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1979 CONVENTION

6th Annual Provincial Convention will be held June 2nd & 3rd at UBC Law Building. Any member in good standing is welcome to attend-voice but no vote. Starting at 8:30 a.m. sharp on Saturday morning.

Nominations are open for table officer positions on the Provincial Executive. Positions to be filled are President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Union Organizer (all by referendum ballot) and 3 Trustees elected at convention. All nominations must be moved and seconded and signed by the nominee. Nominations may also be heard at Convention.

Provincial Office will need help after convention to send out ballots for the elections. Please call Sheila at 684-2457 if you can spare a couple of hours. First work night will be Wednesday, June 6th. Need a team of at least 10! Wednesday, June 13th will be another work night.

\$5.00 ASSESSMENT REFERENDUM

Results of the May referendum ballot polling members on a special one-time assessment of \$5.00 for Locals 2 and 6 strike funds:

585 YES

462 NO

86 ABSTAIN

81 SPOILED

1214 TOTAL CAST & 64 returned unused.

Instructions have gone out to the executive of Locals 1, 4 & 5 to make the assessment of their members.

AUCE MEMBERSHIP

Latest Local membership figures received by Provincial Office and effective March 31, 1979 the month of the call to Convention:

Local 1 1425

Local 2 850 (approx. official Local 4 179 figures not rec'd.)

Local 4 179
Local 5 83

Local 6 262 (signed up although bargaining unit in

excess of 400)

TOTAL 2799

LOGO WINNER

Congratulations to Darlene Brothers, Local 1 member, winner of Provincial Logo Contest. Darlene's winning entry (at left) was chosen the winner from 70 entries at the May Provincial Executive meeting. Thanks to all those who participated.

SFU 18 DEFENSE FUND NEEDS \$\$

The first trial re the 18 people arrested on SFU Local 2 picket line March 22 will be held June 21st at 9:30 a.m. in Provincial Courthouse, 6263 Gilpin, Burnaby. The Defense Committee is working actively to get the charges dropped. Money is desperately needed to continue the work. Please send to SFU 18 Defense Committee, c/o AUCE Prov'l #901-207 W. Hastings, Van. For further info phone: Judy Cavanagh Bill Burgess

DONATIONS TO LOCALS 2 & 6

Latest donation to our SFU Locals comes from Kootenay District Council of the Canadian Union of Public Employees. They gave \$100 to each local.

MUCK-A-MUCK STRIKE ANNIVERSARY

SORWUC strikers at Muck-A-Muck Restaurant will be holding a corn roast complete with huge cake on the picket line June 1st; the end of a long year's struggle. They are still awaiting the LRB decision on the decertification application made by the restaurant management. Join the picket line activities at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 1st at 1124 Davie Street (across from the Sands Hotel).

LOCAL REPORTS FOR MAY 1979

Local 1 (UBC) - Richard Melanson reports the on-campus Shop Steward's Seminar was most successful. The local picked up the lost wages of the stewards for the all-day workshop held Wednesday, May 16th. Other locals might like to consider this format to ensure full attendance for a very worthwhile union educational activity. Local 1 is very interested in the CLC Affiliation resolution to be presented at Convention and is interested in working on further research on affiliation. The local is also formalizing job descriptions for the two union office workers.

Local 2(SFU) - They are holding elections for new executive officers with more than one person running for most positions. They are having a 2% wage assessment of all members to help pay strike debts. Diane MacKenzie Baigent will represent Local 2 on the Industrial Inquiry Commission with Ian Stewart, Victoria, representing SFU. They have yet to meet to decide on the third member of the commission who will be the chairperson.

Local 4 (Capilano College) - As the result of an April referendum vote the two Provincial Representatives will now be part of the Local Executive. At a recent monthly AUCE/Administration meeting, two very long-term temporary positions have been regularized. The 19 outstanding re-classifications have a projected completion date of May 31st.

Local 6 (Teaching Support Staff - SFU - TSSU) - Since the end of the AUCE 2 strike, most of the time has been spent dealing with arbitrary harassment of union members, with respect to questions of academic standing and/or paycheques received since returning to work. General membership meeting gave the negotiating team the OK to bargain for a union shop with a grandfather clause. As a result of the work done during the Local 2 strike many new people have become active in Local 6.

Local 5 (College of New Caledonia) - Elections held for new executive officers with Vicki Nunweiler (former Provincial Rep.) as President. Vicki is presently working with Personnel to formalize all job descriptions within the bargaining unit.

TYPING POOL TAKE NOTE!

A Swedish Labour Court recently awarded a pay increase for fifty women metal workers because their jobs were monotonous. While the verdict has created a precedent in Sweden, it will not automatically mean wage increases for workers in similar occupations. Their labour unions will have to conduct negotiations with the employer associations at the local level. If this is not successful, they can follow it up through the various stages to the Labour Court. It is believed that thousands of workers with boring jobs will have their unions negotiate increases for them.

.. The Western Canadian Lumber Worker (IWA) May 1979.