

Farm worker friends push boycott

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Defeat of Proposition 14 by California voters Tuesday struck a devastating blow to the United Farm Workers (UFW) and their supporters, including two Eugene organizations active in the UFW movement.

The controversial state meas-

Measure defeat spurs renewed effort

ure, which would have allowed farm workers to continue the secret ballot and collective bargaining rights granted under the state's 1975 Agricultural Labor Relations Act, went down with 61 per cent of the state's voters casting ballots

against the measure.

The measure would have extended the powers given farm workers by the defunct Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) set up by California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. to oversee

union elections and regulate labor practices. The ALRB ceased functioning last winter the state Legislature refused to grant the board necessary funds.

According to the Eugene Friends of the Farm Workers, support of the UFW through boycott of non-union products takes on renewed significance.

"When we started we said we would boycott if it takes 100 years," says Lois Erickson of the Friends of the Farm Workers. "We have already been working seven, so I guess we still have a ways ahead of us. When the day comes that workers have approved contracts and have a union of their choice, then we won't be boycotting."

The confusion generated by anti-14 forces in their pre-election day media blitz sounded the death knell for the measure, says Bill Ratteree of the UFW Solidarity

Committee. Ratteree points to the \$3.5 million spent by the measure's opponents as a key factor in the fall of Proposition 14.

"The main thing to keep in mind is that the workers still need and want a union and there is no way the growers can delay that forever," Ratteree says. "It's important that local boycott staffs renew their efforts. Long-time boycott supporters in Eugene sometimes believe the boycott is over because they have seen elections in the fields. But the boycott is not over."

"We have to challenge every market that fails to carry union products. We have to continue to put pressure on businesses. I've been to the Bullshed and the Fifth Street Public Market, for instance, and I've said 'Let me see your lettuce.' When they show me they have non-union lettuce, I say 'that's scab lettuce you've got there.' And that's what you have to do. You have to keep hammering away so they'll realize what they're doing."

Partisan structure maintained despite ballot measure defeats

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While almost a million Oregon voters defeated three controversial ballot measures on Tuesday, they maintained — with minor changes — the partisan structure of the legislature.

• Ballot Measure No. 9: Lane County was the only county in the state to pass the controversial Nuclear Safeguards Measure — Ballot Measure 9 — with the 213th precinct, which is comprised of almost entirely University students, voting better than 80 per cent in favor, but to no avail.

The final tally statewide, with only the write-in ballots yet to be counted, was 415,657 yes to 573,659 no. Most of the counties throughout the state other than the Willamette Valley and the Portland metropolitan area voted the measure down by an average of two to one. The major population centers pushed the percentages up to the final 58 per cent against with 42 per cent in favor. The county that came out with the highest percentage of negative votes was Gilliam County in north central Oregon whose largest city is Condon. The voters there rejected 9 by a 77 per cent margin.

• Ballot Measure No. 10: The final vote on Ballot Measure 10, which would have repealed statewide land use planning, proved what most of the experts had predicted.

The counties that gave an affirmative to the measure virtually ring the Willamette Valley and the Portland area, with a few exceptions. The only coastal counties to vote the measure down were Lane and Clatsop County, in the northwestern tip of the state. The final vote on the measure was 393,996 in favor, and 52,680 against. Measure 12, which would have repealed L-COG went down in much the same fashion.

• Legislative make up: There won't be a major change — as a result of this election — in the partisan make-up of the Legislature when it meets for its biennial session in January.

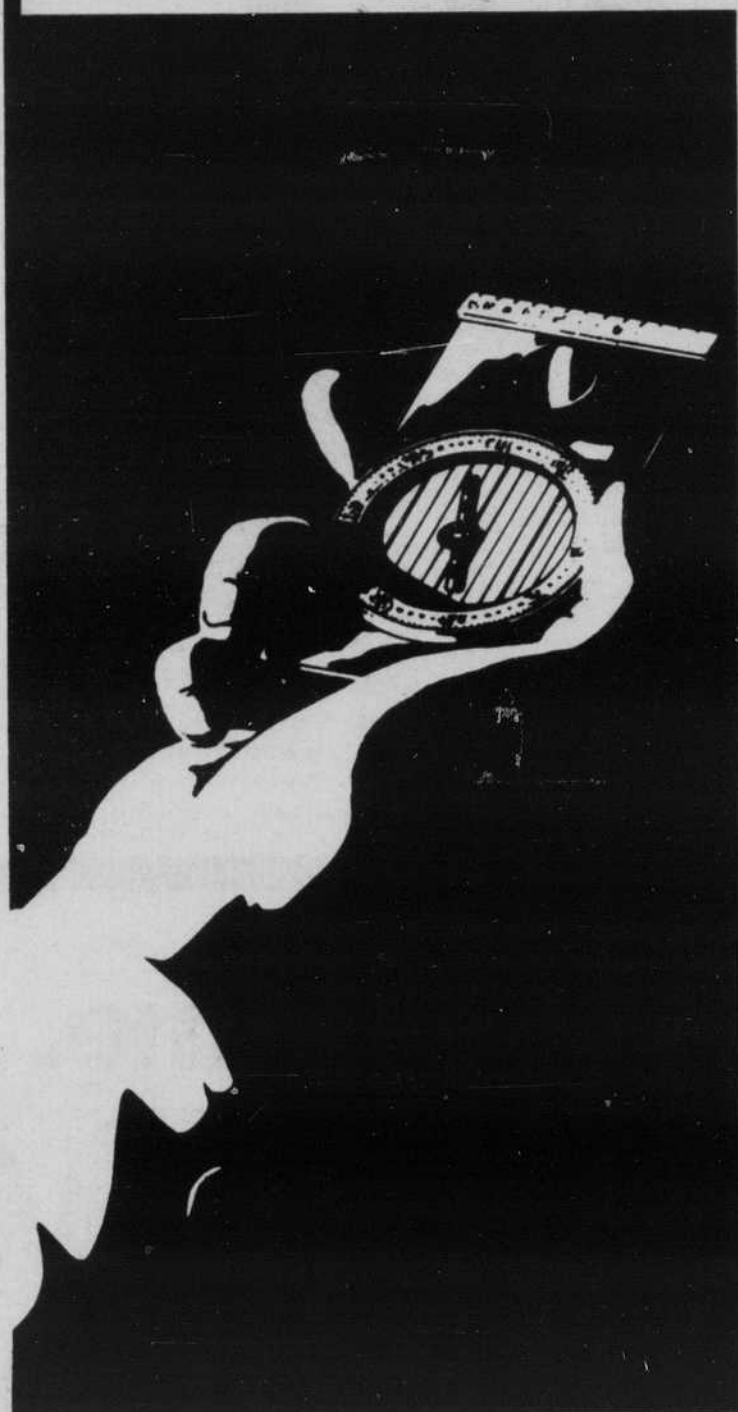
The Senate will add one Democrat to its rank as a result of the

ousting of Newport Republican Stan Ouderkirk by Florence Democrat Del Isham. Ouderkirk was one of the more influential Republicans, having served seven consecutive terms. All other Senate incumbents up for re-election were returned by large margins. This will leave the Senate with 24 Democrats and 6 Republicans.

In the House of Representatives the Republicans added one to their ranks to leave a total of 37 Democrats and 23 Republicans.

Three Republicans and two Democrats were ousted by opposing party challengers in the race and in races where no incumbent was running Republicans grabbed four seats and Democrats nabbed one.

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