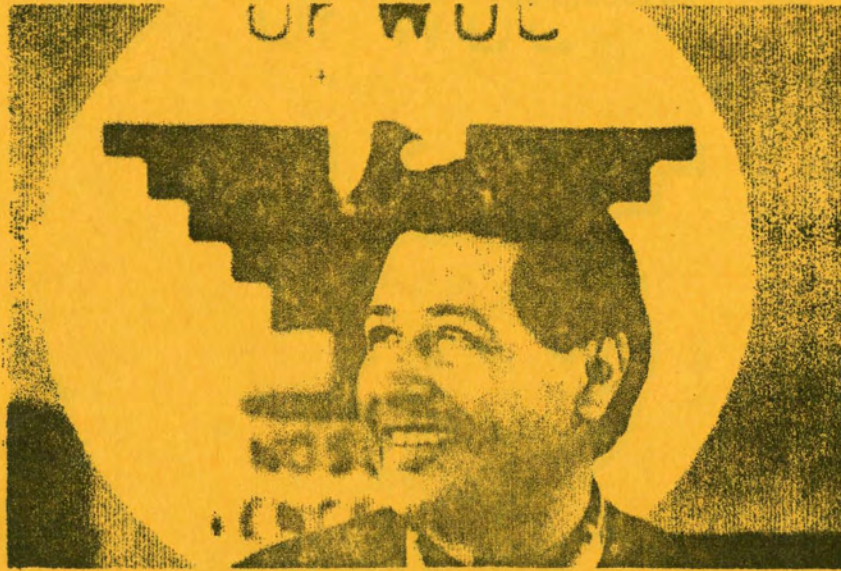


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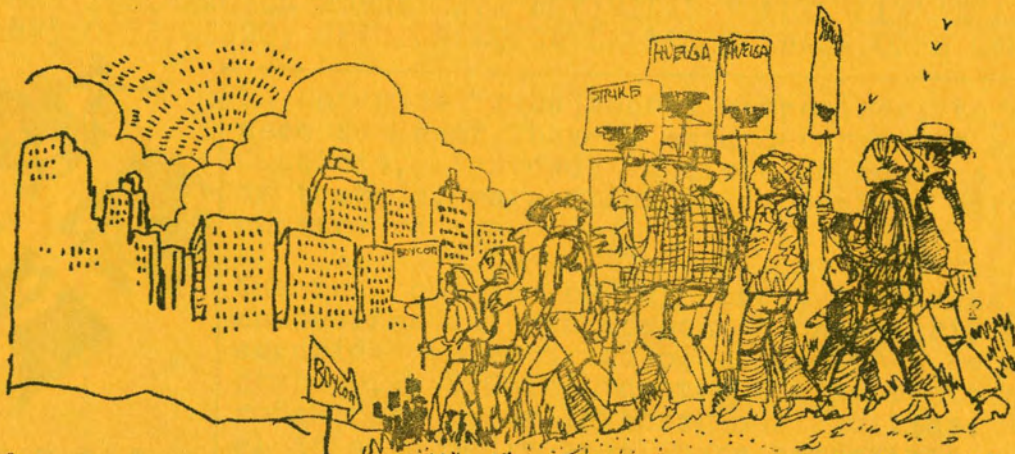
IN SOUTHERN CONN. WEDNESDAY JULY 31 1974

DEMONSTRATION



**5:30 PM
U.S. RT. 1
ORANGE**

**RALLY 8:00 PM ST. MARY'S HALL
PEMBROKE ST. BRIDGEPORT**



STOP THE GRAPES

FOR RIDES, OR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 366-5685 OR 333-2320

CESAR CHAVEZ

Presidente de la Union de Trabajadores Campesinos



EN BRIDGEPORT MIERCOLES 31 JULIO 1974

CESAR CHAVEZ, PRESIDENTE DE LA UNION DE TRABAJADORES CAMPESINOS, Y PARTIDARIO DE LA JUSTICIA, SIN VIOLENCIA, EN LA SOCIEDAD AMERICANA, ESTARA EN BRIDGEPORT EL MIERCOLES, 31 JULIO, PARA SOLICITAR APOYO PARA EL BOICOT NACIONAL DE UVAS, LECHUGA, Y EL VINO GALLO.

