



PRESIDENT'S ACTION UPDATE

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CANADA'S LARGEST LABOUR FEDERATION ADVOCATING FOR ONE MILLION WORKERS

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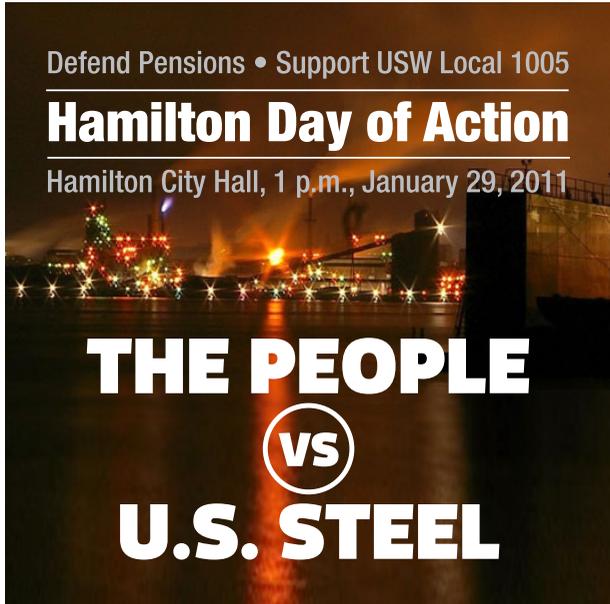
The People SAY NO WAY!



Fed up with a relentless attack on wages, benefits and pensions, the people of Ontario have awakened to the fact that the dirty tactics they are facing in each of their workplaces are not unique. That is why they are starting to mobilize in numbers not seen since the Days of Action against Mike Harris.

The 900 workers and 9,000 retirees of USW Local 1005 are only the latest targets of a corporate strategy to secure exclusive access to Canadian resources and strip away our retirement security. Hamilton is shaping up to be a battle of epic proportions as U.S. Steel attempts to drive down the wages and benefits of its employees. Sadly, the pensions of retirees who helped to create a once-flourishing steel industry, and many of whose wives took over as they fought in the second world war, are also now on the chopping block.

The call for a Day of Action on January 29 went out less than a month ago and already Hamilton and District Labour Council President Mary Long is reporting a phenomenal response from many communities.



Help to mobilize your community to support the workers of USW Local 1005. We need to spread the word that all Canadians should take note of what's happening in Hamilton because this same scenario is being played out in nearly every town in Ontario. In all likelihood, your town will be the next Hamilton.

See you on the 29th!

In solidarity,

Sid Ryan, OFL President

Buses will be Rolling into Hamilton from Across Ontario!



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

We already know of buses being filled or paid for by the following unions: **ACTRA, CAW, COPE, CUPE, CUPW, ETFO, IBEW, OECTA, OSSTF, SEIU, UFCW and USW.** But more may be in the works.

If your union has not yet booked buses to Hamilton, it is not too late. Everyone is needed!

Please ensure that all buses are registered with Eddie Ste. Marie, CLC: **416-441-3710 x 226** or estemarie@clc-ctc.ca



3 Dangerous Threats

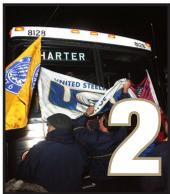
There is a trend underway. The tactics of U.S. Steel ring familiar to working people across Ontario. In many communities in Ontario, foreign-owned corporations are buying access to Canada's rich natural resources, eroding wages and delivering no net benefit to Canada. Unfortunately, this agenda is shared by the Harper Government which has opened the door for these megacorporations and undermining social programs.

But the people of Ontario are saying, "NO WAY!"



Nation-Wrecking Multinationals

Multinationals like Vale-Inco in Sudbury and Port Colborne want to plunder Canada's natural resources while undermining their workers' quality of life.



Wages & Benefits Race to the Bottom

ECP in Brantford is exploiting lax labour laws and using scabs to go after workers for a 25 % reduction of wages and cuts to benefits.



Gambling with Pensions

The Harper Government broke a promise to Labour by cancelling plans to expand the Canada Pension Plan. He would trade off secure pensions for Russian roulette on the stock market.

Pensioners, Tell Your Story!

If the company you worked for all those years is trying to de-index your pension or cheat you out of what your union bargained for, let us know! Join the USW Local 1005 pensioners who are speaking out about what U.S. Steel's attacks on them mean.

If you don't want your name or your photo used, no worries. We'll just run what you have to say without them. Send your contribution to OFL Communications Director, **Joel Duff: jduff@ofl.ca**.

To read the stories of other pensioners, visit www.ofl.ca.

Wear a Scarf, Grab a Placard and Raise Your Voice!

There are many ways to show your support for USW Local 1005. The thousands of trade unionists, pensioners and community members who are travelling to Hamilton for the Day of Action will be bringing signs, placards and flags.

The Ontario Federation of Labour will be handing out scarves to the first 3,000 marchers.



**RALLY STARTS AT 1 P.M.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29
HAMILTON CITY HALL**

Speakers and musicians will be followed by a boisterous march through the downtown core.

Grab a placard and raise your voice in defense of pensions and benefits for all!



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