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## Chavez Sees Success In UFW Boycotts

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Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farmworkers of America, was in Rochester last week to support the boycott of all Gallo wines and of grapes and head lettuce not picked by members of the UFW. In a press conference at the Monroe County Airport, Chavez applauded Rochester Mayor Thomas Ryan for his April 17 endorsement of the boycott, and said the boycott was increasingly effective across the nation.

Currently touring 40 major cities to promote the boycott and introduce the UFW documentary film, "Fighting for Our Lives," Chavez said that he has found active support from clergy, students, and middle class consumers. He named New England as the area of greatest support. There he claimed grape sales are down 40 per cent, Gallo wine 50 per cent, and lettuce 30 per cent. "Gallo knows that they made a mistake," Chavez stated and predicted that Gallo could not endure the strike into 1976.

The boycott protests contracts California growers signed with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in mid-1973. For six

years prior to the 1973 agreements the UFW had represented the farmworkers. Chavez has charged that the contracts were negotiated against the will of the workers. He said the secret ballot election is at the heart of his campaign.

Robert Storey, Eastern Division Manager of the E & J Gallo Winery, was present at the press conference and answered questions afterward. He said that he had not been assigned to the meeting, but that he attended out of personal interest. He added, however, that he would "discuss Chavez's false accusations with Gallo administration."

Storey claimed that Gallo wishes to see migratory farm workers included under the National Labor Relations Act. They are not covered in this legislation and consequently union elections are not required.

Mr. Storey termed ridiculous Chavez's charge that Gallo sales are down considerably. "Anyone that knows the winery business knows that isn't true," Gallo would support elections tomorrow if the Teamsters and UFW could agree on the procedure, Storey claimed.

## Charles House Expanding Its Meals Program

Charles Settlement House, which serves meals to elderly residents of its Jay Street area, is trying to set up another kitchen and dining room convenient to those who live farther northwest.

Eileen McCarthy, Charles House director, said the chosen site is the Italian-American Sport Club at the corner of Emerson and Sherman, which is just off the Dewey Avenue bus line. Negotiations with the club have not been completed.

Approximately 40 meals a day are served at Charles House. The program is made possible by the Monroe County Legislature, through the County Office of the Aging. It is shaped to guidelines provided in Title VII, Older Americans Act, which funds four nutrition programs in other areas of the county. A budget report says that in accordance with Federal regulation, hiring preference is given to persons aged 60 or older, and that the nutrition program provides part-time employment to five neighborhood residents.

A proposed budget for the 10 months ending next September 30 totals \$57,444, against the \$55,000 appropriated by the legislature. Salaries add up to \$9,073, and the cost of food for 100 meals per day is given as \$36,550. Rent for the proposed second site will be \$250 per month, or \$2,500 for the budget period.

The report points out that Charles House, at 445 Jay, is not accessible to a great many of the "poor, isolated elderly" in the broad target area defined in nutrition program planning. It notes that other services Charles House offers the elderly "serve as a mechanism to reach the target population," and that, in turn, the nutrition program draws people who had not heard of the other services.



Sister Frances

The current recession that is being felt by more and more Americans offers the Church a renewed challenge to be consistent with its teaching that salvation is accomplished by both faith and good works. As unemployment compensation, sub-pay and other benefits dry up the suffering and hardships faced by many become more and more desperate.

For many years this experience was limited to what some have called "the other America." While it is true that this "other America" constituted some 30 per cent of the population, it was isolated from the mainstream of American life and left to academicians and radical critics who did their work in somewhat of a vacuum. The basic inhumanity of our system is now affecting what has been called "middle America" and the ripples are being felt across the nation.

The stirrings of this discontent became visible several years ago with the disillusionment that middle America began to feel about the "American Dream." The reality of Vietnam began to overpower the rhetoric. The promise that President Nixon offered the nation turned sour. Stories of millionaires and wealthy corporations paying no taxes began to incite even the most trusting citizens. What the recession did is to confirm for a greater number of people what they had already begun to suspect. Although many of the

specifics have yet to be articulated because of their complex nature, there is no doubt that the American people have begun to develop a new understanding of themselves as a nation. No time could be more appropriate for this growing realization than our bicentennial celebration.

