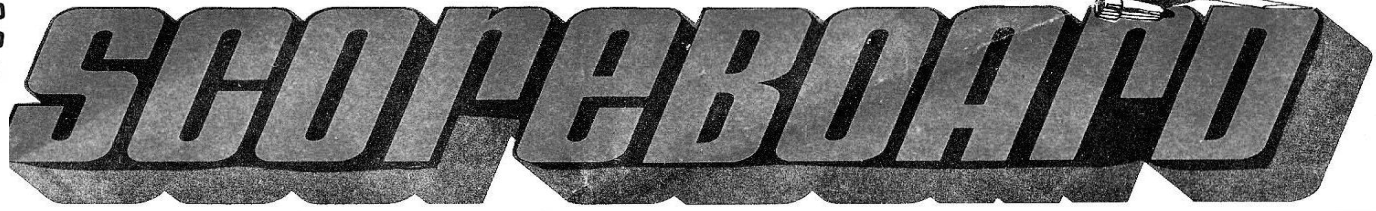


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AMERICAN WORKERS NEED HELP NOW!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Boeing announces WARN notices through spring
- Keep in touch with your representatives/stewards concerning layoff activity
- Check the LL834 as well as District Lodge 70 web sites for union updates
- Contact QTTP as soon as you are laid off
- Contact QTTP now to add to your skills through training and work on your resume
- Be PROACTIVE not just REACTIVE
- Keep informed on current events and vote whenever you can, it is your right as an American and as a union member
- Attend our 834 monthly meetings:

Second Saturday of every month at:

District Lodge 70
3830 S. Meridian
Wichita, KS

E-Board Meeting 8:45 AM
Regular Meeting
10:00 AM

Still Holding my Breath, Todd

By Denise Harris, Editor

In the Friday, January 23, 2009 edition of the Wichita Eagle, two articles of interest to Wichita's largest industry, aircraft, dominated the front page. One was "City plans one-stop help for those laid off" with a photo of Mayor Carl Brewer and the other was "Bids give Airbus chance to build Air Force One". Since three major leaders in the state of Kansas are former/current Boeing employees, I felt it was my duty to give them a call and see what they thought of these stories. The first call I placed was to Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer a former Boeing employee now employed by Spirit. I spoke with his assistant and within a very short time I received a call directly from Mayor Brewer. After bringing him up to speed on the Airbus story detailing how earlier in January, "the Air Force issued a request seeking information from potential sources about supplying a new presidential aircraft. It is believed to be the first time the bidding will be open to foreign companies" according to the article. Even if this possibility looks groundless at this time, I told him I wanted to hear what a few folks had to say about the future of Air Force One, starting with him.

Mayor Brewer answered quite quickly and without hesitation that his position "is and always has been that anything that has to do with our National security should be done in the U.S.A. by U.S.A. workers." He went on to express that "the President of the United States IS America when he is on Air Force One and we must protect him at all costs". I was very impressed not only by

his support of Boeing workers but also his openness to questions from the public.

Next, I placed a call to our own Aero Lodge 834 member and IAM District 70 President/Directing Business Representative, Steve Rooney. Brother Rooney expressed exactly the same sentiments as Mayor Brewer and issued a challenge to our new President Barack Obama. As the IAM supported him in his campaign for President we must have his support in keeping the aircraft industry alive in the United States. He went on to say that "we should be focusing efforts on keeping jobs in the U.S.A. and not even consider outsourcing any more of the work of one of our largest and most profitable industries. President Obama should write an amendment that commands that the aircraft he flies on be built right here in the United States by not only American labor but UNION labor. The cry of 'Buy American, Buy Union' should come from the highest position in government in these trying times... the President himself!"

The third call I placed was to our Kansas Congressman, Todd Tiaht. You may or may not remember, Todd Tiaht was once a Boeing employee but he doesn't really wave that around much anymore. I spoke with a couple of assistants who assured me that Todd would be back with me as soon as possible to discuss his views on this subject. I'm still waiting for that phone call from him. Granted, Labor has never endorsed Congressman Tiaht because of his huge lack of help for American workers. Even his sudden "support" for Boeing in their initial loss of the tanker refueling aircraft contract was just our three senior representatives doing a lot of posterior covering for leaving the barn door open while the horses wandered out as they were "raising more money for their next campaign, or paying off a run

for President, or being wined and dined by yet another lobbyist because it is clear they didn't have a clue what was really going on with the tanker contract" according to Sister Pat Lehman in the January issue of the Kansas Workbeat.

With more and more lay offs being announced by local aircraft manufacturers showing little concern for the welfare of our skilled, upper-middle-class wage-earners who will be out of work, many of them for the first time in 20-30 years, now more than ever we must contact our government and labor leaders and encourage them to take whatever means possible to limit the salaries not just CEO's are skimming off the top of company profits but look into ALL the administrative salaries of major U.S.A. industries. It isn't just the top of the heap that is helping itself to generous portions of the fruits of our labor but the middle and lower-level managers as well. All levels of management in manufacturing companies are making more than ever before and there are more OF them than ever before. Everyone wants to blame just the CEO's for taking more than their fair share of the profits but how much do you think YOUR manager makes as compared to your wages, hmm? It seems to me that the American worker is being discounted more and more by those who don't even have the slightest hand in building the products that bring in the big profits. You don't have to look any further than your weekly crew meeting to see the hands that are taking away your quality of life.

