

(cont'd) dominant. A good example is the lumber industry in B.C. where 58¢ on every dollar made, is produced by the forest industry... thus it can be said the prosperity of B.C. in large measure is dependant on the lumber industry. In such cities as Port Alberni and Alberni, the whole community is entirely dependent upon it... here the profits go to everybody in the district...the barber, the school teacher, the mechanic, the store-keeper, etc.

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I find it rather idfficult to follow the line of reasoning that calling the strike was rather foolish. In my book, where such drastic steps as strike action is taken as a last resort in order to obtain economic justice for low paid workers, it should not be passed off so lightly. While the writer has a right to her opinion that she may contend with merit that certain tactics employed may have been ill-timed or illadvised, I cannot agree that they were foolish.

To assert dogmaticallt that tthe United Auto Workers would not go on strike, if they know there was a working force on hand who would be willing to strike-break, is not in keeping with the facts. Such a condition actually existed in the Auto Workers' Strike of 1936 and the company involved used airplanes to fly scabs behind the picket lines, in attempts to operate the struck plants. It worked only so long, until the social conscience of the scabs began to bother them.

My only comment on people who hand in their union cards when the chips are down, so to speak, is that they haven't the intestinal fortitude to face up to their responsibilities to their fellow workers!

A SUGGESTION

I would suggest that the author, who it appears from this article, is directly concerned in the fruit industry as a grower, delve a little into the