

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Submitted by E. B. Dubé

It is with a certain amount of sadness that I table my last monthly report as President of Local 70125. It has been a long and enjoyable tenure and I feel we have accomplished quite a bit. Over the years, it has been my pleasure to meet with many of our Members, both at home and abroad, and nothing was more satisfying than being able to resolve problems for individuals or groups. I had the opportunity to visit London, Spain and Portugal, most of the Provinces and the moments shared with all of you will long be remembered. I have welcomed new Members to our Executive and have had to say adieu to a great number as well.

I have accepted to serve in capacity of Vice-President, Outside Canada, due to Brother Doherty's resignation, and can only hope that I will represent you as well as my predecessors have in the past. I want you to know however, that I will always be available should the Local Executive need guidance or assistance and that I will remain only a phone call away. I sincerely hope that we will continue to work together in harmony and that any problem that should arise in the future can be solved in a spirit of friendship and cooperation.

I will soon be tendering my resignation to the Local and will update the Executive regarding any unfinished business. At this time so many names surface in memory. Names such as Molly-Jo, Ruth, Heather, Peggy, Laura, Eleanor, as well as Gary, Bill, John, Pat, George, Dave, Les, Corrie, Jim, Gilbert, Michel, Keith, Ron and Tom, names of all the Sisters and Brothers that were active, that I worked alongside or that provided help or guidance. I also hold fondly in memory the names of all the Brothers and Sisters that walked the picket line every day during the last general strike. These are faces and names that time will never erase and shall remain part of our history forever. I was proud to share the days with all of you.

Our Christmas Party was also a success that rounded off 1995 perfectly. There were many more Members present and, thanks to Sister Heather, Local 70125's banner was flown for the first time. What a fitting finale for a Local President! My sincere thanks to the Sister. I could continue and this report would never end if I were to mention the many instances I hold near and dear so, instead, I will just convey my thanks to all of you with a promise to represent you all at the National Component level to the best of my ability. I will not be far away and you know how to reach me.

In ending, I would like to say it has been a worthwhile experience, a learning experience, a time in which the friends that were made will remain friends for a lifetime. My heartfelt thanks to all of you, I could not have continued without you. You know who you are!! Wishing a successful year to the Local and the soon-to-be new Executive and wishing all the Members a 1996 which will prove beneficial and rewarding.

It will be hard to let go of the reins but, the transition is made so much easier just knowing that I am leaving the Local in capable hands. So I say: "ADIOS TO ALL MY AMIGOS" with much love and utmost respect. KEEP THE FAITH!!!!!!

In Solidarity,

January 15, 1996

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. L. Kuehn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed date.