

decent hours of work, and decent fringe benefits. I am very pleased that the majority here decided to affiliate with our great organization. No other organization in the world is as large and we are prepared to help you get what you desire."

- "This will be a democratic organization. You will elect your own officers, without influence from us."

- Sweeney said that at the present time a conference between the Teamsters and the UPWA was in process, working towards the affiliation, and said that they would unite with the International Brotherhood of Butchers, thus, had the valley group linked with the UPWA they would have been in a rather peculiar position."

- at this point the delegates representing Penticton, Vernon and some from Summerland and Oliver, walked out of the convention.

- "We're walking out," they said and stomped from the hall. "One of the battle cries of the union is justice," Reply from delegates who were staying was a simple "goodbye" but, following the withdrawal, the meeting voted unanimously to keep the door open for their return at any time they chose to do so.

- the convention got onto business grieved but not overcome by the loss of some of its representatives.

"NEW EXECUTIVE" of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, now affiliated with the powerful Teamsters' Union, are shown above a few minutes after the voting results were tallied Sunday afternoon at the close of the Convention. From left to right, seated are: W. Fleck, Kelowna, recording secretary; W. Darroch, Westbank, secretary treasurer; Allan Hesford, Naramata, president. (men sitting) Standing, are Mrs. Ann Bolen, Kaleden, vice-president; Mrs. Alice Miller, Keremeos, trustee; Mrs. R. Geddes, Oliver, trustee; Mrs. S. Townrow, Osoyoos, trustee.

JOINT OFFICERS REPORT

- past year executive and membership had a very difficult year.

- compliments to all who supported us during the strike and helped to make it a success in spite of the odds against us.

-- would like to censure the Teamsters' organized truck drivers who were crossing our picket lines, for the way in which they violated all codes of organized labour

- for these reasons and also our own members going back to work that we had to settle for 5¢ instead of 10¢

- it was near the end that the teamsters offered their support both morally and financially

- emotional stress during the strike caused the membership to ask the executive to investigate the I.B.T.

- a meeting was arranged between the Executive council and the I.B.T. for this purpose.

- it was at this meeting your executive was told that we would have to be in favour of affiliating with the IBT before and IBT constitution would be available to us.

- your executive then drew up an application for affiliation with the IBT subject to ratification by general membership

- this application in its drafted form was not acceptable to IBT officials on the grounds that it was very indefinite as to the stand members would take.