EL MIERCOLES, 31 DE JULIO, A LAS 8 PM, CESAR VA A DIRIGIRSE AL PUBLICO EN LA IGLESIA DE STA. MARIA, 540 CALLE PEMBROKE, BRIDGEPORT. TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS A ESTA ASAMBLEA. (CUALQUIER DONACION SERA PARA EL FONDO DE LA HUELGA DE LOS TRABAJADORES CAMPESINOS.)

PARA MAS INFORMACION SOBRE ESTA ACTIVIDAD PUEDEN LLAMAR AL 366-5685 O 333-2320, OFICINA LOCAL DE LOS TRABAJADORES CAMPESINOS.



VIVA!

La Union de Trabajadores Campesinos, bajo el liderazgo de Cesar Chavez, esta determinada a conseguir Justicia, Dignidad, condiciones humanas y decentes de trabajo, para miles de campesinos a traves de nuestra nacion.

Nuestra posicion es muy clara: los trabajadores campesinos quieren derecho a un salario adecuado, seguridad en el trabajo, condiciones decentes de trabajo, y DIGNIDAD dentro del ambiente que los rodea para poder levantar sus familias. Al presente, el salario medio anual para campesinos es menos de \$2700!. Al presente, 800,000 ninos menores de 16 anos trabajan en los campos!



UNITED FARM WORKERS, AFL-CIO

389 KOSSUTH STREET

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. 06608

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 19 JULY 1974

CONTACT: STEPHEN M. RIVERS

CESAR CHAVEZ COMING TO CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport -- Cesar E. Chavez, President of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, will come to Connecticut at the end of the month as part of a New England tour to build support for the consumer boycott of California table grapes, iceberg lettuce, and Gallo wines.

On Wednesday, July 31, Chavez will lead a demonstration at the A&P supermarket on U.S.Rt. 1 in Orange. A&P is being singled out, according to UFW staff members Stephen Rivers, "Because they are the only major chain in the state that refuses to help the farmworkers, even when other A&P Divisions across the country have decided to refrain from selling non-union produce." The demonstration, which will be held at 5:30 P.M., will include supporters from the New Haven-Bridgeport area, and is being sponsored by area labor and religious organizations.

At 7:00 P.M. that evening, Chavez will attend Mass at Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 540 Pembroke Street, in Bridgeport's East Side. Following Mass, Chavez will address a Rally in the Church Hall and show a film of Teamster and Police violence done to UFW strikers last summer in the grape fields of California. The Rally will begin at 8:00 P.M., and is open to the public.

On Thursday August 1, Chavez will be the guest of honor at a luncheon at Quinnipiac College in Hamden. The luncheon, which will be hosted by Bishop Joseph F. Donnelly of New Haven, will be attended by leaders of the religious community and the labor movement in the state of Connecticut.

Stephen Rivers, Southern Connecticut Co-ordinator for the United Farm Workers, explained why Chavez is coming to New England: "Cesar is coming for several reasons: First, he is coming to spread the message to consumers to boycott grapes, lettuce and Gallo until the farmworkers win that basic right - the right to union representation. He is also coming to help raise money to feed the striking workers. The point of Cesar's message will be: Farmworkers are fighting the powerful forces in the world - both political and economic. By themselves, they are powerless. But with the active support of millions of people who are concerned about justice, they will be able to win the fight for the same rights and privileges that all other workers in this country already enjoy."



MINISTRY OF SOCIAL CONCERNS

DIOCESE of BRIDGEPORT

July 15, 1974

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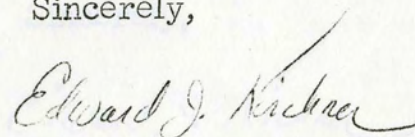
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Also, on Thursday, August 1st., a church-labor luncheon will be held in honor of Cesar at Quinnipiac College in Hamden (see enclosed invitation).

