

WHY IS THERE A PICKET LINE AT THIS BANK?

Good question!

The Association of University and College Employees (AUCE) Local #1 is on strike against the University of British Columbia, NOT against the Bank of Montreal.

So why is there a picket line outside this bank which effectively prevents both striking and non-striking union members (as well as other citizens who, for various reasons, prefer not to cross picket lines) from entering the bank and causes generally unpleasant situations for all legitimate customers of the bank?

The answer is simple:

The bank has an entrance inside which leads into the Administration Building. Unless and until they lock this door, we must picket the outside door so that other union people do not find themselves stuck behind our picket lines. This is essential to protect anyone who is in a union.

We wrote to the Bank and met with them and asked them to lock that inside door, but this request was refused by the main branch.

Many of our own union members are customers of this bank and we for the life of us can see no reason why the Bank of Montreal should act as an ally to the University of B. C. in a labour dispute that has nothing to do with them. Why should legitimate customers of the bank have to suffer over an issue like a locked door?

So here we are. We don't want to be here and you don't want us to be here.

What can be done?

Well, you can call the Bank of Montreal Complaint Department--665-2665-- and insist that they lock their inside door. You can also move your account out of that branch, if satisfactory solutions are not found.