

"A small ⁹joint committee was set up to compile certain information in preparation for the meeting, to be called early in April."

"The federation is operating independently of a local of the IBT set up in what the federation describes as an unconstitutional fashion at the fruitworkers' annual convention here."

"The federation's officers have issued writs against members of the new Teamster local and hope to have the new setup declared illegal by the Supreme Court of B.C."

-it now transpires that when dissenting members of the federation walked out of the January convention in protest against Teamster affiliation, they held meetings of their own here and elected officers.

"The federation assert that the legal bargaining certificate remains with its own locals and that "the federation is bargaining for the entire industry, not the IBT."

-the federations officers say that the IBT must succeed both with the court and with the Labour Relations Board "before they enter the picture or legally represent the employees in the fruit industry."

-no further action will be taken by the labour relations board concerning a change in name or applications for decertification until the court has ruled on the legality of the Jan. convention the federations says:

"The executive council of the federation says it is proposed to amend its constitution so that the duties and authorities of the director of the organization will be placed in the hands of the locals through a system of business agents."

-the federation also wants check-off union dues paid directly to locals in their respective areas.

"further amendments to the federations constitution to insure that a recurrence of a similar situation as we are now in is made impossible,"

"FFVWU TOLD CROP RETURN TOO LOW TO PERMIT GRANTING OF WAGE HIKE"

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--negotiations between the FFVWU and the Okanagan Federated Shippers are stymied with the shippers contending that the wage scale should remain as last year.

-FFVWU is demanding ten cents an hour increase in all hourly rates and a comparable increase in all piece-work rates plus a piece work rate increase of two cents per standard package on belt-type grader

-in addition the union seeks seven paid statutory holidays for employees who have worked 200 days in a calendar year and a reduction in hours between June 1 and November 30 to 53 hours a week.