

# PRO-AFFILIATION COMMITTEE

AUCE Local 1 has just been forced to accept an agreement which none of us is pleased about.

In trying to assess the reasons for our failure to obtain a decent contract, many of us have found fault with individual members, with various committees, and with the apathy of our membership at large. Although these failures exist, there are other outstanding problems which are fundamental to our inability to back up our collective demands.

There is not a single AUCE member who would argue, for instance, that we have an adequate strike fund. The financial wherewithal of a union and of its individual members is paramount in the outcome of any strike. A union which cannot afford to keep its members on strike until some satisfactory conclusion is reached cannot hope to win.

A successful strike also involves a good strike strategy: organizing the strike in an efficient manner and gaining public support. The recent example of the huge publicity campaign during the Nurses' strike is an excellent illustration of this point.

The involvement and support of other unions is also essential to a successful strike. A union which fights its battles alone can never wield the clout of a union that has the weight of the labour movement behind it. Even CUPW, a very militant and strong union, prefers the greater strength of a united front, the CLC.

The coming years will be tough years for AUCE: we are facing a depression such as we have not seen since the thirties. We are not simply fighting the Univ. administration. Cutbacks in the public sector and "Employer-Council" bargaining will make our tasks that much more difficult. The battles ahead -and they will be battles more entrenched than the strike we have just had- cannot be won in isolation.

We believe that our membership's best chance for survival is to join the mainstream of the labour movement, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC). To do this we must join either CUPE, BCGEU, or OTEU. We do not entertain the misbegotten hope that we can join the CLC as AUCE, intact. We can, however, become a local of one of the above-mentioned unions. We want to make further studies of these unions to decide which one would be the best choice for AUCE, and we will publish this research for the benefit of all our members. IT IS URGENT that our membership be informed about the advantages of affiliation to the CLC and participate in a serious debate at membership meetings.

The undersigned are constituting ourselves in the AUCE Local 1 Pro-Affiliation Committee. We are committed to the attempt to affiliate our union to the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC). This committee is open to all Local 1 members who are in favour of AUCE's affiliation to the CLC by becoming a local of either CUPE, BCGEU, or OTEU. Please contact any of the undersigned if you wish to become a member.

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Helen Glavina, Div. C Executive Rep. (2191)

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# Association of University and College Employees

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

## NOTICE OF MEETING:

The next Special Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21, at 5 pm in IRC #2.

## NOTICE OF POLL:

At the April 29th Special Membership Meeting, the membership approved the holding of a referendum to approve an assessment of up to \$50 to cover the cost of the strike until the end of May (this is in addition to the loan we took out which eventually will have to be repaid). After a financial report at the May 13 Special Membership Meeting, a notice of poll to hold the referendum was announced.

The referendum ballot will be held in the Union Office (2162 Western Parkway) on Tuesday, May 20, 8 am to 6 pm and on Wednesday May 21, 8 am to 4:30 pm. The results will be announced at the Special Membership Meeting on Wednesday, May 21. (For off-campus members -- ballots will be delivered to you.) If approved, the amount deducted from each member will be determined on a pro rata basis.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION:

At the May 13, 1980 Special Membership Meeting, Notice of Poll was given for the election of Union Organizer. The election will take place by secret ballot at the meeting of May 21 in IRC 2.

## FRIDAY DEMONSTRATION:

At 2 pm, Friday, May 16, a ceremony is being held in IRC #2 to formally open the Walter C. Koerner Acute Care Unit. Attending the ceremony are such people as John Clyne (Chancellor of UBC), Doug Kenny, Rafe Mair, Pat McGeer. There has been a great deal of input from members wanting some kind of "something" at this ceremony. And so, there will be "something".

The intention of this demonstration is not to disrupt the ceremony, but rather to have our banner in evidence and have people stationed at each entrance to the room passing out information leaflets to people as they enter. Although this will be a much lower-keyed event than was the march of Tuesday, we want as many AUCE members to show up as possible. So, please come to the IRC foyer at about 1:15 pm on Friday.

## WHY PICKET GAGE?:

A question much asked. Housing is a self-supporting dept. and goes hand-in-hand with Conferences. The money that is generated by Conferences keeps the Housing fees down. Last year Conference profits netted around \$100,000 and this enabled the 1980-81 fees to only increase by 9% whereas the Board portion of the fees was increased by 23% by Food Services. Even if groups still go into Gage, each time a group leaves, there is a massive clean-up to do and as CUPE is honouring our picket line, that clean-up is not happening. As this happens 2 or 3 times a week, you can see that eventually Management is going to have to concede that they can't keep ahead of the groups coming in. This coupled with the few groups that are cancelling is going to make a big dent in revenue this year.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We urgently need people to agree to do a 2-hour picket shift this weekend. CALL US.