



# VENCEREMOS!

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\* ELISEO MEDINA LEAVES CHICAGO - NEW COORDINATORS ARRIVE

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## ELISEO MEDINA RETURNS TO CALIFORNIA

After nearly four years of boycotting grapes and lettuce in Chicago, Eliseo Medina is being recalled to California. Cesar has asked Eliseo, as well as Boston's Marcos Munoz, to return in order to contribute what they can to the organizing of farm workers.

" Anyone that worked with me during the past years in Chicago knows that one of my favorite sayings was, 'Boy, will I be glad to get back to California.' But now that the time has come, it's a little harder than I thought it would be.

At this time, I do not know exactly what my responsibilities will be once I return, or even if I will be working in California. There is a great deal of work to be done in areas where farm workers have contracts and in areas where no organizing has been done at all. We want all our membership to be well aware of what the contracts mean, what their obligations are as union members, and to other farm workers who do not have the benefits of a contract, and that the union means more than just higher wages - it means the right for us to work and live as free men and women.

For a long time I have wanted to get back to the fields and work with the people who do and will make up the union. For the opportunity and challenge to finally come, I am grateful. On the other hand, our union is what it is today largely because of the sacrifices made by people in Chicago and other cities. For some time to come, our union will continue to depend on how much the people in the cities respond to our requests for help. Leaving the people who have helped to form our union is difficult, and finding words to thank them is even more difficult.

If you ever come to California, be sure to stop by Delano and visit us. "

VIVA LA HUELGA!

*Eliseo*

## BIENVENIDOS...

Nick and Virginia Jones and their two small children have arrived in Chicago to coordinate the lettuce boycott in the city and throughout the state.

The Jones' have a lot of boycotting experience behind them. They were in Portland telling that city's consumers to boycott grapes. When the lettuce boycott began, Nick and Virginia were sent to Minneapolis. They did a fantastic job of organizing, and Minneapolis soon had one of the most effective boycotts