

AUCE PROVINCIAL

April 28, 1981

The Executive
Confederation of Canadian Unions
1113 1/2 A St. Clair Avenue West
Toronto, Ontario
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Attention: John Lang: Secretary-Treasurer

Re: AUCE Local 5 - CCU Affiliation

Dear Brother Lang:

At the recent April meeting of the AUCE Provincial Executive, it was announced by our representatives from AUCE Local 5 in Prince George, that the B.C. Council of the Confederation of Canadian Unions invited AUCE Local 5 to affiliate. We understand that a later meeting of AUCE 5 voted to accept the invitation and formally apply to join, and that subsequent to that application the CCU National Executive Board accepted AUCE Local 5's application. Our April meeting voted to ask the CCU and AUCE Local 5 to reconsider the affiliation until after AUCE's Provincial Convention in June.

While we believe that the CCU invitation was well-intended, we are concerned that this action has created a great deal of dissention among the rest of the AUCE membership. We are further concerned that this action may in fact cause AUCE locals to make decisions that could lead to AUCE's fragmentation.

Last year, as part of our investigations on options for affiliation, AUCE Provincial representatives met with Jess Succamore, CCU Vice-President. During that meeting, and in the course of previous and subsequent contact between AUCE Provincial and CCU, it has always been made clear that the AUCE membership's decision on affiliation with any other labour body (and CCU was considered) would only be made after extensive discussions within AUCE as a whole, and after province-wide referendum ballots. Depending on what the outcome was to be of the votes, the Provincial Executive was mandated to negotiate the terms of any affiliation or merger with any other labour body or union that the AUCE membership voted to enter into. As you are aware, that ballot procedure had been established by one Convention, and was reaffirmed by a second Convention in 1980. You have been notified of the results of those ballots.

We view this CCU affiliation invitation and acceptance of one AUCE Local as being in direct contradiction to the AUCE membership's affiliation procedure and we are distressed that CCU would issue this invitation in spite of your knowledge of AUCE's affiliation process.

We find it difficult to reconcile the fact that the CCU would act in this manner without first approaching the Provincial Executive, and without at least formally discussing the matter with the entire AUCE Provincial Executive at the same time as with representatives from the Prince George local.

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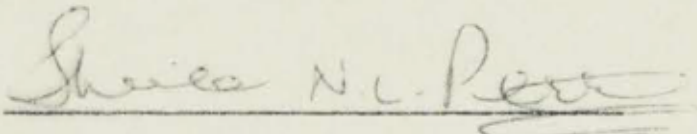
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The next meeting of the AUCE Provincial Executive is May 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Vancouver, and we would ask you to consider meeting with us on that date. If this proposal meets with your approval, please contact Lid Strand, AUCE Provincial President, in the evenings, at [REDACTED] in order to schedule a convenient time for you that day.

Again, we are most concerned about the CCU - AUCE 5 affiliation and we are most anxious to meet with you.

In Solidarity,



Sheila N.L. Perret

Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the AUCE Provincial Executive

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cc: Jess Succamore, CCU Vice-President
All AUCE Locals