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TO: THE A.U.C.E. MEMBERSHIP

Dear Members: In accordance with the Rules of Order Governing AUCE Conventions, here are the Resolutions concerning Affiliation which were submitted to the AUCE Provincial Constitution Committee, yesterday April 1st.

The SPECIAL CONVENTION ON AFFILIATION will be held at the NE/North Campus Cafeteria @ CAPILANO COLLEGE, in North Vancouver (home of AUCE #4) on Saturday and Sunday, April 12th & 13th, 1980.

Please give careful thought to these resolutions - they will result in very serious discussion at Convention about the future of our union.

If you have any questions regarding Convention procedure please contact a member of your local Executive, your local representative to the Provincial Executive, or a Special Convention Delegate. Or, you may wish to call the Provincial Office at 684-2457.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPECIAL CONVENTION ON AFFILIATION IS OPEN TO ANY MEMBER OF AUCE.

Convention will start at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday; a draft of the agenda follows at the end of this bulletin.

Please try to attend the Convention even 'though you may not be an elected Delegate.

SUBMITTED BY THE AUCE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE:

"WHEREAS we wish to reaffirm our belief in the objectives and viability of AUCE as an organisation, and

WHEREAS AUCE has an history of taking principled positions, of fighting for women's issues and of organising in the unorganised sectors, and

WHEREAS AUCE has had a significant impact on other organisations, and

WHEREAS the Constitutional structure of AUCE encourages and protects rank and file decision-making in the governance of the union, and

WHEREAS AUCE Local autonomy and our ability to represent our members effectively would be impeded by merger with BCGEU, CUPE or OTEU,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

AUCE shall remain constitutionally intact with its current decision-making structure."

SUBMITTED BY THE AUCE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE:

"THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE THE FORMAT FOR THE AUCE PROVINCIAL REFERENDUM ON AFFILIATION:

1. There shall be a letter accompanying the first ballot which accomplishes the following:

- states the original motion to affiliate as AUCE (*from the 1979 AUCE Convention*)
- states why we cannot affiliate at this time (*CLC response*)
- explains the process of the research done, and explains what options are open to AUCE
- gives information about the Special Convention on Affiliation
- shall lay out the form of the ballot, showing the (*possible*) sequence of the four (4) questions, as follows below, and -

That a letter shall accompany any subsequent ballot, explaining the result(s) of previous ballot(s) on Affiliation.

2. THE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (*four (4) separate ballots*)

1. Do you want AUCE to affiliate with any labour organisation?
Do you want AUCE to remain independent?

If the answer (*resulting majority*) is 'to remain independent' - then there will be no further ballot. If the answer (*resulting majority*) is 'to affiliate' - then the next ballot shall be:

2. Do you want AUCE to affiliate with: (*choose one*)
CLC CCU ANY OTHER LABOUR ORGANISATION, e.g. SORWUC

If the answer (*resulting majority*) is 'CCU', then there shall be no further ballot; if the answer (*resulting majority*) is 'ANY OTHER', then specify; if the answer (*resulting majority*) is 'CLC', then the next ballot shall be:

3. Do you want AUCE to attempt to affiliate with the CLC by:
Lobbying CLC affiliates to have the decision to exclude AUCE reversed , or
or
Do you want AUCE to merge with a CLC union in order to affiliate with the CLC .

If the answer (*resulting majority*) is to 'Lobby CLC affiliates', then there shall be no further ballot. If the answer (*resulting majority*) is to 'merge with a CLC union', then the next ballot shall be:

4. Which union do you want AUCE to merge with, in order to affiliate with the CLC?
BCGEU CUPE OTEU (*choose one*) "

SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF AUCE LOCAL ONE:

"Since it is the democratic right of every member of AUCE to have a secret ballot vote on the matter of whether or not to affiliate,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) a two-part, union-wide referendum be held no earlier than May 15th, 1980 and no later than June 15th, 1980, to include the option of affiliation or non-affiliation, and,
- b) if the result of the first question favours affiliation, the second question on the ballot will be of a preferential nature, to determine if AUCE should affiliate to SORWUC, CCU, CLC, BCGEU, CUPE or OTEU."

SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF AUCE LOCAL FOUR:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

AUCE shall work toward affiliating with the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) intact as AUCE."

SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF AUCE LOCAL FIVE:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

AUCE shall remain independent and intact."

The 1979 Convention struck the Affiliation Committee - 'composed of a minimum of one rep from each local to work on the project of attempting to affiliate with the CLC, with the Provincial Executive on the Committee' and '...document alternative ways of affiliating to the CLC' and 'that the Special Convention about affiliation to the CLC take place after the Committee has reported on its findings.'

The Affiliation Committee has been meeting, researching and reporting since early September 1979. The Special Convention is scheduled and all AUCE members are encouraged to attend. The AGENDA is proposed as follows:

Saturday, April 12th, 1980

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Opening, Introduction of the Delegates, Remarks from the President re purpose of the Special Convention, Announcements
 - Motion: That there be no smoking in the Convention Hall for the duration of the Convention.
 - Nominations: Open for the election of one Trustee to fill the vacancy created by Joy Smith's resignation in January 1980
 - Adoption of the Agenda
 - Adoption of the Rules of Order of Convention
 - Adoption of the Minutes of the last Convention
 - Provincial Executive Report
 - Motion: That the Provincial Executive Report be adopted.
 - Financial Report - Sheila Perret
 - Motion: That the Financial Report be adopted
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Local Reports (re Local Affiliation Committees' research, etc)
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Affiliation Committee Report
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - LUNCH BREAK
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Report of the Resolutions Committee
 - Motion: To accept the report of the Resolutions Committee (i.e. the forwarded Resolutions regarding Affiliation)
- 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Resolutions
- 5:00 p.m. - ADJOURN FOR THE DAY UNTIL SUNDAY APRIL 13th @ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 13th, 1980

- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Resolutions Continued
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - LUNCH BREAK
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Emergency Resolutions
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Closing nomination for Provincial Trustee
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Other Business
- 4:00 p.m. - MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL THE REGULAR CONVENTION JUNE 14/15, '80

See you at the Convention!
- Sheila

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