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Dear Friend:

The Texas Farm Workers Union cordially invites you to be with us on March 10th and be one of the speakers at the rally to be held on behalf of H.B. 227, Agricultural Labor Relations Bill, on the steps of the State Capitol in Austin.

The rally will also mark the culmination of our "MARCH FOR EQUALITY" of approximately 600 miles which began on January 27 in Muleshoe, Texas.

As we had previously informed you, H.B. 227, if passed by the state legislature will give collective bargaining rights to farm workers in Texas. At the present time, only two states, California and Hawaii, have legislation of this type. As a consequence, the majority of the farm workers, and especially those from Texas, are working under deplorable conditions and a very low standard of living. This is why the TFW is attempting to mobilize public opinion in support of H.B. 227 through the "MARCH FOR EQUALITY" and its culmination at the rally on March 10 in Austin.

The rally is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. We hope that we can count on your presence in support of H.B. 227 and the cause of the farm worker in Texas.

Your response will be greatly appreciated. Hoping that we are too far from the day when understanding, justice and peace will be with us.

VIVA LA CAUSA!

Antonio Orendain
Director
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P.S. Attached is a schedule of activities for March 10 in Austin, Texas.

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NOTE: This is the third in a series of newsletters concerning the 1979 Legislation Campaign for Farm Workers. Through this newsletters we hope to keep all members, supporters and sympathizers informed about the current developments regarding the efforts of the TEXAS FARM WORKERS UNION to enact laws in Texas which will benefit the farm workers.

On the 10th of March, the "March for Equality" of the Texas Farm Workers Union will reach its destination in Austin, Texas, with a rally to be held in front of the Capitol building.

At the end of the march that day, the farm workers will have walked over 500 miles (more than 1,000 kilometers), walking tirelessly day by day regardless of the climate and other factors, in a desperate effort to mobilize the attempts and support for the passage of the H.B. 227 (Agricultural Relations Bill).

The march that started the 27th of January in Muleshoe, Texas, represents an interest not only to expose the negative conditions in which the workers live in the farm camps in the state, but that the government realize the objectives of the farm worker who cannot count on the right of collective bargaining.

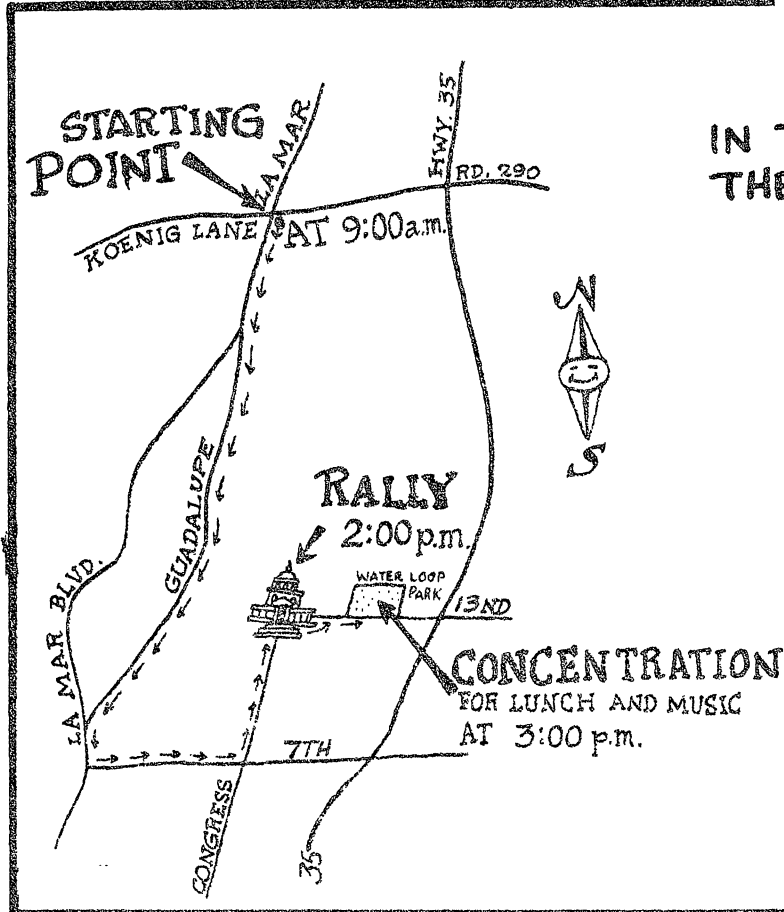
The H.B. 227, a bill introduced in December to the House of Representatives by A.C. "Tony" Garcia of Pharr and Paul Moreno of El Paso, was submitted for consideration to the Committee of Agriculture and Livestock, the majority being composed of representatives who are not very sympathetic with the farm workers and the problems with which these workers are confronted.

At the time this newsletter is being written, the farm workers were still a couple of days from Ft. Worth-Dallas. From there they will arrive in Waxahachie the 28th of February. The 1st of March they will be in Hillsboro, the 3rd in Waco and the 6th in Temple. And finally on the 10th, the marchers will arrive in Austin.

In Austin, on the 10th, the march will start at 9:00 in the morning at the corner of Lamar Boulevard and Loeing Street. At that intersection, there is a big open-lot where they will gather to walk the last trek of their march. We urge the public to join the march at this place. The marchers will start walking through Lamar Boulevard heading south until reaching Guadalupe Street. The marchers will follow Guadalupe Street until reaching 7th street where they turn east till Congress Avenue, turning towards the north to the grounds of the State Capitol.

There will be a meeting in favor of House Bill 227 in which Representatives Tony Garcia, Paul Moreno, Antonio Orendain, leader of the Texas Farm Workers Union and other civic labor leaders will be speakers. This meeting will start at approximately 2:00 pm and it will terminate at 3:00 pm. From there, they will move to Water Loop Park at East 13th St. At the park, there will be speeches, food and refreshments will be served to the participants. The day after, there will be entertainment in honor of the participants of the march where Estevan Jordan will perform. If you wish to participate in these activities, please immediately contact the Texas Farm Workers Union P.O. Box 876 San Juan, Texas 78589 or call (512)843-8381. It is urgent that you help the Union economically and morally, in order to have justice for the farmworkers.

JOIN THE TEXAS FARM WORKERS!



9:00 A.M., AUSTIN, TEXAS
MARCH 10th
IN THE LAST 3 MILES OF
THE MARCH FOR EQUALITY

March 10th will be the day the March for Equality will terminate in Austin. We urge the public to come out and march with the farmworkers these last three miles to the Capitol.

Anyone wanting to join us should meet at the corner of Lamar Boulevard and Koenig Street.

The route for the march will be south on Guadalupe until we reach 7th from there we go east on the 7th to Congress Avenue where we turn north and head for the Capitol. There will be a big rally in favor of H.B. 227 held on the steps of the Capitol at 2:00 pm which will last one hour. After the rally we will move to Water Loop on East 13th Street. There will be speeches made there, and food and refreshments will be served to the participants.

Hope everybody can come.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS
NEEDED! HELP US
FREE H.B. #227!**

H.B. 227 is being held captive by the Agricultural Committee and its Chairman Forrest Green, (who said that farmworkers don't need legislation because they already have food stamps and welfare checks). Your presence is needed in order to impress upon our elected official that the people of Texas support the struggle of farmworkers for justice. March with us or join the rally at the State Capitol, for together we can be victorious.

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