

# ***UFW pickets dwindle on Friday; none reported today at ALRB***

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United Farm Workers returned to the picket lines for the fifth straight day Friday at the Agricultural Labor Relations Board office in El Centro, but the demonstration appears to have peaked.

California State Police, guarding the state office since Sacramento ordered them in Tuesday, reportedly left late Friday.

Only 30 picketers were observed in front of the 582 State St. office and they were there a short time — between 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Friday.

An ALRB employe said the union demonstrators did not attempt to enter the office en masse as they did the previous four days.

No pickets were observed

this morning.

Meanwhile, Superior Court Judge George Kirk was reluctant to offer an opinion Friday on the apparent lack of enforcement of a temporary restraining order that limits the UFW to 10 persons inside the ALRB Office at one time.

"I don't know what's going on," he remarked. "I haven't been paying much attention to it, except what I read in the paper."

The court order was obtained by the ALRB from Judge Kirk Tuesday night, but the UFW was allowed bigger numbers of demonstrators inside the state office.

In fact, the UFW literally took over the office Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Law enforcement officials

familiar with the goings-on have expressed anger and confusion over the lack of enforcement of the restraining order.

A hearing is scheduled at 9 a.m. Tuesday in Judge Kirk's court to determine if the UFW should be permanently limited in its access to the labor relations office.

The order to not arrest demonstrators, no matter how many were in the office, came from either Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. or someone high in his administration, a number of sources reported.

Most sources agree ALRB Gen. Counsel Harry Delizonna gave the order to bring in the State Police and make the 28 arrests, but it is uncertain if he issued the subsequent "hands off" policy.

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