

April 7, 1982

Nancy Wiggs, President
Auce Provincial Executive
c/o Faculty of Law
Legal Clinic
University of British Columbia
2206 East Mall
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sister Wiggs:

Please be advised that Local #4 is protesting the Provincial Inquiry Questionnaire with regard to this Local's application for secession. The protest reads as follows:

"That the Provincial Executive has, by its distribution of the Inquiry Questionnaire, gone beyond its jurisdiction and is in violation of the Provincial Constitution of this Union."

The specific violations of the Constitution are as follows:

Section 2 (D) To maintain at all times the principles of local autonomy and democracy within this Provincial Association and its Local Associations.

Section 2 (H) To act as the voice for the membership on matters of Provincial or National scope, while recognising the need to preserve the autonomy of Locals and members in matters of Local concern.

Section 2 (I) To defend and extend full trade union rights for all workers.

Grounds in Support of Local #4's Protest

1. The Provincial Executive is, without cause, deliberately by-passing the elected representatives of the Local and communicating directly with its members thereby violating our members right to have and maintain a representative democracy.

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2. The nature of the questionnaire, with respect to sex, age, etc. violates, insults, and attempts to discriminate members of Local #4.
3. The questionnaire raises allegations of Local #4 acting in violation of the Constitution (question 15 et al) and of intimidation of its members when no such complaint has been raised at the Local or Provincial level.

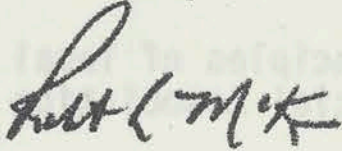
Remedies Sought

Local #4, by its application to secede, has not consented to waive its rights either under the Constitution or rights afforded to all members of society. Therefore we seek the following remedies:

1. That the President of Auce Provincial declare the Questionnaire improper and void.
2. That all communication to Local #4 members be placed through its Executive and that no members of Local #4 be contacted directly or indirectly without the express consent of the Local #4 Executive.
3. That the Provincial Executive accede the Local #4's request to secede and conduct a referendum vote as required by Section 6A by May 8th, 1982.

Notice of this protest has been distributed to our membership and Presidents of the other Auce Locals.

Yours truly,



R. McKee, President of Local #4

Enc.
cc. Executive Members
Stewards