

Chavez Rides on

Los Angeles — (NC) — Six more Coachella Valley table grape growers have signed contracts with the AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC).

It was the largest joint signing since the farm workers' grape strike began five years ago.

The six growers ratifying agreements cover 786 acres and bring the total number of growers who have signed to 16.

They represent an estimated seven percent of the California table grape production.

The most recent contracts call for a \$1.75 per hour minimum wage and 25 cents a box incentive pay for farm workers.

Abortion Lawmakers Defeated

Albany — (NC) — Two state legislators who played key roles in getting the state's new abortion-on-demand law through the New York legislature were defeated in primary elections (June 23). The new law goes into effect July 1.

Democratic Assemblyman George M. Michaels of Auburn, predicted his own defeat in April when he enabled the bill, virtually stripping the state of all restrictions regarding abortion, to clear the Assembly.

Michaels switched his vote from negative to affirmative, insuring the bill's passage. At the time he announced his vote switch, Michaels told the Assembly he realized "I am terminating my own political career."

The other legislator defeated was Republican State Sen. D. Clinton Dominick, among the chief pilots of the bill in the Senate.

GERALD L. K. SMITH DENIED ROAD FUNDS

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — A bid for \$183,000 in federal funds to improve a road leading to Gerald L. K. Smith's "sacred projects" at Eureka Springs, Ark., has been rejected.

A spokesman for Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced also that the Commerce Department had rescinded the \$69,000 it allocated for the road.

Groups opposing the proposal have condemned Mr. Smith's views as anti-Semitic. They objected to the use of federal funds to improve the road which leads to his "Christ of the Ozarks" statue and the site of his "Great Passion Play." Critics argued that the only reason for the project was to encourage tourists to drive to Mr. Smith's enterprises.

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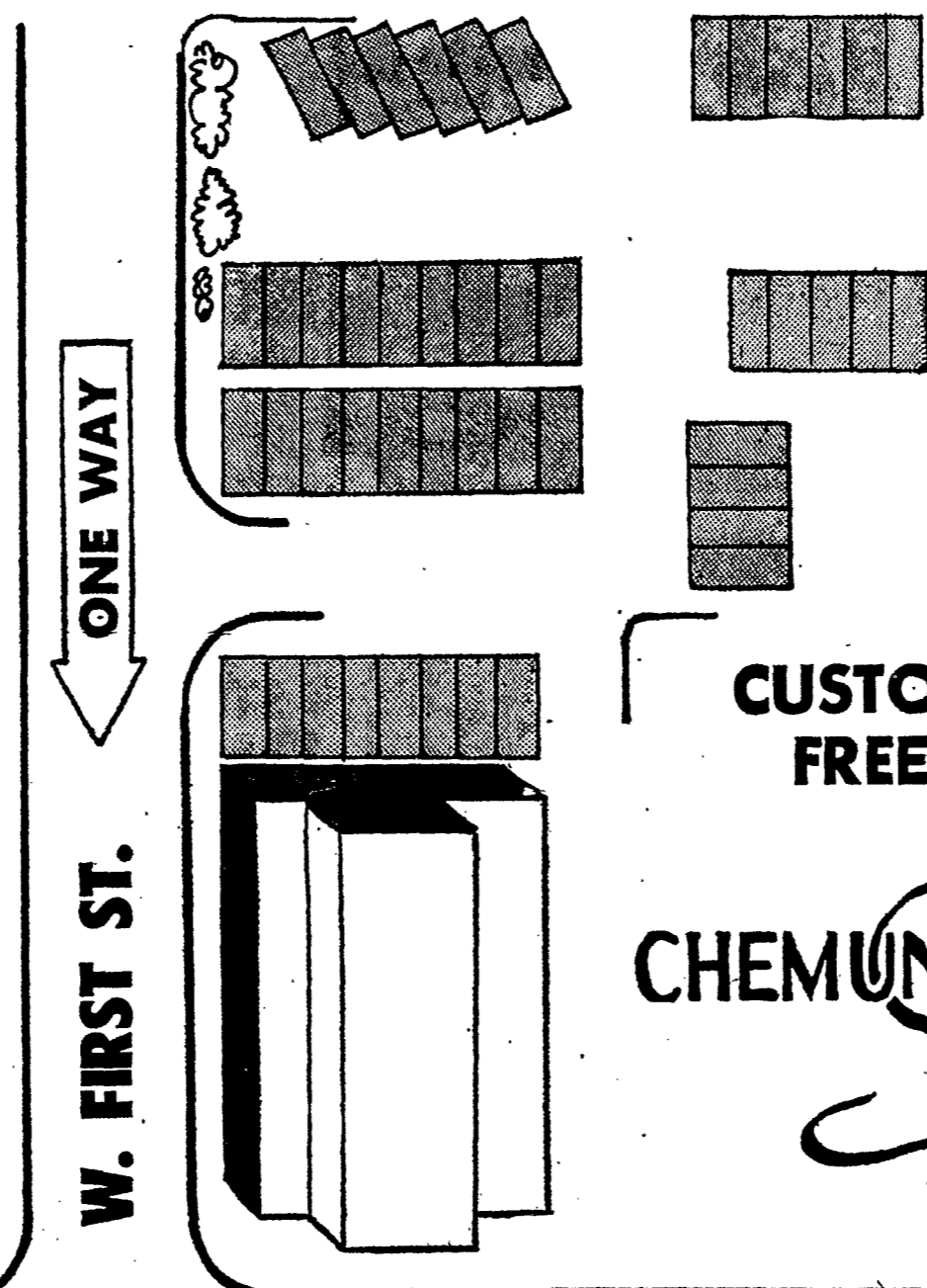
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