

CHAVEZ UNION SIGNS WITH TWO GROWERS

SALINAS, Calif., Oct. 10 (UPI)—Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers Organizing Committee signed labor contracts with two major California growers this week.

The president of one of the growers resigned in protest.

An announcement yesterday that the union had signed with Pic 'n Pac Foods, the state's largest strawberry growers, marked the second contract signing in two days.

Howard H. Leach, president of Freshpic Foods, which signed with the farm workers' union Thursday, resigned because, he said, the signing was forced by Freshpic's parent company, the Purex Corporation.

Mr. Leach, who founded Freshpic in 1968, said yesterday that he was "not at all happy" about the signing.

The agreement with Pic 'n Pac rises the guaranteed pay from \$1.85 to \$2.20 an hour.

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