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PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION TURNED TO RIOT ...BY POLICE

MOTION: THAT the AUCE 2 Executive condemn the police provocation and brutality on the Support Strike picket line today.

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The rally began peacefully at 10 00 a.m. with music and speeches in support of AUCE's fight against the SFU administration. Evan Alderson, spokesperson for Concerned Faculty told the crowd, "The University can't proceed as normal."

He was right. At 11:30 a.m. John Fryer, President of the BCGEU, predicted, "The only way the strike is going to be settled is if we shut it (SFU) down. I'm going out in the middle of the roadway now." He was accompanied by a number of other trade unionist supporters of AUCE and several students. Spontaneously, about 200 people formed a circular picket, blocking traffic, singing union songs and chanting "they say cutbacks, we say fightback."

Within minutes, RCMP arrived. Although the student spokesperson had advised demonstrators merely to slow the traffic, the RCMP rerouted cars and eventually stopped all upbound traffic on Curtis and Gagliardi Way.

The group on the road kept moving while the police, now numbering about 30, watched them. Although the crowd was peaceful in the face of police intervention, Judy Cavanagh, student spokesperson, periodically reminded the demonstrators of the need to remain non-violent.

About two o'clock, the first demonstrator was dragged into a waiting police van, and about the same time, traffic was allowed to move up the hill. Police

removed their caps, ties, and badges in preparation to move in on the demonstrators. Cavanagh rushed to the micro-hone to remind demonstrators to remain peaceful. The RCMP switched off the generator for the microphone and 4 police stood guard threatening to confiscate the generator if it were turned on again.

WITHOUT VERBAL WARNING the police advanced on the moving line and began pushing and shoving the demonstrators.

The crowd fell five and six deep as RCMP picked off, head-locked and dragged demonstrators to a single waiting paddy wagon.

Within moments, the demonstrators had gathered on the large grass island, and the police were standing shoulder to shoulder on the roadway facing the long traffic island on Gagliardi Way.

17 demonstrators have been charged with obstructing a police officer in the course of his duty. BCGEU has offered legal counsel for the 17.

The SFU Administration has applied to the Labour Relations Board to have the number of AUCE pickets restricted. Gary Harris, AUCE Strike Co-ordinator has, however, pointed out that "restricting AUCE pickets is no guarantee that this won't happen again. The mass picket line was staffed by AUCE supporters. AUCE picketers remained at their usual stations on the traffic island."

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UBC OFFERED 7% OVER ONE YEAR

After only three days of mediation, AUCE Local 1, UBC, has been offered a salary increase of 7% over a one-year contract period. Local one's present contract does not expire until March 31, 1979.

MONEY ROLLING IN

The Social Services Employees' Union has donated \$100 to AUCE's strike fund. In addition, Local 1 (UBC) informed AUCE Local 2 today that it will be forwarding a donation of \$5,000 for the fund.

TALKS TO RESUME?

Sam Waterston has taken over as the mediator for AUCE Local 2 and Simon Fraser University. He replaces Ed Sims who recently retired.

Waterston contacted AUCE Local 2 on Thursday, March 22 to try to arrange a meeting between the union and the university. The union has agreed to a meeting. As of 5:00 p.m. on March 22 the mediator had not been able to contact the University regarding the meeting.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Allen McLean, a lawyer who specializes in Unemployment Insurance Law, will be the instructor at a seminar on UIC at the AUCE provincial office. This will be of special interest to AUCE temps and AUCE Local 6 members because recent UIC amendments affect their eligibility for UIC benefits. The seminars will be on March 27 and April 3, from 7.00-9.30 p.m. each night, #901 - 207 W. Hastings Street, Vancouver. Call 684-2459 to pre-register.

At a membership meeting of Local 1, UBC, today, a motion was passed to the effect that the AUCE Provincial be requested to organize a rally for AUCE Local 2.

The TSSU Strike Fund Benefit will be held at the Fisherman's Hall (138 E. Cordova St.) at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. There will be two bands: Ad Hoc and SUR, a South American group. Admission \$2.00 for strikers and students and \$4.00 for others.

The next General Membership Meeting for AUCE Local 2 will be on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the BCGEU Hall, 4911 Canada Way, Burnaby.