Poisoned grape fake Chavez union tactic

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Recently representatives of Cesar Chavez and his United Farm Workers Organizing Committee appeared in Omaha and organized a group to extend the national boycott of California table grapes to Nebraska.

Their representatives called on leading food market chains seeking to get them to refuse to stock and sell table grapes. In Detroit and Montreal and in some cities of eastern United States, food chains which have resisted such pressure have experienced fire bombings and acts of sabotage within their stores.

In Omaha, the group began distributing leaflets at some super markets, with the leaflets charging that the grapes were probably contaminated by pesticides. Chavez this past week was pictured in many newspapers charging at Montreal that grape pickers in California were in deadly peril from grower use of pesticides.

Roland Nelson of Mead, president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, asked the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to obtain samples of California table grapes being sold in the Lincoln and Omaha area and submit them to laboratory tests.

A lab report released by Elmer Schlaphoff, state director of agriculture, shows that none of the samples of three varieties of California grapes showed any amount of pesticide residue that came near the tolerance level.

Results of the tests in Nebraska coincide with findings of the Iowa department of agriculture which recently conducted a three-week study of grapes sold in 180 Iowa stores. According to the Iowa tests, there were no instances where any pesticide residue even approached the minimum tolerance level.

after an attorney for the UFWOC made the pesticide charge in testimony before the U.S. migratory labor subcommittee in Washington, D.C., this summer, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration obtained 60 samples of various types of table grapes from 48 retail outlets in the Washington area and reported that none contained pesticide residues above tolerance levels.

The FDA has conducted similar tests nationwide with the same results and is continuing to check on the situation.

California growers were warned by an attorney for the UFWOC a year ago that such a pesticide sacre campaign would be mounted if they refused to sign contracts with Cesar Chavez.

During the recent but futile attempts by 12 California growers to negotiate a working contract with the Chavez group, the UFWOC made a proposal in writing which stated: ". . .We are prepared to give a moratorium to the whole industry on the pesticide campaign for a limited time in exchange for an acceptable contract covering all workers, all crops."

How could anyone declare a moratorium on anything if the grapes were actually contaminated?

Despite all evidence to the contrary, the pesticide scare tactics are continuing. They could be used against any farm product that union organizers choose to single out in their organizing efforts. Yes, it could happen in Nebraska to some Nebraska-produced farm commodities.

The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

The American Legion post in Nebraska City does a lot of interesting and entertaining things. And one of the most-fun activities for members only, is the annual Legion golf tournament.

They tell me the foursome with the Grubers has the most fun. Understand there's some cause to pause after the No. 3 tee.

This year, however, rain sloshed up the works for two weeks. The third week was itl . . . .it was also a bit on the cool side, but golfers are golfers and 18 holes later the tournament had ended. There was lots of ham and chicken for the golfers and their wives at the awards dinner.

Since that tourney, a dozen stories dribbled out about Nebraska City golfers. One was about a golfer who, in a moment of impatience, tossed his golf club in the air.

. . . .It didn't come down. It was stuck in tree limbs. He used another club to knock the first one loose. And you can guess what happened.

A golfer says it never rains on the golf course.

On one of those rainy mornings I was at the golf shack when Garry Ailes, the Legion tourney record man, appeared. Guy Mickle informed him that because of the present downpour the tourney was postponed another week.

"Oh, good," Garry said, "now I can play."

Among the newcomers to the Steinhart course were Royce Driskell who has been playing golf only about a year, and Ray Snyder of Sidney, Iowa. The ditch and lake were the challenge for the visitors.

They walked away with trophies, too!

Melvin Baker, Neal Browne and myself outsmarted that weatherman – for once. We got our gardens plowed before the rains. . . .Glenn Brawner will return to Fairbury this summer. No, not to play golf, but to attend the reunion of the Class of 1920.

Job's Daughters got a lesson in patriotism the other night. The organization's No. 1 leader from Vancouver, British Columbia, made an unscheduled appearance before the Nebraska City girl's organization.

She stood at attention in courtesy, but did not pledge allegiance to the American flag. The girls returned the courtesy with an ovation during the introductions,

Nebraska City is fortunate to have such good football this season. There aren't many towns of this size which can boast of two winning high school teams.

Someone said that if both schools were one, Nebraska City would probably have the best team in the state. That could be, but the advantage of having two teams is more kids get to play.

Jana Miller, the University journalism student who worked with the News-Press during the summer a year ago, writes that she likes her job fine as a reporter with the Sioux City, Ia., Journal.

Jana made a lot of friends in Nebraska City during her summer journalism intern reporting job here. Big assignment there has been the Iowa Beef Packers labor dispute, dynamiting and murder to boot, she writes.

COOK

Mrs George Fisher

Mrs Walter Mannschreck of Hubbell visited a few days with her parents, Mr and Mrs R.D. Mershon. She assisted with a sale at her father's drug store.

Eleven Cook residents have returned from the third annual Jolly Trippers trip.

Mr and Mrs Elmer Hopp hosted a dinner Sunday for the October birthdays of Mr Hopp and his grandson, Bruce Noerrlinger. Guests were Mr and Mrs Myron Hopp and Kevin and Karla of Beatrice, Mr and Mrs Walter Noerrlinger and Bruce and Diane of Cook.

Mr and Mrs Eldon Damme and son Jerry of Auburn, and Mrs Damme's parents, Mr and Mrs George Weber of Cook joined Miss Nancy Jo Damme in Lincoln and had dinner at the Esquire club. The 40th wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs George Weber, which was October 25, was observed.

Mr and Mrs Neri Holscher entertained Sunday at dinner honoring the eighth birthday of their daughter, Penny and, also for the October birthdays of her grandmother, Mrs Fred Langenbery of Dunbar and her grandfather, Harvey Holscher.

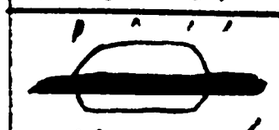
William and Otto Paulsen of Lincoln former Cook residents recently called on old friends.

Miss Mae Carmen of Syracuse was a house guest of Mrs Maude Sears in Cook for several days. She called on many friends.

Mr and Mrs George Whalen of Lincoln visited Sunday with her sisters, Mrs Edith Ekhoff, and Mrs Florence Varner.

Mr and Mrs Walter Liesemeyer and Mr and Mrs Carl Grotrian were recent visitors of Mr and Mrs Walter Vollertson.

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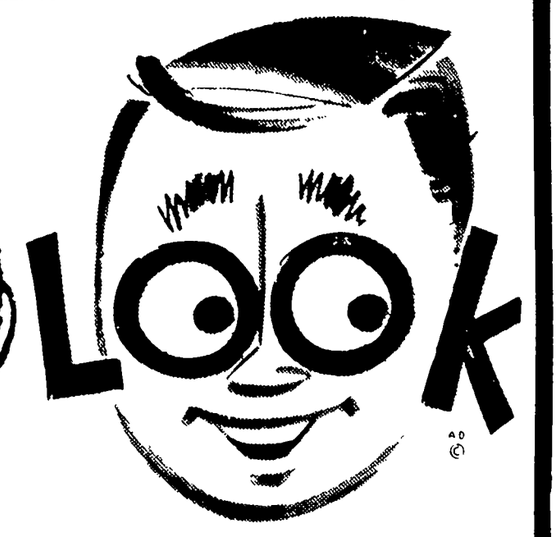
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