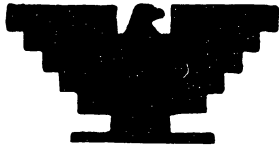


NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION



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Texas can no longer tolerate the cynical disregard of its agricultural workers, a disregard which places them at the mercy of the corporate owned, big business farms, often with out-of-state ownership. The National Farm Workers Association is marching for human dignity, decent wages and working conditions. They come as the most neglected and lowest income group in the state to plead their case before you as a state legislator. They will gather on the Capitol steps at 10:30 a.m., on Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

Every effort to raise the standards of the farm workers is met with opposition from the large growers - - that improved wages and working conditions would mean the destruction of the family farm. This is a phony issue, has been proven so time and again, and is just another hurdle in the path of equality and justice for these American Citizens.

National statistics have shown for years that the majority of all farms use no hired workers at all while just 6%, the giant corporate farms, account for over 75% of the total outlay for wages on our farms.

We, the members of the Valley Farm Workers Assistance Committee, urge you not to be taken in by the vilification and phony arguments against these men and women. Come and listen to them. Make known your views on a \$1.25 minimum wage. If for some reason you cannot attend, if you will address a letter or telegram to Mr. Eugene Nelson, P.O. Box 54, Rio Grande City, setting forth your position, it will be read to the gathering on Labor Day.

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