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LOCAL JOBS FOR LOCAL WORKERS MARCELLUS PROTEST GROWS

For three weeks in a row union construction workers have protested the use of out-of-state companies and workers at a New Martinsville site in Wetzel County.

The site of the protest is a staging area used by Holloman Corporation of Texas. Holloman is working on two compressor stations for Chesapeake Energy.

One project is in Wetzel County and the other is nearby in Marshall County.

Two crafts unions, Ironworkers Local 549 and Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 83 have taken the lead to set up the protests.

But members from most, if not all, of the crafts affiliated with the Upper Ohio Building Trades Council have participated.

“Our message is simple,”

said Keith Hughes, Business Manager of Iron Workers 549.

“We want Local workers to be doing the construction work building the Marcellus

shale projects in our area.”

According to Hughes the public support has been outstanding.

And many people are joining the demonstrations and

asking what they can do to help.

The first protest was held on August 26 with just a handful of members. The
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IRONWORKER ORGANIZER JIM FLANIGAN (right) leads a group of trades members lined up on Route 2 south of New Martinsville holding “Local Jobs for Local Workers” signs to protest Holloman Corporation from Texas and their imported construction workforce.

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS BRING VALUE NEW REPORT SAYS

A new report on Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) concludes they have many benefits.

The report, entitled “Building Better – A Look at Best Practices in the Design of Project Labor Agreements,” was released in August by the Economic Policy Institute, a Washington, DC based Economic Research group.

Project Labor Agreements have long been used in the construction industry. They are often used on large projects to set the terms and conditions of employment for construction workers. How-

ever the practice has come under attack in recent years. Critics question the benefits of PLAs and claim their use puts nonunion contractors at a disadvantage.

Authors Dale Belman of Michigan State University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations and Matthew Bodah of the University of Rhode Island’s Schmidt Labor Research Center concluded PLAs can help projects meet deadlines by ensuring a supply of skilled craft labor.

According to the report, PLAs can improve efficiency and promote innovation by prohibiting restrictive work

norms, by improving coordination in work flow, and by supporting experiments in changing the work environment.

In addition many PLAs include highly developed systems of labor/management cooperation.

Another plus was the fact that PLAs can be used to improve training and recruiting, examples include a focus on local hiring, disadvantaged youths, or transitioning military veterans.

Often PLAs, particularly those on large projects, contain sophisticated health and safety provisions, includ-

ing those that dictate overall safety practices, create safety committees, mandate safety training and safety meetings, and address such matters as drug and alcohol screening.

While nonunion contractors have been, and continue to be, the most vocal opponents of these agreements – primarily as to their use in the public sector – the evidence suggests that, where they have attempted to gain PLA work, nonunion firms have been successful in competing for it.

For a copy of the report go to www.epi.org and follow the Latest Research tab.

*EXECUTIVE PAY SKYROCKETS AS LABOR APPROVAL DECLINES***PUBLIC STILL APPROVES OF LABOR UNIONS
BY SLIM MARGIN ACCORDING TO GALLUP**

A recent Gallup poll shows American still approve of Labor Union, but only by a

slight margin.

According to a national poll conducted August 5-8, 52% of Americans say they

approve of labor union.

While the number is up from 48% last year it is a far cry from the 72% approval

rate unions had when the poll was first taken in 1936.

Not surprising, unions fair better when talking to Demo-

crats – 71%, as compared to Republicans – 34%.

While public approval of

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PROTEST

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most recent protest, Thursday, September 9, had more than 50 craft workers and a dozen members of the general public.

Holloman has over 100 construction workers employed at the two sites and, according to ACT Representative Walter “Fuzz” LaRue, most from out-of-state.

ers and Steamfitters Local 83.

“We have the workers right here with the skills to do these jobs, and with high unemployment these jobs are needed now more than ever.”

The protest follows actions taken by the Operating Engineers and Laborers in Harrison County during the Spring and Summer of this year.

