HIGHLY PERISABLE crop in this part of the valley.

"IT WOULD ROT"

It would have rotted, and brought no return to either the growers or the workers-and what good does that do anybody, including the strikers. One year twelve whole months would have gone by before the crop was there again. I still think that it is unjust, and not according to Christian social principles, to call a strike at the geight of a perishable season like that. It was certainly expedient for the FVWU, but expediency and justice rarely walk hand in hand.

There is one more thing to be mentioned in regard to this 85¢ and $1.08 wage rate. Down here, the majority of those who recieve that rate are permanent residents of the South Okanagan. I said that before, but please forgive the repetition, it is necessary that that fact be borne in mind. During the season, those workers pay UIC. And apart from the students, the majority of them work onlg ehough to collect. Packing houses are seasonal employment at the best of times, so these employees feel perfectly confident that the national employment offices will not find them suitable employment elsewhere for the rest of the year. So, after the packing is finished, they collect UIC for the full period of time. And since most of them are married women who wouldn't leave here anywat, it amounts to a government subsidy to raise their wages. To figure out what they actually get paid it would be necessary to add their UIC payments to their wages and then divide it by the time they worked.

And on the subject of turning in union cards. I still think that those jworkers who did so, during the strike had the intestinal fortitude to stick up for what they thought was right. And such moral courage is one of the rarest of vurtues...it is always easier to drift thantto act.

Nor will I be bothered Mr. Walls' attempt to sabotage the B.C. Tree Fruits by starting rumors of "fabulous" salaries. Such rumours exist about union officials too, but, personally, I prefer to stick to facts.