

MAY 79

THIS MONTH

Commemorating **International Worker's Day**, this May Calendar issue is dedicated to the **United Farmworkers Union strike** to combat agribusiness exploitation. Numerous struggles have sprung up around the country recently, from the tomato pickers in Florida and lemon harvesters in Arizona to the current lettuce strike in the Salinas Valley. The farmworkers, mainly represented by the United Farm Workers Union, are demanding higher pay to bring farm-laborers out of a poverty wage existence. For more on the strike, see the other side. Also, plans are being made to take a food caravan to Salinas strikers this month (see May 8, 12 & 14 listings).

May 1st is International Workers Day, celebrating the rich tradition of struggle by working people around the world to organize and fight for decent working conditions. May Day originated in 1886 with the mass actions of 350,000 US workers to gain the 8 hour day with no loss in pay. For current International Worker's Day events, see May 1 listings.

Cinco de Mayo (Mexican Independence Day) will also be celebrated around the Bay Area, featuring the history and culture of Latino people, and particularly the struggles of Chicano/Mexicano people in the US. May 5, 1862 marks the Battle of Puebla, an historic victory by Mexican independence forces against the colonizing French army. See listings May 4 & 5.

The **8th Annual African Liberation Day** will be held at Arroyo Park in Oakland this May 19. This demonstration of solidarity with the liberation struggles in Southern Africa has become a central focus reflecting the growing liberation movement in the black community in the US as well. Since 1972 African Liberation Day has been observed by thousands of people in Oakland parks and around the country. This year the City Council is trying to deny the community's use of Arroyo Park. African Liberation Solidarity Committee will present speakers, culture from Africa and the US, and news from the liberation movements. The main slogans will be "Cut the Ties with Apartheid" & "Victory to the Patriotic Front." Join the march through the community to support the housing struggle, the struggle for justice for Melvin Black, and to protest US imperialism in Africa. There will also be a Conference at Laney College on May 20 sponsored by the National Coalition to Support African Liberation. All out for African Liberation Day! Call 632-1930, evenings. For more information, see listings for May 19 & 20.

The fight against nuclear power will escalate this month with a host of events culminating in a statewide protest against PG&E on May 25. See listings throughout the month for more details.

TUE 1 **May Day Celebration**, Edith Laub of the Radical Elders talking about May Day in its early years; singers Faith Petric, Ruthie Gorton and Jaime Steele. The Whole Works Theatre with excerpts from Studs Terkel's *Working* all come together to celebrate International Workers' Day, 7:30 pm. La Peña, free, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

May Day Benefit, *Spear of the Nation*, a documentary on the black liberation struggles and Victory of Hope, a documentary dedicated to the new Africa and the Angolan people's struggle. 8:05, 10:25, benefit admission \$2.50 at Roxie Cinema, 2117 16th St (at Valencia), SF. 863-1087.

Omwale Kefing, National African National Prison Organization Coordinator on a West Coast tour will speak, call 626-7509 for more info.

Vigil at PG&E, sponsored by Bay area anti-nuclear groups, this demonstration will be continuous and starts at noon, protest nuclear power! PG&E, Beale and Market, SF.

1886: *Workers martyred in Chicago during 340,000 strong strike for eight-hour day, International Workers' Day.*

1830: "Mother" Mary Jones born—famous trade union organizer and IWW leader.

WED 2 **Commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising**, and the resistance at Tal al Zaatar, sponsored by the Jewish Alliance Against Zionism, with songs of Jewish and Palestinian resistance, poems, slides and more, 8 pm, \$2 donation, La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Organizational meeting, sponsored by Abortion Rights Movement (A.R.M.), Plan for actions & events related to current abortion legislation including Medi-Cal funding for abortions, Everywoman's Clinic, 2600 Park Ave, Suite 208, Concord, 7:30, childcare. ☺

Marxism, Natural Resources and the Environment, Dick Walker who teaches geography at UC will discuss the relationship of nature to production relations, governmental regulation of environmental problems and the politics of the environmental movement, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

"**Chiquiango**" at Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St (at Valencia), SF. 8:25 only, Quechua and Spanish dialogue with English subtitles, also *Rebellion in Patagonia*, 2000 workers massacred in Argentina in 1920, film currently banned in Argentina, at 6:30 and 10:00.

