On July 26 the president of United Farm Workers of America, Cesar Chavez, was here in San Antonio promoting solidarity for the strike that has been going on in the fields of California for the past six months.

"We count our martyrs," said Chavez, referring to the murder of Rufino Contreras by the police and the growers'gunslingers.

Based on the experience that they have had with boycotts in the not so distant past, the farmworkers' union has made a public call for support for the new boycott.

The boycott includes Chihuahua, Durango and San Luis Potosi provinces and is supported by the EPA.

On the 9th of August, a man entered into the FBI office in El Centro, CA and killed two agents before committing suicide. Friends of James Moloney told the press that he was shot dead in the FBI building because he was a good portion of the oppressors.

The working class knows very well that the police do not need any excuses to attack workers on strike. Now they will be terrorizing the farm workers in California to avenge the death of their agents.

But the question arises, by any chance have the authorities done anything to look for, detain or bring to justice those responsible for the murder of Chavez?

When Chavez was here in San Antonio, he left us with a thought. "Next time you eat, think about it. Many men, women and children were exploited so that there would be food to eat."

An alternative school for undocumented children has been established in San Antonio. It will partly help fill the educational needs of children who have been rejected by public schools.

Brother Bob Bourke, organizer of the school, told El PUEBLO that the school was established because of the great need that exists in the community.

Thousands of undocumented children are going without an education as a result of the hysterical campaign against undocumented workers.

This campaign has failed to mention that undocumented workers also help finance public schools. They pay taxes through rents or buying homes.

The alternative school was started during this summer and is planned to continue throughout next school year. In addition to learning the usual subjects, the children will be taught group socialization in order to prepare (Continued on Page 2)
Most people on welfare are women with dependent children; the welfare question therefore is a women’s question. Since there are many myths and misunderstandings about welfare, PERSPECTIVA FEMENIL will devote the next two columns to the de-mystification of welfare and its effects on women as workers.

The Welfare System evolved out of the Social Security Act passed in 1935. This act was pressured into existence by the working class men and women through the union movement of the 1930’s. Workers knew that with their union strikes won, their jobs would not be secure if thousands of jobless people were willing, out of hunger and despair, to work for lower wages.

Congress on the other hand, saw welfare as a method to pacify a growing jobless population. A population who would demand jobs and food through street demonstrations and riots. Congress moved therefore to provide a minimum plan of family assistance — AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children).

Many workers, misguided by the media and other sources, see welfare as a handout to people who do not want to work and prefer to be supported by those who do. Furthermore, welfare recipients are thought of as living much better than people who work.

But the fact is that workers who receive Public Assistance do not receive enough money to cover their living expenses.

A family of 2 receives only $86 a month, a family of 3 receives $116, a family of 4 receives $140. Texas, one of the richest states in natural resources, ranks 47th in assistance payments. Obviously, it is a degrading experience to make ends meet on welfare benefits.

Popular belief is that men and women on welfare do not want to work. The fact is that only when one parent is disabled may the family receive assistance. When disability does not exist, only one-parent households with minor children can receive assistance.

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then for their new environment.

The school need volunteers in order to expand next year’s program. Also, parents of undocumented children who have been rejected by a public school can contact brother Rourke at 226-4064 for more information.

Undocumented children eagerly attended classes at the alternative school set up this summer in San Antonio.

On Welfare

Often this means that if a man cannot find work, he must leave his family so they can become eligible for welfare. For a woman, if her husband leaves her with 2 or 3 children, and she cannot find a job or day care, she must turn to the state in order to feed her children.

The majority of the one-parent households are headed by women—women who are on the average under-educated, unskilled and underemployed.

The issue of welfare is a complicated one that raises many questions: why not provide jobs, training, and day care instead of a mere $86 or $116 a month? Why is the work of raising our children valued at so little? Why are women forced to stay on welfare so as not to loose Medicaid benefits?

PERSPECTIVA FEMENIL will address itself to these questions in following columns in order to clear up the distortions of welfare. If you have any questions or comments on the welfare system please write to EL PUEBLO.
Boyd Killers Get Another Chance

The 6-year sentence given to Boyd's Mahavier and Jesus Limon over the killing of Webb Eugene Boyd has shocked the community.

