BERKELEY, Calif., Oct. 19—The Mayor of Berkeley today found himself in the midst of an academic battle over a 19th-century controversy, the California table grape business.

Already there have been a couple of strikes, two sit-ins, 11 arrests and a call for a general strike by some students.

The Mexican-American Student
Conference, led by a 17-year-old
student, has been picketing
the university administration offices
for 30 days. They demand that the
university discontinue its contracts with
the California table grape growers.

The students have called for a general strike on Monday, and they have
already succeeded in getting
11 students arrested.

Mr. Fisch's letter was in re
sponse to an open letter written by the Berkeley campus
group, the Student Union, which has been
publishing a weekly newsletter
guiding students on campus
activities.

Eleven members of the Mex-
ican-American Student Con-
ference, including three women,
were served with a notice on Tuesday
afternoon that they could be
expelled from the university if they
continue to participate in the strike.

The letter was written by
the University of California regent,
Mr. Kent, for the purpose of
dissuading students from joining the
strike. The regent said that it was im-
portant for students to participate in
advocating a change in the
Mexican-American student center.

The university administration released
the statement without comment, and
the student group said that they
would continue their protest.

Although the campus chapter
has only a few members, it is
important for the university to
be represented by the students,
who are members of the
campus community.

The students are requesting
that the university discontinue
its contracts with the California
table grape growers, and they
are demanding that the university
provide educational opportunities
for students from the Mexican
American community.

The student group is
seeking support from other
university groups and
organizations, and they
are calling for a general
strike on Monday.

The university administration has
refused to meet with the student
group, and they have been
protesting on the campus for
the past 30 days.

The student group has
been asked to disband, but
they have refused.

The university administration
has not commented on the
student group's demands.

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