



# Maritime Union of New Zealand

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Your local spokesperson requested that The Maritime Union of New Zealand, Auckland Branch, Local 13 may consider endorsing the Militant in its stance for freedom of speech in defending the lawsuit taken by C.W. Mining.

Two of your representatives attended the MUNZ December 2005 Executive meeting and following that meeting Local 13 is totally supportive of the stance taken by the Militant in exposing the C.W. Mining Company and its "Anti Union" policies.

In times of globalisation where large multi national corporations work constantly to reduce the working conditions of labour throughout the world Unions must support each other and publications like the Militant in their fight for fair and dignified work agreements.

The right to organise and Unionise is paramount and must never be lost.

"TOUCH ONE TOUCH ALL"

Yours in Solidarity

Russell Mayn  
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February 6, 2006

Militant Fighting Fund  
Salt Lake City, Utah

To the mineworkers and workers in US

We have followed your struggle against a vicious company, and we support you all the way. Your fight is our fight. And it's important to defend principles. This fight is about one of the fundamental principles.

The very fact that you have to fight for the right to speak the truth about the conditions in a company tells a lot about the situation for workers in the US today. We can see the reports of accidents with workers killed and injured in the mines. At the same time we can read about how the companies violate the safety regulations. It's a disgrace. Of course one has to change that situation -- that money comes in front of people's lives. And there has to be a public discussion about that fact.

It seems that the company wants the exclusive right to the freedom of speech, in fact they want to privatize it. As in Sweden the companies also want to attack the "whistleblower" and representatives of the unions who defend the workers conditions. That's why it's important for the whole union to take support actions and solidarity actions.

Our local union is involved in a fight for safety and security in the Stockholm subways, and the Company Connex has sacked the president of the local union because he spoke out in the media.

In your case we will see how the coming decision from the Judge in Utah about the lawsuit will be. Hopefully the Judge denies the company's claims. In our case it can take 9 to 10 months before it comes up in the tribunal court.

So keep up the good work, it will lead to victory.

Comradely greetings,

*Per Johansson*

*Yiannis Konstantis*

(Local 119 organizes drivers and conductors in Stockholm's subway and tram)

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Militant Fighting Fund  
Salt Lake City, Utah

As a defendant in the C.W. Mining lawsuit I would like to add my voice in support of your efforts to turn back this retaliatory lawsuit against union organizing and free speech.

The Co-Op mine owners are hoping a long-drawn-out legal battle will deter those of us who have supported the miners. Their charges of “defamation,” “conspiracy,” and “invasion of privacy” against the UMWA, individual Co-Op miners, the *Militant*, and Utah Jobs With Justice are outrageous accusations that should be dismissed by the court.

From the beginning of the Co-Op miners’ struggle for a union and dignity on the job, they have asked for and received the solidarity of working people. The recent deaths of so many miners in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Utah shows how important the fight for a union is.

The *Militant* newspaper could be relied on to give truthful reports and editorial backing for the Co-Op miners’ struggle. It is that kind of solidarity, by unions and other organizations and individuals, and newspapers like the *Militant*, the owners of the Co-Op mine are lashing out against with their lawsuit. In the end they cannot win, but we have to fight to make sure they don’t accomplish their aims through a long and costly battle.

I urge every organization in and out of the labor movement to support the labor defense and freedom of the press campaign being promoted by the Militant Fighting Fund.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'George Neckel'.

George Neckel  
Director Utah Jobs With Justice

**Hector Abarca,**  
Director of Radio Nueva America, Stockholm, Sweden

To those fighting for the rights of workers the world over, and to the *Militant* newspaper for its courage and solidarity with the fight of the Utah miners, we send our greetings of commitment with the fight and our international solidarity.

A combative hug from the team at Radio Nueva America in Stockholm.

*Hector Abarca*