

Tentative UFW-Teamster Peace Agreement Reached

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Tentative agreement has been reached on terms of a peace treaty between the Teamsters Union and Cesar Chavez' AFL-CIO United Farm Workers of America, it was learned Friday.

The agreement is subject to what one source said is the formal and almost certain approval by the executive boards of the two unions. An announcement of the treaty to end the decade of sometimes violent rivalry is expected in a week or so.

Officials of both unions declined to comment on the report that they have agreed on a plan to end their jurisdictional disputes.

But a UFW spokesman noted that Chavez said last month that secret talks have been going on "for several weeks (and) we are extremely optimistic."

And a Teamsters Union attorney, Jack Orms, recently wrote a letter to the state Agricultural Labor Rela-

tions Board asking that pending cases involving disputed farm labor elections be delayed because of the peace talks between the two unions.

Bill Camp, ALRB spokesman, said the Teamsters asked that their petitions be withdrawn because the union was "not interested in further proceedings."

Details of the tentative agreement were not disclosed but one source indicated it may go further than previous efforts to resolve jurisdictional battles between the unions.

The source said most discussions in the past have proposed giving jurisdiction over field workers and most packing shed employes to the UFW, while the Teamsters would have jurisdiction over truck drivers and cannery employes.

But the latest treaty, he said, would simplify the jurisdictional issue by giving the UFW the cases under su-

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pervision of the state ALRB, while the Teamsters would petition for representation rights of workers covered by the federal National Labor Relations Board.

Gov. Brown last summer sparked a renewal of efforts to stop the prolonged battles between the two

unions and he personally took part in hundreds of meetings and phone calls designed to end the interunion warfare.

The peace talks failed last summer but Gray Davis, top aide to the governor, said Brown believes the latest round of peace talks were an extension of the earlier negotiations.