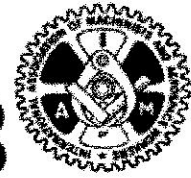


# CONTRACT 2013



## DISTRICT LODGE 26 AND ITS AFFILIATED LOCAL LODGES 700 & 1746

Anxiety levels always increase as union members approach the expiration of a collective bargaining agreement. This year is no different however when the bargaining committee from Local Lodge 700 recently walked the shop floor they saw anxiety turning to anger with the company. Each Union member that the committee talked to understands the severity of management's proposal to eliminate 252 of their co-workers jobs. Union members in an unprecedented show of solidarity told Union negotiators if they want to take a way materials and receiving inspection this contract who will be next. *If we don't stand by our brothers and sisters who stand to lose their jobs by this latest display of corporate greed then we are no better than the company*, one jet engine mechanic told Union negotiators. Another employee in Building 150 stated, *enough is enough, we worked with the company when they closed Cheshire and CARO now three years later the greedy bas\_\_\_ds want to take more work out of Connecticut, no \_\_\_\_\_ way!*

One of the Jet Engine mechanics expressed that everyone should walk out of the plant and that all should refuse overtime for the remainder of this agreement. Members working in materials and receiving inspection talked to negotiators about the destruction managements plan will bring to their families and expressed anger at their employer because there is work, they just choose to take it away to increase profits.

Union negotiators told the company the people affected are not just names and numbers on a department role instead they are people who are working to provide for their families. Many of these members have already been laid off multiple times and many of them have given so many years of loyal service to Pratt & Whitney they fear their age will make it difficult to find future employment. They are probably right.

While this is just a sampling of the feelings Union members conveyed to the bargaining committee it is clear to Union negotiators the membership is sick of Pratt & Whitneys attack on jobs. A member in Building 150 told Union negotiators, *If we don't take a stand now when will we and what will they want to take in three years!*

Pratt & Whitney never seems to be satisfied with their profits instead like junkies in the street they always need another fix only theirs comes in the form of lining their pockets at the expense of their loyal workforce. Pratt & Whitney has drawn a line in the sand and that line may force members to a line outside their gates. **Your bargaining committee will not sell you short and will not recommend anything that falls short of taking care of all our members.**

Negotiators will spend as much time as possible on the shop floor in Middletown and East Hartford keeping the membership informed and listening to their concerns. There is a lot of work to be done at the bargaining table and your Union committee is committed to getting that work done. Your Union committee is unified and will not waver. Pratt & Whitney management needs to go back to their board room and come back to the table with reasonable proposals.

The membership made it clear the proposals on the table now are unreasonable and Union negotiators made that clear to the company and will continue to do so. Members need to prepare for the worst and discuss the line in the sand drawn by Pratt & Whitney with your family. Your committee will do everything in their power to get Pratt off their current path but if they don't budge they will leave things in your hands on December 8<sup>th</sup>!

## **THE JOB YOU ARE FIGHTING TO PROTECT**

## **JUST MIGHT BE YOUR OWN!!!**