

UFW Maryland Boycott Records

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Abstract

The Maryland Boycott office was set up in Baltimore by the UFW to handle the organization of boycotted products and establishments in the state of Maryland and its surrounding region. The office, headed by Pete Velasco, dealt mainly with the boycotting of stores, which sold non-union products or were involved in anti-union activities. As well, the office involved itself with other UFW interests including migrant workers, pesticide abuse and the lobbying for or against specific legislation being proposed at the state and federal levels.

The records of the Maryland Boycott office relate to the grape and lettuce strikes that were initiated by the United Farm Workers Union and the national boycott efforts that followed.

Important Subjects:

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Strikes and lockouts—Agricultural laborers—California

Important Names:

Chavez, Cesar, 1927-1993
Velasco, Pete

Arrangement

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5. Farm workers credit union and insurance, 1972-1973
6. Field office directives and correspondence, 1973-1974
7. Financial reports from UFW headquarters, 1974-1975
8. Florida agribusiness: Citrus industry overview report, 1976
- 9-14. UFW National Executive Board (NEB) agendas and reports, 1972-1975
15. National Farm Workers Health Group, correspondence and reports, 1973-1974
16. National Executive Board, correspondence and directives, 1973-1974
- 17-19. National Executive Board, reports and meeting minutes, 1973-1975
- 20-21. Pete Velasco's files: NEB reports, clippings, notes, correspondence, 1973-1974
- 22-23. Reports to the NEB, 1972-1975
24. Reports to the NEB; Toronto, Canada strike, 1974
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- 2-3. Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Medical Plan; benefits comparison with Teamster's plan, financial files 1974
- 4-6. President's report and NEB meeting minutes, Jun 11 1974
7. Strike directives, 1973
8. Strike reports; Delano, California, 1974-1975
- 9-10. UFW 1st and 2nd Constitutional Conventions, 1973, 1975
- 11-16. Correspondence and invitations; Benefit dinner for, "Fighting for Our Lives," 1975
17. UFW/AFL-CIO Solidarity March, correspondence, song lyrics, lists, 1975
18. AFL-CIO Boycott Support Committee files; reports, correspondence re Gallo and lettuce boycotts, (Velasco files), 1972-1976
19. A&P and Safeway stores boycotts, 1973
20. Baltimore Council of AFL-CIO unions—Grape boycott support; correspondence constitutions and publications, 1970, 1974
21. Baltimore Sun Papers; clippings and out-going correspondence re lettuce boycott, 1972
22. Boycott crew lists, addresses, political contacts, correspondence, pledges and phone messages, 1972-1975
23. Boycott "Picket People" lists, n.d.
24. Boycott union support; correspondence, press releases and meeting, 1970-1976
25. Boycott supporters' lists, 1970, 1975

26. British Columbia Federation of Labour; memos to trade unions supporting Seagram's boycott, 1976
27. Chain store correspondence, 1974-1975
28. Chain store executives' contact information, 1970-1971, 1974-1975, 1977

