

UPPNET Web site gets big makeover



UPPNET has had a big makeover of its Web site and we hope that you like the new look, as we all do. We've been fortunate to have Joan Lockwood create the new site.

Joan has worked on the SEIU Local 503 Web site (www.seiu503.org) and several other sites. Joan has been a Web site designer since 1998, and in 2004 won second place for general excellence from ILCA for the SEIU 503 site.

We think that UPPNET members and supporters will appreciate the new look and links. Visit www.uppnet.org

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Uptick of labor programming at AFL-CIO Convention

By Steve Zeltzer, Labor Video Project

In a significant uptick on coverage of organized labor, dozens of labor journalists, radio producers and videographers gave extensive coverage of the July 2005 AFL-CIO convention in Chicago.

There were daily reports from Workers Independent News (www.laborradio.org), Jesse Russell (russell@laborradio.org) broadcast around the country (www.laborradio.org/search/node/afl-cio), as well as daily reports on Pacifica produced by WBAI labor journalist Ken Nash.



Photos: Paul Union Advocate

Fire Fighters President Harold Schaitberger (L) and AFSCME President Gerald McEntee (R) interviewed at the AFL-CIO convention.

These were broadcast in Washington, D.C., New York, Los Angeles, and Houston. Webcasting of the convention were also done by UPPNET president and ILCA board member Howard Kling and John See, who broadcast this on the Minnesota AFL-CIO workday (www.workdayminnesota.org). Locally in Chicago, Labor Express (www.laborexpress.org/page6.html), produced by Jerry Mead with support from cable tv series Labor Beat, helped interview trade unions and labor journalists at his station and put up many of the convention interviews and debates.

Also Labor Beat producers Larry Duncan, Marty Conlisk, and Steve Dalber helped put on programming following the convention. [See page 3.]

The KPFA Labor Collective participated with four members—Tami Bryant, Carl Bryant, Steve Zeltzer and Kazmi Torii. Both Carl Bryant and Steve Zeltzer, who are on the UPPNET Board, were also interviewed by KPFA in Los Angeles, and the Pacifica network established a web page (http://pacifica.org/programs/State_of_Labor_2005/) with programming from many of the stations.

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SEIU President Andy Stern (at microphone) and members of the Change to Win Coalition announcing their split from the AFL-CIO.

Two new videos from Labor Video Project

“Focusing On Organizing”, the Sept. ’05 founding convention of the Change To Win Federation

This documentary looks at the voices at the Change To Win founding convention which was held in St Louis on September 27, 2005. It includes interviews with IBT president James Hoffa, SEIU president Andy Stern, delegates and speeches at this convention. Also included is some of the video presentations programmed at the convention. This was the first new federation formed since the founding of the AFL-CIO in 1954. 58 minutes.

“The AFL-CIO Split, July 2005”

A 37 minute DVD documentary titled “The AFL-CIO Split, July 2005”. It covers interviews on the reasons for the split, the debate on the war in Iraq and voices from the rank and file at the convention. It also includes AFL-CIO executive board candidate and labor educator Harry Kelber's speech at the AFL-CIO convention.

These videos are available for \$20.00 each plus \$5.00 shipping. Please indicate title(s).

Labor Video Project
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San Francisco, CA 94172

Labor Programming at AFL-CIO *Continued from p. 1*

A general problem is the failure of both the trade unions to webcast their entire convention where it could have been heard by many trade unionists. South Africa's COSATU showed that this is possible and a viable means of getting the information out.

Many trade unionists involved in organizing and other struggles made presentations at the convention and this could have been broadcast with very little cost.

An important debate took place at the International Labor Communication Association (ILCA) convention which convened prior to the AFL-CIO convention and the delegates voted to work for the development of a labor media movement in both print and electronic media. At the same time neither the AFL-CIO or the leadership of the newly formed Change to Win grouping had proposed any plan to develop independent labor media and training for rank and

file workers. A resolution which had been passed by the San Francisco Labor Council (<http://sflaborcouncil.org/control/assets/06-13-05LaborMediaStrategy.pdf>) never made it to the convention floor for discussion and, despite the complaints about the coverage of the capitalist media, there was no debate about labor making its own media.