Let your fingers do the walking and call:

**Congressman Todd Tiaht's local
telephone number is 262-8992**

**To reach Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer
call 268-4331**

Products can be Made and Sold Cheaper in the U.S.A. REALLY!

I received an e-mail the other day that directed me to a MADE IN THE USA blog on the web. The blog professed to promote and review "Items Made in the USA" as well as companies who provide services that may assist in the manufacturing and marketing of those items. It asks us to "Help our Economy by buying products that are made in the USA." The very first entry caught my eye and I have sent it to many of my friends. However, instead of just talking the talk, I decided to walk the walk on this one.

The writer said that he had been to a Kroger's (in Wichita, that would be a Dillon's) and needed to buy light bulbs and fabric softening sheets. Upon comparing the prices of the store brand to the "name" (higher end) brand, the store brand was, as expected, less expensive. What he was surprised to learn, however, was the store brand was made in the good old U.S.A. and the name brand WAS NOT! OK, this got my attention and I decided to check this out for myself. So, I went to my local Dillon's and looked up the exact same brands mentioned in the blog entry. And, guess what? This is absolutely true. Bounce dryer

sheets were not only more expensive than the Everyday Living brand but the Bounce was made in Canada and the Everyday Living brand was made in the U.S.A.! And, the G.E. light bulbs were, in fact, made in Mexico and the store brand was made in Ohio.

As the blog-writer said, there goes the myth that you can't find products you use everyday that are made right here in the U.S.A. He also issued a challenge to everyone to start reading labels and pass this information on to all you know. We can start saving American jobs one light bulb at a time.

Furthermore, I would like to start compiling a list of products and brands that are made in the U.S.A., where to buy them and print them monthly in the Scoreboard. To encourage you all to take part in this project, I will reward the best list each month and at the end of the year, the largest contributor of names of products will win a prize determined by the Executive Board. The products should be those we would all use but products specific to special interests are encouraged, too, and we may have a separate category for those. Please give the "name" brand and

generic brand and prices as well as the store/location where they can be purchased. Please don't just go on the web and do the research, we need to know where we can buy these products locally and their current price on the shelf. The higher end brand MUST be made outside the U.S.A. and the lower end brand must be a U.S.A. manufactured product, not just packaged in the U.S.A. as some products are.

When we have established that there are many, many name brand products being manufactured outside of the U.S.A., we will contact these companies and demand this work be brought back to American workers.

Please send your lists to me at:

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or leave your list at the local located at 3917 E. MacArthur Rd addressed to Denise Harris— Scoreboard Editor.

The following are web sites you might like to explore.

<http://itemsmadeintheusa.blogspot.com>

<http://www.ksworkbeat.org>

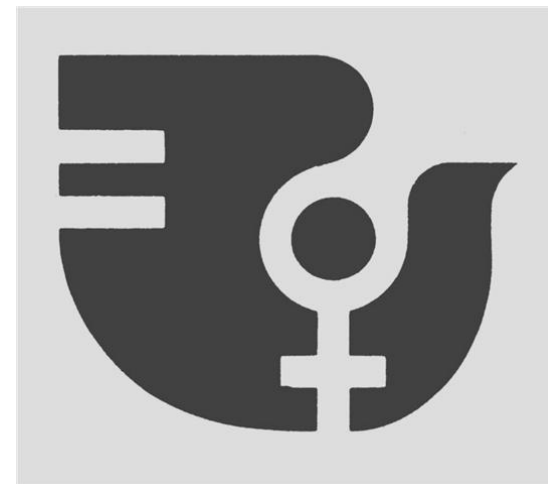
<http://www.buyusafirst.org>

BUY AMERICAN, BUY UNION

More Items of Interest:

Contract books are in. Contact your shop steward to get your copy.

Appointed committees have been formed and meeting times have been established. Contact the local to see when your committee is meeting. I will publish all committee members' names next month.



Symbol of International Women's Year 1975

The Equal Rights Amendment

International Woman's Year (IWY) was the name given to 1975 by the United Nations. Since that year, March 8 has been celebrated as International Women's Day and the United Nations Decade for Women, from 1976-1985 was also established.

The first World Conference on Women was held in Mexico City from June 19-July 2, 1975. In connection with that, hundreds of cities across the United States held similar conferences. Wichita, Kansas held their conference at Century II and I was there with my grandmother and my mother. Being a part of that first International Women's Day has been the fondest memory I have of not only being a modern woman but helping to create a better place for my daughters. My grandmother was so proud to see the day that women could present the ERA. without the fear that came with her right to vote years earlier.

Even though the 14th Amendment guarantees all citizens equal protection of the laws, it was ratified to deal with race discrimination and women had to fight long and hard to gain their right to vote through the 19th Amendment in 1920. Only in 1971 did the Supreme Court apply the 14th Amendment for the first time to prohibit sex discrimination.

This is the complete text of the ERA:

Section 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

So, what are you afraid of? Support equal rights for all.

Give us a Call, Y'all

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