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4. Picketing instructions and Q&A's
5. Non-union grape growers, lists, 1971-1973
6. Gallo strike; mailgrams, 1975
7. Mass mailing message outlines, 1971
8. Contact addresses and notes, 1975-1976
9. Neighborhood campaign, 1975
10. New Communities, Inc. strike; clippings and memos, 1974
11. Pantry Pride/Food Fair stores, correspondence and newsletter, 1971, 1974-1976
12. Farm Bureau boycott; statements, 1972-1973
13. Stores and nurseries; lists, n.d.
14. UFW support of other boycotts; leaflets, speech, correspondence, 1975-1976
15. Grocers' refusal to accept UFW as bargaining union; lists, 1976
16. Washington, D.C. and Baltimore boycotts; mobilization participant lists, 1975
17. *Boycott Notes*, newsletter, 1973-1975
18. Publications; Farm Bureau, 1968-1969, 1971-1973
- 19-21. Publications; other unions and general boycott, 1972-1976
22. Official Songbook of the greater Baltimore Boycott Kazoo Band
23. General boycott booklets, 1973-1974
24. Jewel stores boycott pamphlets, 1976
- 25-26. Acme stores and Baltimore supermarkets; petitions, store visit reports, 1975-1976
27. *The Goucher Weekly*, (Towson), Lettuce boycott, 1972
- 28-29. "Book of Batches" of signed pledges, 1971
30. Friends of the Filipino People; Petition to stop U.S. military aid to the Philippines, (petition form), 1974
31. Door-to-door campaign against A&P; petitions
32. Politicians; correspondence, 1970-1971
33. Democratic National Convention; memo and report re lettuce boycott, 1972
- 34-36. Governor Edmund Brown for president campaign, 1975-1976
37. UFW political endorsements, 1974-1976
38. Safeway mislabeling meat products; congressmen's statements about, 1973
39. Market price reports; Baltimore fruit and vegetables, 1971, 1973-1974
40. Boycott city income and expense summary (budget lists), 1974
41. Boycott memos and incident reports, 1974-1975
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9. Paulo Agbayani Retirement Village; dedication, speech, flyer, 1974
10. UFW telephone network reports and costs, 1974
11. "Report to Safeway on the lettuce labor dispute," n.d.
12. *El Taller Grafico* files; boycott budget reports, invoice receipts, 1974-1976
- 13-14. Weekly boycott reports, 1970-1971
15. Weekly California grape reports, 1974-1975
16. American Lutheran Church-Baltimore Conference, 1972, 1974, 1976-1977
17. Baltimore Board of Rabbis; correspondence, 1971
18. Baltimore Jewish Council, 1972-1973, 1975-1976
19. Bishop Joseph Gossman; correspondence, 1974
- 20-22. Catholic Church; endorsements, 1972-1975
23. Religious endorsements, 1973-1975
24. Interfaith Committee to Aid Farm Workers; statements, Feb-Mar 1973
25. Maryland Catholic Conference, 1972
26. Clergy imprisoned in Fresno jail; statement, 1973
27. Press releases from religious groups, 1972-1975
28. Religious delegations elections files, 1975
29. Towson, Maryland; Catholic high school endorsements; notes press releases, 1974-1975
30. U.S. Catholic Conference; pamphlets, 1972-1973
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- 2-3. Clippings; Coachella strike, 1972-1973
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- 6-8. Clippings; La Paz, and press releases and directives, 1975
9. Clippings; marches, pickets and conventions, 1971-1975
10. Clippings; *National Catholic Reporter*, 1974-1975
11. Clippings; Nutrition labeling, UPC use and universal pricing debate, 1975
12. Clippings; Spanish newspapers, 1970, 1973, 1976
13. Clippings; *Supermarket News*, *Produce News*, *The Packer*, 1975-1976
14. Clippings; Texas incidents, 1973-1975
- 15-16. Clippings; UFW, 1970-1971, 1973-1975
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1. Baltimore AFL-CIO union lists, correspondence and resolutions, 1972, 1974-1975
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- 3-4. Contracts and statistics, 1970-1977
5. Inter Harvest contract, 1970-1973
6. U.S. Department of Defense vs. UFW, lawsuit, 1971
7. Legislation; Maryland and national, 1972, 1974-1975
8. National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)—legislation history; clippings, memos and reports, 1973, 1975-1976
9. Local legislation; New Democratic Club newsletters, 1974-1976
10. Mars supermarkets; charges and court orders for picketing, 1970-1971, 1973
11. Migrant Legal Action Program (MLAP); memos, leaflets, newsletters and OSHA legislation, 1975-1976
12. Pantry Pride; circuit court order, 1971
13. Prince vs UFW (Harold's Fruit Market); picketing, 1971
14. Steak Mate Corp., vs UFW, 1974
15. Englund vs UFW; Salinas strike, 1972
- 16-17. UFW negotiations with various growers, 1971-1975
18. AFL-CIO press releases, 1973-1975
- 19-22. Press releases, 1970-1976
23. Public relations files and press releases, 1973, 1975
24. Unfair labor practices by growers and Teamsters, 1975
25. Speeches, outlines drafts, transparencies, 1967, 1973-1975
- 26-27. Pete Velasco; speeches and related correspondence, 1970-1974
28. Speech research on world hunger and farm workers, 1974-1975
29. Baltimore boycott office; informational materials, 1971-1972
- 30-34. Mailing lists, 1970s