Most of the corporate media were completely focused on the impending breakup of the AFL-CIO and not the issues that face the labor movement from deregulation, privatization and open assaults on the right to be in a union. Over 20,000 workers are fired every year for simply seeking union membership but these issues did not see the light of day on ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, MSNBC and the other networks. The continuing need to have a regular 24 hour labor radio show and 24 hour labor tv show both broadcast and streamed on the internet is receiving growing interest and support. UPPNET plans to continue its campaign to make this a priority within the labor movement.

Kansas City—The Heartland Labor Forum Radio Schedule, November-December 2005

Listen Thurs. 6:00-7:00 p.m. & Fri. 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Download a schedule:

<http://umkc.edu/labor-ed/documents/0511sch.pdf>

Listen on-line at www.umkc.edu/labor-ed/radio.htm

November 3. Whispers from the Streets—a radio play by Full Circle Theatre Company. Underwritten by: AFL-CIO Tricounty Labor Council, American Postal Workers, Greater KC UAW CAP Council

November 10. My City TIF of Thee. Underwritten by: UAW CAP Council, Amalgamated Transit Union 1287, Boilermakers 83

November 17. New Books for the Holidays: Hightower's Let's Stop Beating Around the Bush and Lisa Featherstone's Selling Women Short: The Landmark Battle of Workers Rights at Wal-Mart. Underwritten by: Greater KC Building & Construction Trades Council, Firefighters 42, Greater KC UAW CAP Council

November 24. Heartland Labor Forum News and Music Follies. Underwritten by: Greater KC UAW CAP Council, Ironworkers 10, Intern'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 124

December 1. Salvadorans Look at the Future with CAFTA and Musician Chuy Negrete. Underwritten by: Greater KC UAW CAP Council, Missouri Council of Firefighters, Int'l Brotherhood of Elec Workers 53

December 8. How Safe Are Missouri and Kansas Workplaces? Underwritten by: Plumbers 8, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 814, Greater KC UAW CAP Council

December 15. The Fox in the Henhouse: How Privatization Threatens Democracy, with Community Activist, Author and Musician Si Kahn. Underwritten by The Greater Kansas City UAW CAP Council, Roofers 20, Intern'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 1464

December 22. Disaster Capitalism: The Katrina Model. Underwritten by: Sheet Metal Workers Local 2, Greater KC UAW CAP Council, Teamsters 955

December 29. Corporate Bankruptcy and the Fantasy of a Promised Pension. Underwritten by Greater KC UAW CAP Council, Transport Workers 530, Ironworkers Local 101.

New video

“A Union Man” documentary film George and Julius complete successful film & concert tour

By Wes Brain

It was wonderful hosting George and Julius during their recent west coast tour which extended from Bellingham to San Francisco and then wrapped up with stops in Salt Lake City, Fort Collins and Denver before returning home to New York City. Here in Southern Oregon the new film was a big hit.



Julius Margolin picketing in Washington, D.C., 1946

At the conclusion of the 9/22/05 Medford, Oregon gig it

was fun watching folks crowd around Julius Margolin to get his signature on a just-purchased dvd. After the show we hung out on my deck in Ashland and the excitement continued as Southern Oregon University students eagerly asked Julius question after question to learn more from the union man. Into the night Julius kept answering and obviously cherished the interest from the younger set.

“A Union Man: The Life and Work of Julius Margolin” is just over an hour in length and can be purchased at: <http://www.georgeandjulius.com/>

Take a look at the film’s 1-minute promotional trailer (Quicktime video) <http://rogueimc.org/media/2005/09/5340.mov>

Here’s a brief description of the film:

Julius Margolin, at 89, is a living legend in the New York City labor movement. He’s been active since the 1930s in the CIO, National Maritime Union and Local 52 of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, which he has represented in the Central Labor Council for 32 years. A tireless fighter for justice, equality, and against war, Julius embarked on a new career in 1999, making music and CDs with George Mann while still hitting picket lines and organizing workers in New York City and around the United States.

“A Union Man” is the story of his life through his eyes as well as those he’s met and worked with. A documentary film featuring guest appearances by Utah Phillips, Faith Petric and former NMU Vice President Joe Stack, as well as concert performances, this is an affectionate portrait of a rank-and-file activist still in the struggle for justice and workers’ rights.

