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Abstract

United Farm Workers is a 20th century union organization created when the National Farm Workers Association and Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee merged to further the rights of farm workers. As the organization developed, it led strikes and organizing campaigns to advance their efforts.

Agricultural Workers History Collection is comprised of articles written by and related to the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and later the United Farm Workers. The majority of the articles are on the topic of California agriculture and farm worker organizing, but some of the articles refer to New England, Michigan, and Texas agricultural organizing. These articles come from a variety of sources including, *People*, *Migration Today*, and *Wine and Vine*.

Important Subjects:

Agriculture—History—20th Century
Agricultural laborers--Laws and legislation--United States
Boycotts--United States
Labor Unions
Migrant agricultural laborers--United States
Trade unions--Organizing

Important Names:

Henry Anderson
Irving Perluss
Norman Smith

Important Terms & Acronyms:

AWOC: Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee
NACLA: North American Congress on Latin America

Arrangement

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Box 1

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9. Another case Study in 'Adverse Effect' : California Desert and Border Counties, 1952-1959.
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16. Statement before the California Industrial Welfare Commission, San Francisco, October 9, 1959.
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38. "The Black Immigrants," by Ben H. Bagdikian
39. "A portrait of California power," by George Ballis
40. "Chavez and organizing migrant labor," by John Bank
41. "Forgotten Americans: the migrant and Indian poor," by John Bauman
42. "Cesar Chavez," by Richard Ballad
43. "The Teamster Raid: stalled in the vineyards," by George Baker
44. "Targeting the illegal alien," by Bill Blum
45. "Huelga," by Allan R. Brockway
46. "Farm Workers call for Lettuce Boycott," By Paul Booth
47. "King and Non-Violence," by Robert s. Calese
48. "Farmhand schools for better workers," by Norman Cavender
49. Articles by Cesar Chavez, 1966-1975
50. Stan Cloud Articles, "Up the down staircase" and " Viva Chavez"
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52. "Child Labor: a barbarism we must not tolerate," by Eli E. Cohen
53. "Huelga! A milestone in Farm Unionism," by Irving Cohen
54. "Peonage in Florida," by Robert Coles and Harry Huge
55. "Bitter harvest for strikers in California vineyards," by Harry Conn
56. "Migrants in the Promised Land," by James F. Conway
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71. "Tilting with the system," by Bob Fitch
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