Omwale Kefing, see May 1 listing.

"**Wise Use of Water and Energy**" sponsored by Sun Week Lecture activities, 7:30 pm, Ft. Mason, Bldg 310, SF.

1968: *Black auto workers lead wildcat strike in Detroit.*

THU 3 **Chicano Mural Painting of the East Bay**, a slide show discussion presented by Patricia Rodriguez, a professor of art, Chicano Studies Program at UC Berk, one of the original women muralists of the Mission District, 8 pm, \$1 donation, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk.

Ruthie Gorton and Gary Lapow, two singers and songwriters whose music is honest, political and human, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Windpower, a slide show for free at 10 am at Golden Gate Park, California Academy of Sciences, SF.

Spreading Solar Services, speeches and exhibitions, 11 am to 2 pm, Civic Center, SF, free, call 982-5578 for more info.

1968: *The May '68 movement begins in France. Culminates in general workers' strike which spreads throughout the country.*

FRI 4 **May Day/Cinco de Mayo Solidarity**, meeting sponsored by the Bay Area Friends of the People's World, Mexican and Bay Area trade unionists in international solidarity will gather at Glide Memorial Church, 330 Ellis Street in San Francisco at 7:30. Speakers are Mr Rolando Martinez from the embattled Coordinating Committee to Section 277 of the Mineworkers, Metalworkers, and Allied Trades Unions of the Republic of Mexico. For further info call 848-1373.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration, a festive program celebrating the Battle of Puebla in 1862 in which a decisive victory was won by the Mexican army over the French, Laney College, Oak, call 835-5250 for more info.

"**Shake Your Booty, Save Your Rebate**," a fundraising benefit dance, Friday, 9:00 pm at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue (at Gilman), Berkeley, featuring Latin, Jazz & Rock with *East Bay Mud*. \$3.50 donation, come dance your toes off and support a good cause, for advance tickets & information, call 549-0819.

Hollywood Meets Vietnam, sponsored by East Bay Socialist School, a panel discussion on new releases of Vietnam era films by Hollywood, David Davis, who has made documentaries on Vietnam and is now working on *Compulsory Apathy*. Now will join David Talbot and Barbara Zheutlin, 8 pm, \$1 donation, 6025 Shattuck, Oak. ☺

Augustin Rios de Moron, gypsy flamenco guitarist from southern Spain, 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Talent Auditions for Disabled, come to this monthly meeting sponsored by Cheops-Khufu Group for the Handicapped to discuss upcoming benefit, all disabled persons with talent requested to audition, bring own instruments, 9 am to 1:00 pm, free, call 489-6185 for more info, 8709 E. 14th St, Oak.

Lyrics of Love in Nortena Music, featuring the premier of the film *Canciones de Corazon*, made by Maureen Gosling, Guillermo Hernandez, Les Blank and Chris Strachwitz, makers of *Chulas Fronteras*. Guillermo Hernandez, who recently wrote *Canciones de La Raza*, will lead a discussion on the theme, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, 8 pm \$2 donation. ☺

It's Just a Stage, a women's theatre group, will present their satirical review, *Glimpses*, at Bethany Church, 1268 Sanchez St, SF, 8 pm, \$3 and \$5.00 for PAS voucher.

Music by Prairie Fire, sponsored by the Revolutionary Communist Party, 9 pm, Temple Beautiful, 1839 Geary Blvd, SF.

SAT 5 **Rally Aimed at Gov Brown**, in his role of implementing policies of cutbacks and regressive tax programs, sponsored by the Labor Community Coalition, 9 am, Claremont Hotel, Ashby and Domingo Aves, Berk.

