

JOINT OFFICERS REPORT CONT'D

- IBT made a new draft omitting (subject to ratification of membership) and assured us faithfully that it would have the same meaning as far as they were concerned.
- asked to sign this draft on behalf of the Federation, very reluctant to do so.
- during this discussion the IBT offered \$2000.00 financial aid
- finally after further assurance from IBT that we were merely investigating IBT your Executive Council signed the application.
- your executive council learned that very week that trust in IBT was a great mistake
- newspapers were carrying articles stating that the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Unions had affiliated with the IBT
- furthermore our Director of the Organization at the time Mr. Bryan Cooney had circulars distributed stating we were now a local of the IBT
- IBT promised us Local Autonomy but this proved to be only a myth.
- Oct. 13th we were called to an executive council meeting and informed that Russ Leckie our Federation Secretary Treasurer had been hired as business agent by the IBT supposedly on our behalf
- we raised strenuous objections but were told by IBT officials since they were paying the shot they would choose the man and further announced that the charter would be installed October 23 at the Prince Charles Hotel
- feeling badly let down, your president and vice-president asked for a recess and held a short meeting at which they decided that they had no alternative but to let Bryan Cooney go and voice further protest over the choice of Russ Leckie as business agent
- A meeting was called for Sunday, October 16th and we informed IBT officials present that we would not accept the charter on Sunday October 23rd and though we regretted it we felt that it was in the best interest of the Federation that we discharge Bryan Cooney.
- IBT realizing that they had double crossed the executive and the no further co-operation could be expected from them, invented a scheme to by pass them completely.
- this was done on October 23, when locals were asked to send members to North West Conference of Process Foods, at Penticton, merely to see IBT in session
- it was at this meeting that IBT were successful in bringing to the very few members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers present the necessity of having larger representation from locals to meet with IBT with the hope of solving difference they could not solve with the Executive
- it was agreed that each local send two delegates to a meeting in Kelowna, on November 6th, 1985.
- it was understood that locals would discuss all the implications involved and study the IBT constitution and compare
- Nov., 13th it was agreed that the eleven resolutions passed be presented to Locals Number 1 - 12, for acceptance or rejection.
- your executive was told that 9 locals had accepted and 3 rejected.
- it must be admitted that in almost every meeting since the strike,