I would like to encourage all of you to attend both of these events, and to make the visit of Cesar Chavez known to all of your friends and parishioners. In this way we can publically manifest the Church's concern and support for the cause of justice for the Migrant Worker.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Kirchner
Director

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Enclosure

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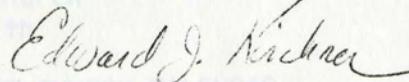
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Enclosure



The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport Incorporated

3030 Park Avenue Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

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Area Code 203

*Please send a copy
of this to Steve
Rivers, 389 Kossuth St.
Bpt.*

To: Clergy and other religious leaders in the Bridgeport area
Re: COMING EVENTS WORTH NOTING

CESAR CHAVEZ
COMING TO
THE AREA

Cesar Chavez, President of the United Farm Workers, will be in Bridgeport on Wednesday, July 31 to build support for the grape and lettuce boycott. He will show his latest film: "WHY WE BOYCOTT" and share his first-hand struggles to achieve an adequate wage and decent working conditions for the migrant farm workers.

- * At St. Mary's Church, Pembroke St., Bpt. (just a few blocks from I-95)
- * 7:00 p.m. - Mass with the Spanish Apostolate
- * 8:00 p.m. - Rally with the film, singing, and Cesar

PLEASE
ANNOUNCE
FROM
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BULLETINS

A special Luncheon for Church and Labor Leaders will be held on Thursday August 1 (12:00-3:00) at Quinnipiac College, Hamden. Cesar Chavez will focus particularly on the struggle between the United Farm Workers and the Teamsters and will pay tribute to the role Churches have played in this movement toward justice.

- * Cost of the luncheon - \$5.00 per person
- * Reservations should be made by sending checks (by July 24) to Farmworker's Luncheon, 1915 Park St., Hartford, 06106

Cesar Chavez is not only the leader of this movement who receives a salary of \$5.00 per week, he is also the symbol of hope for millions of Americans as he lives his commitment to non-violence and sacrifice for the poor. He is worth hearing. He is worth hearing about. His being in Bridgeport is an opportunity that probably won't happen again soon.

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On September 30, from 6:00-9:30 p.m., at Salem Lutheran Church, the Council will hold its FALL ASSEMBLY.

COUNCIL
OF
CHURCHES
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SCHEDULED

- * Dinner
- * Displays, booths, and ??? on Council activities
- * Speaker: Dr. Ezra Earl Jones, an expert on local church planning, will share his insight into some of the possible futures of the local church
- * Worship & celebration of our faith

PLEASE RECORD THIS DATE ON YOUR CHURCH CALENDAR so that key people in your church can be available. In the past few years, these assemblies have been both fun and packed with meaning and this fall promises to be even better.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON

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RED CROSS

Enclosed you will find a card with their new address.

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HOME
AVAILABLE

A working couple in Milford would like to share their home with an elderly woman (in good health) to live in as a family member. Contact Mrs. Wells, daytime, at 333-4327.



INTER FAITH COMMITTEE

JUSTICE FOR FARM WORKERS

Dear Sir:

The farmworkers in California ask you to join the AFL-CIO, the Catholic Church, the Council of Churches and the Bridgeport Board of Rabbis in boycotting Gallo wines.

In 1967 the Gallo Company signed a contract with the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO. For the first time the workers had a voice, the right to speak up about their jobs without losing them. They also had a medical plan and a better wage, and elected their own members to represent them.

But in 1973, the Gallo Company refused to renew their contract. They fired workers and turned to the Teamsters. When the workers asked for elections Gallo refused.

Gallo jailed 68 strikers, went to Court to stop the picketing, and evicted 400 men, women and children from their homes. Teamsters with clubs and armed security guards confronted the strikers.

Some 150 workers - 92% of the work force - went out on strike.

After the violence the Gallo workers voted to stop the picketing and to ask for your help.