Asian American Films: Pieces of a Dream, *Becoming an American*, *Crazing J-Town*, and *Kites and Other Tales* (a children's film) noon at the Asian Community Library, 125 14th St, Oakland, 273-3400, free.

La Orquesta Rene del Mar, a Cinco de Mayo celebration with the finest Charanga band in the Bay Area, broadcast live on KPFA, fm 94, La Peña 9:30 pm, \$3, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

News & Letters Lecture: Why Hegel? Why Now? and 20th Century new passions and new forces, 3-6 pm, at La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Cinco de Mayo, two Chicano films: *Yo Soy Chicano*, the Chicano experience—from its roots in pre-Columbian history to current Chicano struggles—directed by a young Chicano filmmaker who skillfully utilizes both documentary and fictional modes of presentation; *Requiem '79*, a documentary about the August 29, 1970 Chicano Moratorium police riots in East LA, at La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, 7:30 pm, free. ☺

The Whole Works Theatre and The Theatrical Reconstruction Company present an evening of razz-dazz gripping musical theatre, followed by a fun for all dance, Isen Hall, The Women's Building, 15th & Valencia, SF at 8:00 pm, \$2.50 to \$5.00, childcare \$35-1418, everyone welcome.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration, see May 4 listing.

It's Just a Stage, see May 4 listing.

International Worker's Day, a march and rally sponsored by the Revolutionary Communist Party, meet 10 am, Lakeshore and MacArthur, Oak.

Rally and Conversion Fair, sponsored by UC Weapons Lab Conversion Project, at the Lawrence Livermore Labs, call 982-5578 for more info.

1818: *Carl Marx is born.*

1862: *Cinco de Mayo, Mexican Day of Independence.*

1931: *National Miners Union strike in Kentucky in which four miners are killed.*

SUN 6 **Community Center Open House/Reception**, help La Peña build their new facility, give them your ideas and suggestions, there will be Latin American music and a brief presentation by staff members, 4 to 7 pm at 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

New Approaches to the Labor Movement, Stanley Aronowitz, author of *False Promises* and national leader of the New American Movement, will discuss some controversial strategies for relating to the new forces in the labor movement in the US, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, pm. ☺

1882: *Chinese Exclusion Act passed, forbidding Chinese to become citizens. It was the first US law to restrict immigration of an entire nationality.*

1937: *400 Black women lead Tobacco Workers Union strike.*

MON 7 **The Island**, a touching human drama exploring the life of imprisoned blacks in South Africa, the performance has received rave reviews, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

TUE 8 **United Farmworkers Strike Me Support Meeting**, East Bay meeting to plan local Chiquita banana boycott, prepare for food caravan to Salinas May 12, and meet strikers from the lettuce strike, with music, refreshments, and raffie, at St Joseph the Workman Hall, 2115 Jefferson, 2nd floor, Berkeley, 7:30 pm.

Poetry Reading, sponsored by Union City Library and Fault Press, poems by Francisco Santana, Adrian Rocha, Lorna Dee Cervantes and Roberto Bolaño, 7:30 pm, free, Union City Library, 34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd, call 471-6771 for more info.

Asian American Films: The Chinese American: The Early Immigrants, *Golden Mountain on Mot Street*, and *Jade Snow Wong* (a children's film) at 7 pm, at the Asian Community Library, 125 14th St, Oakland, free.

Is Office Work Hazardous to Your Health? a forum by Union W.A.G.E., Health and Safety Committee discusses the hidden and not so hidden dangers of copy machines, poor lighting, office chairs, boredom, and stress and many other factors, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, 7:30 pm. ☺

Talk on Reproductive Rights, a survey of the present situation of the reproductive rights movement will be presented by Laura Rodriguez of the Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights and a speaker from New American Movement, noon, 4th floor, student union bldg, UC Berkeley, Telegraph and Bancroft.

WED 9 **Gray Panthers Membership Meeting**, at West Berkeley Library, 3-5 pm, free.

