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Déjà-vu



Last Tuesday July 21, 2009: a day which will be added to all those dates in our memories, when the Dark Forces of Pratt announced plant closings and layoffs.

The sneak attack could not catch us more by surprise like the announcement of the Cheshire Plant closure, not to mention the fact that we are also

facing the demise of CARO. The Cheshire plant announcement was a big shock after all the money they have been making for Pratt, and all the publicity that the company used to make about that site, but let's talk about our home front:

It now makes sense all the attacks; depletion of work; reduction of "Floor Space" to increase productivity; hiding under the Banner of safety to completely eliminate the HF work; the constant battle to aggravate other module centers so they will not do CARO work; buying machines and parking them unattended for months, and we could continue the list for pages.

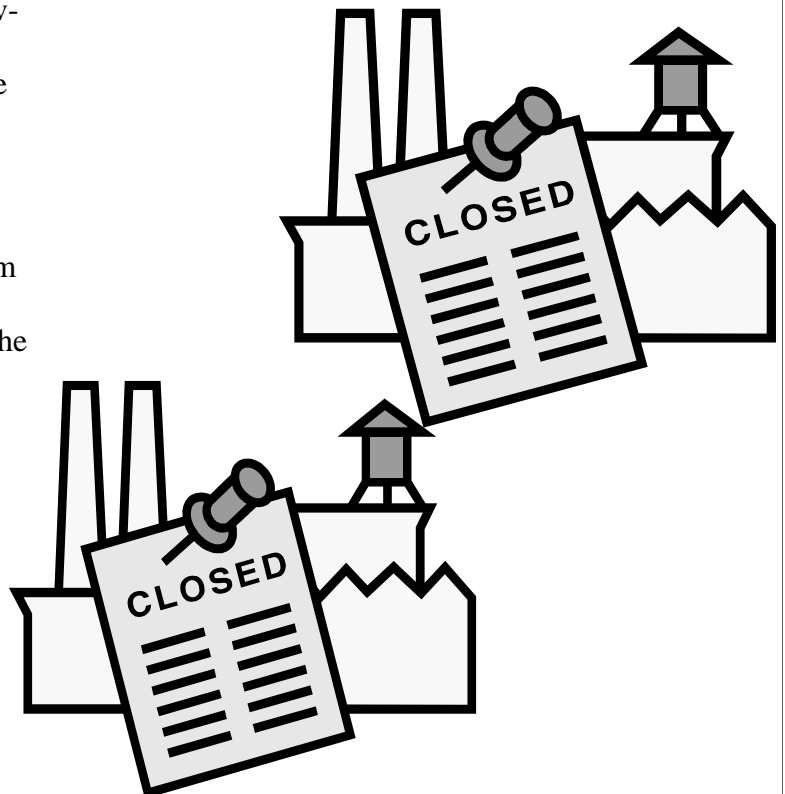
All along it has been a premeditated plan to make CARO inefficient and expensive comparing them to other places. Those entire daily raids by "Attila the Hen" against our members; it must have been part of the plan so the Company could vend out more work. Well the Chickens have come to roost and they are closing the Chicken Coop.

Maybe, the Company will reward "Attila" by sending her to close out another American Plant, like probably Dallas? Or perhaps, in the best interest of National security (like E.F.Hutton and T. Mace like to say, about giving us any information); The Corporation should move her to Singapore (TOSS), so she could mismanage that place also, *(that will teach them to take our work, so take the bosses too)!*

Brothers and sisters from all areas:

Please take notice and be vigilant, if management in your areas start or have been acting in the same manner as **CARO** Management; you could be next on the chopping block. This Gang managing our sites are determined to increase their profits to the Max. No matter who gets hurt or suffers in the end.

- Keep track of your work and document all the road blocks and impediments that the Company puts in your way to prevent you from performing your work on time and efficiently.
- E.F. Hutton gets upset and can't understand why we keep bringing up the jobs lost at CARO H.F. It was only 4 or 6 Jobs.
- To this Union ONE (1) Job is One (1) TOO MANY to sacrifice.
- *We are determined to fight them every step of the way, fight to keep the jobs in East Hartford as well as Cheshire.*



“Barbarians at the Gates”



The nice folks from the company are always looking for more ways to eradicate bargaining unit workers from this site.

The latest attempt is brought to you by our Trusted Friends in OPPI; Mark Capera (remembered by all as the catalyst in replacing Guards with Turnstiles because he cared about “their Safety”) and Tom Ristma (someone who hasn’t met a Vendor he didn’t like). His favorite being: “The Untouchables”; (aka P.C. Electric).

These two individuals have found a Loophole. Hiding behind a “New State Regulation” they could try to replace members of the Power House or HVAC dept. if they don’t obtain a “License from the State”.

Now you know that the proposal that they presented to the Union wasn’t that well spelled out; it was clouded with all kinds of nice things like:

We will pay for the training; We will pay for the books; we will pay for the fee to take the test, etc... The end of the presentation consists of them making sure that it included the clause about not passing the test and not obtaining the License, will lead to “removing them from their Jobs”. The Company will make every possible attempt to find jobs elsewhere in the company; and that if and when they obtain their “License”. The Company

will make “every possible attempt” to restore them back to their original job.

Now, this promise comes from an organization that just had one member that died and the Company refuses to replace him with a new one. Of course the company didn’t include this training in the training Matrix entitled to us by letter 14.

