

East Coast, Gulf Dockers Strike

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in a labor dispute since his election.

Meanwhile, California farmers warned yesterday that their survival is at stake in the lengthy walk-out, estimating the tie-up has already cost them \$100 million.

O. W. Fillerup, executive vice president of the Council of California Growers, said in Sacramento that there was a "genuine danger" that foreign markets lost because of the strike might not be re-established.

"This sort of action poses

a real threat to California agriculture," Fillerup said. "Our growers and processors have worked for years to build foreign markets.

At issue in the strike is jurisdiction over packing and unpacking of containerized cargo, which is claimed by both the Longshoremen and the Teamsters Union.

Agriculture Secretary Clifford M. Hardin also asked a speedy end to the West Coast walkout, saying the strike had prevented delivery of \$215 million worth of exports in July and August.

Bridges' 15,000 longshoremen walked out July 1. Nixon said he would invoke an 80-day "cooling off" period under the Taft-Hartley law if East Coast workers struck while West Coast Longshoremen were still out.



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