Baby Boom on the Left, what does it mean for many leftists having babies, sponsored by the East Bay Socialist School, 8 pm, \$2 donation, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Back in the Saddle, a very fine bluegrass and country western band playing original music as well as material from Hank Williams, and the Carters, 9 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1972: *Beginning of 21 month-long Farak pants strike. Strike involved thousands of predominantly Chicana workers, sparked broad national support.*

1934: *15,000 longshoremen strike on West and Gulf coasts.*

THU 10 **Discussion on the Weber Case** and its particular significance to women will be led by the Women's Focus of the Northern California Coalition to Overturn the Weber Case, 7:30 pm, Old Wife's Tales, 532 Valencia, SF, call Terry at 444-6764 for more info. ☺

Asian American Films: Issei: The Fifty First Years, *Guilt by Reason of Race* and *I Told You So* (a children's film) at the Asian Community Library 14th St, Oakland, 273-3400, free.

Chiquiango, a new Bolivian film depicts the various races and social classes as segregated by La Paz' unique topography, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1869: *Transcontinental Railroad completed. 3,000 Irish workers constructed the Eastern part, while 10,000 Chinese worked on the Western section, tunneling through the Rockies.*

1898: *Canadian and US trade unionists form Western Labor Union.*

1928: *Chicano canteloupe workers strike in the Imperial Valley. Strike declared illegal and workers threatened with deportation to Mexico.*

FRI 11 **Africa: In the Eye of the Storm**, Part I, a three part series based on the recent three-month visit to Southern Africa by Candice Wright & Sten Goldfield, *Women's Emancipation: The Long Hard Road*, a slide presentation illustrating the change created by the earthshaking events that have eroded many customs which have prevented the liberation of women, sponsored by Liberation Support Movement, 7:30 pm, \$2 donation at La Peña Community Center 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Pickle Family Circus, sponsored by the Bananas Day Care Center, featuring clowns, jugglers, acrobats, balloons and more, 2:30 pm, at Willard Park, Berk. \$1 children, \$3 adults in advance.

Science and Social Change, from DNA to nuclear power to sociology, a forum sponsored by the East Bay Socialist School, 8 pm, \$1, 6025 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Black Orpheus, a film retelling the legend of Orpheus and Eurydice in a black section of Rio de Janeiro, enhanced by magnificent music and color, 8 & 10 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Household Workers Rights Project will hold a public forum at the Women's Building, a panel of household workers will speak out to get support for their fight for better working conditions, 7:30 pm, 3543 18th, SF.

Play You're Body Music, presented by Tumbleweed, a dance saga by Theresa Dickinson featuring Tumbleweed and other dancers and musicians, 8:30 pm, \$4 or PAS \$1.50, Margaret Jenkins Dance Studio, 1590 15th St, SF.

It's Just a Stage, see May 4 listing.

1894: *Pullman strike begins in Illinois. Railroad workers strike in solidarity with Pullman car workers and against long hours and pay cuts. Federal troops are called out to break the strike.*

SAT 12 **Farmworkers Food Caravan**, come and join strike supporters as they pack their car trunks and vans trekking down to the Salinas Valley with food supplies and supportive spirits! call 523-5633 for location and time.

People's Park 1969-1979 Community Fair, music, special guests, booth and information on community organizations, soul food dinner. Sponsored by Berkeley Free Clinic, People's Park Council & organic farmers, at People's Park, Haste & Dwight Way, Berkeley, 12 pm until dusk, free, Childcare and Wheelchair Access, 548-2570.

Festival to Celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage, music, dance, drama, play readings, 2-5 pm and 7:30-10:30 pm, at the Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St, Oak.

NAM Workshop, will introduce people to the New American Movement, examining the class structure of American capitalist society, 1-5 pm, free, 6025 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Recent Issues in the Labor Movement, a pot luck seminar with informal presentations by people active in the SEIU, AFSCME local 1695, Teamsters for a Democratic Union, and other workplaces, sponsored by New American Movement, 6025 Shattuck, Berk, 5-8 pm, \$1. ☺

Brazil Export, samba from the cities of Brazil, 9:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Pickle Family Circus, noon and 3 pm, see May 11 listing.

