



association of university and college employees

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PRESS RELEASE

RE: WAGE CONTROLS AND SOCIAL SERVICE CUTBACKS

Enclosed you will find a letter to the B.C. Federation of Labour President Jim Kinnaird, stating our opposition to Premier Bennett's proposed wage controls and social service cutbacks.

The following motions were passed by the AUCE Local I membership meeting on March 18, 1982:

"Whereas The Socred government has instituted wage controls undermining the standard of living of 200,000 public sector employees in B.C., and whereas the controls block the demand to equalize base rates and women's right to equal pay for work of equal value, and whereas the cuts in public sector spending will reduce the quality of social services, T.B.I.R.

That AUCE Local I goes on record as being absolutely opposed to wage controls and to social service cutbacks, and that we support a program for their withdrawal sponsored by the B.C. Federation of Labour including:

- a) a total boycott of "stabilization" program machinery
- b) a series of community forums across B.C. outlining labour's opposition to social service cuts, and a more equitable economic plan for B.C.
- c) formation of a common front of all unions affected by these policies
- d) organization of a province-wide demonstration at the opening of the legislature in Victoria
- e) finally, when necessary, organization of a 24 hour province-wide general strike."

AND, FURTHER:

"That AUCE Local I will actively support any other union during contract negotiations for wages and benefits exceeding the 10% limit, and during any job action which will oppose the guidelines, in an attempt to gain a liveable and fair wage for all members."

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