

The Lettuce Boycott... Try a 'Cesar' Salad

By CHARLES RANDISI

If you're boycotting lettuce, and you want a salad, have what the boycotters jokingly refer to as a "Cesar" salad.

According to Tony Yiannakos, the chairman of the volunteer boycott committee in Rochester, the joke is that a genuine Caesar salad contains Romaine lettuce rather than the iceberg variety which is the chief target of the lettuce boycott spearheaded by Cesar Chavez' leadership in the demands for unionization and improved working conditions for migrant lettuce workers in California.

Not much else about the rift between workers and growers is laughable.

The average non-unionized worker in the California lettuce fields is a Chicano, and earns \$2,200 annually, according to a California State University report published in August, 1971.

Yiannakos pointed to other statistics, such as insufficient plumbing in migrant homes, symptoms of pesticide poisoning among workers, and high infant and maternal mortality rates, as

reasons for the current strike of farm workers against lettuce growers of California.

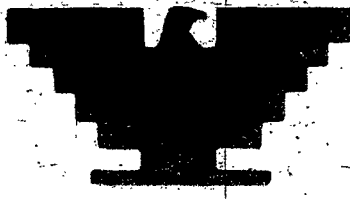
Nationally, the boycott is a loosely organized collection of local groups interested in achieving better wages and working conditions for the migrant worker.

The boycotters' chief targets are the store chains A&P and Safeway Markets, the two largest grocery chains in the nation. They aim to get these chains to sell only lettuce stamped with the United Farmworkers' union symbol, the Aztec eagle.

Yiannakos, a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Rochester, said that the national boycott is going strong, what with the recent acquisition of a \$1.6 million grant from the AFL-CIO strike fund to keep the workers in the picket line.

Locally, he said that he has received much help from the Office of Human Development and Metro-Act.

He had much praise for Bernie Duffy, a seminarian at St. Bernard's, because of his willingness to speak on behalf of the boycott



to various religious groups. He also credited Sister Frances Sweeney and Father Charles Mulligan of OHD for their involvement.

Most of the local boycott activity has been the picketing of A&P stores. "A&P is the target store because it is the biggest and has the most power to influence the growers," said Yiannakos.

Although no stores have yet complied with the boycott locally, Yiannakos feels that the picketing has been successful. "We can see a lot of people turning away," he said.

Yiannakos has had as many as 50 picketers turn out at a time. Rather than marching up and down in front of a store, he says, they will talk to customers as they enter and ask them not to shop there.

The price of lettuce, along with the price of just about everything else, has risen sharply in the past year. But Yiannakos said that the strike and boycott have nothing to do with the increase, which he attributes to poor weather and a poor crop.

"If anything, the boycott should lower the price," he said. "When the stores can't sell it, they have to get rid of it."

He also claimed that unionization would not significantly increase the price of lettuce.

On the other side of the boycott coin is the local Teamsters Union representative, Thomas Kenny, who said that 70 per cent of lettuce pickers do belong to the Teamsters, 15 per cent to UFW, and 15 per cent to no union at all.

If the Teamsters were to support the boycott, he said, "we'd be boycotting against our own members."

"Our contracts are as good or better than UFW's," he claimed. "If they (boycotters) are truly

concerned about the welfare of the lettuce pickers, why are they so afraid of the Teamsters?"

The cause for the migrant worker has now arisen on another front — grapes. Two-year contracts between the grape growers and UFW are expiring.

Yiannakos said that UFW polled 1,000 grape workers, and reported that 795 of them expressed a preference for UFW over the Teamsters or no union at all.

In a few weeks Yiannakos will be headed for California and the Coachella Valley, to "do a little picketing and spend a little time with Cesar."

After all, he said, the main purpose of the boycott is not to work against the stores, or against lettuce, but to "try and get a little justice for farmworkers."



Richard Crilly makes report to Aquinas Board of Directors.

Bishop Slated At Regional Meet

Wayland — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will meet Monday night, June 25, with priests, parish council members and committees of the Livingston-Stauben Regional Council. His topic will be "The Parish Council and its Importance in the Church Today."

