Chavez Calls on Teachers To Back His Farm Union

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 23—"Buried two of our brothers in the airstream" so declared Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers Union, appealing to an audience of 600 teachers in Washington last night to lend support to the drive to organize farm workers.

"We need your help," Mr. Chavez said in appealing to the teachers, who have long voted for higher education and better conditions for farm workers.

Mr. Chavez indicated that the Associated Students of Teachers of the American Federation of Teachers was expected to endorse the United Farm Workers Union at its national convention this week in Los Angeles.

Mr. Chavez said he was appealing to teachers because they would carry the message "from the heart of the country" to the farm workers and "set the tone" of education for the nation.

Yesterday, Mr. Chavez appeared before a meeting of the National Education Association in Chicago to encourage teachers to fight for the union rights of farm workers.

Mr. Chavez last week appeared as a witness before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, where he told a similar story to that being related here.

"It is the purpose of farm workers to gain the same rights that teachers enjoy," he said. "We know we need your help. You must give us the support to free our brothers from the farm labor camps."