

**UFW Klamath Falls, Oregon Boycott: Irwin Fletcher Papers**

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1968-1970

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**Accession Number:** LP002477

**Creator:** Irwin Fletcher

**Acquisition:** The records of the Klamath Falls, Oregon Boycott office were sent by Irwin Fletcher on March 11, 1972.

**Language:** Material entirely in English.

**Access:** Collection is open for research.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Material in this collection has been minimally arranged by the Reuther Library, and reflects its original order as received. In some cases a file inventory or box listing is available. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.

## **Abstract**

The records of the Klamath Falls, Oregon Boycott were created by Irwin Fletcher, a junior high school educator. Fletcher began his involvement with the Oregon labor movement in the early 1960s, when he helped organize fellow teachers in Klamath Falls. Soon after, the teacher's union received its charter with the American Federation of Teachers, and he was elected vice president and then president a year later. During this time Fletcher was also a member of the Klamath Basin Migrant Ministry Commission and formed the Klamath Basin Agricultural Labor Support Committee to help the striking farm workers. Subsequently he worked with the Lane County Labor Council, and was elected president of the Oregon AFL-CIO in 1981. Irwin Fletcher retired from that position in 1999.

The collection consists of news clippings, correspondence, flyers and newsletters relating to the Grape Boycott in California, and Mr. Fletcher's involvement as volunteer coordinator in the Klamath Falls, Oregon area.

### **Important Subjects:**

Boycotts--United States.

Migrant agricultural laborers—California

Migrant agricultural laborers--Labor unions—California

United Farm Workers of America

### **Important Names:**

Chavez, Cesar, 1927-1993

Fletcher, Irwin H.

## Arrangement

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### Box 1

1. Klamath Basin Migrant Ministry Commission, correspondence, clippings, newsletters, 1968-1970
- 2-3. Grape Boycott clippings, *Herald News*, 1968-1970
4. Grape Boycott clippings, *San Francisco Chronicle*, 1968-1970
5. Grape Boycott clippings, religious newspapers, 1968-1970
6. Grape boycott clippings, *The Oregonian*, 1968-1970
7. Grape Boycott, UFWOC general informational mailings, correspondence, flyers, newsletters, 1968-1970
8. UFWOC, correspondence sent to Oregon newspapers regarding Boycott, 1968-70
9. Birch letters, 1968-1970
10. General Boycott files, correspondence, clippings, contact list, flyers, 1968-1970
11. General labor information, clippings, correspondence, 1968-1970
12. Grape Boycott—Political correspondence, 1968-1970
- 13-14. Grape Boycott, general information, flyers, UFWOC correspondence, 1968-70
15. UFWOC general boycott files, correspondence, flyers, 1968-1970