New video

Two videos on AFL-CIO Convention by Labor Beat



Photo: Howard Kling

Fred Mason, head of Washington, D.C. AFL-CIO, makes a motion during the debate on Resolution 53

Resolution 53: How the AFL-CIO Stood Up Against the War

The video follows the story of the creation of a moment in labor history. At its 2005 Convention, the AFL-CIO for the first time passed a resolution against an ongoing war—the war in Iraq. Shows the preparations to this breakthrough, of how U.S. Labor Against the War worked at the Convention to strengthen the Resolution Committee’s initially weak resolution. It shows how USLAW used the momentum of its 2005 Iraq Labor Tour and the 18 anti-war resolutions passed by labor bodies around the country; how Resolution 53 was amended; how the discussion was moved up to a prominent point of the Convention agenda through Jesse Jackson’s call to “bring the troops home”; how Resolution 53 was debated on the Convention floor; and the celebratory Iraq Forum, with labor representatives from Iraq and Kurdistan immediately after the resolution passed. These two days in July 2005 will be remembered as a turning point in labor’s fight against the war. Narrated, and is 28 minutes.

The AFL-CIO’s Foreign Policy and N.E.D. Money

Prior to the AFL-CIO Convention in Chicago, rank-and-file workers held a protest and discussion about the need to reform the AFL-CIO’s foreign policy and the influence upon it from funding from the National Endowment for Democracy. Hear Kim Scipes, Labor Educator on the AFL-CIO and international politics, discuss the history of the AFL’s involvement with the foreign policy interest of American Imperialism. Also, an interview with Fred Hirsch, long-time critic of AFL-CIO foreign policy, as he and other opponents of N.E.D. funding attended the 2005 AFL-CIO Convention. Includes scenes of floor discussion on foreign policy resolution and reactions of supporters of “Build Unity and Trust Among Workers Worldwide” resolution, including Jeff Crosby, North Shore (Massachusetts) Central Labor Council and member of AFL-CIO Convention Resolutions Committee. Was shown on Venezuelan National Television the week President Chavez visited the U.N. Video is 29 min.

To order one of these videos, specify title. \$15 each, dvd or vhs. Mail to: Labor Beat, 37 S. Ashland, Chicago, IL 60607 or via PayPal on www.laborbeat.org. More info: mail@laborbeat.org, 312-226-3330.

New Video

“Meeting Face to Face: Iraq Labor Leaders Tour The U.S.”



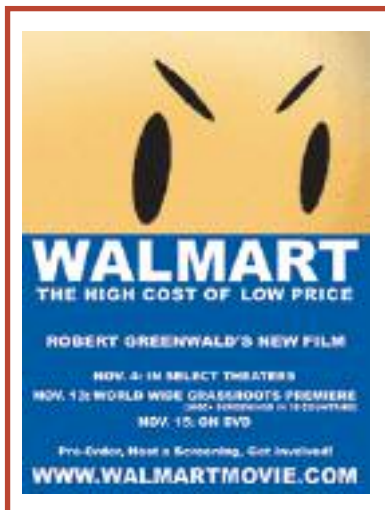
In June 2005 six senior Iraqi trade union leaders toured the United States hosted by U.S. Labor Against the War, visiting 25 cities and speaking to several thousand unionists, peace activists, and others. This documentary captures the energy and emotions of the tour while expressing the important substantive message Iraqi workers want to convey to all Americans: end the occupation; oppose the privatization of Iraqi national resources; and support the right of all Iraqi workers to organize free and independent trade unions.

Play the seven-minute trailer for this documentary: www.celt.sunysb.edu/workingclass/Trailer.ram

The finished documentary will be distributed widely, beginning with the networks of United for Peace and Justice, U.S. Labor Against the War, Code Pink, Educators to Stop the War, and teacher unions and academic associations. We welcome inquiries from other organizations who would use the documentary for education and organizing. E-mail us: workingclass@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

Give financial support <http://naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/CAS/wcm.nsf/pages/papers> to complete the full 27-minute documentary so thousands more Americans can share the rich experiences of this tour.

