

Alma Faulds Scrapbook 4.

Mr cooney ins trying dñthrow a scare into the fruit growers. failed to convince th
conciliation board that the union should get an increase in wages; refused to
arbitrate the settlement; only recourse is to frighen the growers into submission:

- some growers and tohers afriad because they think that t e union can tie up everything tight so that nothing moves
- such a view is some considerable distance from the true picture: growers in strong position
- vote must be for all workers ~~what exr not union members~~ on seniroy list accordinf to union ~~constitution~~ contract, but many not yet working so union is ignoring the clause and proceeding with the vote
- strike ballot confising, does not state what goals of the strike are
- one third of houses in valley are non-union ; could continue to operate, add shifts can't be boycotted by transport unions since can't picket out non-union place
- make sure that t eir is no force on the part of the union
- union should go to arbitration if they are so sure that the industry can afford to pay demands

A statement by the Executive of the Oliver BCFGA: Some Explnations re Wage Disputes
of Fruit and Vegetable Workers

- assoc. deplores use of strike weapon, usually resultw in both sides getting hurt
 - fairest to gor ~~dox~~ for arbitration
 - cause of dispute" union forwarded post-convetion list of requests, incldu ng 10cent an hour raise, industry agreed to 6 requests but unable to meet 10 cents reaise
 - hourly minimum wage cor workers between 1.00 and 1.25 an hour: men; wo, en gwt 80-87¢/ hour, piece workers 1.00 tp 1.50 an hour depending on speed and skill
- also get holiday pay

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- reply to Mr. Hack; who spoke for fruit growers; I believe in arbitration and always have, supported it last year; provat e reservation re: strikes, o.k. for Ford workes but not FFVWU, "Tonight voted for the strike as did many of my fellow workes and it is not because we are an irresposnsib le bunch of radical or t at our motivating force is greed. It is only necause we believe that it is the lonly alternative left for me." Labor is a most precious commodity, unused a single d ay, it is lost." Because it is so perishable the workers must sell it as deadly as he can and because it is a cost facotr which affexts the profit rate the emploter must buy it as cheaply as hexexany possible. we realize that."