Chavez Goes on Fast And Assails Injunction

SALINAS, Calif., Aug. 11 (UPI)—Cesar Chavez, leader of the California farm workers' union, began a hunger strike today and sought his own arrest in a dispute with the teamsters' union and Salinas Valley growers.

Mr. Chavez told a rally of his supporters he was "going on a fast beginning now" and would continue it "as long as it takes" to get field workers in the area represented by his United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

Judge Stanley Lawson of Monterey County Superior Court last Friday issued an order prohibiting Mr. Chavez's union from picketing one large grower who had signed with the teamsters for coverage of field workers. Mr. Chavez said today:

"We are not going to obey any unconstitutional restraining order. We will make whatever sacrifice we must to bring justice to our people."

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