Consumers' Rights **Committee Is Formed**

Formation of a national Consumers' Rights Committee "dedicated to solving the problem of product boycotts and interference with the free flow of food to the American consum-Senator N. Lorraine Beebe at tee would have two major pur- in the marketplace." a news conference held with poses: U.S. Senator George Murphy of California.

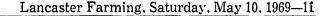
tion for farm workers

Speaking from a prepared

is assistant majority leader of tion's farm workers the right to the Michigan State Senate and organize and bargain collectivechairman of the new committee ly, if they wish, while at the which also will support national same time protecting the paracollective bargaining legisla- mount rights of 200 million American consumers.

"Second, to work with indivistatement at the office of Sena- duals and organizations concerntor Murphy, who announced re- ed about the growing national cently that he will sponsor such threat to the consumers' right bor-management problems in

Referring to boycott efforts California table Senator Beebe. R-Dearborn, islation which will give the na- said that these activities "have



been especially intense in the Shultz Proposes More Detioit and Wayne County, Michigan area because of the support given the grape boycott by Walter Reuther.'

Sen. Beebe said that food product boycotts arising out of laeconomy is to survive."

"The fair and proper solu- ate other machinery. tion is national legislation such as the concept proposed by Senator Murphy and supported by membe a ci ba' crties, as well as gricultur, and cor citizens throughout the countrv "

month, said that she found that tractors and farm machinery "the picture of a migratory labor force presented by John ing and living conditions in cupations California grape fields today."

the larger farms"

In addition, said the Michigan Register. lawmaker, "the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee and its leader, Cesar Chavez, have little support in the fields "

Senator Beebe added that the workers she met in California "expressed resentment over what they considered the false image given them by M1. Reuther, Mr. Chavez and other boycott organizers and supporters'

She said she hoped that public officials and others "who have found it politically expedient to endorse the grape boycoti will also travel to the California vineyard country, with open minds and open eyes, to see the facts as they are '

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Secretary of Labor George P. Shultz has proposed an amendment to the agricultural hazaidous-occupations order that would er" was announced in Washing- legislation in the Congress, to decide for themselves what the field "cannot be permitted allow 14- and 15 year-old vocaton recently, by Michigan State Senator Beebe said the commit- they wish to buy or not to buy to continue if our free consumer tional-agricultural students to drive farm tractors and to opei-

> proposal amendment The would permit the hiring of these students only after they comilate formal training pooroms sumer g sups and concerned in the sale use of this equipment and where employers provide constant safety supervision on the job The programs would be

> Sen. Beebe, who made a first conducted by certified vocationalhand inspection of California agriculture instructors experitable grape areas early this enced in the safe operation of

> The agricultural order prohib-Steinbeck in his 'Grapes of its the employment of youth un-W1ath' more than three decades der 16 years of age in certain ago has no application to work. particularly hazardous farm oc

> Persons interested in the adop-"The vast majority of vine- tion or modification of the ayard workers are not migrants," mendment have until May 30th Sen Beebe declared "Wages, to present by mail pertinent while not high, are the highest written data, views, or argument for farm workers anywhere in to the Director of the Bureau of the United States. Housing for Labor Standards, U S Departthose workers who do not live ment of Laboi, 400 First Street, permanently in the area range N W, Washington, D C 20210. from average to excellent on The proposed amendment appeared in the April 30th Federal



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