

AUCE PROVINCIAL

DISPATCH NUMBER 10

May 26, 1980

Dear AUCE Member,

RE: Repeat First Referendum Ballot on Affiliation.

On May 20, 1980, the Provincial Executive received the following protest from two AUCE Local 1 members, Nancy Wiggs and Neil Boucher:

" We, the undersigned, wish to register our challenge to the constitutionality of the Provincial Affiliation referendum. This challenge results from the fact that we, and other striking members of AUCE Local #1 received no such ballot and no provision was made for our vote to be recorded."

At the Provincial Executive meeting of May 24th, the Provincial Executive passed a motion to uphold this protest in view of the fact that up to 200 members of Local 1 did not get their ballots and that it was apparent from the report of Provincial and Local Trustees that arrangements had not been made to ensure full voting rights for all AUCE members. Furthermore, the Provincial Executive felt that there were irregularities in the balloting procedure as the deadline for voting was extended but not all AUCE members were informed of the extension.

Therefore, in accordance with section 8;D of the AUCE Provincial Constitution, the Provincial Executive decided that another ballot on the same, original question of affiliation shall be held.

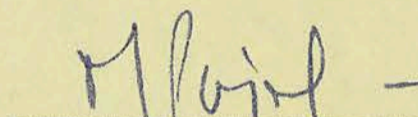
Ballots shall go out by June 5th and shall have to be returned by June 13th. Results will be tabulated June 18th and announced June 19th. Appropriate arrangements will be made to ensure full voting rights in all locals.

We appreciate the fact that those of you who did receive the first ballot took the time to register your vote. However, the Provincial Executive decided that conducting a second referendum on the same question is the fairest and most democratic method of ensuring maximum voting rights for all members of AUCE.

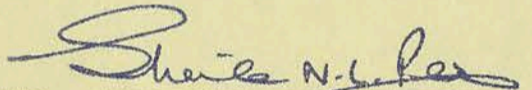
In Solidarity,



Virginia Gibberd
Provincial Trustee



Michele Pujol
Provincial Trustee



Sheila Perret
Secretary-Treasurer

FOR THE AUCE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

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TRUSTEES --- STEWARDS --- ALL MEMBERS

Trustees:ballots will be available the afternoon of June 5th.

Stewards:you should receive your ballots from the trustees by June 6th.

All Members:you should receive your ballot from your Steward or by mail by June 10th. IF YOUR HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR BALLOT BY THAT TIME CONTACT YOUR SHOP STEWARD OR YOUR LOCAL UNION OFFICE.

REMEMBER FRIDAY THE 13th IS THE LAST DAY TO VOTE.

ALL BALLOTS WILL HAVE A STAMPED RETURN ENVELOPE, ADDRESSED TO AUCE PROVINCIAL. YOUR BALLOT MUST BE POST-MARKED BY JUNE 13, 1980, OR RECEIVED AT YOUR LOCAL UNION OFFICE BY 4PM, ON JUNE 13th.

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

AUCE PROVINCIAL

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE SPECIAL CONVENTION ON AFFILIATION HELD APRIL 12 & 13, 1980

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1

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's Convention recommendation to the AUCE membership which will be sent out with a referendum ballot which will include a variety of options, be that AUCE, shall remain constitutionally intact with its current decision making structure.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2

BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention of AUCE shall recommend to our membership that we shall work towards affiliating with the Canadian Labour Congress intact as AUCE, and that this recommendation shall be sent out with the previously passed Resolution #1.

SEE OVER FOR EXPLANATION OF SUBSEQUENT BALLOTS

*** EXPLANATION OF SUBSEQUENT BALLOTS ***

THE PURPOSE OF THIS REFERENDUM IS TO HAVE THE AUCE MEMBERSHIP DECIDE ON THE QUESTION OF AFFILIATION. YOU MAY RECEIVE 4 BALLOTS OVER SEVERAL MONTHS AS PART OF THIS REFERENDUM. EACH BALLOT ADDRESSES ITSELF TO ONE QUESTION ONLY. THE RESULT OF EACH BALLOT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE FOLLOWING BALLOT GOES OUT.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS (1 PER BALLOT) THAT MAKE UP THE REFERENDUM ARE PRINTED HERE AS SAMPLES FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PROVINCIAL REP.

