

AUCE PROVINCIAL

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Marie Renholm
Canadian Association of
Industrial Mechanical and
Allied Workers
Local 14
5648 Imperial Ave.,
Burnaby, B.C.

Dear Marie:

Re: Strike at Canadian Kenworth

When I last spoke to you, some weeks ago, it was to let you know that AUCE members wanted to visit the CAIMAW picket line, talk to the strikers and take pictures. Three of us visited the picket line that Saturday and were up-dated on the status of negotiations. We were also very successful in getting pictures of the line and the picketers which we will be able to use for a slide-tape production to be adapted to explain the provisions of the B.C. Labour Code regarding picketing and strikes. We wanted to thank you and the strikers for helping us out that day. When we have the slide-tape finished we will send CAIMAW copies of the photos for your files.

I am also writing to inform you that, at the last meeting of the AUCE Provincial Executive, a motion in support of the CAIMAW Local 14 members (similar to the one passed at the Annual Convention in June) was carried unanimously. Unfortunately we are not able to back the motion financially at this time, as we are still recovering from the effects of the strike at UBC, waged by our local 1.

Please convey our support to the CAIMAW membership. We would also ask that you keep us up-to-date on contract developments. We would be interested in helping relieve picketers on the line whenever we can, especially as it's getting nearer to Christmas, and the weather is not the greatest for maintaining spirits after such a long, drawn out dispute. Let us know when we can help and please send us any bulletins you may have published explaining the status of the strike.

The issue of equal pay for work of equal value is an essential one to undertake; you have our whole-hearted support.

In Solidarity,


Sheila N.L. Perret, Secretary-Treasurer