

AFFILIATION COMMITTEE - A.U.C.E. PROVINCIAL

MEETING OF NOV. 27th, 1979.

Mary Mabin in the Chair, Hester Vair taking notes.

Present: Sara D., Bill B., Richard M., Sheila P., Colleen B., Marion N., Suzanne M., Hester V., & Mary M.

PRESS RELEASE - RESPONSE TO FED REMARKS AT CONVENTION

Invited remarks on press release to B.C. Fed. Only comment was that it was insufficient and that we should have called on the Fed for support of the SFU 18.

Disagreement between A.U.C.E. & the Fed.

Peter Threlfall of A.U.C.E. #2 who met with the Fed. at the time of the strike gives the following as his recollection of what happened: (unofficial)

- AUCE met with the Fed to give notice of picketing at U.B.C.
- the Fed response was that there was not enough notice and that they did not think much of the idea anyway.
- at that time AUCE said that they would go ahead with the picket line in one week unless negotiations improved.
- Later AUCE contacted the Fed with a progress report saying that the negotiations were going well and the likelihood of picketing was small.
- When a crisis developed at negotiations we told the Fed it was on and went ahead.

AUCE seems to have assumed that it had the right to use the part of the Fed policy that states the notice can be foregone in emergency situations such as rotating strikes. This is a possible area of misunderstanding.

It is unclear that the Fed said that our notice of o.k. negotiations was taken as a statement that the picket line was off.

None of the above is information that is official - not from local 2 etc.

A.U.C.E. # 2 MEMBERS SIGNED UP INTO BCGEU

There is rumour of raid in all of the locals.

It appears to be largely BCGEU, Colleen has heard rumours of CUPE.

The work 'raid' (which appeared on the agenda) must be carefully used. We know that some of our members are approaching these unions - if that is the case and there is no approach from the unions then we are not being raided.

It is important to track down the source of these rumors - try to get copies of petitions, union cards, etc.

Information is the best way to dispel the rumours. The bulletins are not read. That makes the meetings at the local all the more important.

People seem to want to know more about the Convention and how it will operate before they get involved fully in discussion.

Motions/Policies resulting from this discussion:

- Joan and Sheila will get together a proposal on how the Convention will be conducted for discussion at the next meeting.
- Suzanne and Sara will get a proposal together on the local meetings.

- Motion that we decide on the Convention arrangements asap and publish in a bulletin.
- Motion(for which I only have approximate wording)
that local executives be reminded that the AUCE cross local affiliation committee formed at Convention is researching affiliation options to provide the members with the information to make an informed decision on affiliation and that local executives be encouraged to hold local meetings to discuss the information and issues on the question of affiliation if any.

REPORT ON AUCE 2's RECALL

- Read the statements from Bob Anderman to Local 2. that discussed an affiliation committee meeting.
- Hester is concerned that the question of confidence is raised by the allegations made by Anderman, are there any suggestions about what to do?
- Division meetings are important, suggestion to take up the issues now not to be defensive.

PRESS RESEASE (again!)

Hester raised the problem of AUCE members, who are not members of the committee, making a press release discussing the activities of the committee.

There was some question of the reporter misconstruing the information that was given

Bill felt that there was not way the Affiliation Committee had the right to tell any other AUCE person what they could or could not say to the press.

Motion: that Hester and Sheila be responsible for issuing any releases and handling any press about the affiliation process of the Provincial union of AUCE and that this information be given to the locals so that they can direct questions from the press to Hester and Sheila.