

Speak Out Now At AC Transit (8.7.17)

Overpaid?

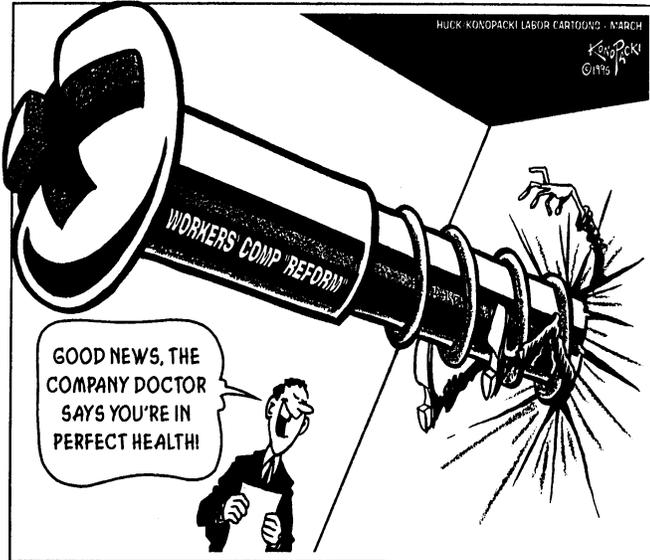
AC operators recently got a memo saying that there was a mistake at the Payroll Department and that we were overpaid on our last check.

If we ever have a dispute about our pay, how many pieces of documentation do we need to get anywhere? If they ever made a mistake and underpaid us, do you think they would tell us?

Company Doctors, Company Quacks?

If people who work at AC ever get hurt, we go see the company doctor. But what is their job? Will they look out for our health and be on our side? Or are they under pressure to reject potential Worker's Comp claims? Often it seems like their job is to find reasons why the injury is *not* work-related. If it is work-related, could it have been prevented if only *we* did something different?

Do they come up with reasons why *we* are at fault for our *own* pain, instead of pointing the finger at AC Transit and the working conditions? Is healthcare really about healthcare? Or is it about liability?



We that think a better future is possible! What do you think? Come talk to us!

-Wednesdays: 9am-11am at Fruitvale BART
-Thursdays: 4pm-6pm at Hayward BART

We All Need A Ridership Bonus

SF Chronicle's Matier & Ross again took aim at BART workers. This time it was the \$500 ridership bonus that workers received. The tone is that workers are overpaid and undeserving.

But who couldn't use a bonus? In this economy where workers are squeezed for every last penny of our paychecks, every little bit helps. BART workers work hard everyday to make the system run and deserve not to live on the edge of bankruptcy. This is not to say that AC Transit workers work any less hard and are any less deserving of financial security. And all other workers as well, for that matter!

Pointing the finger at BART workers' pay only helps the bosses divide us. Looking at this bonus should instead be used to make the point that a puny \$500 would help all workers. All of us deserve more. Good for them that they were successful at forcing it onto BART management!

Toyota And Mazda To Build A \$1.6 Billion US Plant

Toyota and Mazda are expecting to build a plant and have vehicles rolling off production by 2021. They are claiming it will employ about 4,000 workers. The location is still up in the air because this depends on who will offer the most in public subsidies. On top of this, Foxconn, a major electronics manufacturer, agreed to build a plant in Wisconsin and hire 3,000 people. This will cost \$3 billion in state tax credits.

These corporations advertise that they will provide a few thousand jobs, as long as they get the best deal out of us. Public subsidies come out of our pockets, keep their profits up. If only everyday people, like us, could do the same. If only we could just move our jobs to a place where we could afford to live, and get some state tax credits while we're at it!!!

Speak Out Now Summer BBQ!

Sunday, August 27th 12-4pm

Good food, music, sports, activities for kids.

Ask the Speak Out distributor for a \$5 ticket. Kids 10 and under free.