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BEN MADDOCK, at Caratan elections, interviewed by reporter:

9:01:19 MADDOCK: where there's been a Teamster contract since 1973, and the Teamsters' not even on the ballot? It proves nothing. And we've said it's a sweetheart agreement? I guess the marriage is over. It ended in a very bad divorce.

9:03:24 MADDOCK: we've always said the farm workers want a union and today I think it really proves it, three to one victory...

9:08:30 MADDOCK: ...since 1973...ever since the farm worker bill has come in we've been ready...[Q: have most of these workers been working here since 1973, or are they new this year?] I would say some have been working for the last year, two years...[Q: how does it feel?] Great. I think the best thing is we talked to the Arab workers, you know, they're very strong, and Chicano workers on the ranch, they deserve the credit, they know what union they want, and like we say, the union for the workers is going to be the Farm Workers Union and we have no doubt about that....

9:12:02 ARAB WORKER: He says this day is a very historical day for the Arab workers, for the United Farm Workers winning this election. ... He said the union they had they were not looking after the workers' benefits, they were only looking after their dues, and the workers organized together they are supporting the United Farm Workers because they are for the workers.

CARATAN, grower, interviewed by reporter:

9:12:49 REPORTER: Mr. Caratan, what are your feelings now that the workers have repudiated the Teamsters and gone with the United Farm Workers?

9:12:55 CARATAN: I think they, you know, they've made their wishes evident, and if they understood what they were voting on, well then we will live with their wishes.

9:13:06 REPORTER: Do you think that there is any question that they did not understand?

9:13:09 CARATAN: I think I don't want to go into that now.

9:13:13 REPORTER: Do you see any court fights, or any challenges to this election?

9:13:17 CARATAN: Again, you'd have to discuss it with the attorney because I haven't had the chance to really get down to detail with him.

9:13:24 REPORTER: How long do you think bargaining will take?

9:13:16 CARATAN: Well, I think that depends on how long it takes us to come to an agreement, that's anybody's guess.

9:13:32 REPORTER: Do you have any idea what demands may be made, or how far apart you may be at the outset?

9:13:37 CARATAN: None, whatsoever.

9:13:44 SECOND REPORTER: Have you been satisfied with the Teamsters' performance in the last couple of years here?

9:13:46 CARATAN: We have had no problem with the Teamsters. But I don't think the election here was a Teamster / UFW contest; the Teamsters were not involved, it was UFW or no union.

9:13:59 REPORTER: Were you expecting the vote that came about?

9:14:01 CARATAN: Naturally I wasn't.