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SPECIAL ISSUE:

SUPPORT FOR FAST, FAIR SETTLEMENT

LET'S ALL ATTEND THE JULY 28th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As we explained in our second information sheet, on July 28 a special noon-hour general membership meeting will take place to accept or reject the University's package, prior to the delivery of the strike-vote ballots. At that meeting, we will be able to discuss and determine what the union will be doing for the next while.

If the package is rejected, the strike vote ballots will be delivered the next day, July 29. We need the strike vote to be a positive one, a strike vote that reflects the unconditional support of the union as a whole towards the demands that the Contract Committee is negotiating, a strike vote that tells the University that 1,200 employees at U.B.C. will go on strike if necessary to defend their rights.

Since the motion to hold a strike vote was passed three months ago, the Strike Committee has been co-ordinating the preparation of this strike vote. We have and we are informing the public about our situstion, distributing leaflets at every convention on campus; we have established contact with other unions on and off campus: we have reached our most active members and have started working with them on publicity; and in a continuing way have tried to keep our members informed through Division meetings, internal information sheets, and posters. We feel that our posters on campus have fulfilled the role of reminding us of what the union is doing, and we are trying to keep this up.

There is still much more to be done, and we will all have to double our efforts after a positive strike vote, but we would like us all to feel free about accepting or rejecting the University's package. A positive strike vote and even a strike would

not be a surprise for the public who has already started to learn about what's really happening at U.B.C. We have the necessary means and the people to: carry out joint actions with other unions, like the approved benefit; further expand our publicity campaign; and organize ourselves for possible picketing in the case of a strike.

Once more, the positive strike vote will not mean we would go on strike the next day. Our actual going on strike would be decided at the following general membership meeting (August 11) during which the Strike Committee will offer alternate ways of striking along with a recommendation on how to strike.

Get involved! Come to the meeting! You are the union!

The Strike Committee.

Strike Committee's New Members:

At the last general membership meeting the following people were elected members of the Strike Committee by acclamation:

Paula Brown, Susan Callaghan, Jane Latter, Wendy Lymer, Margaret Nicholson.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE RESPONSE!

We still need one more member elected at large and representatives from all Divisions except Division A. The number of members the Committee has at present is 9.