

AMENDMENT

Alan Mabin moved
Helen Glavina seconded
RULED OUT OF ORDER

THAT THE "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED SECTION" BE DELETED
AND REPLACED BY "THAT AUCE PROVINCIAL CONDEMN THE H-BLOCK
PRISONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND."

AMENDMENT

Kitti Cheema moved
Alan Mabin seconded
CARRIED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AUCE DEMAND BRITISH TROOPS'
WITHDRAWAL FROM THEIR OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE MAIN RESOLUTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Lauma Avens asked the chair's indulgence to speak to the convention on behalf of Local 5. She said that Local 5 had had problems at the second half of the convention, the local felt that it had been stifled. It would be Local 5's position, she said, that the charges brought against Local 5 by Local 1 were out of order.

Murray Adams suggested in a point of order that Lauma's statement was out of order. The chair ruled that Lauma was out of order. The chair was challenged. In explaining his ruling the chair decided he had erred and that a statement from Local 5 was permissible under Other Business. The chair was challenged again. The challenger explained his challenge: There was no motion on the floor so anything discussed would be out of order. The chair was sustained.

Lauma Avens continued. She said that Local 5 considered the charges brought against them by Local 1 sleazy and underhanded. Alan Mabin protested the delegate's choice of words and they were withdrawn and replaced. Lauma stated that the charges brought against her Local by Local 1 were improper in that the convention had not adjourned and in the middle of convention charges were initiated. It was Local 5's position, she said, that the two week break should not provide that kind of advantage. Moreover, she said, the charges were unconstitutional: motions opposing Local 5's entry into the C.C.U. had not been upheld at the convention two weeks previously. And, the discipline clause was being applied retroactively.

Lauma Avens read a statement endorsed by the membership of Local 5 at a membership meeting on June 24th, 1981:

"We arrived at this Convention as members of good standing in A.U.C.E., to participate in the Convention in good faith, to work with other A.U.C.E. locals for the betterment of our union. Instead, we found we were at the receiving end of a witch hunt.

It became quite clear that certain members of this union were angry that the Constitution did not prevent our local from affiliating to the Confederation of Canadian Unions and set about making changes to the Constitution to enable retro-active charges to be laid against Local 5.

To us, this action is unconstitutional, undemocratic, immoral and totally unprincipled. In fact, it is against all the principles that our union was