

CHAVEZ ORDERED FREED BY COURT

His Appeal on Contempt Is to Be Heard on Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (UPI)—The state Supreme Court today ordered the release of Cesar Chavez, jailed since Dec. 4 for contempt of court.

The court voted to hear Mr. Chavez's appeal and released him pending the outcome of that hearing.

Mr. Chavez, head of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, was ordered jailed by Superior Court Judge Gordon Campbell of Monterey County. He had refused to obey Judge Campbell's injunction against a boycott effort aimed at a Salinas grower, Bud Antle, who has a long-standing contract with the rival teamsters union.

The high court's ruling temporarily stayed Judge Campbell's injunction "except as to those parts which prohibit the union from representing the Antle workers already under teamster contract."

Lower-Court Rejection

Mr. Chavez was ordered released without bail pending the Supreme Court's hearing. No date for the hearing was announced.

The teamsters were said to have had contractual relations for more than 10 years with Mr. Antle and the Mapes Packing Company of Brentwood, another grower.

Mr. Chavez's appeal was rejected by the California Court of Appeals before it was taken to the state Supreme Court.

Richard Maltzman, an attorney for Mr. Antle, told the panel that Mr. Chavez regarded the judicial process as only a "one-way street" to benefit his cause.

He quoted Mr. Chavez as having said that his union would continue its boycott regardless of what the court decided.

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