

# UFW Pickets Protest ALRB Action

United Farm Workers of America (UFW) members demonstrated peacefully Wednesday at the seven Agricultural Labor Relations Board offices in the state, including Fresno, in protest of ALRB General Counsel Harry J. Delizonna.

UFW President Cesar Chavez also sent a telegram to Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. protesting the arrest of 24 union members for demonstrating at the board's El Centro office Tuesday.

"We need to hear from you," Chavez wrote the governor, whether the arrests were "made on your orders."

The governor's office had no immediate comment.

The demonstrators at the El Centro office were protesting a decision by Delizonna to allow what Chavez calls a "company union" on the ballot in an election today at the Royal Packing Co., a lettuce processor in Imperial County.

Delizonna insists there is no evidence for such an allegation.

He said the company workers would have four choices in the election: UFW; the Agrupacion Independiente de Trabajadores de Royal Packing Co., which is what Chavez calls a company union; the Independent Union of Agricultural Workers, which has been formed by former Teamsters Union organizers, and "no union."

Delizonna conceded the so-called company union is, in effect, a vote for "no union," but said it still has the right to be on the ballot. He said even a

single individual has the right, under the law, to try to become the bargaining agent for the farmworkers.

The UFW contends the El Centro demonstrators were peaceful. But Fred Lopez, manager of the El Centro office, said attempts were made to force him to sign an order canceling the election. He said the pickets "immobilized" the office, pulled papers from typewriters and file drawers, used state phones for long distance calls and refused to leave.

Delizonna said police were called "only as a last resort" so the office workers could prepare the ballots and other material for the election.

Robert S. Dresser, the ALRB regional director, said the demonstrators caused no particular problems and Richard Chavez had assured him they would not interfere with the function of the office.



UFW pickets, young and old, demonstrated here Wednesday.

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