

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION ON THE FARM WORKER INITIATIVE

WHOSE FIGHT IS THIS?

The effort by California agriculture to secure a reasonable farm labor law frequently is considered strictly a California problem. But that's not true.

Already some other states are looking upon California's controversial law, with its proven weaknesses, as a model for their own legislation.

Other people have looked upon the California law as a means of ridding the food industry of the boycott.

The fact of the matter is that the law makes specific provisions to provide for the continuation of the boycott in front of supermarkets throughout the United States by the same union which has made this activity a household word. There is nothing in this law which forbids strikes, violence, or the type of boycotting which has plagued the food industry for the past ten years.

There are some who would condemn California growers for their efforts to require amendments to the law as a condition for granting additional funds to the board, whose bias has been criticized by so many.

Agriculture readily agreed to accept the same sort of law that governs all other industries. The amendments proposed by

California agriculture do precisely that. They are an attempt to bring the state law up closer to the standards of the National Labor Relations Act. To those who fear the NIRA for agriculture, Californians say, "You should see our state law."

California agriculture would prefer to see a law in force and operating, but faced with the choice between an inoperative law and an improper law, growers chose to hold up the one which had worked so badly.

The immediate future holds both a challenge and a chance. The entire problem is a political one, and it will be solved by political means.

What happens in California in this political year will not be confined to that state alone.

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