

Teamsters Repudiate Contracts As Chavez Quits Grape Talks

BURLINGAME, Calif. Aug. 10 (AP)—The teamsters union repudiated today contracts that had just been signed with San Joaquin Valley grape growers shortly after Cesar Chavez, leader of the United Farm Workers, stormed out of a peace meeting of farm laborers and high-level teamsters and A.F.L.-C.I.O. leaders.

"They stabbed us in the back," said Mr. Chavez as he drove off from the hotel site of the talks.

His union is an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization. The talks were sponsored by George Meany, A.F.L.-C.I.O. president, and Frank Fitzsimmons, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

"They were not negotiating in good faith so we are not starving," Mr. Chavez said before leaving for Delano, where the contracts were signed earlier today.

A few hours later Mr. Fitz-

simmons issued the following statement in Washington:

"The contracts signed in Delano have been repudiated as they were negotiated by teamsters representatives with no authority to do so."

He said the signings violated instructions by him and Einar O. Mohn, director of the Western Conference of Teamsters.

At about the time Mr. Chavez broke off the talks, two U.F.W.U. pickets were shot during gunfire at a union-struck vineyard near Richgrove in Tulare County.

Under Sheriff Max Foster said that Marcellino Barrajos and Paul Salgado, both in their early 20's, had been hit by gunfire from the vineyard after they were reported to have entered it and started overturning grape boxes.

A union spokesman said Mr. Barrajos, hit in the head, and Mr. Salgado, hit in the hip, were in good condition after treatment at a union dispensary in Delano.