

UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
ARIZONA STATE OFFICE COLLECTION

Records, 1968-1978
(Predominantly, 1970-1972)

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The records of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), Arizona State Office, were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in February, 1970. Additional records were received in July 1983 and opened for research in April of 1990.

The United Farm Workers movement began in 1962 with the organization of farm laborers in Delano, California by Cesar Chavez. In 1965, the Filipino local of the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, headed by Larry Itliong struck the Delano grape growers over wage disputes. Chavez joined his National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) to their strike effort, and the two organizations merged in August 1966 to form the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO. During 1968 to 1970 the UFWOC conducted strikes against Arizona grape growers in every major city of the United States. When the boycott came to an end in July 1970, the Farm Workers sought Union recognition from the lettuce growers. On August 24, 1970 a massive labor strike began in Salinas and Santa Maria. The lettuce, table grape and Gallo Wine boycotts continued through 1973.

The struggle over H.B. 2134 in the State Legislature of 1972 marked the turning point in minority political representation of Arizona. A recall campaign against Governor Jack Williams was waged and lost, but the victory came in the number of Indians and Spanish-speaking minorities registered to vote as a result of the UFWOC action, and the future election of minority politicians to State Office.

The UFWOC records reflect the daily operations of the Tolleson, Arizona office. The beginnings of the National Farm Workers Service Center and the functions of the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Plan for migrant workers are revealed through personal legal cases, medical claims, immigration assistance and other personal service needs to Members. Hiring Hall records, Ranch Commission correspondence, and bargaining agreements illustrate the day to day operations of the Union. Negotiations with growers and legislative battles were major daily issues, besides the boycotts.

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Important subjects covered in the collection are:

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| Arizona Grape Strike, 1968-70 | Illegal I.N.S. Activity |
| Arizona H.B. 2134, 1972 | Lettuce Boycott, 1972-1973 |
| California Prop. 22, 1972 | Talisman Sugar Strike, 1972 |
| Delano Grape Strike/Boycott, 1965-73 | White River Farms Strike, 1972 |

Common abbreviations used are:

Community Action Program (CAP)
Maricopa County Organizing Project (M-COP)
Migrant Opportunity Program (MOP)
Robert F. Kennedy Medical Plan (RFK)
United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC)

Among the important correspondents are:

UFWOC- Rudy Ahumada-Organizer
Leroy Chatfield-Treasurer, RFK Medical Plan
Cesar Chavez-Director
Avelina Vasquez Coriell
Joyce Fettner-Arizona Boycott Coordinator
Gustavo Gutierrez-Director of Arizona Office
Dolores Huerta-Secretary, UFWOC
Mel Huey-Organizer
Jack Levine-Attorney, Maricopa County Legal Aid Society
Vicente Mier-Hiring Hall

President Jimmy Carter
Etta Mae Hutcheson (Arizona House of Reps)
Renz D. Jennings (Arizona House of Reps)
Peter Nash (Chief Council for National Labor Relations Board)

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Series I
Arizona State Bar Exam, 1976-1977
Box 1

Handwritten notes, class handouts on legal topics in preparation for the Arizona State Bar Exam. Attorney unknown. Alphabetical by subject.

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Collective bargaining agreements are filed alphabetically by grower and chronologically in file. The Schenley Industries agreement of 1968 is one of the Union's earliest agreements. Grievances, injunctions, and other legal actions are filed alphabetically under the type of action-Company name. Note the Bud Antle suit and the injunction against Goldmar, 1973.

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8. Arizona
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1. Films and Slides
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4. Songs and Leaflets
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7. Newsletters and Fliers, 1973-74
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Filed alphabetically by subject. See Dissertation by R. Fineburg, 1968 entitled "Green Card Labor and the Delano Grape Strike: a Study of Post-Bracero Mexican National Farm Workers in the San Joaquin Valley, 1968." Expense records and fliers.

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12. Grape Strike/Boycott
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15. U.S. Dept. of Labor
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16. U.S. Dept. of Labor
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3. Freshpict Foods, Inc.
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5. Inter Harvest, Inc.
Grievance, Nov 1974
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1. Macchiaroli (James) Fruit Co.
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8. Budget Report-Eloy
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12. Strong, Robert (Prof.)
13. Suspension, 1972
14. Talisman Sugar Strike (Fla.)
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18. Workman's Compensation
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6. Chavez, Santiago
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8. Flores, Benino
9. Flores, Rosa
10. Garza, Ramiro
11. Guebara, Jose
12. Guerrero, Ramon
13. Holguin, Francisco
14. Izaguirre, Guadalupe
15. Lopez, Margarita
16. Martinez, Guadalupe/Enriqueta
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18. Ortiz, Josefa
19. Ramirez, Tony y Cazares, Rafael
20. Ricardes, Donaciana
21. Robles, Efraim
22. Sandoval, Benito
23. Silva, Trinidad
24. Simpson, Isabel
25. Soto, Manuel
26. Villanueva, Sabino
27. Zamaripas, Herman
28. Zamorano, Felix
29. Nat. Farm Workers Service
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30. Nat. Farm Workers Service
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31. Nat. Farm Workers Service
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