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- 1 Crafters Union movement in a small way before the war
- 2 The movement was really organised about 1960 - about as far as I know in response to the first British Communist report etc.
Very active at first
- 3 The Federation was formed to co-ordinate the various Union branches
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- 4 The weakness of the Federation and its Union Branches was that it relied on voluntary effort.
- 5 In consequence decline set in and by the late 1970's the movement was almost dead everywhere.

- 6 The Federation of freebeavers were in Lewis for the first number of years
- 7 Then it was taken over by people from A.S. Dept but after a while the Federation became dormant and was not heard of for years and years.
- 8 In 1979 we were able to trace one of the last of freebeavers of the Federation in A.S. Dept and eventually he agreed to send us whatever papers that was still in existence - as well as about £250 that lay in a bank a/c
- 9 We formed a Federation committee covering all the Western Isles down to Barra in 1979
- 10 At the end of the financial year we held the Federation A.C.M. at the Cumnings Hotel in Suvaressa on the island of the West Isles Conference so as to attract delegates from all over the 7 Crofting Counties

I became chairman in 1976 I think

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