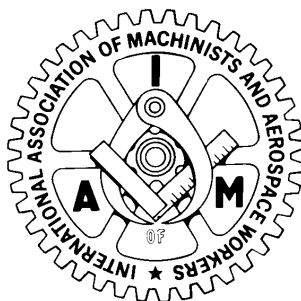
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At the Ajax Legion Hall * 111 Hunt St. Ajax, ON

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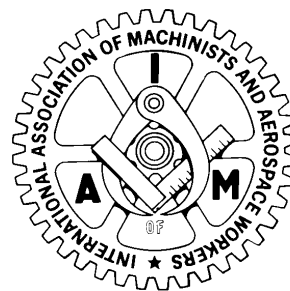
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**JUSTICE ON THE JOB,
SECURITY FOR THE FAMILY
AND
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Machinist member donated own time and work to serve the community

Being true to the spirit of providing service to the community, Brother Doug Deshevy requested scrap metal from the employer and converted it into cash to purchase building material to build an access ramp for a disabled person.

This allows Colette, shown here to freely access her home which would not be possible without the ramp.

Our hats off to Doug and other Machinist members who had donated their own time and efforts to provide service to our communities.



NO JAIL TIME, NO JUSTICE, SAYS OFL: Million dollar fine not enough justice for fallen workers

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) expressed frustration that Metron Construction boss Joel Swartz won't be facing jail time for the deaths of four workers and serious injury to another. While applauding the historic conviction of the company – the first in Ontario to face conviction for criminal negligence – the OFL made it clear that the \$1-million fine sought by the prosecution doesn't deliver sufficient justice to the victims and their families.

"How many workers need to die before a boss is put behind bars?," demanded OFL President Sid Ryan. "The Company pleaded guilty in the worst construction accident in Toronto in fifty years, yet the owner of the company is still a free man. It makes no sense to me that the person who profited most from risking the lives of workers isn't being held to account."

The OFL launched its "Kill a Worker, Go to Jail" campaign shortly after the Christmas Eve tragedy in 2009 that shocked workers across the country. The collapse of a swing stage at a west Toronto high rise resulted in five workers plunging 13 stories during construction repair. The OFL's campaign called for the vigorous use of the Criminal Code of Canada provision that enables the prosecution of corporate executives, directors and managers who act wrongfully or negligently.

In response, the Ontario government created an Expert Panel on Workplace Health and Safety and launched a province-wide review that resulted in significant amendments to Ontario laws that were designed to prevent similar tragedies in the future. However, the OFL learned this week that while Metron's President and sole director pleaded guilty to four breaches of the

CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE IN 905 DURING

THE MONTH OF JUNE THE MONTH OF JULY

31 Years	Doug Brooks	25 Years	Brian MacDonald
25 Years	Philip Hamblin	24 Years	Daniel Godin
25 Years	Danny Robertson	22 Years	Ajaib Uppal
24 Years	Amrik (Rick) Bening	20 Years	Joseph Shannon
22 Years	Daniel Myall	15 Years	Steve Kilby
22 Years	Caesar Posylek	14 Years	Barry Payne
22 Years	Robert Todd	14 Years	Irek Kujawinski
17 Years	Bruce Cormack	6 Years	Leroy Anderson
17 Years	Shawn Courier	6 Years	Karen Walker
17 Years	Lidia Jakubiak	5 Years	Eustace Fernandes
17 Years	Sorin Sav		
16 Years	Steve Anderson		
16 Years	Ronda Griffin		
16 Years	Rob Joice		
16 Years	Dave Shaw		
12 Years	Jim Hasson		
9 Years	Jean Vilolette		
9 Years	Dale Robinson		
8 Years	Mark Ayotte		
8 Years	Ian Cardwell		
6 Years	Charlene Craig		
5 Years	Meyyan (Simon) Sabalinggan		
5 Years	Doug Titterton		
4 Years	Wilkins Lai		
4 Years	Paul Kwok Wai Yuen		

July and August Monthly General Meeting will be suspended. Next meeting scheduled for Monday September 10th, 2012 at the Ajax Legion Hall.



TOWN HALL MEETING

Unpacking the Changes to Employment Insurance

Wednesday, September 12,
2012 at 7:00 PM

CAW Local 222

1425 Phillip Murray Avenue,
Oshawa, ON

Join workers, labour, experts
and community allies for an
evening meeting. We will

discuss upcoming changes to
Employment Insurance and
the effects they will have on

our community. Together we
can strategize on how best to
stop these changes.

