

To All UTU Members:

A recent mailing by concerned delegates of this organization contained a CD of a speech made in San Diego, CA. last October 10, 2007. The speech was given by former UTU President Paul C. Thompson and in it he finally gives the General Chairmen and UTU Officers assembled the first real indications of the consequences of the SMART Merger.

The speech has been made available to all UTU Delegates, General Chairmen and State Directors so that everyone in this Organization can finally understand the retired President's true goals for rushing us into an uninformed merger vote prior to the last UTU Convention. Ask your General Chairman, State Director or Delegate to make this speech available for you . The revelations being made to the gathered assembly are a far cry from what was posted on the UTU web site prior to the SMART Merger vote.

Among those things were:

- The delegates just used the UTU Convention for a cash cow and they were only interested in their own wallets.
- Paul Thompson says that he was embarrassed the way the delegates behaved at this UTU Convention.
- Craft autonomy has outlived its time and the days when one craft could possibly vote down an entire national agreement proposal were long overdue to change. The SMART merger would help them do that.
- The SMART merger was going to allow them to make changes in the UTU Constitution that the delegates would never have voted for or approved.
- Due to the merger the UTU portion of SMART would be able to make changes in local sizes and consolidations that the UTU Constitution forbade right now.
- Mike Sullivan told Paul Thompson after the UTU Convention that there would have to be changes made in the way the delegates handled the convention business.
- Mike Sullivan had already promised David Hakey a job before Paul Thompson had an opportunity to ask Sheet Metal Workers to hire him. Thompson agrees that he did mention to Sullivan giving David Hakey a job (Assistant to President of Sheet Metal Workers and assigned to run the Cleveland UTU office).

Think about these facts as they occurred:

- A merger committee appointed that never meets
- Board of Director members excluded from the closed meetings while junior officers and confidants of the President keep every detail to themselves
- A National Legislative Director making deals on future elections as if he were the President and had that authority
- Deals sprung on a completely uninformed and mislead Board of Directors

We encourage your questions of on these issues and we also ask you to participate in the process of giving this Organization back to the members. You can assist us by contacting the Savetheutu@gmail.com web site and providing us with your contact information. In that way we will be able to continually keep you advised of events that concern the UTU. Don't interpret this as a request for funds, it is merely an attempt to rebuild a member driven organization so that the "tail no longer wags the dog".
You can also hear the CD and read all the relevant correspondence and court documents if you log onto the <http://www.freewebs.com/savetheutu/index.htm>.
(Savetheutu) web site.

Thank you for your continued participation and please contact Savetheutu@gmail.com.