

AUCE PROVINCIAL

September 22, 1980

SFU 18 Defense Committee

[REDACTED]
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear [REDACTED]

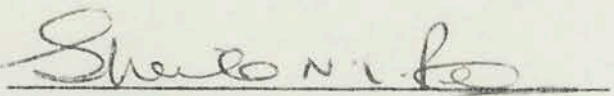
Enclosed is a cheque from AUCE Local 4. I am rather embarrassed to say that it was unearthed a short while ago, from among some Convention materials that I was going through.

When I first received the cheque, ostensibly addressed to the SFU 18, but mailed to AUCE Local 2 in care of the Provincial Office, I called the Local 4 Treasurer, Bev Young and asked her to amend the payee indicated on the cheque. She apparently did not fully understand that the SFU 18 and AUCE Local 2 are separate entities and asked me to forward the cheque to the original 'addressees', AUCE Local 2. So, intending to contact Local 2's Treasurer and sort this out, I brought the cheque back to the Provincial and neglected to deal with it in the way I had intended. Probably part of this is due to the fact that this office was in the throes and aftermath of the two conventions, and that the Local 2 Treasurer was ill and unavailable for such a long time.

In any case, the current signing officers of AUCE Local 2 have endorsed the cheque, and have also made it 'payable to the 'SFU 18'.

In the meantime, I apologise for the serious oversight and hope that this has not compromised the SFU 18's situation as far as acknowledging Local 4's donation is concerned.

Cheers, and In Solidarity,



Sheila N.L. Perret
Secretary-Treasurer

May 12, 1980

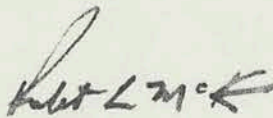
S.F.U. 18 Defence Committee
c/o AUCE Provincial
901-207 West Hastings Street
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V6B 1JB

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Rest assured also, that you have our moral support in your defence of the right of working people to establish and maintain effective picket lines without the kind of intervention by the courts demonstrated by this event. We remain,

Sincerely,



Robert McKee, President
AUCE Local #4
2055 Purcell Way
North Vancouver, B.C.
V75 3H5

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE EMPLOYEES		No	137
LOCAL 4 CAPILANO COLLEGE 2055 PURCELL WAY NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.		MAY 20 1980	
Pay to the Order of:	A.U.C.E. LOCAL 2.	\$ 300.00	
THREE HUNDRED		100/100 Dollars	
Vancouver City Savings Credit Union 4205 MAIN STREET VANCOUVER, B.C. V5V 3P8		ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE EMPLOYEES ACCOUNT NO. 1129671	
re: SFU -18 FUND		PER	Judie Morison
		PER	B.F. Young

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Handwritten signature

Handwritten note on a small piece of paper attached to the envelope flap:
To SFU 18
Marion of the Northwest
President
Society

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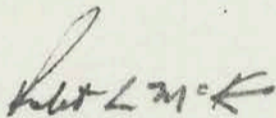
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Passed on to
Sandy Shreve local 2
signing officer.

(ch. made out to #2 Robin
via Mary snlp.)

SFU 18 Defence Committee
c/oAUCE Provincial
901 - 207 West Hastings
Vancouver, B.C.

October 16, 1979.

Mr. John Fryer
B.C. Government Employees' Union
4911 Canada Way,
Burnaby, B.C., V5G 3W3

Dear Brother Fryer,

In response to your letter, received September 25, 1979 by Bill Burgess, I am enclosing a copy of the current financial report of the SFU 18.

