United Farm Workers Montreal Boycott Office Records
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Related Material: United Farm Workers of America Records, including individuals and various UFW offices, at the Reuther Library.

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Abstract
The UFW Montreal Boycott Office Records contains materials specific to the activities surrounding the grape and lettuce boycotts in Montreal and other cities in Canada during the late 1960s and early 1970s. Much of the material is from the tenure of Jessica Govea, a close associate of Cesar Chavez. Her work directing boycotts in Canada helped the union win one of its first contracts with a California grape grower and ultimately settle with the entire industry. The records include correspondence, memos, flyers and advertisements, press releases, clippings and newsletters. There is a significant amount of correspondence with the UFW’s Salinas and Delano, California, headquarters.

Important Subjects:
Farm workers—Canada
Farm workers—United States
Grape boycott
Lettuce boycott

Important Correspondents:
Jerry Brown
Cesar Chavez
Marshall Ganz
Jessica Govea
Father Victor Salandini
Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collections.

Box 1
1-2. Le boycottage du raisin, Salinas correspondence, 1971
3. Lettuce boycott, other cities, 1970-1971
4. Leaflets, Montreal, 1969-1970s
5. Toronto ad, 1969
6. Correspondence with Thomas McCormack, Toronto, 1970
7. Le Quartier Latin magazine, 1970 September 12-25
9. Colloque regional, Quebec, 1970
10. Lettuce boycott, other cities, 1971
11. Correspondence, other cities, lettuce, 1970-1971
12. Canadian logo, possibly 1970
14. Church opposition, 1969
17. Lettuce boycott, general correspondence, 1970-1971
18. Colloque regional, Montreal, 1970 April 5
19. Colloque regional, St.-Jerome, 1970 April
20. Union meeting, 1970 May 14
21. Correspondence, 1971-1974
23. Canvassing, 1969
26. Parade-Rally, 1970 May 1
29. Various documents, 1971
30. Correspondence, 1969-1970
31. “People’s World” newspaper, clippings, 1970
32-33. “People’s World” newspaper, various issues, 1970
34. Various newspapers, 1968-1970

Box 2
1. Jerry Brown, 1970
3. University of Wisconsin symposium, 1970 February 8-11
5. “This Paper” newspaper, volume 1, number 6, undated
13. Cesar Chavez visit and various documents, 1969-1970
14. Boycott reports and other documents, 1971
15. Department of Defense, grape boycott, 1968-1969
17. Politicians’ endorsements and Congressional Record reprints, 1968-1969
18. Lettuce boycott, general clippings, 1970-1971
20. Newsletters, 1971
21. Signed-up growers, harvest, 1970
22. University of Sherbrooke re staff recruitment, 1970
23. Saskatchewan trip and results, 1969 January
24. Manitoba, 1969
25. Quebec City, 1970
28. Lettuce leaflets, Montreal, late 1960s-early 1970s
29. Lettuce boycott press clippings, Montreal, 1970-1971

Box 3
1. Journee internationale de solidarite avec les prisonniers politiques, 1970
2. Toronto, boycott history, 1968
3. Legislation, 1968
4. Lindsay Place High School, Pointe Claire, possibly 1971
5. Canadian Solidarity Mission, 1969 June 4-8
6. Newsletter and boycott reports, juice and table grapes, 1971
10. Dominion store, Park and Bernard, 1969 November-December
11. Farm workers, general strike information, 1968-1969
14-16. General correspondence, 1969
17. General correspondence, 1970-1971