A jury found Mahavier, a private security guard, and Limon, a former Bexar County Jail guard, guilty of killing Boyd.

Boyd, a 27-year-old black, was shot while sitting behind the wheel of his car. Mahavier and Limon claimed that Boyd drove his car toward them and they were forced to fire several shots at Boyd.

However, their testimony was contradicted by several persons. Many eye-witnesses testified that Mahavier and Limon provoked Boyd and then shot him without justification.

Nonetheless, the strikers continued to demand that their demands are met.

Of the 200 workers employed 185 walked out and in the past 21 weeks only 8 have returned to work.

To show solidarity with these determined workers, EL PUEBLO makes a call to support them on the picket line at 540 Culebra, between 6 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. or you can call 733-9780 for more information.

EL PUEBLO UNIDO——ON COLONIALISM!

"Perhaps, if they say, "if we change a few laws we can get a bigger piece of the pie."

There are those who see the injustices, but they are confused because of the effects of colonialism, and they are not able to clearly identify the enemy. They wander about in their thoughts, going around from one thing to another, "looking for their identity."

These are the manifestations most dangerous for the dominated people, as they only serve the interests of a small minority of rich industrialists allied to military chiefs.

The Mexican people in the US are not the only ones that suffer the effects of colonialism. In Latin America, in Africa, in Asia and in the Middle East, there are millions of human beings victimized and divided by colonialism.

The most effective way to combat these and all attacks against the poor and the workers, lies in the unity of the oppressed peoples and the solidarity amongst them against all forms of aggression.

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Dem. Democratic Committee (CDPD), told EL PUEBLO "... our problem becomes more serious each day and we fear physical attacks and other dangers..."

International support by U.S. Organizations can be very helpful.

The PRI regime and its henchmen must be held accountable for any attack against these poor families whose only crime is solving for themselves a housing problem which the government chose to ignore.

You can express your solidarity by calling Raúl González Garza, Mexico's General Consulate in San Antonio, at 227-3145 or by writing President José López Portillo, Mexico, D. F.
September 16 and August 29: What Do They Symbolize?

Several dates in the history of the Mexican people stand out proudly. They signify a proud tradition of resistance and struggle against great odds.

Two of these dates are September 16 and August 29. September 16, 1810, was the beginning of the uprising against Spain's colonization of Mexico. August 29, 1970, was the first massive protest by Mexicans in the U.S. against the Vietnam War.

The long and bloody struggle for independence from Spain demonstrated once again the courage and determination of the Mexican people.

Tired of suffering injustices from Spanish landlords, the Mexican people struggled and liberated their country. Obviously a mistake was made afterwards in letting the rich exploiters supported by the U.S. and today Mexican workers continue suffering exploitation.

August 29 commemorates the anniversary of the Chicano Moratorium against the Vietnam War. Over 25,000 Mexicans participated in a massive demonstration in Los Angeles protesting U.S. aggression against Vietnam.

The police attacked the protestors injuring hundreds and killing Ruben Salazar. The government wanted us to die in Vietnam but denied us the right to express our opinion.

However, in order for an independent newspaper like EL PUÉBLO to succeed, it must have everyone's support according to his or her ability.

TODAY MORE THAN EVER, EL PUÉBLO MUST EXIST

Everyone understands the urgent need for an independent progressive newspaper. All of us want to know the truth behind each issue and important event.

The urge of reporting and analyzing important issues from a workers' perspective becomes more critical as the U.S. economy worsens.

The rich who rule over the government and who control the commercial media will continue making self-serving reports.

They will intensify their self-serving propaganda through political analysts, commentators, politicians and other hired servants.

The massive propaganda of lies and distorted reports must be countered. Working people must have the truth if they are to effectively defend and protect their interests.

EL PUÉBLO is an independent newspaper meeting this challenge.

The news reports and analysis published in EL PUÉBLO represent the interests of all working people. Not everyone may agree with every article in every edition, but everyone agrees on the need for EL PUÉBLO to exist and to grow.

In order to meet this urgent need, we issue this call to all our readers to help EL PUÉBLO newspaper.

You can help with donations or by volunteering to write, type, lay-out or distribute EL PUÉBLO. By simply donating 2 or 3 hours each month, you can help EL PUÉBLO grow into a powerful independent voice of the working community. It's up to you.

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