

Chavez Would Curb Boycott in Exchange For Labor Support

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—The leader of the United Farm Workers, Cesar Chavez, said today he would curtail a present secondary boycott if the A.F.L.-C.I.O. would support a nationwide boycott of grapes and lettuce.

Mr. Chavez, whose union renewed organizing efforts in California last week, said he expected the endorsement shortly.

In return for A.F.L.-C.I.O. support, Mr. Chavez said he was willing to abandon the boycott he began in 64 cities last year of stores that carry Gallo brand wines and lettuce and grapes picked by members of the Teamsters Union.

The National Labor Relations Act prohibition of secondary boycotts does not apply to farm workers.

George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, has refused to support the secondary boycott, contending that it would hurt other union members. But there have been indications that Mr. Meany would endorse a boycott of specific products.

A spokesman for the A.F.L.-C.I.O. said that Mr. Chavez had submitted a new proposal for a nationwide boycott and that it was under study. He would not comment further.

Mr. Chavez indicated that the only major problem standing in the way of the A.F.L.-C.I.O.'s endorsement involved the union of distillery workers, whose members are employed by the Gallo Wineries.

The U.F.W. lost a sizable portion of its membership last year as several major growers signed with the Teamsters.