

2AUCE

NEWS BULLETIN
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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE INQUIRY?

At the membership meeting on Tuesday night, Norma Edelman said she is extremely surprised and disappointed that conditions for an Industrial Inquiry Commission are not yet settled, given that the Union applied for the Inquiry on April 10. The Union has voted overwhelmingly to escalate secondary picketing as of Thursday if no letter of agreement is signed at a meeting with the University and Government representatives today.

Edelman summarized attempts to date at getting a letter of agreement stipulating conditions for the Inquiry.

APRIL 5 - Government representatives outlined possible routes for settling the strike. These in-

cluded Mediation, Arbitration and an Industrial Inquiry.

APRIL 10 - AUCE asked for an Industrial Inquiry and stated its terms.

APRIL 12 - SFU agreed to an Inquiry and stated its terms.

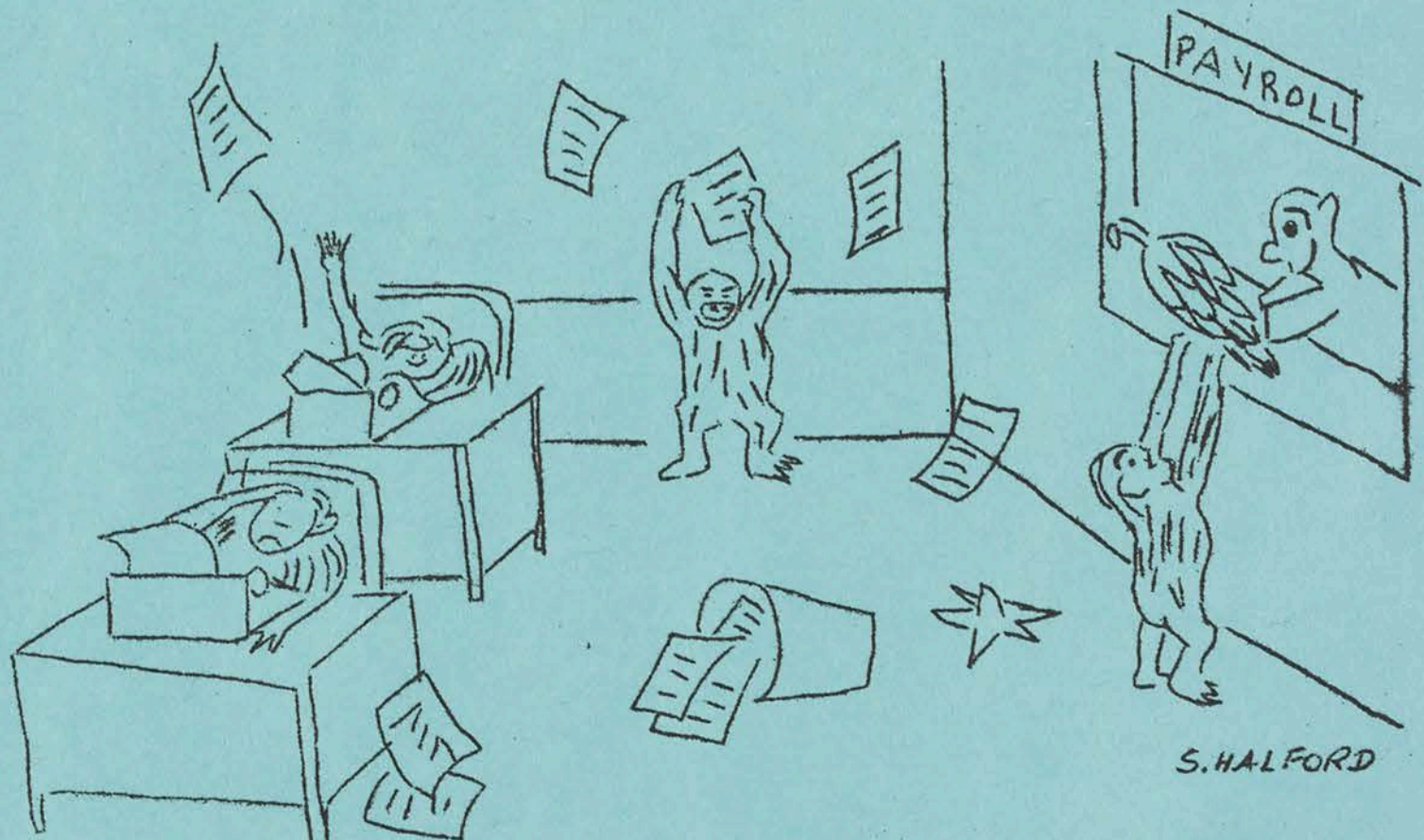
APRIL 13 - Mediation until 9:00 Friday evening but failure to reach agreement.

