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From the President:

We will have everyone back from voluntary layoffs on June 1st. The company has everyone on reduced hours except the Plate Mill, Labs and FSD. We have requested a 2 week notice if they are going to return or change any department schedules going forward.

Just to be clear the Union has protested the reduced hours from day one and continue to tell the plant management that this does not work for us and it is not a long-term solution. To add to the confusion and frustration, at the same time they are reducing hours, they are offering overtime shifts. We need to just work our normal schedules and then if extra hours are needed, they can offer overtime. All extra hours are voluntary, and it is up to you if you work them or not. We must follow all agreements in place for these voluntary hours. We need to follow the overtime agreement for any overtime hours and if it is work offered on a normal day to work, such as Sundays then it will need to be offered by seniority and classification on the crew that would normally work that day.

While the contract does allow short hour work weeks, the bargaining committee is working on grievances in how the company has implemented some of the reduced hours. While the company has communicated with us on maintenance contracting out, it is our opinion that we should have our maintenance employees on full schedules if we have any contractors on site.

On the COVID front the last positive test from an employee at the plant was April 27th. The virus has not gone away, and the states are opening up businesses in our area so we will see what impact that has on us at the plant.

On the business front, watching the news, it appears that Boeing and Airbus are slowing down. The automotive manufactures are starting back up, but it is not clear what their production levels will be so time will tell what impact that will have on our production levels.

We will continue to communicate what we know when we know it. Look for information here in the Forerunner, on our Podcast, Facebook page and website.

If you live in Iowa and did not vote by mail, please take the time to vote in the Iowa Primary elections on Tuesday June 2nd.

Boeing Resumes 737 MAX Production

Production system enhanced through factory initiatives

RENTON, Wash., May 27, 2020 – Boeing [NYSE: BA] has resumed production of the 737 MAX at the company's Renton, Washington factory. The 737 program began building airplanes at a low rate as it implements more than a dozen initiatives focused on enhancing workplace safety and product quality.

"We've been on a continuous journey to evolve our production system and make it even stronger," said Walt Odisho, vice president and general manager of the 737 program. "These initiatives are the next step in creating the optimal build environment for the 737 MAX."

During the temporary suspension of production that began in January, mechanics and engineers collaborated to refine and standardize work packages in each position of the factory. New kitting

processes will also ensure that employees have everything they need at their fingertips to build the airplane.

“The steps we’ve taken in the factory will help drive our goal of 100 percent quality for our customers while supporting our ongoing commitment to workplace safety,” said Scott Stocker, vice president of 737 Manufacturing.

The 737 program will gradually ramp up production this year.

Trumka: Biden a Champion in Every Sense of the Word

I’m Rich Trumka, and on behalf of the 12.5 million members and 55 unions of the AFL-CIO, we are proud to endorse Joe Biden for President of the United States.

We know Joe. And Joe knows us.

He’s been to our union halls. He’s marched on our picket lines. He is a champion in every sense of the word.

As our unions voted to endorse Joe, I couldn’t help but think back to when I was 12 years old, sitting on my grandfather’s porch in Nemacolin, Pennsylvania.

I made a promise to him that night to use my career to help people.

About 300 miles northeast in Scranton, Joe was embarking on a similar journey that would eventually take him to our nation’s capital.

But D.C. didn’t change him. He changed D.C.

As a senator and later, as vice president, Joe used his voice and his vote to advance the cause of working people.

He fought for living wages, health care, retirement security and civil rights.

He did everything he could to create a fairer process for forming and joining a union.

And he never lost his core goodness. Joe’s greatest asset is his character.

When he gives us his word, we can take it to the bank.

When he tells us he cares, we know it’s true.

Joe has overcome unspeakable tragedy in his life. He has buried children. He lost a spouse. And all the while, he has kept going. He has kept serving. And he has never lost faith.

Joe Biden is writing a comeback story. And all across America, working people are doing the same.

We’ve been knocked down. We’ve been counted out. We’ve been told our time is up.

But in the face of corporate greed and political sabotage, we’ve not only survived. We’ve risen. The labor movement has overcome the sustained and vicious attacks of state legislatures, the Supreme Court, the United States Senate and yes, the White House.

Gallup puts our approval at 64 percent, a nearly 50-year high. 60 million workers would vote to join a union today if given the chance.

We’ve organized and mobilized and gone on strike to win better contracts, better policies and better lives.

And we’ve responded to the coronavirus with passion and dedication, even as our federal government falls down on the job.

Just imagine what working people can accomplish with an ally in the White House.

This endorsement is about working people’s hopes and aspirations. It is an expression of support for Joe Biden.

But it is also a clear rejection of our current trajectory.

Donald Trump campaigned as a friend of workers, talking about a new direction and a new day after decades of policies that left us poorer and weaker.

Some working people, desperate for a rapid departure from business as usual, took a chance on Trump. Look, I get it.

And then, over the past four years, the president showed his true colors.

He slashed rules designed to protect us on the job and cut workplace health and safety inspectors to their lowest level in history.

He took away overtime pay from millions of workers.

At every turn, he has actively undermined collective bargaining and the freedom to form a union.

And his response to COVID-19 has been delinquent, delayed, disorganized and deadly.

Worse yet, Donald Trump has used the highest office in the land to divide America, scapegoating immigrants, degrading women and playing on people’s worst fears.

That’s our choice this year. Between Donald Trump’s pettiness and negativity, and Joe Biden, who is the embodiment of goodness and decency.

This is a moment, and an election, for our better angels.

Working people have overcome the politics of inaction and hostility.

We have confronted our fiercest bullies and made it through to the other side.

Joe Biden has done the same.

Now is the perfect time to join forces on behalf of the country we love.

The path to the presidency runs through the labor movement.

And with the full force and unmatched reach of our political program, we are ready to pave that road for our friend Joe Biden.

Thank you.

With Deepest Sympathy:

The Family of:
Bruce Plumb (Active member)