

Chavez Ties Contract Loss to Colson

LOS ANGELES June 7 (UPI)—Cesar Chavez has told the United Auto Workers convention that Charles Colson, once a counselor to President Nixon, helped the Teamsters union replace his United Farm Workers as bargaining agent with many California growers.

Chavez said Colson was the intermediary in December, 1972, at a National Farm Bu-

reau convention here with Frank Fitzsimmons, head of the Teamsters union, in a "plot" to get contracts away from the UFW.

He said that in the spring of 1973, as a result, the Teamsters got 32 of 34 contracts with citrus growers in California's Coachella Valley. Chavez said the UFW had had all 34 of the contracts for the three previous years.

Chavez also charged that up to 70,000 workers are "illegals from Mexico" and "breaking strikes and working elsewhere" in California. Chavez urged that members of Congress be contacted to get the Attorney General to "start enforcing the laws in regard to the wide-open-door policy, the invitation to the illegals to come and break our strikes."