



Holding the Line

Strike Update
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Profit-Sharing Pact Questioned Attorney General Lockyer Launches Investigation

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer announced an investigation into the legality of the profit-sharing agreement between Vons, Ralphs, and Albertsons. The supermarket companies may have violated antitrust laws by agreeing to share profits and losses during the strike.

Lockyer has subpoenaed the companies for a copy of their mutual aid pact. The companies have admitted the existence of the agreement, but have thus far refused to release any details.

Talks With Mediator Resume

Negotiations with Vons, Ralphs, and Albertsons resume this week, sponsored by federal mediator Peter Hurtgen.

Due to a media blackout, details of the negotiations will not be released. Contact your local union representative with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Upcoming Events

Join AFTRA, SAG, and other entertainment industry unions in a support picket and rally for the grocery strike. The event includes a toy drive for UFCW children.

Thursday, December 4th

10:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Rally begins at 11:30

Pavillions at 1110 West Alameda, Burbank



Worldwide Solidarity

I write to you on behalf of the Australian union movement to offer our support for UFCW's campaign against Vons and Pavilions (Safeway) and Ralphs (Kroger) and Albertsons.

We are extremely sympathetic to the plight of your members and praise your efforts to prevail in this watershed dispute.

Your fight is not only important for the members in your industry, it has consequences for workers around the world.

It is incredibly important that unions are vigilant in their campaigns to uphold the rights of ordinary people to quality health care, decent wages and job security. It is vital to the workers and their families of our respective nations that this battle is won to ensure we have a society which is fair and just.

I wish you every success and please pass on my best wishes to those on the picket line in Southern California.

*Yours in Solidarity,
SHARAN BURROW
Australian Council of Trade Unions President*

Legal News

Court rescinds restraining order against UFCW

A California Superior Court judge threw out a temporary restraining order previously granted to Ralphs—thwarting the company's attempt to restrict distribution center picket lines.

The judge not only found that the temporary restraining order to be in violation of California law, but that Ralphs could not pursue any other types of injunctive relief based on the events up to last Wednesday, November 26. The judge also ordered Ralphs to pay the \$1,500 in legal fees the UFCW incurred.