It's Just a Stage, see May 4 listing.

SUN 13 **People's Park Planting Day**, work with park development at noon, sponsored by People's Park Project, People's Park, Berk, call 642-1431 for more info.

Pickle Family Circus, noon and 3 pm, see May 11 listing.

Festival to Celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage, 2-5 pm, see May 12 listing.

News & Letters Lecture: Marx' Philosophy of Revolution (1843 to 1883) at La Peña, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, 3-6 pm.

The History Book, presentation and discussion for the next three Sundays, *The History Book* is a series of films on the history of Western civilization, from the Middle Ages to the present day, that offers a refreshing new approach to the subject, at 7:30 pm, free, 3109A Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, La Peña.

Esencia, local musicians with a repertoire of Latin and jazz compositions, 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Play You're Body Music, see May 11 listing.

MON 14 **People's Park Open House**, short tour of developing park and garden and film, "People's Park" sponsored by People's Park Council, starts at 4 pm, free, call 428-6657 for more info.

Fighting for Our Lives, a benefit for the UFW Strike fund, a film documentary with speakers and music by Jose Luis Orozco and Rogelio Reyes, 7 pm, \$2 donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

TUE 15 "Bloody Thursday, May 15, 1969 Commemoration," a reunion of People's Park Community, sponsored by Berkeley Free Clinic, and People's Park Council at People's Park, Haste & Dwight Way, Berkeley, at dusk, childcare and wheelchair access, 548-2570.

Hamburger USA, viewers are invited to take a closer look at the various parts of a familiar food item, the show focuses on the economic concentration in the food system of this country and the world, and the extent of corporate involvement in our daily lives, sponsored by American Friends Service Committee at La Peña, 3109A Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, 7:30 pm, \$1 donation.

The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner, a film of an English youth in defiance of a system that always finds him losing, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

"**Life and Death of Frida Kahlo**," outrageous, flamboyant in dress, in love with Diego Rivera, she created an art of surreal and striking imagery, 6:50 and 9:25, Roxie Theater, 3117 15th St, SF, \$2.50.

WED 16 **Benefit for AIM**, in the midst of La Pena's 40 days of fundraising, a forum to support the ongoing struggles of the Native people for their lands and rights, 8 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

International Oil and US Energy Policy, Steven Schneider, who writes about energy issues, will discuss current international energy politics, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, 8 pm, \$2 donation. ☺

THU 17 **Africa Update**, a lively panel discussion on the most current developments amidst the rapidly moving events on the explosive African continent, questions from the audience are encouraged and will be discussed by knowledgeable people such as Steve Talbot of *Internews* and other members of the Southern Africa Education Project at La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, 8 pm, \$1 donation. ☺

Un Viejo Amor, a folkloric group on tour from Mexico City, combining folkloric music, protest and popular songs, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

1954: *US Supreme Court rules segregated schools unconstitutional.*

FRI 18 **Africa: In the Eye of the Storm**, Part II, inside the Zimbabwe Revolution, a report based on conversations with liberation movement cadre & scores of Zimbabweans of all backgrounds, this presentation includes a slide show about Zimbabwean refugee and training camps in Mozambique & Zambia, 9 pm, \$2 donation, sponsored by the Liberation Support Movement at La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Benefit for Dessie Woods Coalition, a disco dance, at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berk, call 525-5054 for more info. ☺

Mothers and Daughters, recently there has been a renewed interest in the relationship of mothers and daughters, Nancy Chodorow and Diane Ehrenhaft will speak on the issues of female identity roles and consciousness as they relate to this key relationship, 8 pm, \$1 donation, sponsored by New American Movement, 6025 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Hedzoh Sounds, the exciting new music coming from a blend of African rhythms with western dance music, 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

It's Just a Stage, see May 4 listing.