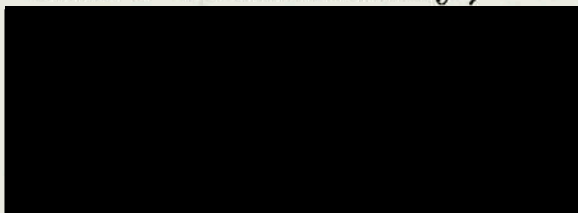
As you can see from the financial report, our balance is not favourable. Thirteen trials and one appeal will be taking place throughout October, November, December and January. You mentioned that BCGEU "has donated in excess of \$30,000 in direct cash, in staff, or in legal services to AUCE 2 and the defence of the eighteen students. Before the arrests occurred on March 22, 1979, BCGEU had donated \$20,000 to AUCE's strike fund. The public relations officer and the legal services provided before that date were used by AUCE 2 and not by the SFU 18. AUCE Provincial has donated \$2,502.50 of which the striking local, AUCE 2 donated \$1,000. The financial support from the other unions has totalled \$1,997.04. It should be apparent that unions of equal prominence to the BCGEU have not all offered a great deal of financial assistance.

BCGEU is absorbing the legal fees of Marguerite Jackson. Assuming that her fees are somewhat similar to the other lawyer Stuart Rush, BCGEU's contribution to the SFU 18 Defense Fund would be approximately \$600 - 800. It was agreed upon that BCGEU would not be "providing or paying for the total amount of legal assistance required but will, in fact, be sharing in that provision." (see letter April 20, 1979 - Cliff Andstein). Given the high activity level of the SFU 18, it is quite evident that we are honouring our side of the bargain, to raise as much money as possible.

Our campaign is to have all the charges dropped. Two weeks ago three peoples' charges were stayed and one person had one charge stayed. The next trial starts [REDACTED] and it will be handled by both lawyers. However, after this trial our lawyers will be splitting the cases. Thus it is not likely that Marguerite Jackson will be involved in all the remaining cases.

I hope that this letter will alleviate the concerns of the Executive of BCGEU. We are fighting to defend the trade union's right to an effective picket line. Your support is still greatly needed.

Yours fraternally,



SFU 18 Defence Committee

cc Auce Provincial
Auce Local 2

October 15, 1979

SFU - 18 Defense Committee Financial Report

Credits	36,931.13
Debits	<u>2,137.09</u>
Total:	\$4,794.04

Credits:

Donations;

Trade Unions -- Auce Provincial	\$1,149.00	
Auce Local 1	250.00	
Auce Local 2	1,000.00	
Auce convention	<u>103.50</u>	
Total:	\$2,502.50	
-- Others	\$1,997.04	
Total:	<u>\$4,499.54</u>	
Button Sales	<u>\$ 857.60</u>	
Universities	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	
Public Meeting	<u>\$ 294.00</u>	
Benefit Dance	<u>\$ 347.99</u>	
Private Donations	<u>\$ 782.00</u>	
Total:		<u>\$6,931.13</u>

Debits:

Campaign to raise money

- stationary
- printing
- postage
- buttons
- room rentals

\$ 817.14

Legal expenses

-lawyer

\$ 620.50

-fine

250.00 .

-transcripts (for appeal Jan. 9, 1980)

449.45
\$1,319.95

Total:

\$2,137.09

SFU 18 Open Defence Committee,
c/o AUCE Provincial,
901 - 207 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1J8

January 4, 1980.

Ms. Joan Wood,
President,
AUCE Provincial,
901 -207 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.
V6B 1J8

Dear Joan:

To further the defence of the SFU 18, the SFU 18 Open Defence Committee is organizing a delegation of representatives of various organizations to meet with Attorney General Williams on January 14th. A press conference will follow.

The delegation will call on the Attorney General to drop all charges against the picketers who were arrested without warning when the RCMP attacked the AUCE picket line at Simon Fraser University last March. Petitions with 7,000 names calling for the charges to be dropped will also be presented.

Following the meeting with the Attorney General at 10:00 a.m. at [REDACTED], Vancouver, B.C., statements in defence of the SFU 18 will be presented by the members of the delegation at the press conference.

I am writing to ask that your organization participate in this activity in defence of the SFU 18 and basic union rights.

I will be in touch with you to keep you informed of the details of the arrangements for the delegation as they become confirmed. I look forward to your reply.

