

Penticton Herald article cont'd

statements
group.. have caused embarrassment by threats and false accusations
about our members and our union..a union which...by the way...has never
been involved in an illegal strike during its many years existence in
Canada.

We hope that the negotiating committee of the FFVWU and the fruit industry
will resolve their differences to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned..
and that all parties will proceed in a legal and orderly manner.

Under the statutes of Canada governing the contract our organization has
with the transportation system involved, we are, required to move any
freight placed on railway property. Our members will continue to make
every effort to carry out this contract and to obey the governing statutes
where possible to do so.

We hope that the affected parties will appreciate the position, that by
law and by contract, we must maintain.

An earlier release from Vancouver said:

W.G. McGregor of Calgary, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway
Trainmen, said in Penticton that his members would do all possible to'
handle traffic offered in accordance with their contract and called upon
picketers to conduct themselves in accordance with the law.

A CPR spokesman added that as a result of the fruit strike in the Okanagan,
the railway companies find themselves in a very difficult position in
fulfilling their statutory obligations.

The railways as a common carrier, by Parliamentary statute, are obligated
to accept and deliver traffic offered accordaing to their powers or face