1970: *Supreme Court orders Wheaton Glass Co of NJ to pay more than \$250,000 in back wages to women.*

SAT 19 **8th Annual African Liberation Day**, speakers, cultural groups, sponsored by African Liberation Support Committee, Arroyo Park, Bancroft and 76th Ave, Oak, call 834-2804 for more info.

Asian Films: Bayaniban '68 (Philippines), *Folk Dances of Korea*, *Poems of the Hat* (Vietnam) noon, at the Asian Community Library, 125 14th St, Oakland, 273-3400, free.

A Day of Music, at People's Park featuring Way Gray and special guests, sponsored by People's Park Council, People's Park Project, come noon at People's Park between Haste & Dwight, Berk, free, call 642-4017 for more info.

Day Care, a workshop will focus on the current state of child care—as it affects children, parents, and workers, sponsored by the New American Movement, 1-5 pm, \$2 donation, 6025 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

An Evening of Solidarity with Vietnam, an educational and cultural program on the current situation in South East Asia, sponsored by the Vietnamese Patriots in the US & US-Vietnamese Friendship Assn, 7:30 pm, donations accepted, Glide Memorial Church, Taylor and Ellis, SF.

Viekie Randal Band, local women's band with a vast wealth of musical talent, with the Whole Works Theatre, 8 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

It's Just a Stage, see May 4 listing.

1890: *Ho Chi Minh born.*

1925: *Malcolm X born.*

SUN 20 **Berkeley Free Clinic Open House**, many activities including videotape "Your Patient Rights," a nutritional puppet show, a photograph gallery and films of People's Park 1969-1979. Sponsored by Berkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Durant, Berkeley, from noon on, free, childcare and wheelchair access, 548-2570.

"**Cut Ties with Apartheid**," a conference to be held at Laney College discussing the African liberation movement as well as housing struggles in the Black community, noon, at 9th and Fallon, Oakland.

News & Letters Lecture: Dialectics of the Concrete vs False Alternatives, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, 3-6 pm. ☺

La Festival de la Nueva Cancion Latinoamericana, new Latin American songs born out of the resistance movements, 9 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

1862: *US Congress passes the Homestead Act, granting 140 acres of Western Indian land to settlers at \$1.25 an acre.*

MON 21 **Politics of "Commodity Fetishism"** David Smith will discuss Marx' *Capital* as a sourcebook of political ideas and the implications of the concept of the fetishism of commodities and discussion they must be overcome, 4 pm, \$1, sponsored by New American Movement, 6025 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Anzoni del Cuero, the legendary Anduluz gypsy song and fiesta dancer, accompanied by guitarist Kenji H. Lebrjano, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, 8:30 pm, \$3. ☺

TUE 22 **Chile Workshop**, a multi-media, concise presentation on the background events leading up to the present situation, a discussion of the popular Resistance movement in Chile today, and ways of doing work in solidarity with the people of Chile, 8 pm, sponsored by La Pena Latin American Solidarity Committee and Non-intervention Center 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

The Hawks and the Sparrows, a political film criticizing Italy's current changes and contradictions through Pasolini's Marxist viewpoint, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

WED 23 **Benefit for NCCOWC**, Northern California Coalition to Overturn the Weber Case, sponsored by Women's Focus, with the film *Wish Babies and Banners*, a discussion on the impact of the Weber Case on women, 7:30 pm, \$2.50 donation, call Terry for more info, 444-6764. ☺

The Family and the State, Eli Zaretsky, author of *Capitalism, the Family and Personal Life*, will discuss the origins of the welfare state and its relationship to the history of the family, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, 9 pm, \$2 donation, sponsored by New American Movement. ☺

Gray Panthers Membership Meeting, at West Berkeley Library, 7-9 pm, free.

Plexus Mailing, volunteer an hour or two to help get the word out, local feminist paper needs a hand, noon, 2600 Dwight Way #209, call 841-2476 for more info.