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BALLOT 1

Do you want AUCE to affiliate with any labour organization? _____
 Do you want AUCE to remain independent? _____
 Abstain _____

sample only

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 : AND SHALL READ:

BALLOT 2

Do you want AUCE to affiliate with: (CHOOSE ONE)
 CLC _____ CCU _____ ANY OTHER LABOUR ORGANIZATION _____ ABSTAIN _____

sample only

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:

BALLOT 3

Do you want AUCE to attempt to affiliate with the CLC by: (choose one)
 Lobbying the CLC affiliates to have the decision to exclude AUCE reversed _____
 Do you want AUCE to merge with a CLC union in order to affiliate with the CLC _____
 Abstain _____

sample only

IF THE ANSWER (resulting majority) is to 'lobby the 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:

BALLOT 4

Which union do you want AUCE to merge with, in order to affiliate with the CLC ? _____
 BCGEU _____ CUPE _____ OTEU _____ ABSTAIN _____ (CHOOSE ONE)

sample only

AUCE PROVINCIAL - REFERENDUM BALLOT ON AFFILIATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BALLOT --- READ CAREFULLY

Enclosed in the envelope addressed to you are:

1. a medium-sized AUCE Provincial envelope with your address label on the back
2. a smaller coin envelope - UNMARKED
3. at the bottom of this page - YOUR BALLOT
4. resolutions from AUCE Provincial Convention on Affiliation
5. Explanation of the Ballot Procedure
6. A cover letter explaining why we are conducting a repeat ballot.

MARK YOUR BALLOT WITH AN 'X' OR A '✓' (CHECK MARK) IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX. THE BALLOT WILL BE CONSIDERED SPOILED IF ANY OTHER MARK OR NOTE APPEARS, AND IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED. THE USE OF THE WORDS 'YES' OR 'NO' SHALL INVALIDATE YOUR BALLOT.

(N.B.: For the purpose of this ballot, the word "independent" is to be understood as "independent of any labour organization". Therefore the two choices are mutually exclusive. CHECK ONE BOX ONLY!)

1. Clip your ballot from this page and put it in the small coin envelope. YOUR VOTE IS NOW SECRET - DO NOT IN ANY WAY MARK YOUR COIN ENVELOPE. To do so would mean a spoiled ballot.
2. Put the small coin envelope in the medium-sized envelope.
3. Seal the medium-sized envelope and SIGN YOUR NAME on the front of the envelope. Don't print your name, we need your SIGNATURE. Otherwise it will be spoiled.
4. a. Your medium-sized envelope is stamped and return-addressed to the AUCE Provincial Office - MAIL IT RIGHT AWAY - ALL MAILED BALLOTS MUST BE POST-MARKED BY JUNE 13, 1980.
b. If you choose to hand-deliver your return-addressed envelope to the AUCE Provincial Office, it must be received by 4:00 p.m. - JUNE 13, 1980 (FRIDAY).
c. If your Local sets up a polling station or makes its office available for hand-delivering the ballot, follow all instructions above. YOUR BALLOT MUST BE ENCLOSED IN THE SMALL COIN ENVELOPE AND THE MEDIUM SIZED AUCE PROVINCIAL ENVELOPE WITH YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE FRONT. LOCAL TRUSTEES WILL NOT ACCEPT BALLOTS AFTER 4:00 p.m. - JUNE 13, 1980.

*YOU HAVE ONE OF THREE CHOICES FOR RETURNING THE BALLOT!

READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT WITH AN 'X' OR '✓'.

----- CUT HERE ----- CUT HERE ----- CUT HERE -----

BALLOT 1

DO YOU WANT AUCE TO AFFILIATE WITH ANY LABOUR ORGANIZATION?

DO YOU WANT AUCE TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT?

ABSTAIN

MARK ONE BOX ONLY, WITH AN 'X' OR A '✓'.