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IBEW Local Union 21 • CWA Local 4250



Illinois & NW Indiana 2009 AT&T Mobilization & Bargaining News

June 27, 2009

TO: All CWA Local 4250 Members:

As you know, CWA is currently in contract negotiations with at\$t Corp. at five (5) regional tables. We have been working without a contract since April 4, 2009 as negotiations continue with no end in sight.

IBEW is also in negotiations with at\$t and their contracts expire at 11:59PM on Saturday, June 27, 2009. Rumors abound that the company expects to provide "Contractor Doors" in the event the IBEW should strike upon the expiration of their contract.

Just as a reminder, CWA members **DO NOT** cross picket lines, nor do we use "Contractor Doors" as access to perform "struck work." Although we are not at the same table with the IBEW in the ongoing at\$t negotiations, we know that all CWA members will give full support to our brother and sister IBEW at\$t members. Together we are; "**Proud of Our Past * Poised For The Future* United In Solidarity.**"

REMEMBER, if you should see a picket line at your work location, **HONOR IT!**

One Final Thought:

THE SCAB—By: Jack London

After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire, he had some awful substance left with which he made a scab.

A scab is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a water brain, a combination backbone of jelly and glue. Where others have hearts, he carries a tumor of rotten principles.

When a scab comes down the street, men turn their backs and angels weep in heaven, and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out.

No man (or woman) has a right to scab so long as there is a pool of water to drown his carcass in, or a rope long enough to hang his body with. Judas was a gentleman compared with a scab. For betraying his master, he had character enough to hang himself. A scab has not.

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judas sold his Savior for thirty pieces of silver. Benedict Arnold sold his country for a promise of a commission in the British army. The scab sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children and his fellowmen for an unfulfilled promise from his employer.

Esau was a traitor to himself; Judas was a traitor to his God; Benedict Arnold was a traitor to his country; a scab is a traitor to his God, his country, his family and his class.



In Unity-Strength & Solidarity:

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