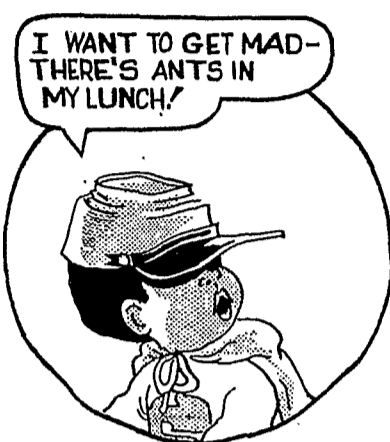


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Alaska Upsets Abortion Veto

Juneau, Alaska — (NC) — The Alaska legislature, by a one vote margin, has overridden Gov. Keith Miller's veto of a liberalized abortion law.

The law now makes it possible for abortions to be determined by a pregnant woman and her doctor if the fetus has not yet developed enough to survive outside the womb.

Forty votes were required to overturn the governor's veto.

The legislature's vote was 41 to 17, with the Senate voting 13 to 6 to override the decision, and the House voting 28 to 11. There was no debate on the measure.

Miller, a Methodist, had vetoed the bill passed earlier on the grounds that it would leave Alaska with no criminal sanctions against those who aborted a pregnancy after the fetus had achieved the ability to survive outside the womb.

Hopeful Grape Scene Presented to Bishops

San Francisco—(NC) — An optimistic report on the prolonged California grape workers dispute, telling of a successful breakthrough on some grower-farm workers contract settlements with still more settlements likely, was given to the nation's Catholic bishops at their semi-annual meeting here.

A five-month-old ad hoc committee on the farm labor dispute, established by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops last November, reported to the NCCB meeting on recent visits to the San Joaquin and Coachella Valleys and efforts to bring growers and field workers together to talk out acceptable contracts.

The report was submitted for the committee by its chairman, Auxiliary Bishop Joseph F. Donnelly of Hartford, Conn.

About the initial agreement, the report said:

"It is to be hoped that it might serve as a pattern for the table grape industry. Developments since April 1 give us further hope. The union is now negotiating with two growers with substantial acreage in table grapes in California and Arizona."

The bishops' committee remarked on "scanty communications which the growers have with one another, and the almost total lack of communications they have with the union" — the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, headed by Cesar Chavez.

"Only a few have ever met

Cesar Chavez, or have even seen him," the committee said about the Mexican-American leader who organized grape growers.

The committee report was approved unanimously by the bishops.

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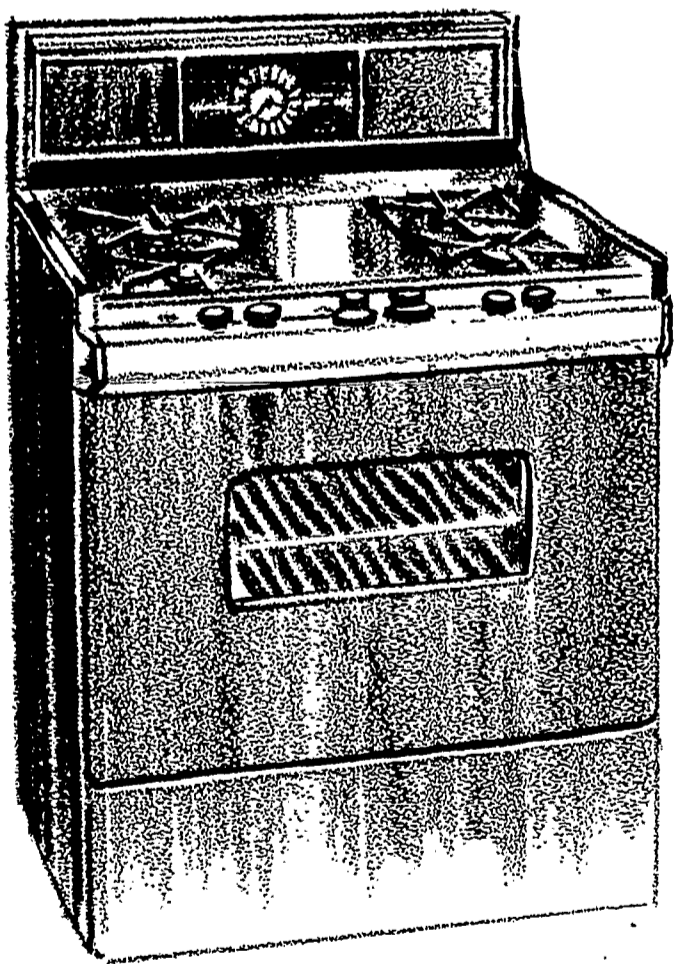


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