Yours in solidarity,

[REDACTED]
SFU 18 Open Defence Committee,
[REDACTED]

BB/jm
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c.c. BC Federation of Labour
BC New Democratic Party
✓ AUCE Provincial Office
BC Federation of Women
BC Federation of Students

10am
P/C 11³⁰ am

DEFEND THE SFU 18

The purpose of our meeting with you today is to gain your commitment to drop all charges against the eighteen persons arrested for picketing at the entrance to Simon Fraser University during the AUCE 2 strike last March 22. Hundreds joined the picketing to win a decent negotiated contract for the striking clerical workers; to fight to implement the Human Rights Act provision for equal pay for work of equal value; and, to defend high quality and accessible university education.

The trial evidence shows that picketers were acting upon their well established understanding of strikers' rights to picket the entrance to their employer's place of business. Without a warning, a court order, or an injunction, they were violently removed on orders from RCMP officers of the Labour Liaison Committee after several hours of picketing.

For months, those arrested have been dragged through costly, individual trials on two criminal charges. Widespread public pressure and conflicting and inadequate police testimony have resulted in 19 charges in the 13 cases dealt with to date being dropped, stayed, or acquitted.

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The prosecution of the SFU 18 amounts to intimidation and harrassment. The right to strike for a decent contract is a mockery when even slowing cars by picketing the road entering the employer's business is deemed a criminal activity.

This delegation, many other organizations, and thousands of individuals demand that you drop all charges against the SFU 18.

SFU 18 Open Defence Committee
January 14, 1980.
Statement to Attorney General
Williams.

DEFEND THE SFU 18

Another Attack on All Unions

Eighteen trade unionists and students were arrested when the RCMP broke up the Association of University and College Employees Local 2 (AUCE 2) picket line at the entrance to Simon Fraser University on March 22, 1979.

The SFU 18 were charged with "obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty". One month later a second charge of "blocking a highway" was added. Charges against one of those arrested were dropped. The first charge carries a maximum sentence of two years imprisonment while the second carries a maximum sentence of six months and a \$1,000 fine. Both are summary offences under the Criminal Code.

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Harassment & Criminal Convictions

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A Key Strike for Women Workers

The strike of AUCE 2 clerical and technical workers at SFU followed over ten months of negotiations without a contract and three months of limited job action. The University's final monetary offer was a 6% increase over a two year contract, representing a 15-20% decline in real wages during the two year term. Rejecting the union's offer of unconditional binding arbitration, the University proposed that

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AUCE 2 accept conditional binding arbitration, namely acceptance of the principle that AUCE 2 wages be set by comparison with largely unorganized women workers in the private sector clerical job ghetto.

Like 80% of the AUCE 2 bargaining unit, most of these workers are women and paid less than men holding comparable jobs, despite the Canadian Human Rights Act provision of equal pay for work of equal value. AUCE 2 won important gains for all women workers by approaching a realization of the principle of equal pay for work of equal value in its first contract in 1974. However, since then the union has been faced with a hard-line stance by an employer determined to reverse its original commitment to ending wage discrimination against women workers. Led by SFU Board of Governors members [redacted] and [redacted] (also president and vice-president respectively of the anti-union Employers Council of B.C.), the University initially offered a bonus rather than a percentage wage increase; rejected unconditional binding arbitration; ignored the official requests of students, the Committee of Concerned Faculty, and University administrators to settle the dispute; and, escalated a strategy of rotating lock-outs which finally precipitated the all-out strike vote by locking out hundreds of employees.

Many students and teaching staff supported the union and the picket line as a means of supporting the fightback against cutbacks in the accessibility and quality of education, as well as to support a trade union in its attempts to end wage discrimination against women workers.

After six weeks of strike action, AUCE 2 and the University agreed to accept the terms of reference of an Industrial Inquiry Commission under the offices of the Minister of Labour. Its binding settlement, an endorsement of the University's position, was finally handed down at the end of August, 1979. The union received 6% in the first year and 1% in the second year of a two year contract term.

