

# Around the Nation

## U.F.W. Reaches Accord With First Lettuce Grower

KEENE, Calif., Aug. 26 (UPI) — The United Farm Workers today reached the first contract agreement with a lettuce grower since members of the union began their strike in the Salinas Valley seven months ago.

The three-year contract, which must be ratified, was reached with West Coast Farms, which is based in Watsonville and employs 350 union members. The farm workers would receive a 57 percent wage increase over the next three years.

It was the third contract agreement reached this month by the union, whose members walked off their jobs with six major Western lettuce growers last January. The other two agreements were reached with tomato producers.

The three-year contract with West Coast Farms includes a wage increase for laborers from \$3.70 to \$5.71. Tractor drivers would receive \$6.77 by 1981 and irrigators would receive \$5.90 that year.

Cesar Chavez, the union's leader, said he was "pleased" with the agreement, adding: "Three down, about two dozen growers to go."

## Inmates Holding 3 Guards Issue Demands in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Aug. 26 (AP) — Rebellious inmates holding three guards hostage today added eight more demands for improved conditions at the city jail to an earlier list of 10.

The latest demands were made at a meeting with Bob Stoldal, a KLAS-TV news director who was acting an intermediary. The prisoners took over the jail yesterday.

The new demands covered such items as delays in delivery of inmates' mail, lack of hot water in the jail showers and laundry service. Earlier demands had dealt with such things as warmer food, a full-time nurse, more experienced guards and a radio in each cell.

The authorities said they did not know how many of the 84 inmates were involved in the takeover.

A police spokesman said the guards being held sent a note with the negotiators saying that "they were O.K. and that they had not been mistreated."

## Holes in Monitor Raising Doubts on Recovering Ship

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 26 (AP) — Divers have discovered three gaping holes in the main deck of the sunken Monitor, making it "much more doubtful" that the Civil War ironclad would ever be raised, according to an official of an expedition at the site where the vessel sank in 1862.

The holes were found Wednesday as divers shined lights on deck areas where the pilot house, wardroom, and gun turret once stood.

"We're close to coming to the conclusion that the whole ship could not be raised," Floyd Childress of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said yesterday. "What you would have would be nothing but a mess, really."

The size of the holes also lends support to the theory that parts of the Monitor were blown away by depth charges dropped in World War II by United States ships hunting German submarines.

Mr. Childress has been participating in a monthlong expedition 16 miles south of Cape Hatteras, where the ship sank in a storm Dec. 31, 1862.

It was in March 1862 that the Monitor and the Confederate ironclad Merrimack, also called the Virginia, battled to a draw in the first naval engagement between armored ships.

## U.S. Group Battling Oil Spill Watching Storm's Moves

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Aug. 26 (UPI) — A special Federal group attempting to prevent a huge Mexican oil spill from reaching the winter home of whooping cranes kept a close watch today on a storm developing off Mexico that could overwhelm all their defenses.

Officials decided to use sand to fill in Cedar Bayou, the only natural passage into shallow back bays in the 60-mile stretch between Port Aransas and Port O'Connor.

The action was ordered to protect the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, the winter home for most of the world's 100 whooping cranes, an endangered species. A temporary line of booms already had been placed across the entrance to the inlet flowing through San Jose and Matagorda Islands.

Debris from the spill continued to float northward, including one patch of sheen 35 miles due south of Galveston and a two-mile patch of oil and water emulsion, known as mousse, 17 miles off the Port Mansfield Cut.