

## Letter from Mike Miller to Cesar Chavez 1966

Student Nonviolent Coordination Committee  
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Mr. Cesar Chavez  
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Dear Cesar:

I spoke yesterday with Hardy Frye, a SNCC worker in Sacramento, who is working closely with the FWA representative there. Hardy asked me to convey to you some of his feelings and requests:

- 1st He feels it is of tremendous importance to get some AFL-CIO and some Church Support for the Schenley Boycott.
- 2nd In particular, he hopes that you will exercise your influence with Father Kenny to try to get him to arrange for some Mexican-Americans on the Picket Line.
- 3rd He feels that you should take some time the next time you are in Sacramento to meet with the people who are manning the Picket Line now and to meet with people of the Lady of Guadalupe Church. Hardy feels that it is a mistake for you to allow your time to be monopolized by middle class support groups who send food, clothing and money to Delano, but who are not working in the Boycott or working on the Picket Lines in Sacramento.

I suggest that you make clear to the Ad Hoc Committee Chairman there, whoever it is, that when he schedules you in Sacramento, he include in your schedule some time with the Student Pickets and some time in the Mexican-American Community.

Hardy tells me that some of the people in the Ad Hoc Committee are saying to the Students that they should not picket or be so militant, because it will cut into Fund

Raising Support for Delano. He feels that your public support for the Picketing would be helpful in Sacramento.

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- 4th Hardy suggests that some of the Ministers from Sacramento who may be unwilling to walk on Picket lines themselves use their influence with members of their congregations who are businessmen in the Community to obtain support for the Boycott. In particular, he mentions the Fremont Presbyterian Church.
- 5th Hardy feels that better communications with Delano would help sustain morale among the Sacramento Pickets. If Hardy's feeling is representative, it may mean some work ought to be done on keeping in contact with Ad Hoc Committees and other support groups. I know that this is always a problem in the relationship of Friends of SNCC to the work of SNCC in the South. SNCC now publishes a "News of the Week" report which is sent to all offices and key supporters in the North. Rod Freeland might do the same thing from Delano.

Viva,

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