$1.6-Million Will Be Used in Fight With Teamsters

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WASHINGTON, May 9—The Administration and Congress of Industrial Orga- nization voted today to give Casual Farm Workers $1.6-million over the next three months. The money is to help the small union in its long struggle with the Interna- tional Brotherhood of Team- sters for control of the grape growers in the Coachella Valley of California.

Officials of the federation agreed to a new contract that tantamounts to a declaration of open war by the labor federa- tion with the 20,000 member-teamsters' union.

The teamsters signed labor contracts with grape growers in the Coachella Valley to represent most of the grape workers, but these growers have been represented by the United Farm Workers.

George Meany, president of the federation, repeated today this charge that the teamsters were engaged in "vicious union business". The union said that the $1.6- million would be used to help Mr. Meany's union conduct an effective strike against the growers.

The federation's Executive Council voted to raise the money for the farm workers' union after 11,000 member union members 4 cents a member in each of the next three months.

Mr. Meany, who was present at Mr. Meany's news briefing after the vote, said that the money would be used to keep the grape pickers and their families during the grape har- vesting season. He said that initially the money would help support about 2,500 union mem- bers, but he added that he would try to get the rest of the grape growers in the valley to join in the strike.

But he added that the money would go only to the farm workers brought in by the teamsters and the growers to harvest the grapes, and that "men without a job." Mr. Chavez said that the teamsters had a contract with the Outsiders to respect the farm picker picked if they didn't agree to these conditions.

Mr. Meany said that the federa- tion "will do what is necessary de- cisively to protect the farm workers' right to work.

On another issue, the Execu- tive Council issued a statement declaring that the law to limit adminis- tration could not longer "reason- ably be used for the purpose of movement to counsel moder- nation in the labor market.

Noting the sharply rising cost of living and what it said was the "increasing temptation to control profits or wages", the council said that the limits were "applied in keeping with the guidelines". The council said that the economy in stabilizing program was no longer "tolerable."

However, Mr. Meany said the council decided not to recommend the labor-repre- sentatives' leave the labor-man- agement council advising the Council of the Cost of Living Council.