Please do not re-order Gallo wines, which includes all wines from Modesto, California. A complete list is enclosed for your information. We will be in touch with you to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Rivers
Southern Connecticut Co-ordinator
United Farm Workers of America AFL-CIO

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COMPLAINT IS FILED ON EATING OF GRAPES

HARTFORD (UPI) — Two United Farm Workers Union organizers have filed a harassment complaint against a police officer who they say taunted them by "ostentatiously eating bunches of grapes" in their presence.

George Sheridan and William Ferns, Connecticut coordinators of the UFW grape boycott, Tuesday complained that Officer John Pelletier devoured grapes on several occasions while watching their picket line, even though he was in uniform.

Pelletier arrested the two May 18 for allegedly walking two abreast in violation of the law while picketing an A&P store. The charges were dropped Tuesday.

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BRIDGEPORT POST
Monday, June 10, 1974

GROUP PROTESTS LETTUCE SALE

HARTFORD (UPI) — About three dozen demonstrators supporting the United Farm Workers marched outside the Connecticut Regional Market in Hartford early today to protest the sale of boycotted lettuce and grapes.

The regional market is a distribution center where fruit stands, restaurant suppliers and small supermarkets buy produce trucked in from other areas, including California and Florida.

George Sheridan, a spokesman for the farm workers, said the demonstration was part of a nationwide effort to win union contracts including controls on dangerous pesticides and ending child labor.

The demonstration was organized, Sheridan said, to inform store owners of the boycott and to warn them if they persist in selling boycotted grapes and lettuce they can expect pickets outside their stores.



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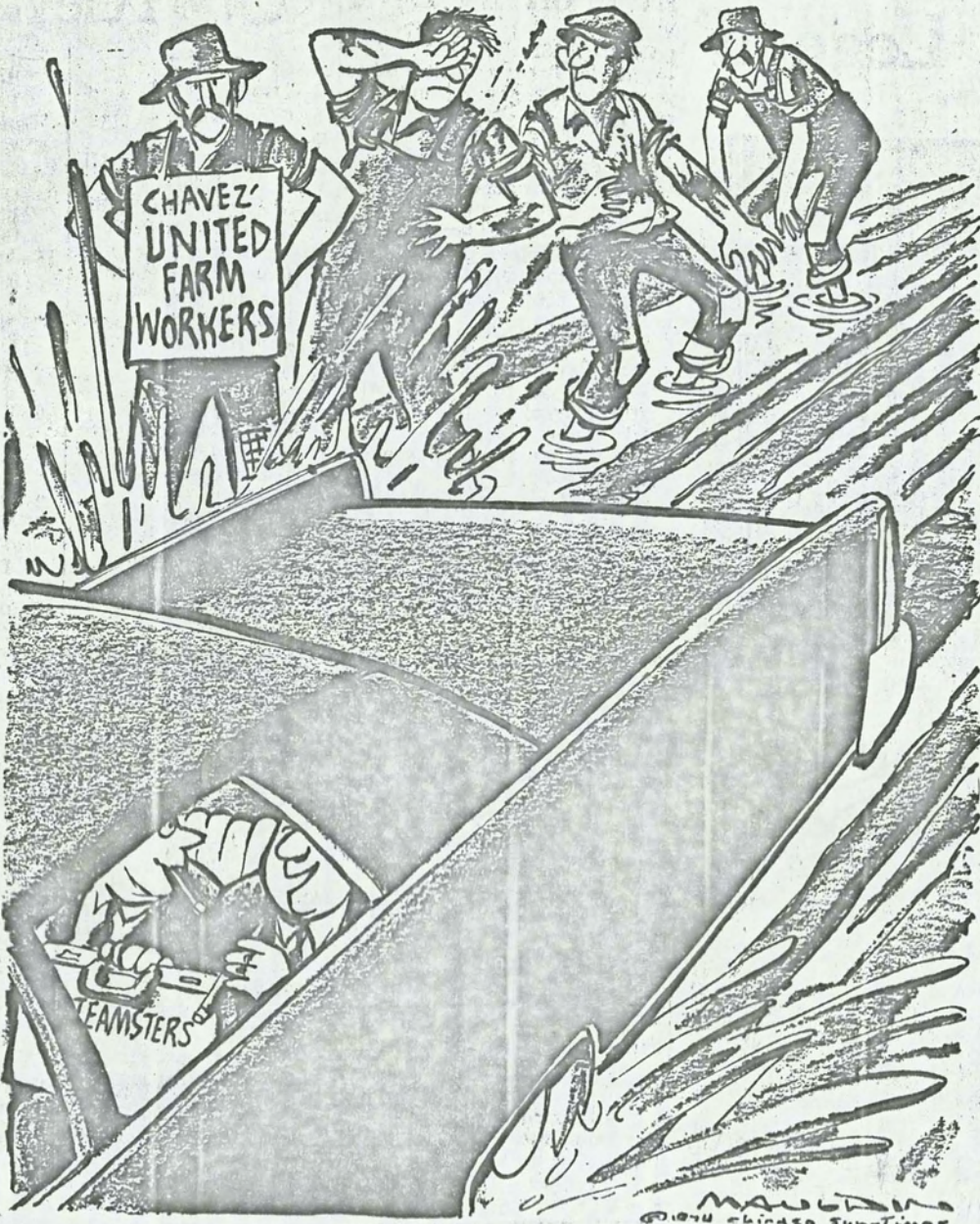
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! "HAW, HAW! HOW CAN A BUNCH OF PEONS CALL THEIRSELVES A UNION?"



