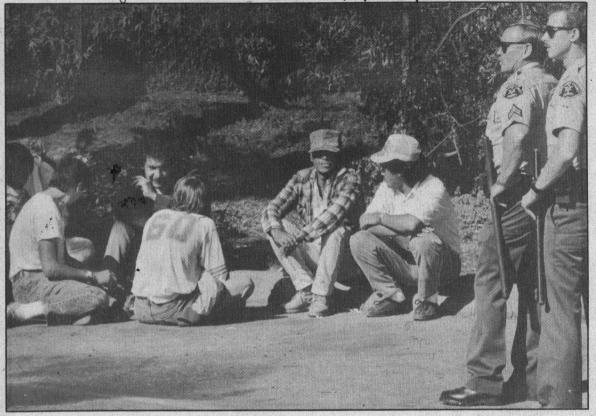
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INS makes arrests

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Immigration and Naturalization Service agents took 20 people suspected of being illegal aliens into custody this morning in the parking lot near the K mart on 41st Avenue in Soquel, a gathering spot for men looking for work from contractors. Sheriff's deputies had been called by an employee of a nearby business, who said he was being verbally harassed by one of the men in the group. Sheriff's deputies 'do not go out of their way' to investigate people's immigration status, but were responding to the call of a disturbance, said Lt. Charlie Weaver. Deputies referred the case to the INS to investigate whether the people were in the country legally. The INS then arrived and took the 20 men into custody. Further information was not available at press time.