

FARM UNION BEATS TEAMSTERS AGAIN

Wins 3d Coast Vote Over Old Bargaining Agent

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DELANO, Calif., Sept. 9—The United Farm Workers defeated the International Brotherhood of Teamsters today in a collective bargaining representation election at the Lawrence Vineyards Company here. The vote was 150 to 110, with 22 workers against having any union.

This was the third election won by the U.F.W. at ranches where the teamsters previously had a contract.

Meanwhile, the teamsters won elections at small vineyards by votes of 44 for them to zero for no union at one ranch and 33 to zero at the other. At both places the teamsters were the only union on the ballot.

Thus far, the U.F.W. has won 10 elections and the teamsters five. The first possibility of a runoff occurred today at the A. Caratan Vineyard where the U.F.W. got 84 votes, the teamsters 71, with 57 no-union votes and 42 challenged ballots.

Thus far, of about 2,250 workers whose votes have been tallied, 63 per cent have voted for the U.F.W., 24 per cent for the teamsters and 13 per cent have voted against having any union.

César Chavez, U.F.W. president, came here today to look at the problems his union was having gaining access to workers in the fields and in labor camps for organizing purposes. The issue is still unresolved in the courts.

State Courts to Rule

A Federal court order preventing the state's new Agricultural Labor Relations Board from enforcing a rule allowing organizers access to workers in the field for limited times each day ends tomorrow, but two state court suits on the issue will be heard then.

Yesterday, a group of workers voted against having any union for the first time in this set of elections under the state's new farm labor law, but certification of the result is being held up because of unfair labor practice charges against the owners of McSweeney Farms, a produce grower.

A source at the agricultural board said he understood a McSweeney official had dismissed two workers who were known U.F.W. supporters and told the workers he would close down the operation if they voted for a union, another indication of how strongly anti-union some California farmers remain.

Forty-five workers voted against having a union, and two voted for the U.F.W., which petitioned for the election. Bill Camp, agent in charge of the agricultural board's Riverside Office, said that the U.F.W. "had to get 51 per cent of the workers to sign cards indicating they wanted an election in the first place so something peculiar must have occurred."

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