Coast Workers Vote Strike At 27 Vegetable Ranches

SALINAS, Calif., Aug. 23 (AP)—Some 3,000 members of Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers Organizing Committee voted today to strike at least 27 vegetable ranches tomorrow in a jurisdictional dispute in the fertile Salinas Valley.

The target ranches were among 48 growers who were reported to have signed fiveyear contracts with the Teamsters Union, then refused to sign releases.

Mr. Chavez and the teamsters recently agreed to give the committee jurisdiction over farm workers' unionization and limit the teamsters to canneries, warehouses and other nonfield areas.

Representative groups of farm workers from 27 of the "lettuce bowl" region's largest ranches assembled at Hartnell College athletic field here, and voted to begin picketing in a general strike from Watsonville to King City.

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