



association of university and college employees

Brief Explanation of this Ballot:

In 1983 AUCE Local 1 decided to leave the AUCE Provincial. In order to take that step we have to decide what kind of organization we want to be in the future. This ballot is to decide whether we want to remain an independant union (ie: essentially staying as we are now but adopting a new name; our internal structure would be maintained) - OR - to merge with another, already established union such as CUPE, OTEU, BCGEU, HEU, VMREU (these are some of the suggestions received so far).

If we took the first option, to remain independant, there may still be the possibility of affiliating with a larger trade union body, such as the Confederation of Canadian Unions (CCU) or the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC). It should be remembered however, that when AUCE attempted to affiliate four years ago to the CLC we were told that the only way we could be admitted would be if we merged with either CUPE, OTEU, or BCGEU. Whether or not the response would be the same today is unclear, under the auspice of Operation Solidarity the question of admittance to the BC Federation of Labour for non-affiliates is under consideration.

The second option - merger - would allow us speedy entrance into the CLC, B.C. Federation of Labour and regional Labour Council, if we want that. If we chose this option, we would then have to decide which union we want to merge with, and this decision would be made on the basis of what each union could offer us.

BALLOTING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Vote for one item only.
- 2) Mark your choice clearly with an " X "
- 3) Put your ballot into the blank envelope.
- 4) Put the blank envelope that has your name label on it.
- 5) Sign your envelope - ballots in unsigned envelopes are not valid.
- 6) Return your ballot to the Union Office by Thursday March 1, 1984.

1) Do you wish to remain an independent union?

2) Do you wish to merge with an established union?