Leadcor of Canada was hired to install 14 miles of 20 inch pipeline for a Texas

tractured from the Marcellus Shale area by the year 2020 will be around \$200 billion.

Say “hello” to your new neighbors



Actually they won't be your neighbors for long. Not long enough to enroll their kids in school, join a church or get a frequent shopper card at the local grocery store.

They're in Wetzel and Marshall Counties to build two compressor stations for natural gas. These workers could move from here to another spot in West Virginia because our state sits on top of a huge source of natural gas called the Marcellus Shale.

Holloman Corporation of Texas has imported a majority of the projects' workers from places as far away as Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

How many jobs are we losing in West Virginia?

With more than 13 percent unemployment in our area, those local jobs should go to skilled, local workers who are ready, willing and able to do this work.

We have a chance to do this right.

Let West Virginia workers build the natural gas industry of the future—today.



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“WE’VE BUILT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES ALL ACROSS THE STATE FOR YEARS” JEFF BERESFORD, BUSINESS MANAGER, PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 83

“We see cars and trucks from as far away as Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma,” said LaRue.

The Marcellus Shale gas fields have created lots of construction activity. The Affiliated Construction Trades estimates more than \$2 billion in related projects were either let to contract or in late planning stage last year.

Half the work is in the well drilling and preparation phase and the remaining work is estimated at \$500 million for pipelines and \$500 million for processing facilities.

“We’ve built industrial facilities all across the state for years,” said Jeff Beresford, Business Manager for Plumb-

company Energy Transfer.

More than 250 out-of-state workers were brought in for the project.

The Operating Engineers and Laborers, along with Pipeline Welders manned a protest daily for many months.

ACT has created a new TV commercial calling for local workers on the Marcellus projects.

In addition newspaper ads in the protest areas are drawing attention to the jobs lost to local workers and given instead to out-of-state companies and workers.

A March study by the US Department of Energy estimated the value of gas ex-

THIS AD AND one similar is being published in protest area newspapers to draw attention to the out-of-state workers taking jobs local workers can do and need.

RAHALL RE-ELECTION KEY FOR WORKERS

MANCHIN WINS SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Despite a low voter turnout Governor Joe Manchin easily won the special Democratic Primary election held on Saturday, August 28.

Labor endorsed-Manchin will face Republican John Raese in November to see who will replace Senator Robert C. Byrd as U.S. Senator. The winner will serve until 2012, the end of Byrd's term.

A number of other political races are starting to heat up as Labor Day has passed.

Democratic Congressman Nick Joe Rahall is under fire from former Supreme Court Justice Elliot 'Spike' Maynard. Maynard is attacking Rahall claiming he has not supported coal enough.

But Rahall has shown his track record for supporting not only the coal industry but workers and their families.

Maynard lost his re-election bid for the WV Supreme Court in 2008 when his close relationship with Massey Energy executive Don Blankenship was revealed.

The two had taken a vacation together on the French Riviera but Maynard had de-

clined from standing aside when a \$70 million case involving Massey came before the court.

Only when photos of the two became public did Maynard remove himself from further Massey cases.

"On important issues like Davis-Bacon and prevailing wage, a workers right to join a union, and supporting investment in clean coal technology Congressman Rahall has always been a true friend of the Trades," said Steve Burton, President of the WV State Building Trades.

On the state level all 100 House of Delegates position are on the ballot as well as 18 Senate races.

A two-year term for Supreme Court, the position held by former Justice Joe Albright, is also on the ballot.

After Albright passed away Governor Manchin appointed former Supreme Court Judge Tom McHugh to the position until this next election cycle. McHugh has been endorsed by Labor and if elected would serve until 2012, the remainder of the term Albright had been elected to.

