Success of Chavez Group in West Stirs Worry in 6 Eastern States

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ESSINGTON, Pa., July 19—Leaders of the Agricultural Organization Federation from eight Eastern states met here today and agreed that the big farm organization called a "real threat" of unionization of farm workers. The following week the New Jersey Farm Bureau, said in an interview that he thinks it unlikely that any farm workers in New Jersey would be organized "because sheer chaos," with a "drastic effect" on food prices.

New Jersey and New Jersey were likely to be major targets of organizing from the New Jersey farm associations and the United Farm Workers in California.

New Jersey was described as "the Garden State" because of its many fruits and vegetables. The state is also the chief supplier of harvests from Puerto Rico. They were under contracts negotiated by New Jersey farm associations and the United Farm Workers.

Last summer about 3,500 workers came to New Jersey under those contracts. Others went to other Eastern states. The farm workers union has sought unsuccessfully to organize them since 1973, contends that they could not afford to work under new regulations by a unionization under the government in San Juan.

Chavez Movement

The tiny Puerto Rican union lacked the resources to organize effectively, but recently the National United Farm Workers, headed by Cesar Chavez. Last March the Chavez team said that the Tomato Farm Owners and Operators of the Teatro Union after a decade-long jurisdictional battle in California had won a "united front" agreement by the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board that gave union representa-

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Secondary Boycotts

The Farm Bureau, the nation's largest farm organization, sought in today's statement that the act be applied to the United Farm Workers by seeking to disbar the California farm's exemption from collective bargaining as the way to gain protection from secondary boycotts.

But the discussion sheet noted that such a proposed process of the Farm Bureau's "Dear Little Labor Relations Board without preventing the Farm Bureau from using this in a press release similar to the California ruling.

The meeting was conducted by the four members of the National Labor Relations Board: Committee headed by Elton R. Smith, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau. The committee was attended by Farm Bureau leaders from New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

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