

pickers and other employes of big corporate farms, the teamsters reappeared on the scene. The danger that they would once again get in the way of the Chavez campaign, which has had consistent backing from all the rest of organized labor, appears to have been laid permanently to rest by the interunion accord reached last week.

Under that pact, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee is recognized as having undisputed jurisdiction over field workers. The teamsters are given a clear field for processing and cannery workers, many thousands of whom are already in its ranks. The big need now is for Congressional action to end the wall of statutory exclusion depriving agricultural labor of the rights to join unions and bargain collectively that millions of other workers have had for 35 years. No workers are more badly exploited; none are more in need of the equal protection of the law.

Clear Way for Farm Unionism

A pact between Cesar Chavez, the Paul Bunyan of farm labor, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters holds out the happy prospect that Mr. Chavez's fledgling farm union can move beyond California's newly organized vineyards without having to fight off a rear-guard attack by the huge truck union.

The early stages of the Chavez effort to bring grape workers under union protection were undercut by the teamsters, acting in concert with some large growers. West Coast leaders of the truck union put a stop to such rivalry, thus removing a major obstacle to the eventual success of the farm union's drive in the vineyards.

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