Strike Breaking Methods

The criminal prosecution of the SFU 18 is an alarming precedent against fundamental democratic rights. The picketers at SFU faced deliberate intimidation in the form of police camera surveillance and the use of excessive force. They were advised by B.C. union leaders and a lawyer consulted that they were within their rights. At no time were they warned by the police that the picketing activity was considered illegal during the three hours of mass picketing proceeding the arrests. Rather, the police blocked off traffic below the picket line and picketers were informed a court order to cease picketing was being sought. Traffic was then allowed back and suddenly the RCMP physically forced back the line, arresting eighteen picketers.

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Police intervention and criminal proceedings are increasingly being used in place of the collective bargaining process and civil jurisdictions appropriate to labour disputes. The convictions on charges of obstructing a highway have set dangerous precedents against workers' right to picket everywhere. Even slowing cars by picketing the public road entering the employers place of business has been deemed criminal obstruction by the courts.

The SFU 18 Open Defence Committee was established to organize in defence of the SFU 18 and the right to strike. Trade union, womens', students' and other organizations and individuals have demanded that the charges against the SFU 18 be dropped. These include the B.C. Federation of Labour; the B.C. Federation of Women; the B.C. Federation of Students; Pauline Jewett, former SFU President; and, Ed Broadbent, National NDP Leader. Thousands of dollars have been donated to the Defence Fund; over 3,000 names have been collected on a "Drop the Charges" petition; and rallies, public meetings, and benefit dances have been held.

Information

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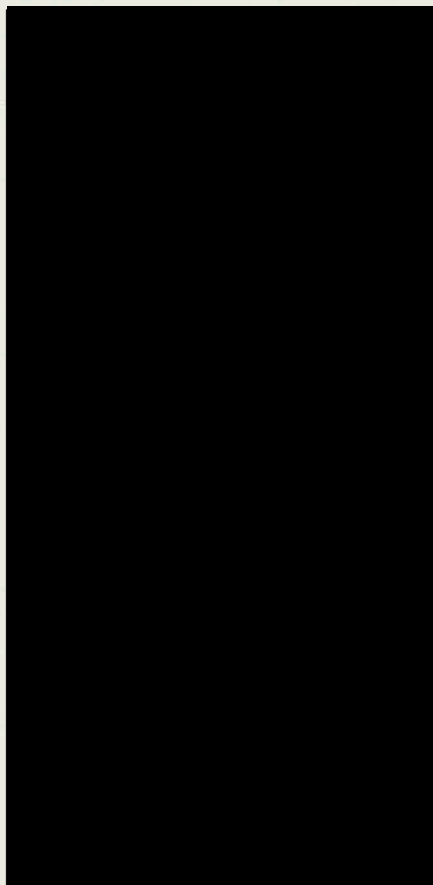
SUMMARY & SCHEDULE
OF THE SFU 18 TRIALS