The Church, then, must also take a new look at itself to see if it is truly combining faith and good works in light of the contemporary situation. For the parish, the question of a recession is not a matter of mere curiosity or academic concern. It is at the heart of what the Incarnation is all about. When the Word became Flesh the trials and sufferings of everyday life were given an ultimate concern. The Incarnation signified a new relationship between religion and the world. Man could no longer see his faith strictly in terms of religious observances alone. The whole point of Jesus' life was to show that our earthly life was vitally important.

How parishes will respond to the problems brought on by the recession remains to be seen. It would appear that any response must have a two-pronged approach. First, we must develop programs to help people meet their immediate needs and encourage government to do its part. Second, we must offer a strong critique of the underlying presuppositions of our economic way of life. If we, as Church, are truly to witness to the reality of the Incarnation we must address these problems with the same urgency and concern that Jesus exhibited during His life here on earth.

### PHONING FOR FUNDS

About 300 Aquinas alumni will be telephoning their classmates next week in the final phase of the Alumni Fund Drive. Fifty graduating classes will be represented in the telephone campaign directed by Larry Oberlies, class of 1953, as a follow-up on letters sent out in the eighth annual fund drive.



In "Impressions of America" Oscar Wilde wrote "Over the piano was printed a notice: Please do not shoot the pianist. He is doing his best."

I'm thinking of hanging the same sign in the kitchen or maybe the front hall. Mine of course will say homemaker. I do not play the piano.

It will replace the "Honorable Mention" placard which the children's father brought home after our eldest evaluated one of my gourmet meals thusly.

In keeping with the spirit of the situation I taped my "award" on the hood over the kitchen stove where it stood as kind of judgment on all my culinary efforts until the steam from countless pots of pasta took its toll. The scotch tape lost its sticking power and the sign fell — probably into a batch of fettuccini.

Actually I'm sort of sorry about the sign's starchy demise. I liked it. In its own way it reflected something very basic about me.

The truth is that I am more than satisfied having achieved mere adequacy as a cook. Ditto

for my housekeeping ability which after 11 years of trying is still somewhat below par.

In the overall scheme of things I have come to regard those so-called womanly talents as relatively unimportant, implicit in the marriage vows maybe, but hardly of staggering consequence.

I know a lot of women who will disagree with me, believing that the best way to show one's familial devotion is through the compilation of a six-layer Viennese Torte, a bottom sheet that is tucked in evenly all way around and home-made sweaters for one and all. I say "de gustibus non est disputandum."

No, if ever I am to rise beyond the honorable mention category aspiring to the glorious prize-ribbon/divisions, let me labor and grow in an area whose rewards are less transient than a perfect chocolate soufflé.

I can see it all now. A blue ribbon for applying just the right pressure in kissing scraped knees. A red ribbon for ignoring months on end the dripping faucet in the powder room. A white ribbon (third prize but still in the winner's circle) for scrubbing at home plate when the catcher has to go home for supper.

And maybe even the ultimate accolade: A standing ovation from my whole crew when I manage to sit through Frankenstein and/or Disney movies.

### LYELL AVE. SENIORS

The first officers of the Lyell Avenue Senior Citizens Group were installed recently by Msgr. J. Emmett Murphy, pastor of Holy Apostles. Helen Boland is president; Ora Keator, vice-president; Ceil Holzschuh, secretary-treasurer. Information about the group may be obtained from Sylvia Mancuso, director of activities, at 247-3839.

The service program funded by the United Community Chest, the report notes, provides the elderly with transportation to keep appointments, assistance in grocery shopping, banking and procuring help to keep up their homes, and counselling on individual needs.

## Time to File Hunger Proposals

"It's not too late," Father Daniel Tormey of the Office of Human Development world hunger committee exclaimed. It's not late to submit action proposals against local and world hunger to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

The world hunger committee is analyzing the 50 or so proposals received from parishes, institutions, and schools. "There's going to be more sharing suppers than you can imagine," Father Tormey laughed. He said that there seemed to be quite an emphasis on local poverty concerns and a crying out: "Tell us how to be political," in the proposals.

The committee is hopeful that more proposals will be received.

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