

"NEW TEAMSTER LOCAL NAMES FIRST SLATE"

"Formerly Fruit Workers"

Penticton- A.R. Hesford of Naramata was elected president of Local 48 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Ind.) until Friday known as the FFVWU (TLC)

- leaders of the new local and the parent organization from Seattle said after the closed final day's session they hope for more co-operation between management and labour in the fruit industry
- The convention endorsed a resolution passed earlier in the week by the B.C. Fruit Growers Association to ask the federal government to appoint a royal commission into the industry
- the union also endorsed requests for payment of unemployment insurance to farm workers not now covered and also higher old age pensions
- the dissidents who walked out after the vote told mediators from the Teamsters that they will not be returning to the new local
- Mrs. Anne Bolen of Kaleden was named vice-president of the local

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"At the FFVWU convention held in Penticton last weekend it would appear that democratic ideals, if not dead, were well buried because we understand that the affiliation with the Teamster Union was simply railroaded through with practically no discussion being allowed from the floor of the meeting. FFVWU convention rules state that every floor member present is allowed to speak twice on any motion. The FFVWU executive, in an effort to have an unbiased presentation of facts go before the convention go before the convention, brought Mr. Alex MacDonald, well known labour lawyer, from Vancouver. He was not allowed to speak. Most attempts from FFVWU members were ruled "out of order". Could it be that these powerful Teamsters were afraid that the meeting might be influenced by any airing of ideas other than those Teamster inspired?"

"REORGANIZED FRUIT UNION FAVOURS INDUSTRY PROBE "

DESPITE gravity of their own problems and the tenseness of not knowing what might be the final outcome of the "Walkout" staged on the opening day of the convention, delegates to the ninth annual convention still had time and thought for problems other than their own.

"shown in the lengthy list of resolutions that faced the delegates prior to the opening convention, last under the old auspices, first under the new one. The workers mission in investigating every phase of the industry and in this regard were in sympathy with growers who at the BCFGF convention, passed a similar resolution."