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### PEACE IN THE VINEYARDS

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Representatives of the Teamsters and the Farm Workers Union reached an agreement today to end their bitter battle over the organizing of field workers.

The agreement, which will be announced tomorrow, came after three days of talks in Washington, DC, that involved Cesar Chavez and other officers of the farm workers, President Frank Fitzsimmons and other top Teamster leaders, and President George Meany of the AFL-CIO, with which the farm workers is affiliated.

The agreement should lead to a resurgence of the Farm Workers Union, which lost all but a dozen of its contracts to the Teamsters Union, after the teamsters moved into the organizing of field workers with the encouragement of growers who felt that the Teamsters was a “more responsible” union. This meant, among other things, that the Teamsters asked for less than the farm workers.

This will be the third peace treaty between the two unions since 1967. The two others collapsed when violations were charged by people on both sides.

But this agreement will be guaranteed personally by AFL-CIO President Meany. As a matter of fact, his promise to hold the farm workers union to the agreement is one of its main terms, and a main reason why the Teamsters... that and the Teamsters' desire to get out from under the heavy pressure which has been put on the union for taking on the Farm Workers Union and its very popular leader, Cesar Chavez.