

Support for U.F.W. Boycott

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26 (AP) — The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has voted unanimously to back the United Farm Workers union boycott of non-union iceberg lettuce and Chiquita brand bananas.

“Anytime we get the support of local governments, we see the success of the boycott increasing,” said Cesar Chavez, the U.F.W. leader.

The board of supervisors, after listening to an emotional speech by Mr. Chavez, voted unanimously yesterday to endorse the labor boycott, an outgrowth of the union’s three-month strike against major California growers.

Earlier, Mr. Chavez told a press conference the union had lodged a complaint with the San Francisco District Attorney’s office against the Safeway supermarket chain for allegedly changing labels of Chiquita bananas to thwart the boycott.

Safeway officials could not be reached immediately for comment.

U.F.W. is asking consumers to boycott iceberg lettuce produced by non-union companies and Chiquita brand bananas, which are marketed by the same firm that owns Sun Harvest Company, the largest of the lettuce growers.

Mr. Chavez said he is asking cities to support the boycott, as he did in 1968 when 40 American and European municipalities endorsed the United Farm Workers grape strike and helped the union win recognition and contracts.

Mr. Chavez charged that lettuce growers are running a “network of strike breakers” by recruiting illegal workers from the Southwest and Central and South America in the lettuce strike.

He said the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service is largely ignoring the importation of the illegal workers.

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