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. Legislature refused to approve the first step would be the new money boycott against Sunmaid raisins. The board’s closing left no Sunsweet prunes and dried one to enforce the law and hold fruit, and eight major grape union-recognition elections for and tree fruit growers in the farm workers.

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“They’re the ones who want Democrats, accusing the farm to fight,” Mr. Chavez told reporters. “If they want to fight, blocked the appropriation after 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.

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 state’s landmark secret-ballot elections law for farm workers, ran out of funds and shut it off.

The board, which enforces the U.F.W., the rival Teamsters and Governor Brown last summer.