



INFORMATION UPDATE #3 **January 24, 2011**

All Out to Demonstrate in Support of Locked Out Steelworkers on January 29!

Hamilton Day of Action
The People vs. U.S. Steel
1 p.m., Saturday, January 29, 2011
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West

On January 23 at 7:00 pm we entered the 11th week of the lockout imposed by U.S. Steel which is trying to extract changes to the pension arrangements it negotiated with the government of Ontario as a condition of sale. U.S. Steel calls this a labour dispute to cover up the method of blackmail and extortion it is using to achieve its aim of depriving the 900 workers and 9000 pensioners of what belongs to them by right. This must not pass!

In whose hands should the working people of Hamilton and Canada entrust their well-being and security? In Canada two ways are presented to the workers and their families. One is the way the monopolies and their government spokespersons are telling us to go which is that our security lies in U.S. domination and control of Canada and that monopoly right must be provided with every possible guarantee. Or we can follow what we ourselves know - that our security lies in our fight for the rights of all. This means that we must demand that public right be upheld and monopoly right be opposed.

USW Local 1005 is participating in the January 29 rally *The People vs. U.S. Steel* to demand that governments do their duty and uphold public right, not monopoly right! How can our security during our working lives and in retirement be guaranteed by the monopolies when the present economic arrangements are incapable of fulfilling that demand? By the direct admission of the spokespersons of the monopolies the present arrangements are meant to enrich owners of capital at the expense of public right, nation-building and the interests of those who work to produce the wealth. It is simply not an option.

We call on you to join the Hamilton Day of Action on January 29 *The People vs. U.S. Steel* to show your support for members of USW Local 1005 who are fighting for the security of all in retirement.

Manufacturing Yes! Nation-Wrecking No!
Call on Governments to Do their Duty!
Public Right Yes! Monopoly Right No!
Canadians Stand as One!

Whose Economy? Our Economy! • Whose Politics? Our Politics!
Whose Country? Our Country! • Who Decides? We Decide!
Sovereignty Yes! Annexation No!

Keep Stelco Producing! Keep Hamilton Producing! Keep Canada Producing!

Support for Local 1005

Local 1005 has received numerous letters of support from organizations representing Canadians in all sectors of the economy expressing how our fight is their fight as well. Below is an extract of the letter from the Hamilton and District Labour Council.

"...U.S. Steel is not talking but dictating anti-worker terms that strengthen its hand as a global monopoly, serve the interest of capital and ignore the legitimate needs of Hamiltonians and Canadians. Like other corporate predators, such as Vale, they flaunt our laws and dismiss commitments made to their workers, our governments and our community. They rob us of industrial and manufacturing capacity. They threaten our sovereignty. Who is trying to hold them to account? Our governments? No, it is you, the members of 1005.

Your fight is with U.S. Steel. But in challenging the monopoly power of a huge multi-national corporation over issues that cut across workplaces and economic sectors, you are fighting for every worker and for every Canadian. Your fight is our fight!

The Hamilton and District Labour Council proudly supports the members of Local 1005 who are in the vanguard of the fight for economic sovereignty, social justice and the dignity of all workers. Once again, in the spirit of 1946, the members of Local 1005, on behalf of all Canadians are proclaiming boldly that the monopolists and bullies must not be allowed to win. We can stop them in Hamilton. All for one and one for all!

***Say no to the arrogance of United States Steel!
Say no to the dictates of United States Steel!
The time to resist is now. The place to resist is Hamilton!***

On January 29 Hamilton Welcomes Everyone



To date more than 46 buses have been booked to travel to Hamilton. The following Labour Councils in Ontario have confirmed plans for busses: **Barrie, Brantford, Durham, Grey-Bruce, Kingston, Lindsay, London, Niagara, North Simcoe/Muskoka, Ottawa, Peterborough, Toronto, Waterloo and Windsor.**

The CLC reports that buses are being filled or paid for by the following unions: **ACTRA, CAW, CUPE, CUPW, ETFO, IBEW, OECTA, OSSTF, SEIU, UFCW and USW.** More are also in the works such as a bus organized by the Steelworkers from the ArcelorMittal plant in Contrecoeur, Quebec and the surrounding region, and a delegation from the Vale USW local 6500 in Sudbury, Ontario.

We are also pleased to inform you that a delegation of USW workers are coming from Detroit led by Local 1299 President, Marc Barragan. Canadian and U.S. workers share the same cause and will not be played one against the other in this fight.

All out for the January 29 Hamilton Day of Action *The People vs. U.S. Steel!*

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