Arrested Picketers

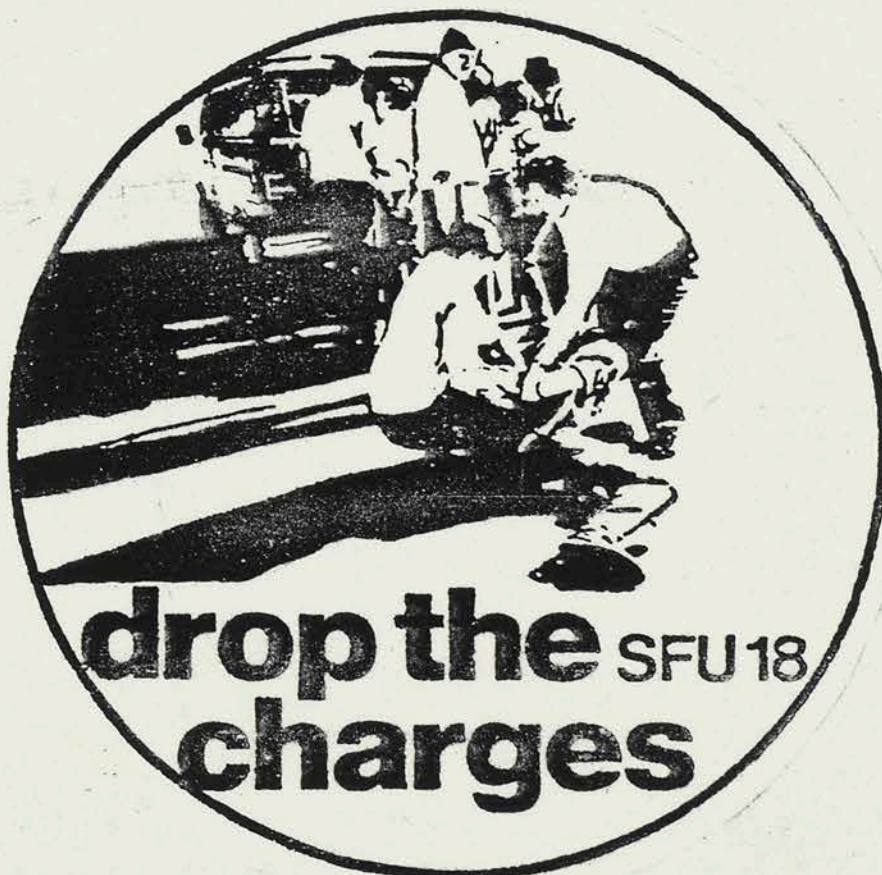
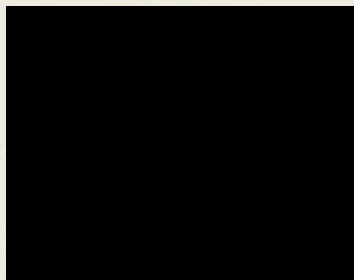
Charges of Obstruction of:

Highway

Police Officer



Dropped	Dropped
Convicted (\$250 fine)	Acquitted
Stayed	Stayed
Stayed	Stayed
Stayed	Stayed
Stayed	Stayed
Stayed	Pending
Stayed	Dropped
Stayed	Stayed
Convicted (Conditional Discharge)	Acquitted
Appeal (Pending)	(Acquitted)
Convicted (Conditional Discharge)	Acquitted
[Redacted]	Dropped
(Stayed)	[Redacted]



WHEREAS eighteen persons were arrested when the RCMP broke up the AUCE 2 picket line at Simon Fraser University, and

WHEREAS the criminal charges against those arrested are an attack on the right to strike, and

WHEREAS the B.C. Federation of Labour, the B.C. Federation of Women, and many other organizations have called for the charges against those arrested to be dropped, and

WHEREAS the first trial concluded with a conviction on the charge of blocking a highway and the remaining trials are scheduled for October and November, and

WHEREAS an emergency resolution is necessary because the conviction occurred after the deadline for normal resolutions and because the NDP Council Meeting with this matter on its agenda was cancelled,

BE IT RESOLVED that the NDP demand of the Attorney-General of BC that all charges against the SFU 18 be dropped.

Emergency Resolution
Passed at BC NDP Annual
Convention, September 1979.

WHEREAS the B.C. Federation of Labour has called for the withdrawal of all charges against the SFU 18; and

WHEREAS U.T.U. Local 422 has supported the SFU 18 through financial support and endorsing participation in the open defence committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the B.C. Federation of Labour again publicly demand the withdrawal of the charges against the SFU 18 who reinforced the AUCE picket line; and
2. That the B.C. Federation of Labour demonstrate publicly its support by sending a representative to all future trials of the SFU 18; and
3. That the B.C. Federation of Labour encourage financial assistance for the defence of the SFU 18 and call on all affiliates to join in this action.
4. Furthermore that the B.C. Federation of Labour participate in an open defence committee to defend the SFU 18.

Consolidated Resolution
Passed at BC Fed Annual
Convention, November, 1979.

BCFW

british columbia federation of women

14 January 1980

PRESS RELEASE

Representatives of the B.C. Federation of Women insisted on meeting with Attorney General, Allan Williams, regarding the charges brought against the 18 people arrested on the AUCE Local 2 picket line at Simon Fraser University. At issue in the dispute between AUCE Local 2 and the University was the question of equal pay for work of equal value .

