

S.F.U. 18 Defense Committee,
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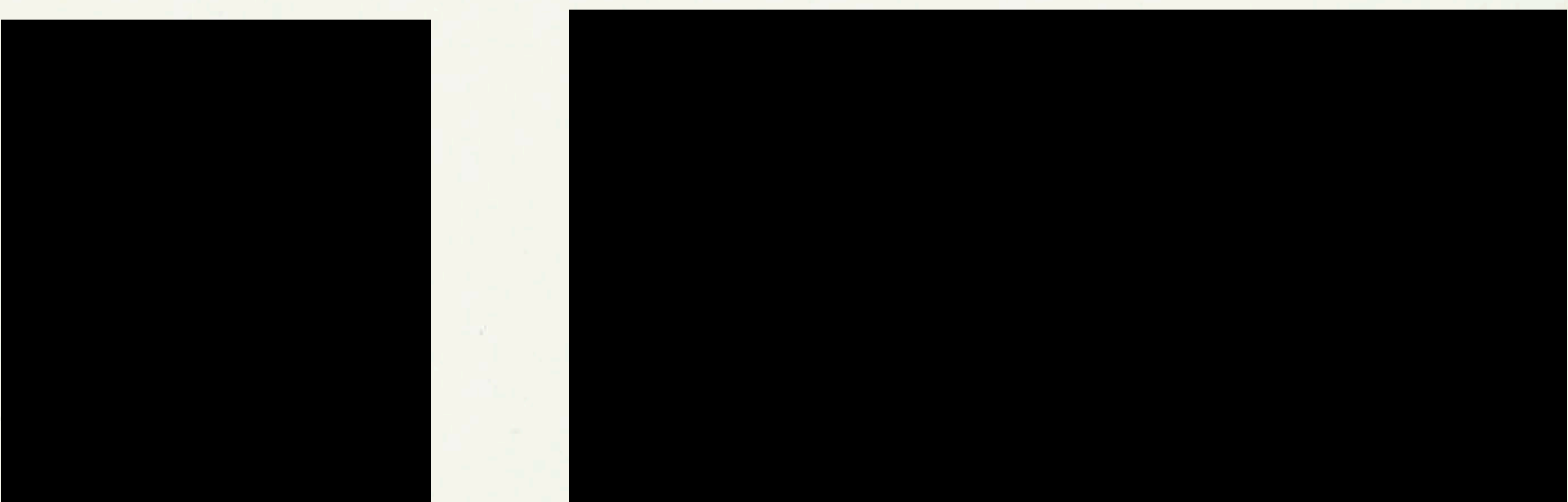
S. F. U. 18: UPDATE

The S. F. U. 18 are eighteen trade unionists and students arrested when the R. C. M. P. attacked the A. U. C. E., Local 2 picket line at Simon Fraser University on 22 March 1979. One month later, in April when charges were officially laid, one person was exonerated without explanation. The Crown then added "blocking of highway" charges to the original arrest charges of "obstruction of a peace officer". Both are offences under the Criminal Code of Canada. Furthermore, the Crown insisted that individual trials, rather than a more sensible and less expensive group trial both for those arrested and the taxpayer, be held for the remaining seventeen.

To date, the defense effort, which began immediately following the arrests, has experienced only one trial, beginning 21 June. Although defense counsel called no witnesses, rather submitted a motion of insufficient evidence, that trial took four days in court, and on 30 July, S. F. U. student Peter Armitage was acquitted of the original obstruction charge, but convicted of the charge laid one month later, blocking a highway. The dates for the remaining trials were set in August; one-day trial reservations were each set for 16 separate dates between 29 October and 10 December. There is a strong likelihood that the remaining trials will each require a much longer length of time than Peter Armitage's, since defense witnesses will be called.

Peter Armitage's appeal on the first conviction was scheduled soon after for 6 January 1980. At the end of September (6 months after arrests), the Crown instituted a "stay of proceedings" of the charges against three of the S. F. U. 18 who were still to be tried and changed details of the charges pending against the others. Shortly after, they granted a postponement of one case.

In the immediate future, the S. F. U. 18 face the following twelve trials:



All trials are scheduled to resume at 9:30 a.m. in Burnaby Provincial Court, Gilpin and Canada Way. However, it is possible (likely?) that this schedule will be changed. At any rate, we are asking for a large orderly show of support at [redacted], at Burnaby Courthouse.

BEHAVE YOURSELF.

