

-the congress at all times has urged the minority to accept the majority decision and work for a continuance of unity in the fruit and vegetable industry, in the Okanagan.

"UNION PUT \$400,000 IN CITY TRUCK FIRM"

- Seattle union boss Frank Brewster testified today the Western Conference Of Teamsters put \$400,000 into a Van., B.C. trucking company that looked as if it was going to fold"
- Brewster told of this financing during the questioning by the Senate rackets investigating committee about handling of union funds.
- Brewster says the unions "paramount interest" in putting money into the company Pacific Inland Express Company, of 90 Keefer Street, Van., was to "save the jobs of 160 workers" and retain a contract.
- he said, it was the first "model contract" negotiated in Canada and if the company went out of business "it would cost us more than the loan" in new organizing efforts..
- said some of the money may have gone into purchase of stock
- a representative of the firm first came to the teamsters office in Seattle to get help
- It was contacted in Canada by the Black Ball Trucking Lines of Seattle, they went to Van., and the Rep. would have had a share in the company if we got our money back with interest
- asked if any other loans to trucking companies are being made, he said the Teamsters are loaning money to Black Ball Freight Lines which are building a ferry to cost over \$3,000,000 running between Seattle and Vancouver. The loan would be \$250,000 and that they were secured in every way on the money loaned.

"BECK ADMITS GETTING \$400,000 INTEREST-FREE UNION LOANS"

- Teamster president Dave Beck said he had borrowed \$300,000 to \$400,000 in union funds interest-free during the last three years.
- Claims all is paid back
- Beck says loans justified because there was no possibility of the union losing money, and the money was from open bank accounts that were not drawing interest
- Beck has been given until Wednesday to surrender his personal records for scrutiny by the special Senate rackets investigation committee
- the committee is investigating links between the Teamster officials and racketeers in the Pacific Northwest

"\$709,000 IN UNION FUNDS "DISAPPEARS"

- the Senate rackets committee today charged that \$709,000 in west coast
- Teamsters Union funds were either lost or misappropriated
- committee says the figure does not include the \$400,000 invested in the Van., trucking company
- Chairman John McClellan, Dem., Ark., put the Accusation in the record
- a teamster official testifies the money was used to take over the Pacific Inland Express to keep it from going broke
- Brewster said he barred the PIX deal testified his handling of the union funds "was not good"
- Brewster denied any knowledge of, or any part in, an alleged attempt by some teamsters officials to "Muscle in" on rackets profits in Portland Oregon