

# Parade Here Backs Efforts by Chavez To Unionize Farms

In a parade signalling the end of National Farm Workers Week, more than 5,000 supporters of the United Farm Workers marched down Seventh Avenue from 59th Street yesterday for a rally in Union Square.

"We're trying to bring to the consciousness of Americans the plight of the farm workers," said Leo Nieto, one of the coordinators of the rally. "We timed this parade to fall right before the grape harvest, which is in three weeks."

While the majority of those who assembled before the parade were young people, labor unions and church groups were also represented.

The marchers, led by Representative Bella S. Abzug, Manhattan Democrat, and Gloria Steinem, the women's rights advocate, strode four abreast down Seventh Avenue chanting songs in support of farm workers and waving farm workers' flags and banners reading, "There's blood on the grapes" and "Boycott Gallo wine."

Police cars moved alongside the procession, but the parade moved briskly along the avenue without incident.

The procession down Seventh Avenue began promptly at noon, and nearly two hours later the first marchers straggled into Union Square, where Mrs. Abzug, Miss Steinem and the Farm Workers' president, Cesar Chavez, spoke to the crowd, urging support in their long battle to gain representation among farm workers on the West Coast.

Waiting for his turn to speak, Richard Chavez, Cesar's younger brother, said he was moved by the turnout. "We have to let each person know that we need everyone to boycott non-union lettuce and grapes," he said.

Last week marked the second annual National Farm Workers Week, which was observed in 70 cities in the United States and Canada. Supporters of the farm workers in New York sponsored a walkathon in Central Park and several benefit dances.

Clasping a United Farm Workers' flag in his hand, Marshall Dubin, a member of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employes, said he supported the U.F.W. because, "We have also been underdogs for years and we can appreciate their struggle."

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