

Mr. Garrish, as is his habit, does not ask the growers for their opinion but suggests the line of thinking they should follow. He says in part, "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the union representatives are not interested in the position of the grower but are interested only in obtaining more money regardless of the growers' ability to pay." He says in part, "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the union representatives are not interested in the position of the grower but are interested only in obtaining more money regardless of the growers' ability to pay." He says that of people who in 1950 took a 5¢ per hour cut to try and help the industry when no one else attached to it did, and incidentally, there was no lowering of packing charges due to our taking the cut. He is also referring to people who cooperated with the fruit industry in presenting briefs to the federal government which helped obtain a subsidy from the government for primary producers and which amounted to payments of some 23¢ per box on the fruit covered. This, of course, was before Mr. Garrish was president.

When our organization reaffirmed its policy of support to primary producers to be called on whenever we could assist by adding our voice to theirs in making this Okanagan a better place for everyone. Mr. Garrish, as president of the BCFGA said: "That stuff smells, it's lobbying, we do not need help from outsiders." Nevertheless that help will be forthcoming whenever it is wanted or would be appreciated. Remember also that it will come from people who asked not a raise, but an adjustment to their wages this year.

So I am trying to coerce the growers. I suggest that everyone take another look, they may find that I am one of the few, who at the moment is trying to talk common sense in stead of stubbornly going ahead into something that could have drastic results. Mr. Garrish, in his news release used one argument, the merits of arbitration. This sudden desire by the Industry Committee, evidently feels that his shoulders are wide enough to shoulder the load. My advice to him would be to quit peeping shyly from behind the skirts of a two man majority report but to come out and face facts. This take it or leave it attitude adopted by the Industry