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actions for damages from members of the public who may suffer as a result.

"Trainmen, who are contracted to handle the traffic are making every

effort to fulfill their contract and avoid the company suffering any loss,

but have been severely hampered by violence, interference and pressure,"

Mr. McGregor said.

Meanwhile the Western Conference of Teamsters pledged all-out support to the FVWU's in the Okanagan Valley, James Scott, a B.C. representative for the conference, announced.

"The packing industry is the lifeblood of the Valley," Scott said, "and it is the purpose of our organization to aid in the economic improvement of the workers with the resultant benefit to industry and the public in the Okanagan."

A series of meetings between packing house workers and representatives of the Teamsters from Washington, Oregon and California fruit packing locals has resulted in pleges of mutual, financial and economic support, Scott reports.

The Teamsters have opened bank accounts in the area to provide relief.

Teamsters represent most of the large trucking concersn in the Okanagan.

The resolution expressing full confidence in the industry's negotiating committee was the principal outcome of a meeting in Kelowna Wednesday night attended by some 150 leaders of the fruit industry, including BCFGA, district councils, Tree Fruits officials and packinghouse operators.

There was no indication of an inclination to capitualte the industry's position to have the strike ended. In fact the contrary was the case.

Representatives of the extreme south indicated in no uncertain terms that the south was solidly resentful of the concession offered by the negotiating