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happen. But it happened and there was an electric sense of joy that ran through the crowd.

The San Francisco Chronicle stated the next day that Cesar Chavez finally had his day. And no one expressed the meaning of the events at Forty Acres better than Chavez. "Today," he stated, "when we see so much violence in our midst, this event justifies the belief of so many people, that through non-violent action across the world, that social justice can be gained. We are proving this here every day, without the help of those millions of good people who believes as we do that non-violence is the way to struggle, we would not be here today." THE 42 year old union leader also thanked his supporters throughout the United



Cesar shows the union label, which now appears on 85% of all California table grape boxes.

States and abroad for their dedication and support of his movement. He also commented on the sacrifices of the Delano strikers "The strikers sacrificed all of their worldly possessions," he stated solemnly. "Ninety-five per cent of the strikers lost their homes and cars. But I think that in losing their worldly possessions they found themselves, and they found that through serving the poor and through complete dedication they could find themselves."

Newsman, cameramen and supporters pressed tightly around the table where Chavez sat with assistant director Larry Liliang, UFWOC Vice-Presidents Dolores Huerta, Julio Hernandez and Philip Veracruz, AFL-CIO Director of Organization Bill Kircher, and AFL-CIO

UFWOC SIGNS WITH VALLEY'S LARGEST LETTUCE GROWER

INTER-HARVEST PACT: "best yet"



Cesar Chavez, center, details provisions of UFWOC's new contract with Inter-Harvest, Salinas Valley's largest lettuce grower and part of the United Fruit conglomerate. At Cesar's left sits Dolores Huerta, chief negotiator for the farm workers. Behind Chavez are the chairmen of the workers' ranch committees.

Cesar Chavez, UFWOC director, told a press conference on August 31, that the new contract negotiated with Inter-Harvest is the "best contract we have negotiated yet." He also appealed to the rest of the growers to negotiate so that workers could go back to work in the lettuce and vegetable fields of the Salinas and Santa

Maria Valleys. One thousand striking workers are resuming the lettuce harvest after a bitter week of striking. The Teamsters union had agreed to rescind contracts with Inter-Harvest, which farms 25,000 acres of land in California and Arizona. Field hands receive a minimum wage of \$2.10 an hour, as opposed to the

Teamsters' \$1.86 sweet-heart agreement. UFWOC's wage package will increase next year, and it contains a ban on harmful insecticides and pesticides like DDT. Under the new contract, those who pick by hand will receive 40.5 cents a carton. Ten cents an hour will be contributed by Inter-Harvest to the health and welfare fund.



John Giumarra, Sr., after signing a contract with his workers. The Giumarra Vineyards Corporation is the largest table grape producer in the world.