

top-heavy management structure of the industry, where it is rumored that some top executives are receiving fabulous salaries which they have refused to make known even to its members. Perhaps with a few economies in this area, and elsewhere, a few meagre cents could be passed on to the underpaid fruit worker."

"OKANAGAN STRIKE DISPUTED" - *"The Prospector" (newspaper)*

Mrs. Janet Stevenson, "My Views" columnist, here offers a rebuttal to Mr. J. Clayton Walls of Kelowna, IWWA Union official.

"Packers Wages"

Mr. Walls quotes the wages paid in the packing houses as being from 85¢ per hour to \$1.08 per hour. Okay, that's what they are, for the lowest paid of the workers. And in these packing houses down here, practically all of the workers receiving those wages are married women, or high school students just working for the summer holidays. Other than one or two men, physically handicapped -and pensioned- the sorting is done by women. And nowhere in His Holiness' encyclical do I remember reading that after a man has been employed, his wife must also be employed.

It isn't only the male packing house workers whose wives work for 85 cents to \$1.08 per hour. Our packing houses down here have wives of store clerks, school teachers, government workers, fruit growers, and even loggers. If the fact that their wives also work is evident proof that packing house workers cannot make enough to support their families, it is also evident proof that store clerks, school teachers, fruit growers, government workers, loggers, etc., cannot make enough to support their families, either.

"WHY THEY WORK"

If you ask any of those women why they work, practically all of them will say that it is because they have to, in order to make ends meet. And probably they are right. Once in a while you meet one who gives a different answer.... like one whom I know, who put it.. "where else can a 60 year old