For more information and to
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Occupational Health and Safety Act, the Crown had dropped the criminal charges against him. A joint submission by the Ministry of Labour and defense council for fines of \$22,500 for each count is current being reviewed by the presiding judge. Preliminary hearings for the criminal charges against senior Metron officer and site project manager Vadim Kazenelson are currently underway.

"Last year alone, 436 workplace accident and occupational disease fatalities were reported in Ontario and over 240,000 injury claims were filed. This carnage in the workplace is leaving too many grieving families," said Ryan. "Unless negligent employers face jail time, they will simply be able to buy their way out of responsibility. And, write this off any potential fine as the cost of doing business. Without full justice under the law, workers will continue to lose their lives while their employers turn a profit."

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) represents 54 unions and one million workers in Ontario.

OFL

Tell Toronto NO to Holiday Shopping

Right now the City of Toronto is considering a business-backed proposal that would allow retail stores to stay open for business on the current provincial Statutory Holidays. That includes Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Victoria Day, Canada Day and Labour Day.

It's unfair, unjust, anti-family and just plain greedy.

UFCW Canada members and all retail workers need the break of Statutory Holidays to rest and spend much needed time with their families and friends as much as any other worker.

UFCW/LabourStart

USW to Canadian Olympic Committee: Athletes Deserve Untarnished Gold

United Steelworkers (USW) members demonstrated this week at Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) offices to convince Canada's Olympic organizers to help get mining giant Rio Tinto "Off the Podium."

USW activists delivered the message in person to COC officials on June 20 and distributed leaflets to passersby at Toronto's busy Yonge and St. Clair intersection.

The USW has been campaigning since April to remove Rio Tinto as an Olympic supplier because the company fails to meet the ethical standards expected of Olympic suppliers.

The main issue for Steelworkers is Rio Tinto's lockout of 780 USW members at the company's profitable smelter in Alma, Quebec, over contracting-out issues. The Alma workers have been locked out by Rio Tinto since December 2011.

"Why should Rio Tinto be allowed to associate itself with the Olympics, especially given the London Games' commitment to sustainability?" asked USW National Director Ken Neumann. "Rio Tinto is deliberately trying to eliminate good community-sustaining jobs in Alma and replace them with precarious contract jobs at half the pay and no benefits."

The Steelworkers' campaign aims to publicize that athletes will be wearing tarnished medals unless Rio Tinto is removed as an Olympic supplier.

"Don't let Rio Tinto tarnish the Olympic Games," the Steelworkers' leaflet states. "We're fighting to get this bad corporate citizen off the podium and get the workers in Alma, Quebec back to work!"

Twenty-five trade unions throughout the world have contacted their national Olympic committees, protesting Rio Tinto's involvement and requesting the company's removal from the Games.

USW/LabourStart

Facts

By the age of 3, children from wealthier households hear, on average, about 500,000 encouragements and 80,000 discouragements. The ratio is reversed in households on welfare.

If you manage a team of 10 people, it's quite possible to do so with very few mistakes or bad behaviors. If you manage an organization of 1,000 people it is quite impossible. At a certain size, your company will do things that are so bad that you never imagined that you'd be associated with that kind of incompetence.

Don't believe that 'customer is always right' stuff. ... ING Direct has built the fastest-growing bank in America by saying no. When customers ask for a credit card, the answer is no. When they ask for an online brokerage, the answer is no. When they ask if they can open an account with a million dollars, the answer is no.

A Canadian polling company once asked people how many millions there are in a billion. Forty-five percent didn't know. So how will they react when they're told that the arsenic levels in their drinking water are three parts per billion? Those who don't know what a billion is can only ... hit the panic button.

In manufacturing, the market price is set by the smartest guy with the best, cheapest production process. In stock markets, the price is set by the dumbest guy with the most money to lose.

Today, of Americans officially designated as 'poor,' 99 percent have electricity, running water, flush toilets, and a refrigerator; 95 percent have a television, 88 percent a telephone, 71 percent a car and 70 percent air conditioning. Cornelius Vanderbilt had none of these.

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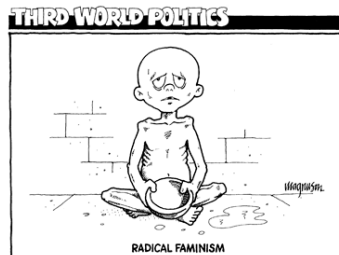
The global water crisis

Gandhi said it best when he said, "the Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not enough to satisfy every man's greed."

This is truer of the world's freshwater supply now than ever before. There is no shortage of water for the needs of people and the planet, yet we are rapidly running out of clean water because there aren't sufficient amounts to serve the insatiable greed of a small number of powerful corporations whose interests dominate the global economic agenda.

