



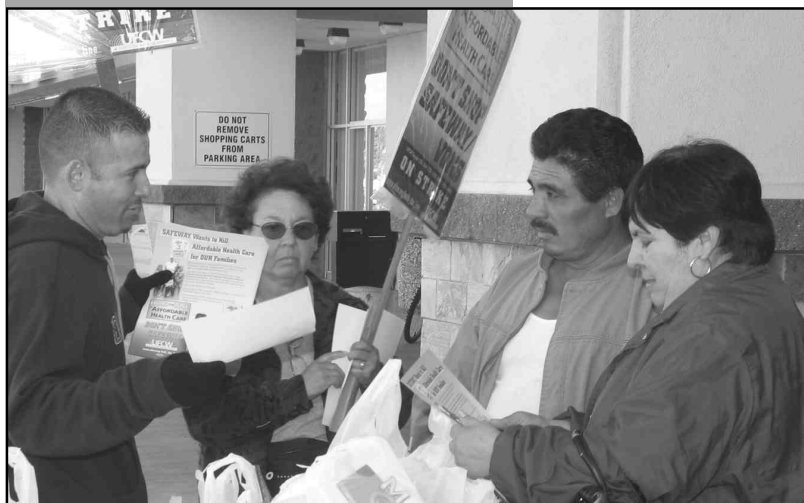
Holding the Line

Strike Update
Issue #14

Workers Say, "Don't Shop Safeway" in Northern California

Customers from San Francisco to Fresno are now seeing picket lines at several of their local Safeway stores. Workers from every corner of Southern California travelled over the weekend to spread the word to Safeway customers across the state about the company's attempt to eliminate health benefits for all workers.

In Northern California, customers are not as familiar with the fight to save affordable health care as customers in the south. Many are interested in learning more, and once they talk to workers on the picket lines, they are turning away to shop somewhere else.



Picket lines will remain in the San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Contra Costa, East Bay, and Fresno areas indefinitely. The spread to Northern California is just the first step in the nationalization of the strike and the building of support.

(Left:) *Local 1428 members explain the fight to save health benefits to Fresno shoppers.*
(Below:) *Local 135 members prepare to extend picket lines to San Jose.*





Week of Walking Prayer

Los Angeles religious leaders will call on the owners of Vons, Ralphs and Albertsons to protect good health coverage and retirement benefits for their employees. Clergy will challenge the mistruths disseminated by the supermarket chains and speak about the dramatic social cost of their attempt to slash benefits. Workers from Gelsons & Stater Brothers will be given awards in recognition of those stores' support for their employees as well as striking and locked-out workers.

WEEK OF WALKING PRAYER

Event Schedule

Monday, Nov. 17, 2:30 p.m.: Kickoff interfaith vigil with top Los Angeles religious leaders at Vons, corner of Vermont and Third.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 4 p.m.: Santa Monica Bay Interfaith Council dinner and worship with workers at Albertsons, Lincoln and Ocean Park, Santa Monica.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m.: Hebrew Union College Dean Lewis Barth, Rabbi Richard Levy, and students dinner and worship with workers at Pavilions, Olympic and Beverly Dr.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m.: University of Judaism students and faculty kosher dinner and worship with workers at Vons, Pico, and Fairfax.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m.: Bishop Gabino Zabala, Roman Catholic Archdiocese, prayer service with workers for supermarket owners at Vons, 1342 N. Alvarado.

Friday, Nov. 21, 10:15 a.m.: Interfaith Coalition United for Justice and Peace brunch with workers at Vons, Vermont and Third.