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To A.U.C.E. Executive.
Western Parkway
Campus Mail.

As I am not certain if the Clipping Service is yet in service, I am submitting some pertinent articles re "Protest Day" as you will gather, I do not think this is an intelligent way to fight wage controls, and it will mean a split in labor & a backward step. (in my opinion).

If labor is really serious, I would be quite happy to forego a day's wages, go to work, & put that money to some effective use. I object to giving up my day's pay to the employer - it is ludicrous reasoning.

All I am suggesting is that each point of view receive equal time in A.U.C.E. news. Obviously, all articles cannot be printed, but for \$40 plus a month, the membership should receive some benefit from the clipping service - and I see that some articles are being

published. If an article is published concerning Len Gung's support of Protest Day, I hope to see alongside, an article by Marjorie Nicholls, Lorne Parson, an editorial - & also a list of the unions who are not supporting Protest Day eg The Ontario Teachers Federation, the Public Service Alliance of Canada (over 200,000 members) - nothing yet decided by Pacific Press or the B.C. Ferries, the 5,500 members in the CLC) - you see the glimmering of a real split brewing & a labor fiasco?

I also feel it is irresponsible of our Provincial & Local Executive to urge members to support illegal actions. This has already been done in the Alcan dispute. Where did our \$200.00 go? To support the 500 workers that crossed the picket lines & went back to work within the week?

Is it not poor strategy to "rock the boat" when we are at present negotiating a new contract? How can they hope for an optimistic outcome (over)

when if we advocate violating
our present contract? - Protest
Day is a breach of our contract
and plays right into the employer's
hands. I do not intend to
jeopardize the job I value or
my suspension so I'll tell the
government what they already
know.

I will also not support
the CUPE union if they go
on strike (but again I could be
forced out of work). I think it
is time to get off the "merry-go-
round" at the rate we
appear to be going, we shall
be out of work more than
we are at work. We go one
step forward & two back, &
it seems as if being a union
member is going to be very
costly. My reasons for non-
support of a CUPE strike are
mainly based on my opposition
to the views of Grace Hartman,
CUPE national president - I
read her inaugural address
in the Financial Post.

This letter is not for
publication. An article which
sums up my views on the
Protest Day will be read at
the Sept 9th meeting as I am
unable to attend.

On the positive side, I
note a vast improvement in
the recent AUCF newsletter. Was
most interested in the article on
lighting, and we are dealing
with that in our own office.
The article by Forleigh Furston
was excellent.

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P.S.