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MexicoNow takes another nose dive

By Denise Harris—Editor

MexicoNow conference El Paso, TX Feb. 3, 2011

Brothers and Sister,

Once again, the IAM has thwarted an attempt by MexicoNow in their mission to see our jobs sent to Mexico. IAM District Lodge 751 President Brother Tom Wroblewski in Washington start was faced with the same threat of the event whose main objective is to attract foreign investment by featuring offshore manufacturing solutions and case studies presented by actual plant managers. In other words, teaching USA businesses how to set up shop in Mexico. After some strong words from Brother Wroblewski directed to Washington state representatives, MexicoNow and the Boeing company, the conference was reluctantly canceled.

The next city set to host this conference is El Paso, Texas. I strongly urge you to contact friends and family you may have in this area to educate themselves on this group by going to their web site www.mexico-now.com. We should all take a moment to contact some of the following companies who have representatives speaking at this conference. I have written to the editor of the El Paso Times as well as the city of El Paso complaining about their mayor John Cook's scheduled welcome and I encourage you to do the same. Just because we don't live in a city doesn't mean we should turn a blind eye to a matter of great concern to all working Americans.

This is my message to El Paso:

I am a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in Wichita, Kansas. I work for Boeing. There is an organization represented by a magazine titled MexicoNow. This group sets up conferences in USA cities proclaiming to attract foreign investment by

featuring offshore manufacturing solution and case studies presented by actual plant managers helping businesses relocate work to Mexico. IAM locals in Seattle and Wichita have kept the conferences scheduled in our cities from happening due in large part to our willingness to protest any businesses involved in these conferences. They target the largest industry in a city and bring in people to encourage businesses to leave the area. I have been tracking their schedule and see there is a conference scheduled in El Paso on February 3 and your mayor, John Cook, is on the program to give a welcome. I have read in your newspaper and on the mayor's website that unemployment is a problem. I wonder, then, why your city would welcome a conference group who would love to see more jobs go across the border. Please join workers in other cities in banning this conference and let your mayor know they are not welcome.

Reference:

<http://www.mexico-now.com> upcoming conferences

Please contact the following companies with your thoughts about representatives in their employment encouraging other companies to relocate their work to Mexico.

Annual State of Logistics Report

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The State of Logistics Outsourcing: 2010 Third-Party Logistics

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Welcome Message

John Cook, CITY OF EL PASO MAYOR
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Keep in touch with your representatives/stewards
Check the LL834 and District Lodge 70 web sites often
Attend 834 monthly meetings
Second Saturday of every month at

See you there!

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3830 S. Meridian
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E-Board Meeting 8:45 AM
Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM

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More presenters:

The Truth About VMI Hubs

Octavio Saavedra, EP LOGISTICS, President

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Please advise the El Paso Marriott Hotel by telephone or letter that if this conference takes place it may look bad to vacationing American workers looking for a place to stay.



Brother Wroblewski's letter to MexicoNow

Dear Sr. Ornelas,

I'm writing to ask that you cancel MexicoNow's plans for the Mexico's Aerospace Industry Conference planned for Dec. 2 at the Hilton Seattle Airport.

Our union is united in opposition to the continued outsourcing of American aerospace jobs. For generations, members of our union and other aerospace workers have been world-leaders in the industry, and this generational knowledge gives America a unique competitive advantage. We will not allow this advantage – built over decades and supported by generations of American taxpayers -- to be squandered by corporate CEOs seeking a short-term advantage to boost their quarterly profits.

That is why we plan to protest most strongly any effort by your organization to take aerospace jobs away from the state of Washington, or any other American state. We will take our protests to the street, and to the highest corridors of power in both Washington state and Washington D.C., exercising our American rights to free speech, free assembly and to freely petition our government leaders.

Given that, we see no good can come out of your planned Dec. 2 event. Going forward with it, in fact, would only cause tension and animosity between our two great nations, which should be working together to solve our common problems and not plotting to steal jobs from one another in a zero-sum contest.

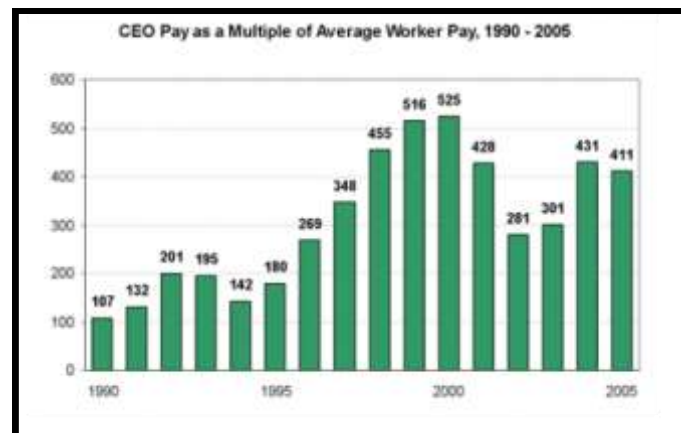
That is why I'm asking asking, respectfully, for you to cancel the conference, and to never consider holding another one within Washington state's borders, ever again.

If you don't cancel it, I'll see you at the Hilton on Dec. 2, where my fellow Machinists and I will be clearly expressing our opposition to your attempts to undermine this key American industry.

Sincerely,

Tom Wroblewski, president and directing business representative
IAM&AW District Lodge 751 Seattle, WA USA

On a statewide-basis, working Kansans have been falling farther and farther behind while the top paid continue to earn more.



Responding in a statement to the conference cancellation, District 751 President Tom Wroblewski said:

“I'm pleased that the MexicoNow group has called off its conference, and I'd like to thank our Washington state Congressional delegation -- specifically Sen. Patty Murray and Congressmen Jim McDermott, Rick Larsen and Jay Inslee -- for their support in this matter. Thanks also to our brothers and sisters in SPEEA and with the Washington State Labor Council, who were prepared to join us during next week's protests.

And my very special thanks go to the hundreds of Machinists Union members and stewards who volunteered to turn out and help with any potential protest actions to oppose the conference. Your solidarity has made a difference in protecting Washington State aerospace jobs.

Clearly, this is the exact wrong time in America to sit back and allow more jobs to be exported.

The goal of next week's planned protests was to hold the companies taking part in the conference accountable for their actions. At a time when 358,000 Washington state residents are unemployed, untold thousands more have given up on ever finding a job -- and one in seven are on food stamps -- we felt it was essential that someone ask the conference participants a very pointed question: Why are you working so hard to undermine this state's economy, and send these vital aerospace jobs out of the country?

I do think it's time to have a frank discussion about outsourcing in America. Sending work to Mexico or China may win short-term gains for the companies that practice it, but our members know first-hand how it can destroy a company's -- or a nation's -- long-term competitiveness in aerospace. If America is to maintain its leadership in this global industry, our companies and our nation need to invest here at home -- and not overseas. This union remains committed to growing Washington's aerospace industry, and we will eagerly partner with anyone who wants to help us create more opportunities for aerospace workers – even Sr. Ornelas, should he come to us with a plan that realistically grows jobs in this state.

But as long as the goal of MexicoNow is to steal American jobs, we will continue to oppose any effort the group might make to organize any outsourcing conference in Washington state.”

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