2D GRAPE GROWER AGREES TO UNION

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 7—Two thousand
yard workers in the strike-
centered Delano area came out
in favor of organizing farm labor.

Robert Di Giorgio, head of the
worker-owned union that proposed that secret-ballot elec-
tions be held in the Delano area, said the proposed union would be repre-
sented by any labor organization the worker wanted.

A Di Giorgio Corporation spokes-
man said acceptance was possible to any union that could negotiate.

The Di Giorgio company is involved in the bulk wine busi-
ness. It grows rice and W. P. Fine Foods, Inc.

"Why shouldn't farm labor be organized like any other," Mr. Di Giorgio asked at a news conference in his company's east San Francisco offices. "Why shouldn't they be second-class citizens?"

This break with the tradi-
tional labor-management pattern has been a long time in making in the Delano area of the southern San Joaquin Valley.

Yesterday Schenley Indus-
tries of New York City announced a wide boycott of the Delano area, where Schenley sources are located. The boycott has been adopted by the California Winemakers Association, an inde-
dependent body of grape growers and workers.

The growers, represented by the National Farm Workers Association, the liberal CIO group, have been engaged in negotiations with the grape growers for two weeks. Negotiations are to be held again tomorrow.

Mr. Di Giorgio owns the Dubonnet Wines Company. It sells the famous Dubonnet in France and the Dubonnet aperitif.

Di Giorgio is the Magistrate

Headed by Cesar Chavez, the
association's director, a group
of 1,200 farm workers who are
seeking legal status for the
delaw workers is nearing the end
of a 500-mile march to the Glif
in Sacramento, seeking a legi-

dislation that would grant legal status for the

Mr. Di Giorgio was critical of the Schenley pact, which he charged had the effect of bringing in agencies representing large grape growers.

According to the pro-
posal, if an agreement is reached through negotiations, issues such as wages and working conditions will be set at the company's discretion.

Mr. Di Giorgio said that, if an agreement is reached, he would like to see the company's properties.

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Mr. Di Giorgio said the proposal provided for a "three-year plan of agreement..." but he considered the proposal "a first step...""