

A.U.C.E. Local #1

September 20, 1976

EMERGENCY REFERENDUM

During A.U.C.E. Local #1's regular General Membership Meeting of September 9th a motion was passed to the effect that "in the event of C.U.P.E. 116 taking strike action that the membership of A.U.C.E. deem C.U.P.E. picket lines as 'bona fide'." This means that we recognize it as a legal strike and that the University cannot discipline any of our members for refusing to cross C.U.P.E. picket lines. This motion is a safe-guard for our membership. It is a protection for individual members of A.U.C.E.

During the above mentioned membership meeting the members present also discussed support for C.U.P.E. but as two-thirds of our membership was not present at that meeting a vote could not be taken at that time. The matter was referred back to the executive.

During the executive meeting of September 14th it was decided that in light of C.U.P.E. taking a positive strike vote it was necessary to hold an emergency referendum on the issue of support. Legally C.U.P.E. must serve 72 hours strike notice after their mediator has reported out, it was felt by the executive that the referendum must take place as soon as possible to eliminate last-minute problems, and to let the membership know where it stood in the event that a strike by C.U.P.E. became a necessity.

To date C.U.P.E. is still in mediation and cannot serve strike notice. They have been in mediation every day since their strike vote was taken; and their executive has given some indication that progress is being made.

Your ballot is placed on the bottom of this sheet. For those members who are not sure what a motion to support really means it is simply that should C.U.P.E. find