



INFORMATION UPDATE #10

April 4, 2011

Support the Just Struggle of the Public Sector Workers in Toronto!

Join the Toronto Rally for Respect!

Rally at Dundas Square then March to Toronto City Hall

For information on buses from Hamilton call: 905-547-1417

A contingent organized by USW Local 1005 will participate in the Toronto Rally for Respect on April 9. The rally opposes the attacks by politicians in authority in Toronto and the Ontario legislature against public sector workers. No workers deserve this abuse of their dignity. Toronto public sector workers are a valuable asset to the City of Toronto. The financial difficulties Toronto faces are not caused by city workers nor by public services. Workers and their allies throughout the province and country stand with them and demand that those in political authority stop these senseless attacks.

It is the rich and their monopolies that have created

the economic crisis and now they throw at workers their neoliberal gibberish that solutions to the crisis can be found in depriving workers of the ability to exercise their rights and in demands for more concessions and privatization of municipal services. The rich and their monopolies no longer want to invest in manufacturing because the return is not high enough or guaranteed. So they want to poach off public services where government money will guarantee that their pockets are filled with cash from the public treasury without having to sell a product! And to make sure they can steal enough from the public services, the claims of the workers are to be driven to the lowest level. It must not pass!

All out for the Toronto Rally and Demonstration April 9!

Parliament May First, 1 PM -- Join USW Local 1005!

Break New Ground to Defend the Rights of All!

We invite everyone to join us on May First on Parliament Hill to put forward the demands of the workers in all sectors of the economy in defence of the rights of all. This is also an occasion to express support for our fellow workers in the United States, Mexico and the world over who are also being made to pay so as to permit an ever smaller number of monopolies to grow even richer.

The present direction of the economy has been proven to impose insecurity, wrecking of manufacturing, stepped up sell-out of our resources and public assets, privatization of social programs, abandonment of social responsibilities and the shifting of the economic problems onto the backs of the actual producers, seniors and youth. Along with this, political power is being concentrated in fewer and fewer hands and the PMO. Canadians exercise no control whatsoever over the decisions which affect

their lives.

Let's together call on whatever party or parties form the next government to change the direction for the economy and uphold public right, not the so-called rights of the monopolies to make their big score at the expense of our resources, our manufacturing, our public assets such as Canada Post, our public sector workers, industrial and service workers, seniors and youth.

Let us together break new ground to defend the rights of all! Join with us in Ottawa on May First to say Enough is Enough! Concessions are Not solutions! Manufacturing Yes! Nation-Wrecking No! Uphold Public Right, Not Monopoly right!

Everyone bring your own banners and slogans! Stand as one in favour of resolving the crisis in a manner which favours the many, not the few!

**For information on buses to Parliament Hill on May First,
contact USW Local 1005: Call 905-547-1417 or e-mail info@uswa1005.ca.
Visit the website: www.uswa1005.ca**

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Join Us May First on Parliament Hill

- *Bill Mahoney* -

Join us in Ottawa on May Day
Remember, it is not a Play Day;
Too many go without a pay day.

People hurting, people broke
Harper thinks it's all a joke
I wish upon his lies he'd choke.

It makes my blood run cold
To hear the lies we're being told.
Who will calm the widow's fears,
who will wipe away her tears.

What will you say when seniors ask
Is their pension going to last?
Will these bad times ever pass?

Workers are being thrown out the door
Justice treated like a whore;
The rich keep demanding more
They don't care about the poor.

Our companies are in foreign hands,
They call the shots from foreign lands.
They try to rule with an iron fist,
It is our duty to resist.

There is a class war going on,
We're under attack.
All the gains we have made,
The rich, they want them back.

We can't sit back like a bunch of fools,
While the rich write their own rules.

Locking up the factories,
and closing down the schools.

There's money for bankers, CEO's and war,
Nothing for workers, the elderly, the poor.
All our years of struggle, all our years of hope
Now our future is walking a tight rope.

Labour will not stumble, our union will not fall,
An injury to one is an injury to all.
Come all you workers and
heed the battle call!

If you want to stop Harper,
while it's possible still,
Join us May First on Parliament Hill!

CAW Local 222 Retirees Rally in Oshawa to Oppose Federal Budget



Over 100 workers and retirees, joined by a contingent from Local 1005 USW demonstrated in Oshawa on April 1, 2011 at the Constituency Office of Jim Flaherty, the Federal Finance Minister to denounce the latest federal budget. This budget did not challenge monopoly control of the economy or uphold public right over monopoly right. Therefore this budget did not block U.S. Steel from wrecking the Canadian steel industry. It could not offer any real solutions for any economic problem, nor did it provide the rights of Canadians with a guarantee.

Len Harrison, Chair of the CAW Retired Workers Executive condemned the government plans to promote private savings plans not public pensions. "Flaherty stabbed us in the back. Instead of doing what he promised to do for pensioners so that CPP rises slowly so that everybody has a pension, he backed off and now he wants it to go to his friend, the financial

community," he said.

Chris White, Chair of the Political Action Committee of the CAW Local 222 Retirees added that the Harper government is not only attacking current retirees but also future generations. He said it was disgraceful to have pensioners living in poverty and that they would not stand for it.

President of Local 1005 USW Rolf Gerstenberger emphasized the importance of auto and steel to stand together. He pointed out that the struggle to defend pensions at Stelco is part of the right to ensure retirement security for all workers in Canada and that governments must uphold public right against the wrecking of the monopolies.

As part of the fight for their rights, the retirees in Oshawa have two busloads of people signed up to go to Ottawa May 1st and are continuing to mobilize for the action.