The Federation of Women, representing more than 40 women's groups throughout the province, demanded today, as they did at their recent Convention, that all charges laid against the SFU 18, on 22 March 1979, be dismissed.

Prabha Khosla, a member of the BCFW Standing Committee, accused the Attorney General of allowing, "...persecution to flourish within his jurisdiction". Khosla noted that, "the very fact that Williams has ultimate control of the situation and is allowing it to continue to exist, represents a violation of ordinary union rights". The SFU 18 were arrested while picketing in support of the clerical and technical workers on strike against SFU. "The 18 union supporters should never have been arrested in the first place. It was a labour dispute, the union had walked out on proper notice, and Allan Williams, then Minister of Labour, allowed an attack by RCMP on a union picket line".

"We have the right to support working women. The cost of this bureaucratic harrassment to the public, is astronomical. We pay for the Crown's case with our taxes and then support the SFU 18 with our donations.

Williams has the power to drop the charges and should exercise it right now!"

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Contact people: Anne MacDonald [REDACTED]

Prabha Khosla [REDACTED]

JUDY McMANUS, N.D.P. Candidate, Vancouver South

PRESS RELEASE (for immediate release)

January 14, 1980

On behalf of the New Democratic Party I would like to reiterate a resolution passed at our Convention last September which called for all charges against the S.F.U. 18 to be dropped. The S.F.U. 18 were charged with blocking a highway and obstructing a police officer, while the real issue in this dispute was the right to strike. There were no injunctions against A.U.C.E. to cease picketing their employer, S.F.U. There was absolutely no justification for police involvement.

Also, the unwarranted police intervention obscured the real issues in this strike. The workers at S.F.U. were on strike for "equal pay for work of equal value". I feel the Board of Directors at S.F.U. were trying to make their employees, as public sector workers, take a low wage settlement in order to set a precedent in the Public Sector for the negotiations which were pending between the B.C.G.E.U. and the Provincial Government.

In conclusion I would like to reiterate my position on behalf of the N.D.P. The Charges against the S.F.U. 18 should be dropped and the kind of police intervention in the collective bargaining process such as we have seen in this dispute must be stopped.

AUCE PROVINCIAL

P R E S S R E L E A S E

14th January 1980

The following is the text of a letter delivered by Sheila Perret, Secretary-Treasurer of the Provincial Association of University and College Employees, to the Honourable Mr. Allan Williams, Attorney-General, today:

On behalf of the 2860 members of the Provincial Association of University and College Employees, I reiterate our demand of the then Attorney-General Garde Gardom on the 20th June 1979 - the demand that the charges against all those arrested at the AUCE Local 2 picket line at Simon Fraser University be dropped.

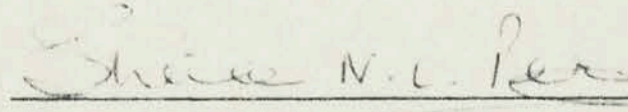
Justice has not been served and neither has the trade unionist's right to picket been vindicated by staying the charges of some of the arrested men and women, nor by granting conditional discharges and ordering probations.

As maintained by the SFU 18 and their supporters from the outset, ten months ago, the RCMP moved in on the picket line without provocation, without verbal warning. We ask why it is that the strike supporters were charged in the first place? The AUCE Local 2 dispute took the form of a legal strike; the members had the government sanctioned right to withdraw their services - a right sacred to the whole labour movement. The right to strike and the right to picket are just as legal as any action taken in other areas of civic life.

Dragging a collective bargaining dispute through the courts serves only to waste tax-payers' time and hard-earned money and impedes the unions' right to good-faith bargaining.