Only after meeting with us and the Union training coordinators, they agreed to include the training in the Matrix.

When you deal with Mariottes, you have to watch the Puppeteer, because he’ll cut the strings in a heart beat. Big Boss Grandpa Nice (aka Dave Russell), wasn’t there. *“Now We Heard, He does not agree!”*

The alternate plan is to have an army of Yellow Badge mercenaries waiting on the wings: so as soon as our members flunk the test and get removed, the yellow badges move right in. Isn’t it a coincidence that these yellow badges have all the Licenses, certifications, etc?

Just what the Company needs in order not to be, “Shut Down” by a state Inspector, who will also, fine Pratt a “Huge amount” of money according to our other “Trusted Friend” H.R. Rep. for OPPI Steve Macqueen.

He must have read about it deep in the “swamp” where he gets most of his ideas and information.

One thing is for sure, brothers and sisters, Your Union already put OPPI on notice to include the training into the matrix and remove the clauses that are detrimental to the well being of our members. The pen is always ready.



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explained how the barcode

can identify the country where a product is manufactured. This is not always true. The first digits of the barcode are the country where the number is registered not where the product is made. Next time you are in Home Depot pick up any product sold by GE. You will find "made in China" and a bar code beginning with "0".

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IAM District 26: Fighting for JOBS!

Sisters & Brothers.

The fight for jobs continues. We have to deal with both the challenge of the F-22 cuts, and the company's schemes to move out Cheshire & CARO. The District 26 staff, along with a number of Local Lodge officers, went this week to Michigan to attend the Eastern Territory Staff Conference.

On August 4, we will have the next round of "meet and confer" sessions. At 4 PM, we will hold a briefing session with the CT Congressional delegation at IAM Local 1746, followed by a news conference in the main hall to which all members are invited. If you want to help in the fight to keep jobs in CT, make it to the Tuesday event.

Below is a link to watch a segment that IAM Local 1746-A President Wayne McCarthy and I did for Fox 61 last Sunday -- a 7 minute segment of a Sunday-morning news show called "The Real Story." Check it out at this link.

Dodd has been fighting hard on our behalf, even as he fights prostate cancer.

Below is an article from the Manchester Journal-Inquirer, detailing Congressman Larson's efforts to get funding for 80 (!) F-22 engines. Congressman Larson is another elected representative who fights for jobs without let-up. Read the article below. Come to the press conference on Tuesday!

John Harriety

<http://www.fox61.com/news/therealstory/JournalInquirer>

House approves additional F-22 engines

By Howard French

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In what one Connecticut congressman referred to Thursday as a "rear-guard" action, the House of Representatives passed a defense appropriations bill that eliminated additional F-22 fighter jets but included enough additional Pratt & Whitney engines to save Connecticut jobs. The bill still needs the Senate's approval and must overcome a threatened veto by President Obama. But Rep. John B. Larson, D-1st District, said he thinks both will support the additional engines although Obama has opposed funding for more F-22 jets.

The Senate last week voted 58-40 to kill funding

for additional F-22s.

Still, Larson said he has first-hand knowledge that the elimination of additional F-22 Raptor fighter jets from the House bill is enough to overcome all obstacles.

Additionally, the 80 Pratt engines the bill pays for is sufficient to head off F-22-related layoffs in Connecticut, he said, because it will provide enough work to keep production rolling until 2013, when work will start on Pratt's engines for the next-generation F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. Larson acknowledged that the effort to add funding for up to a dozen F-22s faced too many hurdles to succeed, describing Thursday's vote as "a successful rear-guard action."

"What we have now is a bridge to the F-35," Larson said Thursday after the House approved the bill by a vote of 400-30.

Proponents will continue to push next year for more F-22s for the U.S. Air Force, he said, as well as for the sale of modified versions to Japan and other U.S. allies. Under the House bill passed Thursday, Pratt

would receive funding for 15 spare engines for existing F-22 and C-17 military transport planes. That's in addition to 13 engines Pratt already has been tapped to build for new C-17s, 12 engines for older F-16 fighter jet upgrades, and 28 advance engines for the Joint Strike Fighter.

Pratt already is scheduled to build 12 engines for the Pentagon, Larson said, adding that the work will be enough to keep Pratt's production lines open. "Now we can all take a deep breath — until the next go-around," Larson said. Pratt spokes-

man Matthew Perra was less certain about the effect of the vote.

The action taken by the House, if ultimately approved by the Senate and president, "would help mitigate the job losses that were expected if the F-22 production was ended," Perra said. "It is too early to speculate on the specific effect that this would have on employment levels."

Meanwhile, Rep. Joseph Courtney, D-2nd District, said that Thursday's vote at least keeps Pratt's military-engine production humming through 2011, adding that more is needed for 2012, the last year before the Joint Strike Fighter engine production.





The Next Monthly Meeting is August 9th @11:00 am

Come and chill out and find out what's going on!



A HUGE thanks to the following members who took packages and made sacrifices to save jobs in the East Hartford Plant;

Steve Merrick saved a job in Can Module Center, Glen Smith saved a 344 in M-building. A special thanks to the unselfish sacrifice of individuals that allowed 2 members to be brought back. Also welcome back Pete M a 585 and one opening in Middletown allowing us to bring back the 464 let go in M-Bldg.

Thanks

Let's all give a special congratulations to
Lenny Ward our Local Lodge's EAP for getting his certification as an EAP!



EAP Corner

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