

UFW Texas Files Collection

Papers, 1960-1979
(Predominantly, 1969-1975)

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The papers of the UFW Texas files are divided into two series. The first is the boycott papers from the late 1960s and early 1970s, when the UFW was organizing boycotts against companies like Safeway Supermarkets, and against products like Heublein wines and California grapes and lettuce.

The larger portion of the collection is the office files of the UFW which document the establishment of the UFW, particularly the Service Center in Mc Allen, Texas and the UFW's involvement with a variety of local organizations including STACO (South Texas Association of Community Organizations) and La Raza Unida, a Chicano political group. The files show the Texas farm workers concern with the environment and the health of their members when one of their organizations, Nutritional Enrichment, Inc. became involved with a legal suit against the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) over the issue of sugar cane burning.

An extensive portion of these files involve Texas organizer Tony Orendain's radio program *La Voz Del Campesino*. There are a number of correspondence files from 1969-71 that are letters from farm workers, asking for assistance, or complimenting the show. In addition, there are a number of tapes of the broadcasts and printed summaries of the programs.

Finally, there are personal files about Texas organizer Antonio Orendain, and files which document his 1975 split with the UFW, which led Orendain to form the Texas Farm Workers Union (TFWU).

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Important subjects in the collection:

Boycott

Chicano community
La Raza Unida Party
La Voz Del Campesino
Texas Farm Workers Union

Important correspondents in the collection:

Senator Lloyd Bentsen
Bill Chandler
Cesar Chavez
Dolores Huerta
Representative Barbara Jordan
Antonio Orendain

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Over 115 reel to reel tapes of *La Voz Del Campesino* and various Texas farm worker conventions and a small number of photographs have been transferred to the Archives Audio Visual collection. Various Texas Farm Worker newspapers were transferred to the Archives Library Collection.

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