

IF YOU WERE MAKING \$69 A WEEK

YOU'D BE ON STRIKE TOO!

Workers in Willie Farah's pants factories in Texas start at \$1.70 an hour, while Farah draws \$61.00. They can't get a raise unless they sew on 6 belts per minute --when it's humanly possible to sew only 5. When the workers tried to organize a local of the AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS to fight for better wages, Farah illegally fired the union supporters. As a result, 3000 workers have been on strike for over a year against these unfair labor practices. They've asked all working people to help them by REFUSING TO BUY FARAH SLACKS UNTIL THEY WIN THEIR STRIKE.

The Farah Manufacturing Co., one of the largest pants manufacturers in the U.S., employs about 10,000 workers: 95% Mexican-American, and 85% women. Farah seems determined to break this strike, even though his company's sales dropped \$9.1 million last year due to the nationwide boycott. "But we will win; I know we will," says Jose Urquiza, a 27-yr. old striker who has been walking the picket line outside the Gateway plant in El Paso, Texas. "It's not just Farah we are fighting. There are a lot of Farahs in the Southwest --businessmen who think they can treat Chicano workers any way they want."

Farah has harrassed the workers by:

- an injunction keeping pickets 50' apart.
- firing union activists and interrogating union sympathizers.
- arresting 800 strikers, although there's been no violence or unlawful activity.
- hauling people out of bed in the middle of the night; holding them on \$400 bail.
- using unmuzzled police dogs and armed guards against picketers.

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Although the intimidation and low wages of the Farah workers are shocking, they are DIFFERENT ONLY IN DEGREE BUT NOT IN KIND from the conditions that all of us have to face: forced overtime; union-busting attempts (eg. Farmworkers and Trailways bus drivers); government workers prevented by law from striking; construction workers killed on the job because of the company's negligence due to speed-up for the sake of profit (eg. Bailey's Crossroads); wages frozen by "guidelines," while prices of essentials keep going up. ALL OF THESE ARE ATTACKS ON OUR POSITION AS WORKING PEOPLE.

The South and Southwest are still largely non-union. Farah and his business friends realize that if these workers are successful in winning union recognition and a decent standard of living it will OPEN THE DOOR FOR ALL WORKERS in that area of the country. Northern industries have been moving south for a long time in order to take advantage of cheap, unorganized labor. Workers have been discouraged from fighting for higher wages when the company threatens to leave town. EVERYBODY'S STANDARD OF LIVING IS ATTACKED because all workers across the country have not yet united.

The AFL-CIO and millions of working people are supporting the strike and participating in the boycott. Locally, thousands of unionists in Baltimore and Philadelphia have picketed against stores that sell Farah pants. We have already convinced the Hecht Co. and Raleigh's in the D.C. area, and K-Mart and May Co. nationwide, to stop ordering Farah slacks. It's important for all of us to join together and support the boycott until the strike is won. A DEFEAT FOR THE FARAH WORKERS WOULD BE A DEFEAT FOR US ALL!

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