

Letter to the Editor cont'd.

worker 555 working days, calculated on the basis of 18 cents gain a day. In the south end of the valley whwere the packing season starts in July with Cherries and runs through apricots, peaches, pears; and on to late apples in early Cecember, the worker may get in 150 days during the season. Thus it will take about three and a half years to recover that \$100 the female worker lost during the strike. The male worker lost \$132. It will take him about five years to recover that amount.

In the centräl and northern end of the valley where the packing season is shorter it will take the worker a corresponding longer time to recover the money he lost by going on strike.

Having been through the experience of a strike the fruit grower has the satisfaction of knowing he, his family and his friendly sympathizers were able to keep the paking houses in full operation during the whole time the strike was on.

On e of the most important points brougt out during the strike, and one that was made pervectly clear by the railway company and by officials of the rail workers union was that both the railway and the union members were obligated to move fruit loaded on railway property regardless of the packing houses workers' sstrike.

The lesson learned by the fruit growers' is that so long as the union holds the club over the growers' head - a club in the form of strike threat, they, the fruit growers, must be ready to step into the packing houses and carry out the job in case of a walkout.

The onluy alternative is to pay the union demands, no matter what those demands may be. That is the position the fruit growers are in, and that