THU 24 **The East Bay Anti-Nuclear Group**, explains the economics of nuclear energy, a workshop including presentation and practice in discussing the issues, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Coro Hispano de San Francisco, a choral instrumental ensemble dedicated to exploring the musical heritage of Latin people, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

FRI 25 **Statewide Protest Against Demonstrations** throughout the state at all PG&E offices, call 781-5342 for more info.

Africa: In the Eye of the Storm, Part III: *Mozambique: The Future in Our Hands*, a slide presentation taking us to farms, factories, clinics, classrooms & communal villages to meet the people who are building their future in the framework of a people's democracy often referred to as "the pacesetter of Africa", 8 pm, \$2 donation, sponsored by Liberation Support Movement at La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

People's Garlic Festival, a film showing of Les Blank's *Always for Pleasure*, an insider's look at Mardi Gras, and *A Well Spent Life*, a strong beautifully filmed portrait of Mance Lipscomb, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, served with rice and red beans, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

10th Anniversary of the Berkeley Free Clinic, a benefit concert with music, street theatre, poetry and more, 8 pm, \$3 donation, Le Conte School, Russell and Ellsworth, Berk.

An Evening of Poetry and Prose, with the Women Writers Union, featuring Luisah Teish, Nellie Wong, Anne Finger, Carla Schick, at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St, SF, \$1.50, 7:30 pm, call for advance childcare 822-8799 by May 18.

SAT 26 **Asian Films: Hidden Fortress** (in Japanese, Eng subtitles) and *Tangram* (a children's film) at the Asian Community Library, 125 14th Street, Oakland, noon, 273-3400, free.

Chevere, a newly formed women's Latin sextet playing their original material along with those favorite salsa and Brazilian standards, 9:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

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goats as "illegal aliens" who are taking away jobs from American workers. Contrary to these lies and racial attacks, the facts show that unemployment is concentrated in jobs never held by undocumented workers. The problem is not the "flood of undocumented immigrants" but the economic and political system which creates vast unemployment and poverty in Mexico forcing Mexican families to immigrate across the border. Without immediate marketable skills and hindered by language, Mexican farm laborers became victims of national oppression like the Filipino medical workers in US hospitals, and the Koreans and Hong Kong Chinese toiling in US garment sweatshops.

No Longer Unchallenged

Up until 1966 when UFW was formed, a farm laborer could be promised a higher wage in the beginning of the week and given a lower one by the end. The growers' ruthless tactics haven't changed, their power is still formidable, but they are no longer unchallenged.

Last February, striker Rufino Contreras was shot and killed by grower agents as he attempted to talk to a crew of strikebreakers. This incident in the Imperial Valley touched off a walkout by 12,000 workers. Shooting incidents to "scare" the strikers have been numerous, according to Luis Andalon at the UFW Salinas field office. Adding to the tension, county sheriffs work closely with the growers, arresting picketers arbitrarily.

The Agriculture Labor Relations Board, the legal negotiator between the growers and strikers, has not helped the workers. It recently obtained a court order to limit the number of strikers to 150 at the fields of Sun Harvest, the largest agribusiness firm in the area. Other growers are asking for assistance. But the strike will not be won or lost in court. Though Sun Harvest denies it, they have suffered several reverses during the strike, including the loss of 2,000 acres of lettuce which rotted in the Imperial Valley.



¡Viva la Causa!



UFW President Cesar Chavez is on tour nationwide appealing for material support in food supply and donations. Taking part in a strike is a difficult matter for the farm worker. He or she gets \$25 a week from union funds, a food supply of flour and beans, and the rest comes from small savings in the bank. Qualifying for unemployment insurance is full of red tape, takes a few months, and is often denied. Food supplies and financial donations during the '60s kept the union drive alive. The strikers are seeking the same kind of support today.

