



INFORMATION UPDATE #2

January 17, 2011

Long Live the Spirit of '46, the Spirit of Breaking New Ground!

Public Right Yes! Monopoly Right No!

- Rolf Gerstenberger, President, USW Local 1005 -

United Steelworkers Local 1005, the Hamilton and District Labour Council, the Ontario Federation of Labour and the Canadian Labour Congress have invited everyone to a Hamilton Day of Action on January 29 to denounce the arrogance of the global monopolies and their assault on people's rights and wrecking of the economy and country.

The people are resisting the attacks of the global monopolies from coast to coast to coast but the centres of provincial and federal political power are not with the people. On this January 29 Day of Action, let us focus the thinking, energy and resistance of the people against U.S. Steel as a symbol of all that is wrong when those in government allow the arrogance and dictate of monopoly right to run amuck in the country.

USW Local 1005 and its 900 active members and 9000 pensioners have taken a bold stand in defence of the rights of all. They have said no to U.S. Steel's attack on Stelco pensioners by unilaterally de-indexing their pensions; they have said no to U.S. Steel's attempt to create a two-tier workplace with its attack on young Canadians by denying new hires a defined-benefit pension.

USW Local 1005 proudly says that in Canada from coast to coast to coast we are one working class and people and the global monopolies have no right to divide us and trample our rights. The great tradition and spirit of '46 is to Break New Ground in the fight in defence of the rights of all! January 29, let us rally in Hamilton to demonstrate and pledge to Break New Ground in the defence of workers' rights and the sovereignty of the country against the arrogance and dictate of the global monopolies. Let us demand that governments do their duty and uphold public right. Public Right Yes! Monopoly Right No!

U.S. Steel's unjust shutdown of Stelco's last active blast furnace and the lockout of Local 1005 members are examples of the arrogance and contempt the global monopolies hold for Canadian workers, our socialised economy and sovereignty. U.S. Steel's egocentric and unjust actions are a symbol of all that is wrong when rights are trampled and an economy and country are held hostage by global monopolies.

United and determined Canadians can mobilise themselves against monopoly right and affirm public right and the sovereignty of Canada's economy and politics.

United and determined Canadian workers can make politics their politics and have it serve their basic interests and the general interests of society.

The global monopolies must not be allowed to trample on Canada's economy, standard of living and way of life. Workers and their allies must affirm public right against the power and domination of monopoly right; affirm the rights of *The People vs. U.S. Steel* and other global monopolies. .../2

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

nomy and our politics! Let us show the monopolies and governments in their service that we are determined to make this our country, our economy and our politics in a way which sorts out the crisis in our favour, not that of the monopolies. All out for the Hamilton Day of Action!

Manufacturing Yes! Nation-Wrecking No!

This is our country, our economy

Public Right Yes! Monopoly Right No!
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!

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MEDIA RELEASE

January 14, 2011

Today, USW Local 1005 was informed by Service Canada that our E.I. claims would be allowed. Our situation is very complex and Service Canada has done an extensive legislative review along with Fact Finding. We would like to thank Service Canada and everyone involved with making the decision that is certainly helpful financially to our members.

However, this certainly does not take away from the fact that our members would much rather be working producing Steel.

This Lock Out by U.S .Steel is quite simply another devious attempt by the Company to weasel out of the commitments it made when it seized Stelco in November 2007. Prior to the lockout U.S .Steel halted production in Hamilton in October 2010 for the second time in two years. It shifted its production for Canadian customers to the U.S. Then it locked us out. This lockout is an unacceptable attempt to get us to agree to change the terms of the pension agreement it signed with the government of Ontario as part of the terms of sale of Stelco to U.S. Steel. The well-being of 9000 pensioners, 900 workers, their families, the Hamilton Community and the country's demand for steel are all affected.

These actions are shameful.

USW 1005 appreciates the overwhelming support it has received from everyone in the community and across the country.

We invite everyone to attend our Hamilton Day of Action “The People vs. U.S. Steel” on January 29th.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
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January 12, 2011

Dear Prime Minister,

As the Mayor of the City of Hamilton I have to express my personal displeasure at the current situation involving U.S. Steel, and USW Local 1005. You no doubt have been kept abreast of events here in Hamilton that has resulted in a lock out of employees, and threats to the income of thousands of pensioners. The implications for our City are obvious.

Furthermore we are confronted with the sad reality that orders originally intended for production in Hamilton by Canadian workers are now benefiting facilities and workers located in the United States. There are many good examples of foreign companies whose investments in Canada are bringing us net benefits, companies which in some cases the local U.S. Steel management can see from their office windows.

Mr. Prime Minister, protection of our workers and our steel-making capacity, both of which impact on our sovereignty as a nation, must of highest political priority. I urge you to see that our workers, our jobs, and the strategic requirements of nation-building through proper stewardship of manufacturing assets be addressed with the powers vested in your office and your government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Bratina".

Bob Bratina
Mayor
City of Hamilton