AUCE strongly opposes the use of the police and the courts for this type of intimidation and asks you to order that the remaining charges be dropped and that the probation orders be reversed.

phone (604) 684-2457



Sheila N.L. Perret, Secretary-Treasurer

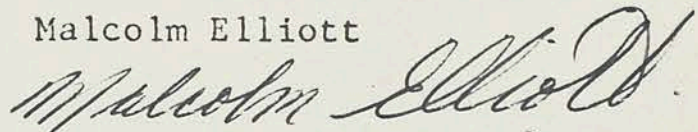
January 14, 1979

Mr. A. Williams
Attorney General
British Columbia

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the 32,000 members of the British Columbia Student Federation, I most strongly request that the charges against the persons arrested on the picket line at Simon Fraser University, March 22, 1979, be dropped. These people, many of whom are students, were participating in a legal picket line. At no time were they informed that the police were contemplating the violent action which occurred on that day. The lack of warning and the unnecessary force used by the police are in themselves reason enough to drop the charges against the Simon Fraser picketers. We feel this entire situation was unnecessary and we urge you to withdraw the criminal proceedings which are being taken against the SFU 18.

Malcolm Elliott



Chairperson

British Columbia Student Federation

14 January 1980

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

B.C. Government Employees' Union, Executive
Association of University and College Employees, Provincial
A.U.C.E. Local 2
Simon Fraser Student Society
Vancouver Municipal and Regional Employees' Union
Pulp, Paper, and Woodworkers' of Canada, Executive Board
P.P.W.C. Local 2
P.P.W.C. Local 8
United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, General Executive Board
British Columbia Ferry and Marine Workers' Union
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1928
Ad Hoc Musical Collective
Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Vancouver Local
Vancouver and District Labour Council
A.U.C.E. Local 1
British Columbia Provincial Council of Carpenters
University of Victoria N.D.P. Club
Canadian Union of Public Employees, National Board
International Woodworkers of America, Local 1-85
Hotel, Restaurant and Culinary and Bartenders' Union, Local 40
Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, Local 580
Brewery and Soft Drink Workers, Local 300
International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, Local 138
C.U.P.E. Local 606
C.U.P.E. Local 1004
British Columbia Federation of Students
International Longshoremens' and Warehousemens' Union, Canadian Area
I.W.A. Local 1-217
I.W.A. Local 1-118
Press Gang Publishers Limited
Letter Carriers' Union of Canada, Local 12
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
U.F.A.W.U. Local 1
I.W.A. Local 1-405
P.P.W.C. Local 9
University of Lethbridge Students' Union
C.U.P.E. Local 401
C.P.U. Local 76
Prince Rupert Amalgamated Shoreworkers and Clerks' Union, Local 1674
Canadian Association of Industrial, Mechanical and Allied Workers, Local 14
Kamloops and District Labour Council
C.U.P.E. Local 900
Trotskyist League
Machinists, Canadian Airways Lodge No. 764
C.A.I.M.A.W. Local 4
Machinists Lodge No. 219
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
C.A.I.M.A.W. Local 15
B.C.G.E.U. Local 604
C.U.P.E., Hamilton District Council
Canadian Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink, and
Distillery Workers, Local 280
C.U.P.E. Local 387 (New West. Civic Employees)

Organizations endorsing the call to have the charges against the SFU 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
Prince Rupert 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
I.W.A. Local 1-425
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
Communist Party of Canada
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
Social Services Employees Union, Local 2
Trade Union Research Bureau
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
George Hewison, Secretary, U.F.A.W.U.
Joan Wood, President, A.U.C.E. Provincial
Svend Robinson, M.P. Burnaby
Colin Gablemann, M.L.A. North Island
Jim Lorimer, M.L.A. Burnaby-Willington
Art Kube, Canadian Labour Congress
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David Rice, B.C. Federation of Labour
Gerry Stoney, President I.W.A., Local 1-357
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Tom Constable, I.B.E.W. Local 213
Bob Donnelly, President, Telecommunications Workers' Union
Jack Phillips, Communist Party of Canada
Jack Munro, Regional President, I.W.A.
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Bob Peebles, International Longshoremens and Warehousemens' Union
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, President, C.U.P.W. Vancouver Local
Phyllis Webb, Secretary, C.U.P.W. Vancouver Local
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
Jack Nichol, President, U.F.A.W.U.
John Devlin, Federation of Alberta Students
Veyda Shabur, Graduate Student Association, U. of Alberta
Al Ashton, Amalgamated Transit Union
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
Evert Hoogers, C.U.P.W. Vancouver Local
Pat Smith, B.C.F.W.
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, S.F.U. Dept. of English
Mike Lebowitz, S.F.U. Dept. of Economics.
Margaret Benston, S.F.U. Depts. of Chemistry and Computing Science
Mason Harris, S.F.U. Dept. of English
Kathryn Wellington, A.U.C.E. Local 2
Peter Feldman, S.F.U. Centre for the Arts
Susan Wendell, S.F.U. Dept. of Philosophy
Hank Benoit, S.F.S.S. Fieldworker
Joan Meister, A.U.C.E. Local 2
Evan Alderson, S.F.U. Centre for the Arts

STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT

On behalf of the 260,000 members of the BC Federation of Labour, I must strongly request that the charges against 18 persons arrested during the Association of University and College Employees Local 2 strike at Simon Fraser University be dropped, and no further action be taken against them. Your immediate attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Jim Kinnaird
President
BC Federation of Labour

The Vancouver and District Labour Council is on public record, deploring the charges laid against the 18 persons attending a picket line at Simon Fraser University, during the legal strike being conducted against the University, by the Association of University and College Employees.

The Vancouver and District Labour Council calls on the Attorney-General of British Columbia to order that all charges be dropped . . .

Vancouver and District
Labour Council

. . . on behalf of the carpenters in the province . . . we consider the RCMP actions at the picket line at SFU as an attack on the picket line by the police.

We support your cause and the defense of the SFU 18.

William S. Zander
President
BC Provincial Council of
Carpenters

At the July 19th meeting of the Hamilton and District Labour Council the delegates attending fully endorsed your appeal . . .

W. C. Thompson,
Secretary
Hamilton & District Labour
Council

The HEU herein adds the voices of our 22,000 members to the demand to drop charges against the 18 AUCE supporters arrested on March 22 picket line at SFU. Several of our members along with other trade unionists walked that same line for many hours. One of our number is counted among the 18 arrested. We are aware that these unprovoked arrests by the RCMP did not occur until the day's action was on the verge of ending and until well-known trade unionists had left the picket line. Such timing is hardly accidental.

We are mindful that the history of the labour movement is scarred with police interventions, arrests, fines and imprisonments. To see that history continue in today's so-called enlightened industrial relations is a sorry act indeed and one to be regretted. But it is still a fact. Nothing good can come from the presence and use of police in a strike. Nothing constructive can come from prosecution of 18 people whose sole crime was to join in support of our AUCE sisters and brothers. We hope and expect the solidarity of all unions in these two demands:

1. Drop the charges against the SFU 18.
2. End police intervention in legal strikes.

J.D. Gerow
Secretary/Business Manager
Hospital Employees Union
Local 180

March 22, 1979

The AUCE 2 Executive condemns the police provocation and brutality on the picket line today.

Executive
AUCE 2

The use of the police against people who are out on a legal strike; against people who are peacefully exercising their right to protest is not new. The government has been resorting to the use of intimidation and force more and more to deny workers their rights.

The dispute and the events on the picket line at SFU are issues that face all working people. The Vancouver Local of the CUPW at this time reiterates the demand made on April 26, 1979 by [REDACTED] that the charges against the 18 people arrested on the AUCE 2 picket line on March 22, 1979 be dropped. We fully support the SFU 18 and will do everything possible to help them defend and regain their rights.

Lloyd Ingram
President
Vancouver Local, CUPW

The Gay Alliance Toward Equality wholeheartedly supports those 18 persons arrested while picketing on the AUCE 2 line at Simon Fraser University.

. . . we call for all charges against the 18 to be immediately dropped.

Gary Bandiera
GATE

Recent events have raised again the issue of RCMP involvement in labour disputes. We are referring to the RCMP's excessive reaction to picketers at Simon Fraser University. This, as well as the role of the RCMP in assisting Placer Development get "hot" molybdenum to market reveals that the strike-breaking tradition of the "Mounties" is still alive and well.

Kerry K. Davis
Secretary-Treasurer
CAIMAW Local 12