

WAL-MART WORKER'S VOICE

Labour Board Hearings Commence

Labour Relations Board (LRB) hearings, examining the application of the majority of Wal-Mart employees in Weyburn to join the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1400, began on May 25 and 26, 2004 in Regina, SK.

Unfortunately, not much happened during these hearings. The Lawyer representing a number of employees seeking to intervene in the application, failed to show up either day. When contacted by an Official of the Labour Relations Board, he indicated that he was aware that things could occur during these hearings which could affect his application. None the less, he chose not to appear. The most surprising thing about this turn of events is that he had agreed to these dates.

Further delays in the hearing came as a result of Wal-Mart's failure to fully provide documents as directed by the Chair of the LRB. Most of the morning of the 25th was taken up with a discussion of what the Chair's order meant. As a result, the company produced another large stack of documents on the morning of the 26th.

As a result of these problems, no evidence has been heard yet. The Union took the position that because it would be seen as unfair or improper to proceed without one of the lawyers present, and that we needed time to look at the documents provided by Wal-Mart, it would be best to begin evidence on the next scheduled days. The next hearings will proceed on June 10, 11, 24, 25, 29 and 30, 2004.

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