

**UFW Minnesota Boycott: Minneapolis Office Records**

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1959-1975, bulk 1968-1975

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**Abstract**

The UFW Minneapolis Boycott Office (a.k.a. Twin Cities Boycott Office) was part of a nationwide series of boycotts that the United Farm Workers of America spearheaded during the mid 1960s and 1970s. These boycotts alerted the national consumer of the grape and lettuce strikes that had erupted in California, Texas, Arizona and other states. The main duties of the Minneapolis office were to enlist support for the striking farm workers by soliciting donations, spreading information and organizing marches and rallies. Boycott activities were focused in the Twin Cities area with the main office in Minneapolis.

The materials in this collection represent the efforts of the Twin Cities Boycott Office to aid the migrant workers and to promote the work of the UFW. They contain fliers, correspondence, contact lists, newsletters, and publications.

**Important Subjects:**

Boycotts

United Farm Workers of America

**Important Names:**

Chavez, Cesar, 1927-1993

## Arrangement

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### Box 1

1. Correspondence – Boycott Central office, 1968-1972
2. Twin Cities area boycott targets, 1968-1972
3. Supporters' names, store targets, 1968-1972
4. *Si Se Puede!: Farmworkers Build Their Union*, Salinas Citizens Committee in Defense of Farmworkers, 1973
5. News clippings, 1968-1971
6. General list of target names, supporters, notes
7. Grape Boycott, flyers, articles, reports, 1968-69
8. News clippings, regional and national, 1968-1972
9. Grape Boycott, informational materials, 1968-1970
10. Letters to politicians, 1969
11. *Congressional Record*, Growers' attack on farm workers, 10-11-68
12. National Farm Worker Ministry materials, 1968-1972
13. Richfield, petitions and correspondence, 1974
14. Grape Boycott, Heublein and other growers, 1971
15. Bud Antle and Dow Chemical, 1970-1971
16. Boycott, target stores
17. News clippings
18. Marches – student protest letter; flyers, notes, newsletters
19. Boycott correspondence regarding stores, 1970-1972
20. News clippings—local and national, 1968-1972
21. Coretta Scott King, Boycott support, telegram, 5-26-1972
22. Farm labor legislation, articles and statements, 1960s-70s
23. Grape and Lettuce Boycott—lists of contacts and targets
24. *What About the Boycott of California Grapes?* UFW response to the California Grape Growers, 1968
25. Boycott Newsletters, Minneapolis, 1975
26. *No on Proposition 22*, Orange County Boycott Newsletter
27. Migrant education, Minnesota
28. Cesar Chavez, fast, 1972
29. Cesar Chavez, murder plot, 1972
30. Cesar Chavez, pesticides, 1969
31. Lettuce—Information by region in California and Arizona
32. International Grape and Lettuce Boycott Week, 1970s
33. Child labor
34. Non-union contracts, list
35. Union contracts, list
36. Boycott support—Union, Political, Religious
37. Safeway Stores, boycott
38. Boycott correspondence—Nick Jones, Barbara Luetke, 1970, 1973
39. Boycott opposition

40. National Farm Worker Ministry—newsletters, articles, 1972
41. Arizona Recall of Jack Williams, 1972
42. Gallo Boycott, 1975
43. Teamsters (IBT), articles
44. Department of Defense—lettuce boycott, 1972
45. Migrant labor, general publications and articles, 1959-1970