

"VOTE SATISFIES UNION OFFICIALS"

"Satisfaction with the result of the strike vote held last week in valley packinghouses is expressed by Bryan Cooney, director of the organization, FFWU, (TLC), in a statement issued to the press today. The statement follows: Officials of the Federation are quite satisfied with the result of the recent strike vote held in the Okanagan. Sity-nine percent is ^afavourable indication. The percentage would probably have been higher but a large majority of our membership from Penticton north were not eligible, who are not members and in many cases not packinghouse workers but who were helping out in the rush of cherry packing.

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"STRIKE VOTE HIT BY FRUIT GROWERS" - "CLAIM UNION CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS NOT MET"

"VERNON- John Kosty, of Cold Stream, member of the labour negotiating cmmttee. and one of the B.C. Fruit Growers Association board of governors, Friday night challenged the legality of the strike vote taken by the FFWU, of which ballots were counted Thurday.

Kosty alleged the union contract contained a clause that the vote must be taken by all to whom the contract applies. "Workers on the payroll as of July 19, 1955, were eligible to vote; anyone working after that could not cast a ballot," Kosty said.

At that time, only 1,009 individuals were employed, out of an average number of workers for the Okanagan of 3,700 or at season peak, some 5,000.

"Out of the 1,00 entitled to vote, toatal numer of votes polled was 622, of which 194 were against the strike action; 428 in favour of the strike.

There were roughly then, 600 against striking - 400 who didnot vote, and 194 who voted no."

"ASK 10 CENTS" " Kosty gave us as an instance the Creston area, where one man voted for 83 packing house workers who will be employed later. The union seeks a 10-cents-an-hour increase across the board. The fruit industry claims it cannot afford more than was paid last

year.