



Southern Territory GVP Bob Martinez, Jr., far right, led a protest against MexicoNow, an outsourcing group touring the U.S. and Canada trying to get North American aerospace firms to relocate to Mexico.

In Montréal, District 11 turned out a large crowd to protest the Mexican outsourcing conference. "This symposium is a clear example of what's wrong in our industry today," explained Directing Business Representative Dave

Chartrand. "While Mexico comes into our backyard to promote its own aerospace industry - inviting Canadian aerospace firms to move their facilities south of the border - our governments sit on their hands and do nothing."

The protests in Dallas and Montréal follow MexicoNow's attempt to convene in Wichita, KS, which was cancelled after IAM members rallied public support against them. But they're not giving up. Another outsourcing conference is scheduled for December 2, 2010 in Seattle, WA.

Machinists Protest Job-Stealing Firm

In Dallas, TX, and Montréal, PQ, IAM members took to the streets shouting their disapproval at the gall of their cities to host an "Aerospace Industry Conference" where the only goal was to persuade U.S. and Canadian manufacturers to move their work and jobs to Mexico.

District 776 members were joined by fellow unions in their protest outside the Dallas Sheraton where the conference sponsored by MexicoNow was being held. Demonstrators held signs like "Greed Gone Wild" and "Have You No Shame." But humility was definitely not on the conference agenda.

Machinists in Montréal staged a similar protest against MexicoNow when the outsourcing firm showed up in Canada.

"We're trying to make them move, establish here," MexicoNow spokeswoman Carolina Mares unabashedly told the *Ft. Worth Star-Telegram*.

"I don't see why organizations such as this can come in to get companies to move our jobs," said IAM Local 2768 member Dwala Turner, who was laid off after her job at BAE was outsourced to Mexico.



Appeals Court Win Saves 1,000 Jobs at Pratt & Whitney



District 26 DBR Everett Corey, left, congratulates Assistant DBR Jim Parent at the celebration of the first court victory over Pratt & Whitney's attempt to move work overseas. An appeals court recently upheld the original court decision against Pratt.

When jet-engine maker Pratt & Whitney tried to shut two plants in Connecticut and move the work overseas, the IAM went to court charging Pratt violated job security lan-

guage in the IAM contract.

A federal district court agreed and issued an injunction that stopped Pratt from closing the Cheshire Engine Center and a plant in East Hartford, saving

more than 1,000 jobs.

Pratt fought the ruling, but an appeals court recently issued a unanimous decision that "Pratt had not made, and was not making, 'every reasonable effort' to preserve bargaining unit work as required by the CBA [collective bargaining agreement]."

"The court decision affirms the value of a union contract when jobs are at stake," said the IAM's attorney, Gregg Adler, of the first court decision. "Without a contract, employees have no ability to negotiate over the effects of a closure and the company retains absolute authority to send work overseas."

Tanker Fight in Home Stretch

The Air Force has delayed its decision to award the largest defense contract in its history to either America's Boeing or Europe's EADS, parent company of Airbus, until after the November elections. At stake in the bid to build new aerial refueling tankers are an estimated 50,000 jobs in 40 states.

"North American workers make the best aircraft in the world and our tax dollars ought to support jobs here at

home," said IAM General Vice President Richard Michalski. "The IAM, along with allies like Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), have been fighting for American workers since this process began years ago. The Air Force should decide before the November

elections so voters can reward, or hold accountable, the Obama administration for the decision they make."

District 751 members at Boeing in Washington state have waged a non-stop campaign to build the next generation of Air Force tankers in the U.S. and protect jobs for American workers.