Meeting Face to Face: produced by the Center for Study of Working Class Life; directed and edited by Jonathan Levin: www.jonathanlevin.com



New Video

“Lockout 484”



Workers in Meredosia Illinois are battling a very profitable transnational chemical company, Celanese, which locked them out after demanding as much as a 33% wage cut and reduced health care benefits. Celanese hired Special Response Corporation, a security agency that is a leading anti-union force in the country. SRC constantly films workers not only at the picket line but in their homes. The Morgan County police is paid \$70 an hour to respond to calls and has told workers they are watching them as well. Lockout484 is a moving account of workers' attempts to build solidarity to confront Celanese. Visit www.lockout484.org for more information. Video clip: www.lockout484.org/movies.html

To order video: Boilermakers Local 484, P.O. Box 258 300 Main Street, Meredosia, IL 62665, 217-584-1916

workingtv streaming

BC Capital shutdown Oct. 17, '05 20,000 in Victoria back teachers



Workingtv has streamed coverage of the BC Federation of Labour rally at the British Columbia Legislature and shutdown of the city of Victoria, to support striking teachers, members of the BC Teachers' Federation. It can be seen at www.workingtv.com/17oct05victoria.html

Union members walked off the job Monday October 17 in Victoria as the first stage in a coordinated job action plan announced by the BC Federation of Labour last week. Up to 20,000 protesters marched to the Legislature on Monday, and services were disrupted throughout Greater Victoria as private and public sector union members refused to cross picket lines.

Focus on Latin America

Telesur goes on the air under fire from U.S.

By Alejandro Kirk

MONTEVIDEO, 7/22 (IPS)—Sunday will be the first day of broadcasting for a new Latin America-wide TV network aimed at competing with U.S. and European international news stations.



Telesur will start live programming on Oct. 31

Telesur, an initiative led by Venezuela, the majority shareholder, is also being financed by the governments of Argentina, Cuba and Uruguay, and will gradually become available on local cable TV channels around the region and on the DirecTV satellite system, said Venezuelan Information Minister Andrés Izarra. But the minister warned that the U.S. government could attempt to jam the station's broadcasts, which will initially cover four hours a day: "Our technological capacity is limited, and the United States is obviously superior in that aspect... We do not rule out the possibility of having to seek other routes, besides satellite, to air our programming."

Even before the content of Telesur's programming has become clear, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an amendment Wednesday authorising Washington to create a station that would broadcast exclusively to Venezuela to "provide a consistently accurate, objective, and comprehensive source of news."

Through its embassy in Washington, the Venezuelan government responded that all continent-wide cable and satellite stations already operate freely in Venezuela, where most of the local media outlets are not only privately-owned, but are controlled by the opposition. The sponsor of the amendment in the U.S. legislature, Republican Rep. Connie Mack of the state of Florida, described Telesur as a threat to the United States that would undermine the balance of power in the western hemisphere and spread Chávez's "anti-American, anti-freedom rhetoric."

He also likened it to the pan-Arab satellite channel al-Jazeera. The comparison is not a casual one, nor is the fear totally unfounded. Al-Jazeera, based in Qatar, and Dubai-based satellite TV channel al-Arabiya rapidly overtook the U.S. news channel CNN, Britain's BBC, and other Western stations as the main sources of news programming on the Middle East. The United States would not like to see a repeat of that phenomenon in Latin America, which is exactly what could happen, said al-Jazeera international affairs analyst Lamis Andoni...

Telesur signal will reach throughout the Americas, western Europe and North Africa, through the New Skies Satellite 806.

To read the complete article:

www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=29614

Telesur begins transmissions in Bolivia

LA PAZ, Oct 31, Prensa Latina—The Latin American TV channel Telesur initiated broadcasts in Bolivia Monday, with the attendance of numerous popular leaders, diplomats and other personages.

The first images of the regular program of Telesur were simultaneously viewed by the enthusiastic audience on a giant screen and transmitted to La Paz and El Alto on local TV Channel 51.

Telesur deputy director Ovidio Cabrera, in charge of the La Paz transmission, said Telesur offers the Bolivian people a chance "to see ourselves with Latin American eyes" as an alternative to the dominating huge media corporations.

