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## A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER HOLDS AS ONE OF CITIZENS RIGHTS - THE RIGHT OF ASSOCIATION (UNION)

CANADA IS A SIGNATORY OF THE UN CHARTER

INTERNATIONAL LAW TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER NATIONAL / LOCAL LAW

SINCE THE TEACHERS STRIKE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA INVOLVES NEITHER HEALTH NOR SAFETY, THESE EXEMPTIONS CANNOT BE INVOKED

THEREFORE THE LAW FORBIDDING TEACHERS TO STRIKE AND TO CONFISCATE FUNDS SET ASIDE BY A DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED UNION EXECUTIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPENSATING ITS MEMBERS IN THE FORM OF A STRIKE PAY DURING SUCH A STRIKE IS AGAINST THE UN CHARTER AND THUS IS ITSELF ILLEGAL.

The explanation and clarification of the legal aspect of the current Teachers Strike in BC is important and is apparently not understood OR IGNORED including by the corporate controlled press and other sections of the news media. However, that international law takes precedence over national and/or local law under all circumstances has been established repeatedly since the end of WW II. The principle was established in connection with the Nuremberg Trials in Germany following WW II.

Subsequently, irrespective of national or local laws, no judgment under international law is valid if it violates the principles of human dignity, the right to free assembly, to organize in associations, to withhold labour power, and the right to free speech.

Members of the German judiciary appearing before an international Tribunal following WW II argued that judgments handed out during the Nazi era were beyond the jurisdiction of the allied prosecutors since German laws themselves were enacted by a democratically elected German government.

However, the Tribunal maintained that a judgement contrary to human rights, and freedoms which includes the right to dissent, the right of assembly, freedom of expression and the right to withhold labour power is part and parcel of Western Civilization and is thus part of Western Law notwithstanding cultural or political circumstances.

Subsequently, German Judges arguing that they carried out judgment based on laws established outside their jurisdiction and were thus not guilty of the offence they had been charged with, were found guilty by the Tribunal.

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