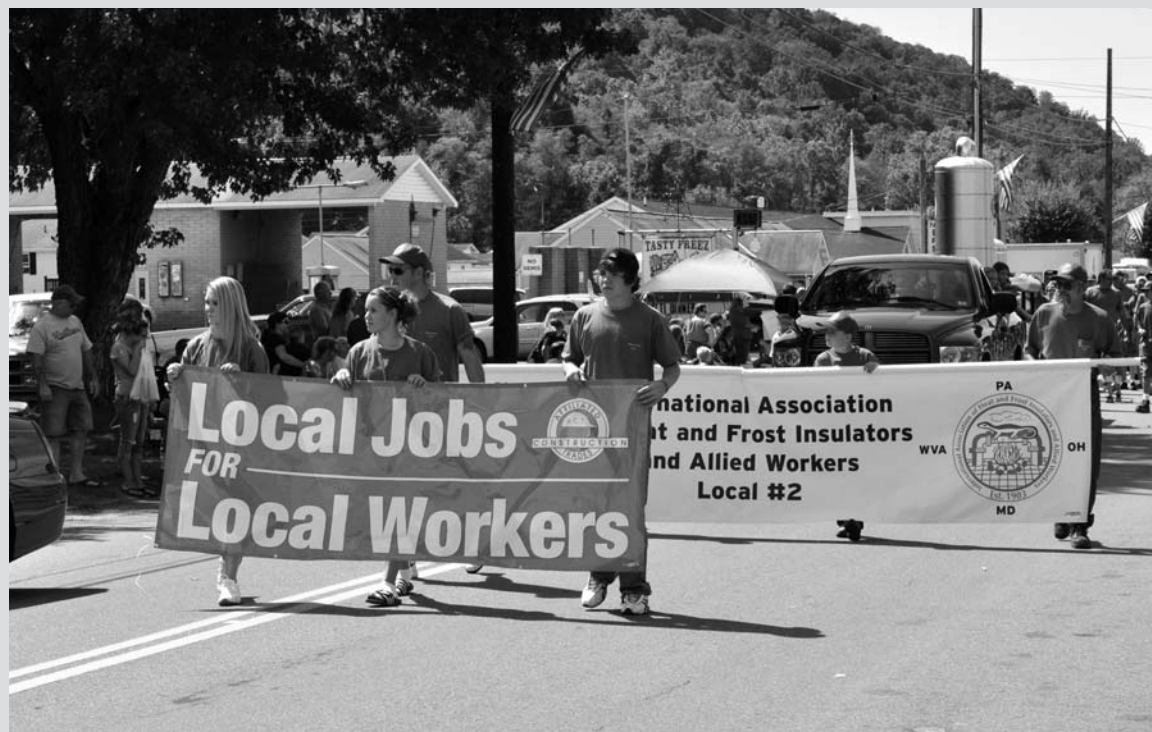
October 12 is the last day to register to be able to vote

in the November 2 election. Early voting begins on the following day, October 13.



DEAN TEULL (left) and Jim King (right) of Sheet Metal Workers Local 33 deliver a campaign contribution to Congressman Nick Joe Rahall at a Charleston fundraising event. Rahall has a long track record of supporting workers and their families.

PADEN CITY LABOR DAY PARADE



CARRYING A "Local Jobs for Local Workers" banner in the Paden City Labor Day Parade are family members of Insulators Local 2. The Paden City event in Wetzel County is one of the oldest Labor Day events in West Virginia.

GALLUP POLL

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unions is near an all time low a related statistic – Corporate Executive pay is near an all time high.

According to the AFL-CIO web site Executive Pay Watch, Chief Executives at the nation's largest corporations received on average \$9.25 million in pay for 2009.

Their retirement benefits alone increased 23 percent.

Since 1980 the gap between the average worker's pay and top executive pay has increase from around 40 times to over 300 times.

"The gap between the pay of average workers and top executives has grown as public opinion of labor unions has declined," said Dave Efaw of the State Building Trades.

ELECTION ENDS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

2010 SPECIAL AND GENERAL ELECTION WV AFL-CIO COPE ENDORSEMENT RESULTS

The West Virginia AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) met in August to complete endorsements for candidates in the November elections.