Cabrera pointed out that the channel is now present in 14 Latin American countries and more than 30 TV stations broadcast its signal.

Freddy Morales, Telesur press correspondent in Bolivia, informed that Telesur's signal can also be seen in the interior of Bolivia, and mentioned the Aymara community of Achacachi and the mining community of Llallagua, historically rebellious localities.

Telesur has contracted its services to La Paz University Television and Radio Television Popular, with private TV Supercanal and Cotel, both from La Paz, and others in the interior of Bolivia, and is negotiating with a State-owned national TV station.

After the ceremony, Bolivian Human Rights Assembly president Sacha Llorenti told Prensa Latina the beginning of transmissions was a decisive step for construction of a different and integrated America.

Venezuela, China sign satellite launch agreement

Source: Xinhua, People's Daily Online

Venezuela on Tuesday signed an agreement to purchase a satellite from China as part of a plan to guarantee its telecommunications autonomy, the Venezuelan government said.

At the signing ceremony at the Presidential Palace in Caracas, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez thanked China for the scientific and technological support, saying the satellite will help Venezuela develop its own industries of telecommunications, movies and TV, culture and education.

The satellite, named after Simon Bolivar, the famous South American independence hero, will be sent into orbit in 2008, according to the Venezuelan Ministry of Science and Technology.

The satellite will provide telecommunications services to all parts of Venezuela, including scarcely populated areas that have never been reached by commercial communications firms.

The ministry said the satellite will also help in the early detection of natural disasters and be used to broadcast educational and information programs.

ILCA Convention ok's three resolutions endorsed by UPPNET

The July, 2005 Convention of the International Labor Communications Association passed three resolutions supported by UPPNET that dealt with advancing labor media in the U.S.

The resolutions were: "Resolution For a Labor Media Strategy" [passed earlier by the San Francisco Labor Council] can be read in the UPPNET Spring/Summer 2005 issue (www.laborbeat.org/3/uppnetnl.htm).

The other two resolutions are given in their entirety on this page. For a complete report on the Convention, go to www.ilcaonline.org and then to "The Report From the 2005 ILCA Convention."

Moving toward a national labor media strategy

A national labor media strategy is more needed than ever.

The labor movement must immediately intensify its efforts to effectively communicate with and engage not only rank and file members, but also all working men and women. We must address their bread-and-butter concerns and their anger over the conservative direction of our country, where economic and social inequalities are the worst since the Great Depression.

Our message as a labor movement must make clear that we are part of a larger social movement fighting for fairness and democracy for all workers. This involves exposing and combating inequality and injustice wherever it exists: civil and human rights, education, the environment, religion, the economy and the media. The struggle for decent wages, adequate health care, good pensions, health and safety on the job and respect is a fight for justice and equality for all working people and their children regardless of race and ethnicity, in all nations throughout the world.

Further, the corporate dominated media routinely omit, distort, and otherwise marginalize the concerns of the working class.

The International Labor Communications Association should immediately convene a working group with the AFL-CIO and affiliated and non-affiliated unions to develop a National Labor Media Strategy, and explore the following goals:

1. Fight for the fair and accurate representation of working people and their issues in the mainstream press.
2. Make media reform a top legislative priority and demand the formation of a more democratic media that does not marginalize workers in favor of a corporate agenda. This effort would include fighting for re-regulation of the media, greater public access media and public broadcasting more responsive to labor's message.
3. Forge relationships with independent media, media for people of color, non-English language media, environmental media, community media, religious media and all progressive media that will form networks to counter-balance the conservative right.
4. Create new independent worker-centered media that get our message out quickly and clearly. This would include establishing regional media resource and training centers, which will develop skilled media workers able to produce radio, television, print and Internet labor media.
5. Provide communications training for labor media

professionals and workers that encourages media democracy, engages our members in dialogue and promotes constructive criticism, letters to the editor, and other forms of vital discussions.

