



Not Reliance on Spontaneity But Organization is Needed

WE HAD the problem of organization and lack of approach from below in the agricultural work. Our district is chiefly an agricultural district, fruit, vegetable growing, etc., and in California state alone there are from 280,000 agricultural laborers all year round to 400,000 workers at the height of the season and these are largely Mexican and Filipino workers especially in the more basic sections of the fruit industry such as plowing, pruning, picking, etc. A number of spontaneous strikes took place which involved some 3,000 workers. These workers readily accepted our leadership and in fact from time to time when a strike was called they got in touch with our organizers who were in the field and brought them into the strike area. But a totally wrong orientation grew up in one instance, and there was a lack of understanding of the necessity of realizing that we must use the situation for mobilization and try to build the Party units and form committees of the Agricultural Workers Union. The comrades developed the theory that the radicalization is proceeding so fast that we don't need this concentration on the San Joaquin Valley or Sacramento Valley or any special concentration at all. All you have to do is issue a call for a general strike and all the workers will come out anyway. Of course we fought these comrades and insisted on the building of the organization. And it was precisely those comrades who had the theory of the "general strike" who did not have a single farm committee, not a single local of the union. Whereas those workers who were not so politically developed, such as one non-Party Filipino comrade who did not understand the high-falutin' phrases we use, understood it was necessary to establish organizational bases in specific sections.

From remarks of S. Darcy at the C.C. Plenum.