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Abstract

The UFW Illinois Boycott was a part of the nationwide boycotts that the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) spearheaded during the mid 1960s and 1970s. These boycotts aimed to end the sale of non-union grapes and lettuce. The main duty of the Chicago office, which was led by Eliseo Medina, was to enlist support for the striking farm workers by soliciting donations, spreading information, and directing the boycott of specific stores within Illinois.

This collection contains flyers, correspondence, newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, legislative reports, newsletters, rosters, and field organizing notes. Additionally, this collection contains some material about the Teamsters.

Important Subjects:  Boycotts—United States
                      International Brotherhood of Teamsters
                      Migrant labor—United States
                      United Farm Workers of America

Important Names:  Chavez, Cesar, 1927-1993
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5  Mailings for United Farm Workers by outside organizations, 1974
6  Correspondence, 1973
7  Correspondence, 1973
8  Correspondence, 1973
9  Correspondence, 1974
10 Bumper stickers and postcards, undated
11 Photographs, Dolores Huerta, circa 1978
12 Photograph, boycott in Boston against Dole, 1982
13 Photographs, Chicago boycott, undated

Box 19
1  14 x 5 fabric "Boycott Grapes!" banner
2  2 fabric UFW symbols
3  Overshirt with UFW symbol sewed on

AV Department
1  Audio cassette, Cesar Chavez press conference at Ecumenical breakfast, 1969