6. Support existing newspapers, TV, radio and other media that promote labor's agenda and cover it fairly.

7. Utilize all communications tools and networks to strategically enhance organizing and political campaigns.

WIN Radio Project

Whereas, WIN (Worker Independent News) is devoted to bringing the issues and concerns of working people to the air waves;

Whereas, WIN has broadcast this news every work day since Feb 2002;

Whereas, WIN also provides this news to union locals and union publications;

Whereas, WIN notifies any interested person or union when WIN does a story about them and offers the organization the material;

Therefore be it resolved that the ILCA endorse WIN and urge its members, the AFL-CIO and other labor organizations to:

- 1) News: Send news of their activities to WIN
- 2) Availability: Make their officers and rank and file members available to Win for interviews
- 3) Distribute: Help distribute WIN by placing the WIN logo on their web site
- 4) Subscribe to WIN
- 5) Plan: Make WIN part of your organization's advertising and media strategy
 - WIN can do interviews in most areas of the country. A significant number of WIN reporters are bilingual
 - Placing the WIN logo on your web site is free. Any one who clicks on the logo can listen to the news WITHOUT leaving your web site
 - Subscriptions start at \$120/yr for locals of 1000 members or less. Subscriptions help finance WIN.
 - Build a permanent voice on the air waves. Unions, credit unions, law firms and insurance companies advertise. Sponsor WIN and reinforce your message while supporting an independent voice for labor in the broadcast media.

For more information, visit www.laborradio.org

Workers Independent News

www.LaborRadio.org



To listen to today's stories, go to www.laborradio.org/files/lo/winsheadlines.ram

"America needs to hear the voices of working people. WIN is addressing this need. Where there otherwise is disregard on the part of so much of the media, Workers Independent News admirably provides a voice, clear and forceful, for individuals in all walks of work life."—Studs Terkel

US & Canadian Labor Broadcast Programs*

Show Title, Producer, City/Station, Phone No.

Fighting Back, Ralph Kessler, Berkeley, CA, 510-845-9285, KUSF 90.3 FM
David Bacon on Labor, David Bacon, Berkeley, CA, 510-549-0291, KPSA 94.1 FM
Labor Line, Steve Zeltzer, San Fran., CA, 415-282-1908, SFLR 93.7 FM,
Working LA, Henry Walton, Panorama City, CA, 818-894-4079, KPFF 90.7 FM
Talking Union, Larry Dorman, Rock Hill, CT, 880-571-6191, WATR 1320 AM
Labor Express, Wayne Heimbach, Chicago, IL, 312-226-3330, WLWV 88.7 FM
Labor Beat, Larry Duncan, Chicago, IL, 312-226-3330, Chan. 19, cable tv
Illinois Labor Hour, Bill Gorrell, Champaign, IL, 217-359-9338, WEFT 90.1 FM
AFSCME On-Line, Dan Hart, Dorchester, MA, 617-266-3496, cable-tv
Heartland Labor Forum, Judy Ancel, Kansas City, MO, 816-235-1470, KKFJ 90.1 FM
Minnesota at Work, Howard Kling, Minneapolis, MN, 612-624-5020, MCN Cable
Building Bridges, Ken Nash, New York, NY, 212-815-1699, WBAI 99.5 FM
Communique, Bill Henning, New York, NY, 212-228-6565, WNYE 91.5 FM
It's Your City, It's Our Job, Pat Passanilin, New York, NY, 212-815-1535, WNYE 91.5 FM
America's Work Force, Jerrod Sorkey, Eastlake, OH, 440-975-4262, WERE 1300 AM
Boiling Point, Michael Wood, Cincinnati, OH, 513-961-4348, WAIF 88.3 FM
Talking Union, John Lavin, Norristown, PA, 610-660-3372, WHAT 1340 AM
Labor on the Job, Steve Zeltzer, San Fran., CA, 415-282-1908, BUT Ch. 29 cable
Rhode Island Labor Vision, Chuck Schwartz, Cranston, RI, 401-463-9900, Ch. 14, cable-tv
Solidarity, John Speier, Kalamazoo, MI, 616-375-4638, Cable Access
Talkin' Union Labor, Rick Levy, Austin, TX, 512-477-6195 internet radio
Which Side Are You On?, Hal Leyshon, Middlesex, VT, 802-223-4172, radio
Radio Labor Journal, Bil Borders, Everett, WA, 425-921-3454, KSER 90.7 FM
Labor Radio News, Frank Emspak, Madison, WI, 608-262-2111, WORT 89.9 FM
LaborVision, John Webb, St. Louis, MO, 314-962-4163, DHTV,
Labor at the Crossroads, Simin Farkhondeh, New York, NY, 212-966-4248, CUNY-TV cable, ext. 216
OPEU Productions, Wes Brain, Ashland, OR, 541-482-6988, cable-tv
Labor Link TV, Fred Lonidier, La Jolla, CA, 619-552-0740, cable-tv,
First Tuesday, Leo Canty, Connecticut, 860-257-9782, cable-tv,
Letter Carriers, Carl Bryant, San Fran., CA, 415-885-0375, Today TV 214, cable-tv,
Springfield Labor Beat, Jim Hade, Springfield, IL, 217-787-7837, cable-tv
726 Express, Stewart Ransom, New York, NY, 718-761-6681, Staten Is. Cable
Rank-And-File, Larry Maglio, New York, NY, N.A., Staten Is. Cable
Labor on the Line, David King, Portland, OR
working TV, Julius Fisher, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 604-253-6222
Labor Radio, Bill Zimmerman, Portland, OR, 360-695-6552
PM Primetimes Labor Show, Larry Johnson, www.gmptoday.org, Kokomo, IN
Working New York, Mario Cilento, www.nysaficio.org, Albany, NY, 212-777-6040

