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ABC NEWS: "CESAR CHAVEZ STORIES"

CESAR CHAVEZ, interviewed in fields during Salinas elections:

8:06:06 REPORTER: Mr. Chavez, how are things going with your campaigning in the elections here?

8:06:09 CHAVEZ: I think it's going very well, uh, we're confident that we're going to win in most of the places. One problem we have now is that because of the growers injunction against counting the ballots we don't, we can't get the official result, even though we know that we are winning in most of them we still can't get the ballots counted, of course, we'd like to have that injunction done away with so that we can have the official ballot count right after the elections are held.

8:06:34 REPORTER: How long do you think it's going to take to get this done?

8:06:37 CHAVEZ: Well, I don't know, the state has to do those challenges in court, I understand it's in the Supreme Court of California today, so I don't know. It may be that we get the, get it reversed, they might start counting today.

8:06:50 REPORTER: How long do you think this whole process is going to take to carry out the votes?

8:06:55 CHAVEZ: Well it's going much slower than I thought, and it's going to take quite a bit, it's not going to be done overnight, it's going to take quite a bit of time.

8:07:02 REPORTER: What would you estimate, weeks or months, or...

8:07:05 CHAVEZ: Oh, it's going to take months, months before we get, because of the crops and because of the various seasons, it's going to take time.

- TEAMSTER ENRIQUEZ, interviewed by reporter during elections:
- 8:12:22 REPORTER: Mr. Enriquez, how do you feel that the voting is going from the Teamsters' viewpoint?
- 8:12:26 ENRIQUEZ: I think it looks, looks pretty good. Looks, as far as we know, we, we have a pretty good chance of winning.
- 8:12:35 REPORTER: How does it look overall, with all of the farms, that are going, and the contest you are going to have with the United Farm Workers?
- 8:12:42 ENRIQUEZ: How does it, you mean how does it look on uh, ...
- 8:12:44 REPORTER: How does it look with the United Farm Workers and the Teamsters, do you think you will win the majority of the elections?
- 8:12:50 ENRIQUEZ: I think we would, yeah.
- 8:12:51 REPORTER: Have you had any problems organizing?
- 8:12:53 ENRIQUEZ: No, we have no problems at all organizing. They, most of the people, they do want the Teamsters.
- 8:13:03 REPORTER: What would you say is going to be the time frame as to when this is all going to be resolved?
- 8:13:10 ENRIQUEZ: Well, we don't know yet, as far as the employees we're going after, as far as we know.
- 8:13:17 REPORTER: Do you have any idea what the total number of votes will be, the total number of farms that will be involved in voting.
- 8:13:24 ENRIQUEZ: It's about 100, about 150, in the lettuce. That's what it is.
- 8:13:33 REPORTER: What, do you foresee any court challenges to uh, any of the results that come up, we hear talk that one side or the other loses, they'll try to upset it through the courts.
- 8:13:43 ENRIQUEZ: I don't know that.