

SFU 18 Defense Committee,  
c/o AUCE Provincial,  
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June 5, 1979.

*To the AUCE Provincial.*

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

You have recently endorsed the demand that the charges against the SFU 18, those people arrested on the AUCE Local 2 picket line, be dropped. We thank you for that support and are writing to ask for your participation in further defense activities.

An open defense meeting for the SFU 18 decided to organize a public meeting for Monday, June 18, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fishermen's Hall, 138 E. Cordova, Vancouver. The purpose of this meeting is to rally the support of the trade union movement in addressing ourselves to the larger issues of defending our right to strike, defending the sanctity of the picket line, and our opposition to police intervention against the labour movement, including attacks on picket lines. Since the first trial has been set for [REDACTED] in the Provincial Courthouse at 6263 Gilpin Street in Burnaby, the focus of this meeting will be the demand to drop the charges against the SFU 18.

The speakers invited to the meeting are those representing unions which are experiencing government repression: CUPW, UFAWU, SORWUC (Muckamuck Restaurant), CAIMAW (Endako Mines), and the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (Adams Laboratories). From their immediate and bitter experiences, these speakers will be clarifying the relationship between the importance of the defense of the SFU 18 and the defense of the sanctity of the picket line. We feel that it is important for the labour movement in the province to show its strong and solid opposition to union busting tactics.

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We therefore ask:

1. that you personally attend and bring a delegation to the public meeting,
2. that you prepare a statement to be read to the press expressing your demands that the charges be dropped against the SFU 18, and
3. that you personally attend the first trial.

It is imperative that the leadership of the trade union movement attend this public meeting and the first trial to demonstrate the support of the trade union movement for the legal right to strike. Only this support can ensure victory for the SFU 18 and for the labour movement in general.

We will be contacting you with an agenda of speakers. If you have any questions, or suggestions, please contact [REDACTED], Sara Diamond or Joan Meister. Thank you for your concern and continued support.

In solidarity,

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AUCE, Local 6,

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Sara Diamond,  
SFU 18 Defense Committee,

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*Joan Meister*  
Joan Meister,  
AUCE, Local 2,

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*Sara Diamond*