

Son of Chavez Is Cleared In a Draft Trial on Coast

FRESNO, Calif., July 29 (UPI)—A Federal judge today cleared Fernando Chavez, the 22-year-old son of Cesar Chavez, of charges of refusing induction into military service.

The directed verdict of acquittal, by Judge M. D. Crocker, came in the third day of a jury trial in which the younger Chavez said he had refused the draft because of pacifist beliefs that he said he had learned from his father, the farm labor leader.

The judge ruled that an appeal by the son for conscientious objector status was not handled according to guidelines set by the Supreme Court last year.

Fernando Chavez is a student at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The elder Chavez, director of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, had testified in his son's behalf.

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