Labor

Chavez and the Farm Workers
Back to Square One

WASHINGTON — It may be a dream, but the striking farm workers in California's strawberry fields are determined to make it a reality. They are struggling to organize the pickers and to establish a union to represent their interests. This is what they plan to do:

First, they want a union representative who is sympathetic to their cause. They have appointed one, who is willing to work with them.

Second, they want a contract that will provide them with a living wage. They have started negotiations with the growers, and have already signed a contract with the United Farm Workers. The contract includes: a $1.50 an hour minimum wage, health care, and a retirement plan.

Third, they want recognition of their union by the growers. They have held several meetings with the growers, and have presented a list of demands. The growers have agreed to meet with them again to discuss the issues.

Fourth, they want the growers to respect their rights as workers. They have filed several complaints with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and have won several victories in court.

The workers are determined to make their voices heard, and to demand a fair and just treatment. They are fighting for their rights, and they will not be denied.