

# AUCE PROVINCIAL

August 18, 1980.

DEAR MEMBER OF AUCE PROVINCIAL

Enclosed with this letter you will find the second referendum ballot on the question of affiliation, with instructions and an explanation of the referendum process. Please read them carefully to ensure that you fill in your ballot correctly.

The question of affiliation is one of great importance to AUCE. The ballot process could result in our union ceasing to exist in its present form - and therefore requires careful consideration and participation from all members. The first ballot decided that we should affiliate to another labour organization. We have still to decide which organization we should affiliate to, and how to go about affiliation. This ballot will decide whether we should affiliate with the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) or the Confederation of Canadian Unions (CCU) or to another labour organization.

Before the Special Affiliation Convention in April this year, the affiliation committee gathered volumes of material - which is now in the Provincial Office. We have copies of the constitutions of CUPE; BCGEU; OTEU; minutes of meetings with representatives of those and other unions (eg SORWUC and UFAWU); we have minutes of meetings with representatives from CLC and CCU - and copies of the constitutions of those organizations - and a lot of other background information. If you feel you need further information of any kind, in order to make your decision, please get in touch with the Provincial Office - 684-2457 - and we will get information to you.

This is a vital decision which is being taken, and every member ought to participate - so above all - PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT THIS QUESTION, AND EXERCISE YOUR VOTE.

In Solidarity,

*Sheila N. Perret*

*Mary Mabin*

Sheila Perret & Mary Mabin  
for PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE



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## 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.

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SEE OVER FOR EXPLANATION OF THE SEQUENCE OF BALLOTS

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\*\*\* EXPLANATION OF THE SEQUENCE OF BALLOTS \*\*\*

THE PURPOSE OF THIS REFERENDUM IS TO HAVE THE AUCE MEMBERSHIP DECIDE ON THE QUESTION OF AFFILIATION. IT MAY INVOLVE FOUR BALLOTS OVER SEVERAL MONTHS - TWO BALLOTS IN ADDITION TO THIS ONE. 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. OR THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE - 684-2457.

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BALLOT 1

Ballot 1 has been completed.

The question was: Do you want AUCE to affiliate with any labour organization? Yes  
Do you want AUCE to remain independent? --  
Abstain --

THE ANSWER WAS YES TO THE FIRST QUESTION.  
WE WANT AUCE TO AFFILIATE WITH A LABOUR ORGANIZATION.

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BALLOT 2

Do you want AUCE to affiliate with: (CHOOSE ONE)

CLC CCU ANY OTHER LABOUR ORGANIZATION ABSTAIN

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 ABSTAIN

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)



# 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 where we are in the referendum process.

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. If you vote for 'ANY OTHER LABOUR ORGANIZATION' do not specify any particular organization. This would invalidate your ballot. If you wish to specify another organisation, please notify your local provincial rep, or the Provincial Office.)

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 POSTMARKED BY September 8, 1980 (Monday).  
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. SEPTEMBER 8, 1980.  
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. - SEPTEMBER 8, 1980.

\* YOU HAVE THREE CHOICES FOR RETURNING THE BALLOT!

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

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

DO YOU WANT AUCE TO AFFILIATE WITH (CHOOSE ONE):

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CLC

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CCU

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ANY OTHER LABOUR ORGANIZATION

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ABSTAIN

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