children must work to help support the family, with no chance of getting an education.

Pesticide poisoning is mainly responsible for the average life span of 49 years. Contrary to all safety regulations, farmworkers must work the day after fields have been sprayed with lethal chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as DDT. In a recent study at the Salud Medical

Clinic in Tulaire, California, 80 per cent of 774 farmworkers were found to be suffering from symptoms of pesticide poisoning.

Under the leadership of Cesar Chavez, the farmworkers organized themselves into a union in the early 60s. After the repression of the 1965 Delano grape strike, the farmworkers carried their non-violent struggle into the cities and organized a consumer boycott of California grapes.

In 1970, they won their contracts — the first collective agreement of

agricultural workers in labour history. These contracts provided for an increased wage, the abolition of child labour and controls on pesticides.

Boycott activities in Toronto, the third largest market in North America for California grapes, were instrumental in the laborers' success.

But the contracts have recently expired, and the growers have refused to renegotiate with the UFW. Last summer's strike was crushed as two people were killed, 400 beaten and

6,000 jailed. American table grapes continue to appear on the Toronto market, and American head lettuce will once again be imported in the coming weeks.

Those in sympathy with the striking farmworkers are asked not to buy or eat U.S. grapes or lettuce, and to attend Saturday's rally at City Hall.

For further information, call the United Farm Workers at 961-4434, or the York University UFW Support Committee, through Richard Wagman, at 633-0612.

COMPUTING CENTRE ORIENTATION TOURS

The York Computing Centre will be conducting a series of orientation talks and tours for faculty and students who are unfamiliar with the facilities and services available at the centre.

WHEN? Sept. 19,20 at 10AM, 6PM (Students)
— 4PM (Faculty)

Sept. 23 at 10AM, 4PM, 6PM
(Students) — 1PM (Faculty)

Oct. 7,8,9, at 6PM (Students)

WHERE? Steacie Library, Room T122

All members of the York community are welcome.
Come to whatever session is most convenient.

TAKE A BREAK. COFFEE'S ON US

Jewish Student Federation

MON-FRI
9:30 - 4:30

S-101 ROSS

PARKING NOTICE

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All motor vehicles driven on campus must be registered with the Parking Office, Temporary Office Building, by the above date. Persons registering vehicles are advised that they must be prepared to provide the ownership permit on request.

Registration may be effected by purchasing an Annual Reserved Decal (\$75.00), an Unreserved Area Decal (\$25.00), or a Sessional Decal (\$7.50), or by obtaining a Registration Decal, which is issued free of charge. Sessional Decals are available only to part-time personnel, who will be required to produce evidence of their part-

time status.

Those persons obtaining a Registration Decal are required to pay a daily fee of 50c, and are permitted to park in 'M' Lot only.

VISITORS AND SHORT-TERM PARKING

For the convenience of visitors and those persons wishing to park for a limited time only, space has been made available in 'DD' Lot, at the rear of the Scott Library. The charge is 25¢ an hour, subject to a maximum of \$1.00 a day. After 5:00 p.m. the charge is a flat-rate of 50¢.

L. Douglas, parking Office Manager
H. Larkins, parking Supervisor
Department of Safety and Security Services

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