Major Vegetable Grower Struck by Farm Workers

SALINAS, Calif., Aug. 8 (UPI) Cesar Chavez's farm workers union, fresh from victory in a five-year struggle to organize California grape vineyards, struck one of the largest vegetable growers in the rich Salinas Valley today.

The action apparently marked the opening of a campaign to organize the vegetable industry, not only against growers but also against the rival International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

A spokesman for the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee said that more than 300 workers were off the job at Freshpict Foods, Inc., one of several large vegetable growers that recently signed with the teamsters in an area Mr. Chavez had regarded as his next organizing target.