

# Chavez Union Calls Strike Against 6 Lettuce Growers

CALEXICO, Calif., Dec. 24 (AP)—The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee called a strike today against six lettuce growers shortly after the union leader, Cesar Chavez, was released from jail.

Mr. Chavez was freed last night from the Monterey County jail in Salinas, 600 miles to the northwest, after 20 days under indeterminate sentence for refusal to end a boycott against Bud Antle, Inc., a major lettuce producer.

The California Supreme Court, in a 6-to-1 decision, ordered him released without bail until it could hear his appeal from a Superior Court injunction.

In Calexico, John Quintero, a business agent for the Farm Union, dispatched pickets at 3 A.M. today in the new strike, which he called "Cesar's Christmas present."

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