

'VIGIL FOR JUSTICE'

No UFW-ALRB incidents

BULLETIN

BURLINGAME (AP) — The United Farm Workers will get virtually sole jurisdiction in the fields and the Teamsters virtually sole jurisdiction over cannery workers in a pact signed today by UFW leaders Cesar Chavez and Frank Fitzsimmons, Teamsters International president. Earlier story page 14.

The United Farm Workers "vigil for justice" continued today without incident at the state Agricultural Labor Relations Board office in El Centro on the eve of the historic jurisdictional pact between the UFW and Teamsters.

A Roman Catholic Mass was held for about 50 union demonstrators out front of the state office located at 582 State St.

A second Mass is scheduled Friday at 6 p.m. The second religious event is to celebrate the Teamsters-UFW peace treaty, according to Valley UFW Director Marshall Ganz.

Meanwhile, a California State Police

officer remains stationed inside the office.

"I'm here to protect the state employes and the farm workers, too," State Police Officer William Jimenez, said today.

Unlike the State Police show of force last week, Jimenez is the only policeman there and is in plain clothes.

The UFW is conducting virtually an around-the-clock vigil. Wednesday night's cold wind apparently interrupted the demonstration.

The protestors are relieved by fellow union sympathizers about every two hours.

Twice Thursday a group of them entered the labor relations office demanding to know why the J.R. Norton and Mario Saikhon field worker elections have not been certified.

They also are protesting that the El Centro office is not headed by a Mexican-American, according to Fred Lopez, who is in charge of the office.

"They have been very peaceful,"

Lopez said this morning. "We're able to go about our business."

The ALRB office is gearing up for the anticipated election petitions for asparagus harvest workers. The crop is expected to be harvested in two weeks.

In the meantime, the ALRB apparently decided to abandon its plan to seek a permanent restraining order to limit the UFW to 10 persons in the office at one time.

The ALRB received a temporary restraining order from Superior Court Judge George R. Kirk on March 1.

A scheduled hearing today for a permanent order was taken off the court calendar, a clerk reported.

In related business, the UFW won two ALRB-conducted elections last week. The union has won the right to bargain for employes of Senini Inc. and G & S Produce.

In both cases the Teamsters Local based in Arizona was on the ballot for the Winterhaven area elections.