

# Boycott of Growers Is Urged by Chavez In Elections Fight

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 11 (AP)—Cesar Chavez, leader of the United Farm Workers, frustrated at the suspension of California's farm labor elections, called today for a new boycott against selected fruit growers.

Mr. Chavez said the U.F.W. planned a three-pronged campaign to revive the state's farm labor board—the boycott, pressure on legislators to drop their

opposition, and an attempt to put the issue before voters.

The first step would be a boycott against Sunmaid raisins, Sunsweet prunes and dried fruit, and eight major grape and tree fruit growers in the Fresno area.

"They're the ones who want to fight," Mr. Chavez told reporters. "If they want to fight, we'll fight. We'll pin them against the wall."

He said the boycott would be aimed at growers who led opposition to a \$3.8 million appropriation to keep the farm labor board alive through June.

The board, which enforces the state's landmark secret-ballot elections law for farm workers, ran out of funds and shut

its doors last week after the Legislature refused to approve the new money.

The board's closing left no one to enforce the law and hold union-recognition elections for farm workers.

Republicans and farm-belt Democrats, accusing the farm board of a pro-U.F.W. bias, blocked the appropriation after Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. refused their demands for changes in the law.

Mr. Chavez, whose union has won a majority of elections in the law's first five months, said the growers "went completely back on their agreement" with the U.F.W., the rival Teamsters and Governor Brown last summer.

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