Candidates must first complete a questionnaire regarding labor issues.

Candidates are then interviewed by local committees,

organized by Central Labor Councils, about their questionnaire response and, if already in office, their voting record. If a candidate does not fill out the questionnaire they are not eligible for an interview or endorsement. The interview committees are volunteers from various unions of the area.

Some examples of issues on the Labor questionnaire

ask a candidates position on prevailing wages laws, health care, workers compensation, a workers right to join a union, issues effecting public employees such as teachers, state troopers and others.

In addition the WV AFL-CIO keeps a voting score-card on Labor issues for all legislators while they are in the Legislature. A score-card issue must be approved by

the COPE executive committee before being considered a Labor vote.

The Central Labor Councils then report their recommendations to State COPE where delegates vote to endorse, not endorse, or take

no action. A vote to take 'no action' means the WV AFL-CIO will not endorse but member unions are free to do so if they want.

It takes a 2/3 vote for an endorsement.

Below are the results.

WV AFL-CIO COPE Endorsed Candidates

U.S. Senate Special Election

Joe Manchin III

U.S House of Representatives

2nd District ... Virginia Graf
3rd District Nick Rahall

Supreme Court of Appeals

Thomas E. McHugh

State Senate

1st Orphy Klempa
2nd Larry Edgell
6th H. Truman Chafin
9th Mike Green
10th ... Ron Miller
10th ... Mark Wills
12th ... Joe Minard
14th ... Steven Shaffer
16th ... John Unger
17th ... Brooks McCabe

House of Delegates

1st Randy Swartzmiller
2nd Tim Ennis
Roy Givens
3rd..... Shawn Fluharty,
Erikka Storch
4th..... Michael Ferro,
Scott Varner
5th... Dave Pethtel
9th... Jim Marion
10th... Dan Poling,
John Ellem

House of Delegates

12th.....Jo Boggess Phillips
13th.....Dale Martin,
Brady Paxton
14th....Cathy Larck
15th ... Jim Morgan,
Matthew Woelfel
16th ... Dale Stephens,
Doug Reynolds
17th ... Don Perdue,
Richard Thompson
18th ... Larry Barker
19th ... Greg Butcher,
Josh Stowers,
Ralph Rodighiero
21st.....Harry Keith White
22nd....Daniel J. Hall
Linda Goode Phillips
23rd.....Clif Moore
25th.....John Frazier,
Bill Moorefield
27th.....Virginia Mahan,
Mel Kessler,
Ricky Moye,
Sally Susman,
Bill Wooton
28th....Thomas Campbell,
Ray Canterbury
29th.....David Perry,
Margaret Staggers
30th.....Bonnie Brown,
Doug Skaff Jr,
Nancy Guthrie,
Bobbie Hatfield,
Mark Hunt,
Sharon Spencer,
Danny Wells

House of Delegates

31st.....Meshea Poore
32nd... Scott Lavigne
33rd.....David Walker
34th.....Brent Boggs
35th.....Sam Argento
36th.....Joe Talbott
37th.....Denise Campbell
38th ... Peggy Donaldson Smith
39th.....Bill Hamilton
40th.....Mary Poling
41st.....Ron Fragale,
Richard laquinta,
Tim Miley
42ndMichael Manypenny
43rd.....Mike Caputo,
Linda Longstreth,
Timothy Manchin
44th.....Barbara Fleischauer,
Charlene Marshall,
Steve Cook,
Anthony Barill
45thLarry Williams
46th.....Stan Shaver
49thCharles Messick
50th.....Ruth Rowan
52nd... Mike Roberts
53rd ... Robert V. Mills
55th ... Donn E. Marshall
56th ... Terry L. Walker
58th... Tiffany Lawrence

Last day to register -
Tuesday, October 12

Early voting begins -
Wednesday, October 13

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