

Farm Bureau president critical of Jimmy Carter's labor stand

PARK RIDGE, Ill. - "After months of beating around the bushes on support for the United Farm Worker's farm labor program, Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter has finally fallen into them." So charged American Farm Bureau Federation president Allan Grant here last month.

Grant said Carter's recent endorsement of UFW's California farm labor initiative - known as

Proposition No. 14 - "ends a lot of hemming and hawing but raises serious questions about Jimmy Carter's credibility."

Grant charged that the UFW measure Carter endorsed in a telephone message of September 5, to UFW's Fresno convention would, if enacted by the voters on November 2, "sabotage present farm labor legislation in California over which the state legislature has worked

for months, and under which thousands of farm workers have voted their choices."

And, Grant noted, the UFW measure would

-Accord union organizers blanket access to farm properties

-Require farm employers to turn over a list of their employees to a union without any verification that they sought representation

-Permit treble damages to be levied against farmers for unfair labor practices alleged by a politically-appointed farm labor board, ("a measure of flagrant intimidation against farmers who might contest procedures or rulings of the board," Grant charged)

-Require a showing of 50 per cent of a work force to petition for an election to replace a union; (instead of the standard 30 per cent under the present state law, and under precedent of the National Labor Relations Act).

-Establish mandatory funding without specific limitation; ("an utterly irresponsible system of

blank-check financing," Grant charged)

"Neither can Jimmy Carter plead unfamiliarity with Proposition No. 14," Grant said. He noted that he had explained its ramifications to Carter last April, after the candidate

had given it friendly reference at a Los Angeles convention

"We have learned that the candidate has chosen to endorse Proposition No. 14, and the Chavez movement, as a simple if cynical appeal for the support of those

(favorable to them, as against) the clear interests of farmers," Grant said

"It should be no comfort to anyone," he concluded, "that when Jimmy Carter has finally taken a firm stand somewhere - it is to stand with Cesar Chavez"

Snowmobile reminder:

HARRISBURG - The Snowmobile Unit of the Department of Environmental Resources reminds that Pennsylvania youths, 10 to 15 years of age, must complete a safety training program before they can legally operate a snowmobile this winter.

Mrs Doris M. Thompson, snowmobile administrator, said the law, in effect since April, 1976, applies to the use of snowmobiles on all lands in Pennsylvania except properties owned by the rider's parents or guardians.

The course, she explained, is eight hours long and students who successfully complete the program are issued a safety training certificate.

To determine who the local instructor is, the youths may contact the Department of Environmental Resources, Snowmobile Unit, P.O. Box

1467, Harrisburg, Pa 17120. The telephone number is (717) 783-1364.

Mrs Thompson also announced that additional volunteer instructors are needed to carry out the safety training program throughout the State this year. Course materials will be provided by the Snowmobile Unit and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Unit at the above address.

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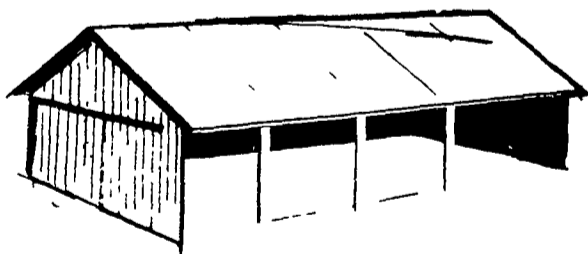
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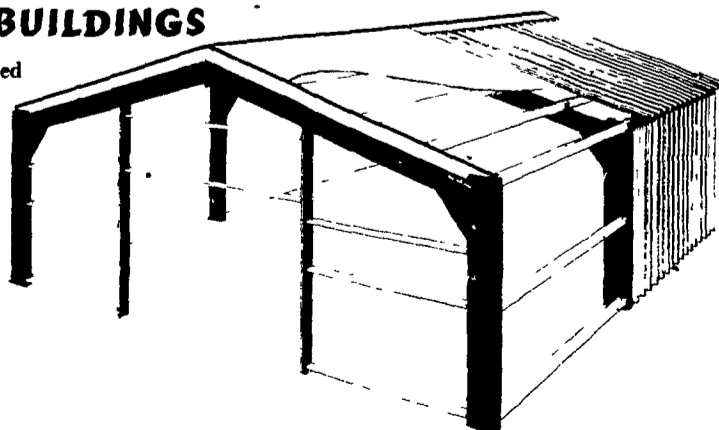
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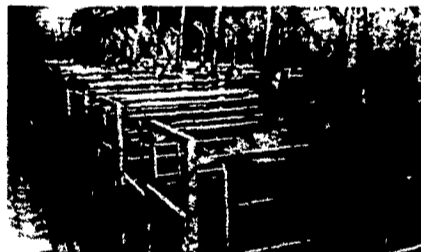


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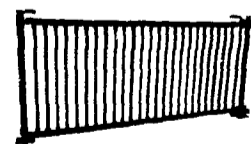
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