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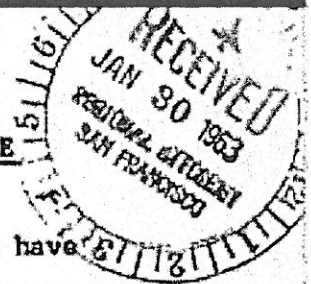
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SAN FRANCISCO, January 29: The U.S. and Mexican governments have found a Salinas farmer and an El Centro farmers' association in violation of regulations controlling the employment in the U.S. of Mexican farmhands, the so-called braceros.

The "Joint Determination" was issued by representatives of the two governments to the Imperial Valley Farmers' Association of El Centro, and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Englund of the R. T. Englund Company, Salinas, a former member of this association. In essence, the determination finds that these parties have:

- 1) Violated Article 19 of the "Standard Work Contract" (stipulating work conditions for braceros) in failing to maintain accurate records on hours worked by braceros in their employ.
- 2) Violated Article 10 of the "Standard Work Contract" in failing to pay \$447.25 subsistence due braceros in their employ (Note: subsistence is guaranteed a bracero who is not given a prescribed number of hours of work in a 2 week period).
- 3) Violated Article 11 of the "Migrant Labor Agreement" (defining standards and terms under which braceros may be contracted) in employing braceros contracted or assigned to them in work not in accordance with the authorizations under which the Mexican workers were contracted.

The Imperial Valley Farmers' Association and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Englund have 10 days to appeal this determination. Such appeal would be considered by representatives of our government and Mexico's in Washington, D. C. If the appeal is denied, the Labor Department here is authorized then to initiate proceedings under which the parties' authorization to employ braceros may be revoked.

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