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First Call for the 2006 Internat'l Labor Film & Video Festival

ISTANBUL/ANKARA—We are laborers, labor union activists, unionists, academicians and mass organizations in Turkey. We are organizing The First International Labor Film And Video Festival in Istanbul and Ankara, in Turkey between 29th of April 7th of May 2006, during the May Day celebration. We invite your endorsement and participation.

This non-competitive festival is devoted to the screening of video and film on the lives and struggle of working class people all around the world, for the exchange and collectivizing of the experiences of the filmmakers, as documentary or fiction works of groups and individuals, committed to labor struggle; to spread the works that show the struggle of workers, unemployed,



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UPPNET OBJECTIVES:

1. To promote and expand the production and use of television and radio shows pertinent to the cause of organized labor and the issues relevant to all working people.
2. To establish and promote the general distribution and circulation of this programming.
3. To address issues regarding the media and its fair and democratic use and accessibility by labor and other constituencies generally.
4. To encourage and promote the preservation of television and radio broadcasts pertinent to labor.
5. To establish a code of ethic governing television and radio production practices and other such matters UPPNET may determine as relevant to its work.
6. To require all productions to work under a collective bargaining agreement, secure waivers or work in agreement with any television or movie industry union having jurisdiction in the area.

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students, farmers and women as well as screening films that show the popular uprisings across the world. We believe this will help arouse interest in labor films and promote their production in Turkey and around the world.

The festival dates are set to follow the mass May Day activities. For a week, there will be a variety of events related with the labor movement in Turkey. On April 30 2006, the participants of the festival will commemorate the massacre of the 37 May Day participants in 1977, participate the May Day March in Istanbul, and visit a site of labor struggle.

If you have any queries about the festival, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

In solidarity,

DISK Basin-Is (Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions (DISK), Printing Industry Union), Halkevleri (People's Houses)

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“Working New York” on Regional News Networks

ALBANY, NY—The first episode of “Working New York”, a half-hour talk show produced by the 2 million member New York State AFL-CIO and hosted by State Federation President Denis Hughes, aired on Wednesday, October 5th at 10 p.m.

It is believed that “Working New York” will be the only mainstream television program in the tri-state area, if not the country, to be solely produced by a labor organization for the purpose of bringing the needs, concerns and interests of working people to the attention of the general public. The show is designed to inform the public of policy, debates and issues that affect working men and women and their families.

Denis Hughes stated, “This groundbreaking endeavor is an opportunity to address a wide range of social, political and economic issues from the point of view of everyday working men and women. Until now, working people could only react to the news of the day, without the voice or opportunity to give their side of the argument.”

“Working New York” will air the first and third Wednesday each month at 10 p.m. WRNN-TV currently reaches over 5 million households in the tri-state area.

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