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STRIKE LOOMS AT METRO LIBRARY (Reference Library at Yonge and Bloor)

Four hundred Librarians, Library Assistants and Maintenance Workers, members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees will be on strike the first week of October. The Unions have been in negotiations with the Library Board since the contract expired December 31, 1983.

The Library Workers want to stay on the job and keep the Library open but the Metro Library Board may force them to go on strike. The Library Board wants to take away many of the workers basic rights such as their right to orderly lay-off and recall procedures and other seniority benefits, the elimination of forty employees from the union denying them union representation and the installation of the electronic monitoring of work.

The Unions have taken a 90% strike vote and very clearly said that there be NO CONCESSION on seniority, or any other areas of the collective agreement. This week the Library Workers are going to the public of Metro Toronto in order to gain support. The Workers of Metro Library will be handing out bookmarks and leaflets encouraging the members of the public to call on Board members so that they will be influenced into helping to restore good faith and reasonableness in bargaining. THE LIBRARY WORKERS WANT AND DESERVE A FAIR DEAL.

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