

MEANY IS HOPEFUL ON TEAMSTERS PACT

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—George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, reported to the federation's biennial convention today that he still had hopes of "consummating" an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters that would give the United Farm Workers Union jurisdiction over field workers in California.

Mr. Meany said that last month he had reached an agreement with the teamster president, Frank E. Fitzsimmons, that would end the battle be-

tween the Teamsters and the farm workers, led by César Chavez.

That agreement, Mr. Meany explained, "would remove the teamsters completely from the farm working field, from what we call farm labor, the actual labor on the ground in California, and will leave César Chavez and the United Farm Workers Union free to deal with the real culprits out there who are the growers who are determined to exploit the Mexican-American farm workers."

Mr. Meany said that "complications" had arisen and that "the matter is in a state of flux." But he added that the federation had been in touch with the teamsters and that the agreement could still go through.

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