

CHAVEZ CONTINUES A FAST IN ARIZONA

Protests Farm Labor Law
—McGovern Backs Him

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PHOENIX, Ariz., May 20 — Cesar Chavez, who is protesting a new Arizona farm labor law, continued what he calls his "fast of sacrifice" today with the support of Senator George McGovern.

Mr. Chavez, head of the United Farm Workers Union, began the fast immediately after Gov. Jack Williams, a Republican, signed the farm labor bill into law on May 12.

The law, the most controversial piece of legislation enacted in the 1972 regular session of the Republican-controlled Arizona Legislature, will become effective Aug. 14. It sets up a seven-member Farm Labor Relations Board to supervise unionizing efforts. The board members will be appointed by the Governor.

The legislation also outlaws secondary boycotts, provides specific procedures under which workers may organize, and permits a grower to get a 10-day restraining order to prevent a strike at harvest-time.

In a telegram to Mr. Chavez this week, Senator McGovern, a South Dakotan seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination, said:

"The action of the Governor of Arizona reflects a brazen indifference to the legitimate rights and needs of farm workers to organize and bargain collectively.

Scores Farm Bureau

"Once again the American Farm Bureau Federation which supported the legislation has shown its true constituents is the agri-giants and not the nation's family farmer, who supports farm worker rights to organize. In view of the Farm Bureau's activities in this episode, it is clear that the Farm Bureau's tax-exempt status should be reviewed."

Yesterday Mr. Chavez endorsed Senator McGovern's Presidential candidacy.

Mr. Chavez, 45 years old, said that he had undertaken the fast "to reach the hearts of the legislators."

"This is not a hunger strike but a fast of sacrifice to show love," he added.

Protest rallies were staged by farm workers at the state capital while the legislation was under committee consideration.

Governor Williams signed the measure within two hours after it won final approval in the Legislature. He ignored a sug-

ganizing committee has been trying to deny farm workers since the committee came into existence," Mr. Maxcy said.

He said that these rights included the right of farm workers to have a secret ballot when determining who should represent them at the bargaining table.

"One of the most important sections is the part dealing with an injunction," Mr. Maxcy said. "A grower by the act of applying for the injunction automatically submits himself to binding arbitration."

gestion by House Speaker Tim Barrow, Republican of Phoenix, that he hold off signing a day or two to hear an appeal from Mr. Chavez.

LeRoy Chatfield, a union administrative aide, said that Mr. Chavez, who was not eating, "is under the observation of a nurse to make sure he takes enough water to keep from being dehydrated."

Mr. Chatfield, who estimated that there were about 40,000 farm workers in Arizona, said it was possible that the union would move its headquarters from Delano, Calif., to Arizona "to build an effective farm workers union."

Sam Maxcy, executive secretary of the Maricopa County Farm Bureau Federation, said that the legislation protected farm workers.

"Actually, the measure guarantees the workers certain rights and privileges, rights that the United Farm Workers or-