Union Is Said to Reach Grape Grower Pacts

DELANO, Calif., July 28 (UPI)—Cesar Chavez's farm workers union has reached tentative agreements with 26 large table grape growers, which would bring 85 per cent of the California crop under union contract.

The agreements were reached last night, union and grower sources said. If the contracts are signed as expected, the union will make the announcement at a news conference tomorrow.

The 26 growers produce half the California table grape crop, target of a nationwide boycott by Mr. Chavez's United Farm Workers Organizing Committee since 1968. Growers producing 35 per cent more, previously signed contracts with the union.

The signings tomorrow would all but end the boycott and a bitter five-year organizing drive.