

AUCE PROVINCIAL

14th October 1979

Phyllis Webb
National Secretary-Treasurer
 Canadian Union of Postal Workers
 280 Metcalfe Street
 Ottawa, Ontario
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CUPW

Dear Sister Webb:

The Provincial Association of University and College Employees is sponsoring a public meeting to rally support for the defense of the SFU 18, the supporters of the AUCE #2 strike who were arrested on the Simon Fraser University roadway in March of this year.

We are writing to invite you to send a representative from the Vancouver Local of CUPW, to speak to the theme: "Why the Charges Should Be Dropped". The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., October 26th at the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers' Union Hall in Vancouver.

Other invited speakers will represent the Canadian Union of Public Employees, International Woodworkers of America, the B.C. Government Employees' Union, and the B.C. Federation of Labour.

In recent months, AUCE #2 and the SFU 18 have had tremendous support from the Postal Workers and your continuing support is having great effect on both the morale of those charged and the results of the defense campaign itself. Charges against one person have been dropped. Another, [REDACTED], was convicted on the charge of blocking a highway and fined \$250 (which is being appealed) but he was dismissed of the charge of obstructing a police officer. Further, a stay of proceedings has been insituted on the charges against three of the others arrested. From the latest action on the part of the Crown, it seems obvious that there is no case against these people and that there was no basis for their initial arrest.

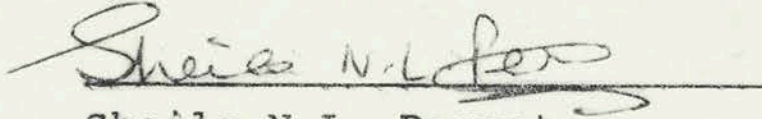
The employer's tactic of using the police and the courts to 'settle' labour disputes is a time and money-wasting strategy that neither AUCE nor CUPW is prepared to accept. At this time may I extend to you our solid support for the release of [REDACTED]; we fully realise the crippling effect his imprisonment will have on the upcoming CUPW negotiations. To this end we have repeated our protest to the Federal Government and today telegraphed the Federal Minister of Justice demanding that the charges against the officers of the National Executive Board be dropped.

We hope that arrangements can be made for representation by CUPW at the SFU 18 public meeting. Perhaps you could let me know within the

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next week whether or not you will be able to send a representative to the meeting.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheila N.L. Perret", is written over a horizontal line.

Sheila N.L. Perret
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