The farmworkers are attempting to stand up to the growers at a time when big business and the US government are working very hard to force major setbacks on the US working class. For the farmworkers, experiencing long hours of work, exposure to poisonous insecticides, few benefits and lots of unpaid overtime, the strike means the hope for a better life for them and their children. "Si, se puede"—Yes, it is possible!

The farmworkers are asking you to boycott Chiquita bananas, a product of United Brands, the parent company of Sun Harvest. Strikers need your support to feed people in the Salinas Valley. Rice, pinto beans, flour, potatoes, evaporated milk, tomato sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, and cereals can be brought to:

Oakland: St Augustine Episcopal, 525 29th St, St Louis Bertrand's, 1410 100th Ave, Centro Legal do la Raza, 1315 Fruitvale.
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Donations of money are also needed. deductible checks can be made out to National Farm Worker Ministry, c/o 1814 Clinton Ave, Alameda, CA 94501. Ask your union to endorse the strike and donate funds, or help leaflet at local supermarkets; call 523-5633 for more information.

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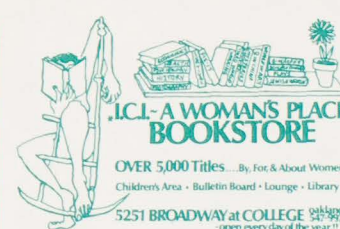
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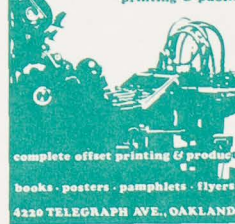
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Farmworkers Strike Heads North

In the Salinas Valley, 100 miles south of the Bay Area, crisp green iceberg lettuce blossoms throughout the flat countryside. For the farmworkers who worked in the Imperial Valley during the late winter, it is time to migrate north for the spring harvest of the Salinas lettuce fields. Others come from Fresno, Kern County, and Delano.

This year as in the past, farmworkers will come not to harvest but to join the picket lines of the United Farm Workers union. The UFW has wrestled for the past 14 years to represent migrant farm laborers and combat the substandard working conditions in US agriculture. The union

has been on strike since mid-January against the major lettuce growers. The workers are determined to strike throughout this year's harvest if the growers aren't willing to meet their basic economic needs.

Substandard Conditions

UFW is demanding a pay raise over a three-year period from \$3.70 to \$5.25 an hour, a 12% increase each year to keep pace with inflation. Their other demands—overtime pay for overtime work, paid holidays, and employer contributions to pension funds—are basic rights won long ago by unions in non-agricultural occupations. Farmworker families can barely afford housing, food and clothing on \$3.70 an hour.

The growers, who pretend on TV to be just honest farmers worried about getting

their crops in, are actually shrewd businessmen striving for big company profits. Agribusiness is California's biggest industry, and for the growers, each year has meant record-breaking profits. In the Imperial Valley the winter harvest this year grossed a record \$140 million as compared to \$75 million last year.

The growers claim that higher wages for farmworkers hike up the cost of food and create inflation at the supermarket. But the fact is that less than one cent on the cost of a head of lettuce goes to pay the worker who picked it. Laborers work long hours at the backbreaking job of picking lettuce for 57 cents a box. The growers sell the box wholesale for anywhere from four dollars to fifteen dollars—taking advantage of the strike-created lettuce shortage to drive up the price. While profits are in the millions, the migrant family averages only \$6,000 a year, a figure well below the poverty level.

Tradition of Cheap Labor

Grower exploitation of stoop labor dates back to the 1930's when attempts to unionize met with violence and failure. Filipino farmworkers who tried to organize strikes in the Salinas Valley were badly beaten and forced to flee for their lives. To this day, farmworkers do not have the same legal rights as other workers and their only protection comes from recently enacted state laws which are full of concessions to growers.

Growers are also keeping up the tradition of hiring cheap immigrant labor. Much harvesting is done by undocumented workers, mostly from Mexico. Their "illegal" status and lack of access to social services makes them a workforce which is easy to manipulate and hard to organize. There is always the fear of deportation. During periods of high unemployment, undocumented workers are made scape-

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