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- representatives of the IBT or those in full support have done the talking. In almost every case the IBT have tried to prevent the members in accord from airing their views.
  - on Dec. 4th your executive decided that by accepting the charter at this time it could only cause a split in the ranks and went on record as refusing to accept the charter
- IBT proceeded to install the charter in spite of the executive. We would like to point out that according to our constitution, neither we nor the member have the right to have a charter installed without referring it to the convention which is the supreme body.
- throughout meetings with IBT and their legal council we have been assured that if we change over we would not have to be recertified under the new name.
  - there seems to be considerable differing opinions on this
  - we feel that the general membership should have a full realization of what the change over would entail and to that end have hired Mr. A MacDonald, barrister and solicitor.
  - a split at this time seems almost inevitable. The only alternative to this is for the IBT to withdraw from the valley. In doing so they would be doing organized labour a great favour for it must be remembered that we hold a majority for our members under the FVWU
  - needless to say if they insist on staying in the valley and cause a split in the ranks of Labour and when certification is challenged we do not think they would hold a majority
  - we feel that in the federation we have absolute freedom to run our own affairs and also have the people with the ability to do it.
- Therefore, let us think again before throwing away the organization which we have and for which we have fought so whole heartedly and single mindedly in the past to attain.

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