

voted to affiliate with the Teamsters. Two voted not to affiliate while one did not conduct a vote."

Letter sent to Mr. D.R. Leckie, SecretaryTreasurer, Federation of Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, Kelowna. Jan., 17th 1956

sent by: Alex B. Macdonald

Dear Sir:

" A circular mailed by your about January 4th, 1956, to members of the Federation refers to me as "Legal Representative of the UPWA-CIO". The innuendo is that I am really acting for this Union although taking instructions from the Federation. This is false and slanderous and I am demanding an immediate apology.

It is true that I have, at various times, acted for the UPWA as well as many Unions, both TLC and CCL including the Teamsters. In this case, I recieved my instructions form officers of the Fedration and wish to safeguard the interests and independence of the Federation under its Constitution and Bylaws. My advise was based upon the law and the Constitution of the Federation as I see it, and is given soley in the interests of the Federation. I have taken instructions from no outside union or persons whatsoever."

Yours Truly,

Alex B. Macdonald

(copy sent by N.B. Sunderman and G. Snowden

"UNION PATCHES UP FRUIT WORKERS RIFT" (special to the Van., Sun

"Penticton-Top AFL Teamster Union officials patched up a three-way split in the 3,000 Okanagan fruit workers Sunday while delegates decided to seek 10 cents an hour raise."

" The FFVWU's (TLC), agreed to continue working on merger plans with the Teamsters. Last week they had refused to accept a Teamster charter and officials reported a split in membership."

-some wanted to join others wanted affilitation with the CIO United Packing house workers and the rest were content to remain an Indepen-dant organization.

-Charlie Gower, secretary treasurer of the teamsters' warned the danger of complete collapse if the rift was not healed

--delegates decided to seek 10 cents an hour boost to provide a pension plan.

"UNION HEAD MUST EXPLAIN VOTE REVERSAL"

-Kelowna-members of the executive of the FFVWU will be asked to explain stand in opposing affiliation with the Internatonal Brotherhood of

Teamsters when the union holds its annual convention in Penticton  
-various local packinghouses locals voted in favor of the affiliation but on the eve of the presentation of the charter the proposed affil-iation was turned down by the executive council by a 3-1 vote

-the charter was then later presented to the FFVWU despite the exec-utives action