On the one hand, systemic causes of the global water crisis are evaded by emphasis on resource efficiency and high-tech solutions that allow business as usual for water-intensive and water-polluting industries. On the other hand, there is a push to develop market-based models for the distribution of scarce water resources. These models will entrench corporate rights and access to water resources - among them, water markets and pricing mechanisms that will allow for those who pay more to have more, and the financialization of both water resources and utilities in order to generate new forms of capital accumulation in areas where markets have had very limited access. All of these elements require greater analysis than what we are able to offer within the limited space of this article. Suffice to say that many forces are at play to ensure that the environmental and economic crises serve as ruses to facilitate greater corporate control of water.

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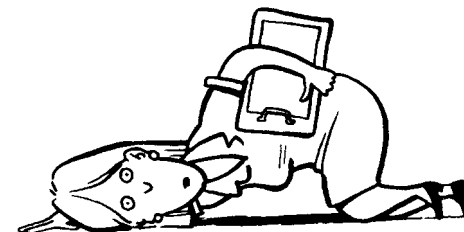
Mexico migrant worker blacklisting evidence in B.C.

Recently, a United Latinos of UFCW committee of inquiry returned from a fact-finding mission in the agriculture area of the B.C. Lower Mainland. What the committee was told by workers and advocates supported allegations now in front of the B.C. Labour Board that the Mexico consular service in Vancouver had blacklisted some its own citizens working in Canada suspected of being union supporters.

Mexican migrant workers at two B.C. agriculture operations employed under the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP) are members of UFCW Canada Local 1518, after a majority of the workers at each location voted to unionize. Currently there are now charges and evidence at the B.C. Labour Board that Mexico's Vancouver consulate colluded with the two agriculture operations to blacklist workers thought to be union activists. Evidence includes a leaked "blacklist", allegedly from the Vancouver consulate to the Mexico Ministry of Labour, to deny workers on the list the right to return and work at these farms.

Many of the workers had been warned by Vancouver Mexico consulate to avoid the AWA centres and refrain from any union activity if they want to be rehired next season.

UFCW/LabourStart



The TPP: Selling out Canadians, one 'trade deal' at a time

The Harper government has made new trade deals a cornerstone of its policy agenda. The most recent announcement about this agenda was that Canada has been accepted into the negotiations for the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), a new trade agreement involving the U.S. and several of the Pacific countries.

These trade deals are a major part of the international corporate globalization agenda that has done so much to create economic instability, poverty, and huge income inequality around the world.

Free trade deals do not automatically increase trade. The more trade deals Canada has signed, the worse our performance has become. Exports to the majority of Canada's trade deal partners actually grew more slowly than exports to non-free-trade partners, although our imports from free trade partners increased.

Free trade deals like NAFTA destroy jobs. It is widely understood by even supporters of trade deals that these agreements drive down workers wages and weaken unions.

But people who dislike government love trade deals. Free trade deals limit the ability of governments to govern the activities of corporations. That's why right wing governments love them.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was a new model for these deals: described by trade expert Scott Sinclair as "a significant breakthrough for corporations attempting to secure protection for property rights and investor freedoms." He says these are not so much trade deals as "clearly broader agreements restricting the role of the state in regulating the activities of international corporations. They fo-

cus exclusively on restricting government actions."

Even proponents of the Canada European Trade Agreement (CETA) currently being negotiated agree that this new generation of trade deals is not really about trade per se. An approving article by the head of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the president of BUSINESSEUROPE notes that "As a second generation trade agreement, the Canada EU arrangement will focus on non-tariff barriers like standards, procedures and regulations."

And now it's the TPP. We don't know what Canada had to promise to even get in on these talks. It sounds like they had to virtually promise to get rid of supply management for Canada's farmers, and had to accept everything already agreed to by the other countries without even knowing for sure what had been agreed to. But, we will be told that this is a victory for Canada.

Just how much these deals are designed to limit the ability of governments to actually govern business is underlined by the leaked text which has already been agreed to in the TPP. The TPP will limit the ability of governments to regulate foreign firms operating in their countries. This means foreign firms in Canada would have greater freedom to operate than Canadian companies. Apparently Harper has agreed to be bound by this even though it was negotiated before Canada got to the table.

Formerly secret documents obtained by media outlets also show just how hard Ottawa worked to worm its way into these talks. The Harper government promised that Canada would be "an ambitious partner" willing to discuss "any issue at the negotiating table," including supply management and intellectual property. The documents make it clear that Harper promised to use his majority to railroad the deal through Parliament.

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