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Organizations donating to the defense of the S. F. U. 18 include:

Association of University and College Employees, Provincial
A. U. C. E., Local 2
B. C. Government Employees' Union, Executive
Simon Fraser Student Society
Vancouver Municipal and Regional Employees' Union
A. U. C. E., Local 1
Pulp, Paper, and Woodworkers of Canada, Local 2
Canadian Union of Public Employees', National Board
P. P. W. C., Local 8
United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, Local 1
British Columbia Ferry and Marine Workers' Union
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1928
Vancouver and District Labour Council
British Columbia Provincial Council of Carpenters
International Woodworkers of America, Local 1-85
Hotel, Restaurant and Culinary and Bartenders' Union, Local 40
Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, Local 580
P. P. W. C., Executive Board
Brewery and Soft Drink Workers, Local 300
International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, Local 138
C. U. P. E., Local 606
Prince Rupert and District Labour Council
British Columbia Federation of Students
Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Vancouver Local
Letter Carriers' Union of Canada, Local 12
I. W. A., Local 1-217
United Steelworkers of America, Local 3495
Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers' International Union, Local 9-601
Canadian Paperworkers' Union, Local 686
United Transportation Union, Local 422
University of Lethbridge Students' Union
C. U. P. E., Local 401
C. P. U., Local 76
Kamloops and District Labour Council
C. U. P. E., Local 900
Trotskyist League
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers,
Canadian Airways Lodge No. 764
Canadian Association of Industrial, Mechanical and Allied Workers, Local 4
I. W. A., Local 1-367
Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers' Union, 326
Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortion
United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America, 504 and 550
B. C. G. E. U., Local 604

Organizations endorsing the call to have the charges against the S. F. U. 18 dropped, further to the above, include:

B. C. Federation of Labour
B. C. New Democratic Party
A. U. C. E., Local 6
New Westminster and District Labour Council
Victoria and District Labour Council
Nanaimo, Duncan and District Labour Council
Okanagan Labour Council
Campbell River, Courtenay and District Labour Council
Port Alberni and District Labour Council
Hamilton and District Labour Council
C. U. P. W., National Board
C. U. P. W., Edmonton Local
I. W. A., Local 1-357
Construction and General Labourers' Union, Local 1070
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 213
Hospital Employees' Union
International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 82
Service, Office, and Retail Workers' Union of Canada, Local 1
Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, Local 475
Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 101-134
C. A. I. M. A. W., Regional Executive
Social Services Employees' Union, Local 2
Trade Union Research Bureau
Ad Hoc Musical Collective
Euphonious Feminists
Inmates of the B. C. Penitentiary
Marxist-Leninist Organization of Canada, In Struggle
Open Road Collective
Revolutionary Workers' League
Socialist Organizing Committee
Workers' Communist Party
Farm Workers' Organizing Committee
N. D. P. Women's Rights Committee
British Columbia Federation of Women
Vancouver Status of Women
Working Women Unite
Gay Alliance Toward Equality
National Union of Students
Syndicat des Charges de Cours de L'Universite de Quebec

Individuals endorsing the call to have the charges against the S. F. U. 18 dropped include:

John Fryer, General Secretary, B. C. G. E. U.
Margaret Mitchell, M. P., Vancouver East
Art Gruntman, Regional Vice-president, C. P. U.
Pauline Jewett, M. P., Coquitlam
Sid Thompson, President, I. W. A., Local 1-217
Ernie Hall, M. L. A., Surrey
Ed Broadbent, Federal N. D. P. Leader
Joy Langan, International Typographical Union
Ron Johnson, New Democratic Party
Svend Robinson, M. P., Burnaby
Colin Gablemann, M. L. A., North Island
Art Kube, Canadian Labour Congress
Grace MacInnis, New Democratic Party
David Rice, B. C. Federation of Labour
Gerry Stoney, President, I. W. A., Local 1-357
Tom Constable, Mayor, Burnaby
Rosemary Brown, M. L. A., Burnaby Edmonds
Bob Donnelly, President, Telecommunications Workers' Union
Jack Phillips, Communist Party of Canada
Jack Munro, Regional President, I. W. A.
Jean Claude Parrot, National President, C. U. P. W.
Bob Peebles, President, I. L. W. U., Canadian Area
Don Garcia, I. L. W. U.
Roy Gautier, B. C. and Yukon Building and Construction Trades Council
Peter Cameron, C. A. I. M. A. W.
Lloyd Ingram, C. U. P. W.
David Reiter, Cariboo College Faculty Association
G. Yawrenko, T. W. U.
Ed Langelier, C. U. P. W., Western District
Bruce McRae, C. A. S. A. W.
Sharon Husberg, T. W. U., Local 28
John Devlin, Federation of Alberta Students
Veyda Shabur, Graduate Student Association, U. of Alberta
Al Ashton, A. T. U.
Muriel Overgaard, C. U. P. E.
John Shields, Victoria and District and Labour Council (B. C. G. E. U.)
Bill Zander, B. C. Provincial Council of Carpenters
Jean Swanson, N. D. P.
Mike Kramer, C. U. P. E.
Angus MacPhee, President, Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada
Donna Mottershead, B. C. G. E. U. Local 1201
Thomas Rose, Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union
Fred A. Trotter, President, O. T. E. U., Local 378
William R. Hyde, T. W. U., Local 3
A. E. Carle, I. W. A., Local 1-118
D. E. Bremner, T. W. U.
Lloyd Eliason, Carpenters Local 1251
John Shibli, Vancouver Island Building and Construction Trades Council
Muriel Reid, Bakery Workers' Local 475
Reg Ford, C. U. P. E., Local 402
John Langley, Brewery Workers' Local 300
W. E. Hawkes, I. W. A., Local 1-85
Gordon Stoutenburg, Okanagan Labour Council
Theresa North, T. W. U.
Gay Hoon, Dept. of English, S. F. U.
Mike Lebowitz, Dept. of Economics, S. F. U.