LULAC Council 10: The First Ten Years, 1959-1969

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50th Anniversary of LULAC Council 10
Davenport, April 30, 2009
Closing Cook’s Point - 1952

Mary Terronez

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Chartered on February 16, 1959
Community Organizing 1960s
Davenport Catholic Interracial Council

In 1962, Henry Vargas served on the executive board of the Davenport C.I.C.

“Mottet was the machine that made the Catholic Interracial Council go!”

Rev. Marvin Mottet

Jack Schneiders

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Pacem in Terris Awards
Alvino Peña
Davenport Boxing Club

Coach Peña was honored for his work with inner city youth at the Pacem in Terris awards banquet in Davenport in 1969.

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Protest at City Hall – 1959
LULAC Council 10 Delegation

Jesse Vargas
Henry Vargas
Ernest Rodriguez

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Henry Vargas

1962:
Davenport HRC
Davenport CIC

Fight for fair housing
NAACP – LULAC - CIC

‘Huelga’ Committee for Grape Boycott Campaign

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Ernest Rodriguez

- Davenport HRC
- Minority Coalition
- Area Board for Migrants

“Lift the veil of whatever obscures your vision . . . Look into our hearts, look into our minds, read about us, know us, understand us.”

Ernest Rodriguez
Women Hold Up Half The Sky

Fiesta Queens, 1967.
Photo by Phyllis Fillers.

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LULAC Scholarship Program

Salvador Lopez

One year LULAC Council 10 raised $27,000 for the scholarship program.

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¡Boicoteo!

¡Huelga!
John Terronez (1938-1997)

State Director Iowa LULAC
1968 - 1970

Mary Terronez papers, LULAC Council 10 records, Iowa Women’s Archives, The University of Iowa Libraries.
Quad City Grape Boycott Committee

Boycott Head Will Visit Q-C

Cesar Chavez, Delano, Calif., leader of the nationwide grape boycott, will speak in Davenport at a rally in support of the boycott at 8 p.m., Nov. 18 at Eagles Danceland, it was announced Saturday by John Terronez, chairman of the Quad-City Grape Boycott Committee.

Chavez rose to prominence as leader of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee of the AFL-CIO, which was created to improve wages and living conditions of farmers.

The grape boycott picket lines also contained several youngsters who brought to mind the plight of children living in poverty in California.

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International Grape Boycott Day

Grape Strike Spurs Quad City Protest

DAVENPORT — “Huelga” and “Viva La Caña” are Mexican-American words which are translated into the word “trouble” for California grape growers who refuse to negotiate with the thousands of grape pickers who want to unionize.

The words became relevant in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities last Saturday when between 20 workers — most of them Mexican-American — were pressing for protection under the National Labor Relations Act and union recognition by the growers for whom they work.

The farm workers, under the leadership of Cesar Chavez, allege that the growers have rejected all efforts to negotiate and have imported illegal labor to break the strike.

No Action

The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, claims the federal government has done nothing to stop the importation of workers from across the border by the growers.

The Quad City Boycott Committee issued a leaflet alleging some stores make it a practice to “deceive the consumers.” The committee says some stores have mislabeled grape boxes and have dispensed misleading information about the origin of the grapes. “Consumers are told that the grapes are from Arizona or New York.”

Some 40 picketers appeared Saturday morning at the National Tea store in Rock Island, Ill., the Kruger Store in Moline, Ill., and the Moline Turnstyle Store, operated by the Jewel Tea Company.

JOHN TERRONEZ
Key Figure

and 40 people — representing many organizations — took up picket signs and paraded in front of seven supermarkets where California grapes are reportedly for sale.

The opposition is international.
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“Some of us had lived at Cook’s Point and so we thought it wasn’t right. So we thought it was something we had to do.”

Henry Vargas

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LULAC Members March on Des Moines, 1969

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Support Rights of Iowa Migrant Workers

DON'T BUY HEINZ PRODUCTS
until the Legislature acts to correct deplorable conditions affecting migrant workers in Iowa.

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¡Sí, Se Puede!

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¡Muchas Felicidades Council 10!

¡Gracias!

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