The meeting in St. Joseph's school hall, 7:30-9 p.m., will include a prayer service and reports from chairmen of the education, human development and liturgy committees.

Aquinas Board Okays Budget

Richard Crilly, Finance Committee chairman, reported to the Aquinas Institute Board of Directors, that money obtained from the sale of Aquinas Stadium Feb. 7 was used to retire the indebtedness incurred through loans and mortgage with Lincoln First Bank and Monroe County Savings and Loan.

Remaining debts of \$130,000 were refinanced through the Basilian Fathers of Aquinas Institute. Funds have been set aside for a new faculty residence.

The report was made as the

school is conducting its recruitment program based on the theme "God is not dead — nor is Aquinas."

Father Albert Gaelens, Aquinas principal, praised parents and alumni for their determination to keep the school operative.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, president of the board, commented, "We are proud of Aquinas and confident of its future."

The 1973-74 budget was approved.



WORD FOR SUNDAY Fr. Albert Shamon

Sunday Readings: (R1) Ex. 24:3-8. (R2) Heb. R.9:11-15. (R3) - Nk. 14:12-16, 22-26.

Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi — the body and blood of Christ.

Corpus Christi highlights the presence of the risen Christ among us.

We know that the body and blood of Christ is made present in the Blessed Sacrament through the Mass. At Mass, after the consecration, the priest invites the people to make a profession of faith in Corpus Christi. The priest says, "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith."

Every time I have asked a group, what is this mystery of faith, they have answered, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." But such acclamation is a statement of fact and a promise — it is not the mystery.

The mystery of faith proclaimed at Mass is that this Christ who has died, who is risen, who will come again is — after the consecration — really, truly, substantially present, here and now, right in the midst of His people: "the Beyond in our midst."

A good definition of the Mass can be found in this concept of presence. We might define the Mass as the celebration of the mystery of the presence of God in the midst of His people to change them.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy tells us that God's presence in the Eucharist is multifaceted. He is present in the Christian assembly gathered for worship. "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst." The Introductory Rites of the Mass are geared purposely to make God's people aware that He is present among them.

A second presence of God at Mass is in His word. At the end of the readings we say, "This is the word of the Lord," not the word about the Lord. The Liturgy of the Word celebrates the presence of God as speaking to us here and now at Mass.

Both of these presences of God, in the assembly and in His word, prepare for the unique

presence of the Son of God under the appearances of bread and wine. The Eucharistic Liturgy celebrates this unique presence. In the Eucharistic Liturgy the priest speaks and acts exactly as Christ did at the Last Supper. There, Christ (1) took bread and the cup, (2) gave thanks, (3) broke and gave to His disciples. So the priest (1) takes bread (Preparation of the Gifts), (2) gives thanks (Eucharistic Prayer) and (3) breaks and gives the "bread" to the followers of Christ (Communion).

At this august moment in the Mass, the risen Christ is present, not just to be adored — this is briefly done by the people at the elevation of the Host — and by the priest, at his genuflection following the elevation. Christ is present to help us worship the Father, fitly and to change us. He offers Himself and us with Himself to the Father; and we, in turn, offer ourselves and Him. The Father responds by giving us Corpus Christi, the Body that makes men strong and the Blood that germinates virgins.

Finally, God is the Father of all. He chooses a few, never for privilege, but for mission. He called the chosen people to be a light to the nations. He made Mary His mother that she might become the mother of all men. Likewise, He is present in the assembly, in the word, and uniquely in the signs of bread and wine, so that we, nourished by that Bread, might be able to go and make His presence known to the world in which we move.

Thus every form of the Concluding Rite contains the commission "Go." "Go in the peace of Christ" (Form A); "The Mass is ended, go in peace" (Form B); "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" (Form C).

And what ought our response be to God's fourfold presence at Mass? In the Introductory Rites, we ought to acknowledge our unworthiness as Peter did in the presence of Jesus: "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (the Penitential Rite). At the Liturgy of the Word, we ought to listen thankfully to God speaking to us. At the Eucharistic Liturgy, we ought to worship the Father and receive the Son in Holy Communion. And all of this, so that we might go forth and give witness to Corpus Christi in our lives.

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