

# CUPE forced union membership hypocrisy

Letter to the Editor

Re: The Magna Sell-Out, Wayne Fraser et al., Nov. 23

Is it possible to ask Sid Ryan what part of this article he co-authored does he actually believe in? With regard to his behaviour at the CUPE national convention on Oct. 18, I do not see how he says he supports democracy and workers rights. At the convention, a fair and democratic vote was held regarding access to a strike fund for illegal and political strikes. Mr. Ryan and his members of the Ontario CUPE division were not pleased with the result. So, he and most of the members in the Ontario division stood up and exited the convention, leaving the rest of the CUPE members with nothing to do, since there were not enough members to continue with business.

Mr. Ryan, CUPE national president Paul Moist, the national vice-president and the whole executive board were all acclaimed at the convention. No one presented themselves to be a candidate to challenge anyone of the executive board. Even Mr. Ryan was nominated to run against CUPE national president Paul Moist, but he declined.

As well, if Mr. Ryan supports workers' rights and independence, why does he not fight for them at CUPE by acknowledging that CUPE members are forced to be national members, infringing upon their right not to associate?

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