Ant-Chavez Pickets Boo Mrs. Robert Kennedy

SALINAS, Calif., Dec. 6 (UPI) — Nearly 3,000 Mexican-American farm workers held a candlelight mass tonight outside the jail where Cesar Chavez, director of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, is being held.

Meanwhile, about 200 counterdemonstrators in front of the jail shouted insults at the workers and at Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, whose late husband was a longtime Chavez supporter.

Mrs. Kennedy joined the workers in a parking lot across the street from the Monterey County Jail, then went inside to visit Mr. Chavez, the organizer of a nationwide boycott against nonunion lettuce.

She was greeted by boos, curses and shouts of “Ethel go home” as she walked past the antiworker pickets, who identified themselves as members of the Citizens Committee for Agriculture.

Mrs. Kennedy talked with Mr. Chavez through a glass partition in the visitors' room for 15 minutes, then left the jail through a rear exit after sheriff's deputies urged her not to risk provoking an incident with the counterdemonstrators.

A local newspaper reporter said some of the counterdemonstrators were connected with produce growers in the Salinas Valley.

The anti-Chavez demonstrators carried placards reading “Chavez Flaunts the Law” and “Reds Lettuce Alone.” They interrupted the mass several times by shouting, “Reds go home!”

Witnesses said Mrs. Kennedy appeared apprehensive when she and her bodyguard, Rafer Johnson, the former Olympic decathlon champion, passed in front of the anti-Chavez demonstrators before entering the jail.

While Mrs. Kennedy was in a confrontation, a young woman carrying Mr. Chavez was jailed Friday a red, white and black farm for refusing to obey a court workers' flag ran across the order that he end the lettuce street onto the steps of the jail boycott. He was given an in-and-waved the flag as workers' definite sentence, and will remain in jail until he calls off the ground by the counterdem-"I’m prepared to pay the onstrators and several farm price for civil disobedience," workers started across the Mr. Chavez said in a statement. street to assist her. But other “I am still very committed and farm workers restrained their not bitter at all.” He added that compatriots and the woman ran his jailers were “being very back across the street, avoiding kind to me.”