

Association of University and College Employees

LOCAL No. 1 (U.B.C.)

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Editor
UBYSSEY
Student Union Bldg.
Campus Mail

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Your news item of January 11, 1979 -
Gov't action could bring UBC protest

I am writing to request that a retraction be made regarding this item.

I would like to draw to your attention the many harmful misquotes and inaccuracies contained in this article. They are as follows: a) UBC would be faced with "work slowdowns" if our SFU Local was legislated back to work and that AUCE was prepared to "work to rule" in support of their SFU Local if the essential services amendments were enforced. I at no time made a statement to that effect. I was asked a general question as to what unions might do to fight the gov't on these amendments. I suggested several alternatives a union (not our union) could employ - one was work to rule. I specifically stated that AUCE Local 1 had no intended plans of action to oppose these amendments and that our Provincial Association was taking it up at meeting January 12, 1979. b) I stated that there was a possibility that the Socred Government would implement this legislation against the SFU Local but thus far there has been no attempt by the government. c) I stated that many strong unionist had the opinion that the Socreds' were planning an election and that one of the objects was to pit union workers against non union workers to better their position but was unclear as to my views on the subject.

Please see the enclosed press release dated December 15, 1978 - this states our position thus far - a copy should be in your files.

I feel that to request that a retraction be printed on this item is more than a fair request to make. As a result of this inaccurate news reporting, I am being faced with having to answer to many adverse phone calls and that need not have been necessary if the UBYSSEY reported factually.

Sincerely,



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Union Co-ordinator

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