- AUCE asked to meet again on Saturday but the University said they would not be available until Tuesday.

APRIL 17 - Still no agreement.

- Picketing at TRIUMF (UBC).

Although conditions were discussed at the membership meeting, as of press time negotiations between the Union, Government Reps. and



"TO HELL WITH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - AT LEAST THIS LOT WON'T ORGANIZE!"

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SFU continue and could be jeopardized if precise details were published at this time. Should no letter of agreement develop from Wednesday's meeting, a more detailed bulletin will be written after Thursday's membership meeting.

ESCALATED PICKETING

On Tuesday, AUCE 2 began picketing TRIUMF, a nuclear research building on the UBC campus. The centre, funded by UBC, U. Vic., U. of Alberta and SFU, employs AUCE Local 1, CUPE and various construction workers.

There was some initial confusion because AUCE was employing a "surprise" picket line tactic and had not given the construction workers advance notice of the line. The situation was further complicated by erroneous media reports during the weekend which said that SFU would not be picketed on Tuesday.

Originally the Union had planned on picketing the entire UBC campus last Thursday but held back when a letter of agreement seemed imminent. When the University refused to meet on the weekend to settle conditions for the Inquiry, the executive held an emergency meeting and decided to picket TRIUMF.

As stated above, there is STILL no letter of agreement and picketing WILL BE ESCALATING.

DONATIONS KEEP ROLLING IN

- Telecommunication Workers Union, Prince George - \$25.00
- Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1285, Rossland, B.C. - \$50.00
- Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada, Castlegar, Local 1 - \$100.00
- Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1298, Castlegar, B.C. - \$45.00. They also sent \$45.00 to AUCE Local 6, TSSU.
- CUPW, Local 280, Metcalfe, Ont. - \$200.00

- Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers, Local 400 - \$100.00

DAY-CARE WORKERS CROSS THE LINE

The 21 workers in SFU's seven day-care facilities have returned to work. Heather Kucheran told the AUCE membership last night that the move, which had been considered by the social services employees' union for some days, was ultimately precipitated by 5 day-care workers' receiving lay-off notices.

Ms Kucheran stressed that while she could not condone the crossing of AUCE 2's picket line, she felt that it was remarkable, given the cumulative pressures on the day-care staff, that they had stayed off the job as long as they had.

Following this announcement the AUCE 2 membership voted to rescind a motion of April 3 authorizing a loan of \$2100 to the SFU day-care workers.

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Melody Rudd will speak on AUCE's dispute at a May Day Committee rally to be held later this month. The rally is organized annually by the May Day Committee to celebrate workers' rights.

SFU 18 Defense Rally - Come to the 'Defend the 18 Rally' on Saturday, April 21 (12 noon) at the Vancouver Courthouse. There will be speakers, music and theatre. Help show support for the 18 who on March 22 were arrested on AUCE 2's legal peaceful picket line. They are charged with 'obstructing a peace officer in the execution of his duty' - a charge carrying 2 years imprisonment upon conviction. COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT IN DROPPING ALL CHARGES. ON SATURDAY, SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS.

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Strike Support Forum - A Strike Forum has been set up to meet tonight (Wed., 18th) at St. Margaret of Scotland's Church (Sperling and Curtis) at 7:00 to discuss strike strategies of all concerned parties. Everyone is welcome to participate. SSSC, TSSU, Local 2 Executive and Concerned Faculty representatives will be attending, and, hopefully, other unions who have supported AUCE.

Benefit - A benefit, sponsored by the Student Strike Support Committee, will be held at the Fishermen's Hall (138 E. Cordova) Friday night (20th) at 9:00, with 'Ad Hoc' and possibly other groups.

General Membership Meeting - There will be a meeting Thursday night (19th) at 7:00, HALL TO BE ANNOUNCED.