The
Bridgeport
Post

Saturday
6 July
1974



Grape strikers theatre sparks White Barn

El Teatro Campesino, the California farm workers' theatre that grew out of the strike led by Cesar Chavez against the Southern California grape growers, will present their first full-length work, "The Tent of the Underdogs," as part of the White Barn Theatre Festival, Wednesday, July 10-Sunday, July 14, 8:30 p.m. at the

White Barn, Newtown Turnpike, Westport. A special benefit performance will be sponsored by the World Affairs Center, Thursday, July 11.

"The tent of the Underdogs" is the company's first full-length work. It comes out of the tradition of the Mexican tent show, combining comedy, music and mythology. The play explored the pains and problems of the Rasquachis family and their downfall. The inference is that what happens to the Rasquachis happens to all Chicanos, all of them cheated and used from the moment they cross the border.

"Our drama," says Luis Valdez, the theatre's artistic director, "has a political root and a spiritual goal. We aim to combat poverty and oppression through the realization that the Chicanos, the plebe, the people, are the answer to a desolated society. We use laughter and song and pain and silence to create a theatre of reality, a drama that reflects the life and hope of all the race."

Critics have found "The Tent of the Underdogs" vital, earthy, lively - and most of all - fun. In the words of the Wall Street Journal, "El Teatro Campesino" is a tough act to follow..." Mel Gussow of the New York Times said "it amuses at the same time it arouses." Arthur Sainer of the Village Voice

calls it "a teatro of ritual, of music, of beauty, and spiritual sensitivity."

In addition to the evening performances, there will be free open Production Seminars, Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13, 2 p.m.

Admission to the evening performances is by tax-deductible contribution to the White Barn Theatre Foundation, with \$5 suggested for a single admission. For information and reservations, phone 227-3768.

Fairpress

10 July 1974

Farm workers urge boycott

To the Editor:

All of us have been hit hard by the drastic price increases and mounting goods shortages of the past year. No one, though, has felt the pinch more than America's farmworkers, 800,000 of whom are children under 16. They are the nation's lowest paid laborers, though their employers include some of the wealthiest corporations in the world, such as Tenneco, whose landholdings in the

Southwest are larger than the entire state of Rhode Island.

Thousands of farmworkers, members of the AFL-CIO United Farm Workers, are now on strike. They seek to secure safe and sanitary working conditions, a living wage, and the right to union representation. Their success depends on our support, which we can give by boycotting non-UFW iceberg lettuce, table grapes and Gallo wines.

The boycott has the support of the entire AFL-CIO, the Catholic Bishops, the Council of Churches, the Synagogue Council of America, as well as local labor and religious leaders across the country.

Please give it your support, too, and help farmworkers secure the same basic rights which all other American workers already have.

Si se puede - Yes it can be done.

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Chavez Backers Map Rally at A&P in Orange

Supporters of Cesar Chavez United Farmworkers, AFL-CIO met at Sacred Heart university last night to discuss plans for a massive rally to be led by Chavez outside the A&P supermarket in Orange on July 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Stephen Rivers, Southern Connecticut Coordinator for the UFW, said he is aiming for a turnout of some 500 people to demonstrate outside the Orange store in support of the UFW boycotts of lettuce, grapes, and Gallo Wines.

Mr. Rivers said many religious, labor, and citizen's groups throughout greater Bridgeport will be conducting mailing campaigns throughout the next couple of weeks urging their respective members to turnout for the demonstration. Among the associations involved in the mailing will be the Young Democrats, the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport and the Board of Rabbis.

Mr. Rivers said the Orange store was picked as the site of the rally because of its size and location, approximately 15 minutes away from either Bridgeport or New Haven.

Car pools and other forms of transportation will be arranged for people who cannot provide their own transportation to the demonstration.

Mr. Rivers said that Chavez will also march with Holiday Inn strikers if that strike is not settled by July 31. He said one of the prime goals of the Chavez campaign is to show solidarity with other labor groups throughout the nation and to emphasize that the UFW has similar interests to its brother unions. This is important, Mr. Rivers said, in light of the current conflict between the UFW and the Teamsters Union as to which organization represents the majority of farmworkers in California's produce region. Mr. Rivers said Chavez' march with the Holiday Inn strikers will take place sometime in the morning of July 31.

Rally at St. Mary's

Another rally is planned for 8 o'clock the same evening at St. Mary's church hall. The rally will follow a mass and will feature a talk by Chavez to the largely Spanish parishioners of St. Mary's. A film, entitled "Why We Boycott," concerning last summer's grape strike and consequent grape boycott, will also be shown, after which Chavez will accept contributions from area labor unions.

Mr. Rivers said the Southern Connecticut offices of the UFW will be the headquarters of an extensive campaign to inform the public of Chavez visit and said that persons interested in Chavez and the upcoming rallies and demonstrations would be able to obtain information by visiting or calling the office.

Mr. Rivers confessed that it was difficult to organize during the summer, but said, "A lot of people have forgotten what the farmworkers went through last year. I hope we'll be able to remind them."

*Bridgeport Telegram
Friday 12 July 1974*





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BRIDGEPORT TELEGRAM, Friday, July 19, 1974

Chavez Backers Still to Picket Orange A&P

Plans for a rally and mass picket outside the A&P supermarket in Orange on July 31 by supporters of Cesar Chavez and the United Farmworkers Union, AFL-CIO are proceeding as planned, despite a decision by executives of the eastern division of the A&P chain to refrain from selling non-union produce, Stephen Rivers, Southern Connecticut coordinator for the UFW, announced last night.

Mr. Rivers said the decision will have no effect on A&P markets in Connecticut since the eastern division covers only the stores operating in Maine, New Hampshire, Eastern Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. He added, however, that the UFW in Connecticut would welcome a similar decision by officers of the Springfield division which covers stores operating in Connecticut, Western Massachusetts and parts of New York state.

Such a decision by A&P's Springfield division would likely throw a damper on the Orange demonstration, which the UFW estimates to attract 500 supporters and in which Chavez himself is scheduled to take part.

Mr. Rivers said the UFW will "wait and see" how the Spring-

field division will react to the eastern decision, but will, in the meantime, proceed with the demonstration in Orange as planned.

Religious groups, including the Bridgeport Council of Churches and the Ministry for Social Justice, as well as Catholic groups, met Tuesday evening at St. Luke's Episcopal church here to iron-out the final details for organizing the demonstration. A major item on the agenda was a telephone follow-up of a mailing sent out among their respective members and parishioners urging support of Chavez' Farmworkers and requesting their presence at the demonstration.

