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Get behind T.R.A.D.E. Act

To The Editor:

In his letter in the Sept. 5 issue, Tom Wenning identified an issue that is at least as old as the U.S. labor movement: immigrants taking jobs. In many cases economic and/or political conditions in their home country are forcing people to make the dangerous choice of migrating to the U.S.

We can help solve one of the root economic problems driving this mass migration to the U.S. by supporting the Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment Act and urging our unions to endorse it.

The T.R.A.D.E. Act would require that countries party to trade agreements with the U.S. adopt into law and actually enforce the International Labor Organization's core labor standards (freedom of association, collective bargaining and the elimination of forced and child labor are among the most important).

Ask your U.S. representative to co-sponsor H.R. 6180. Ask your U.S. senator to co-sponsor S.3083. To see more about the T.R.A.D.E. Act., go to: www.citizenstrade.org/pdf2/TRADE-Act.pdf.

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'It's deja vu all over again'

To The Editor:

I watched a lot of both the Democratic and Republican conventions. I watched on C-Span, CNN, CNBC, OPB and yes, I even watched some on FOX. C-Span 1 and C-Span 2 didn't have commercials.

C-Span1 ran the Democratic convention and C-Span 2 ran some Republican pre-convention committee meetings. In one, the major argument was to change all references to the Democratic Party to the "Democrat" Party. After mu-u-u-u-u-ch discussion, someone finally pointed out that the legal and registered name of the party is the Democratic Party.

Eventually, the motion failed.

I also had some bets that on the commercial networks, *every* advertisement before or after the coverage would be either a Wal-Mart ad, one of those anti-union ads, or an oil company T. Boone Pickens' ad. I lost that bet. It wasn't 100 percent, but I think it was somewhere between 33 to 80 percent.

To those family and friends out there (and I know you're out there) who voted for Ronald Reagan because they hated Jimmy Carter and/or they wanted the hostages home, I hope you remember, as Yogi Berra said, "It's deja vu all over again."

I would also remind you of the words of President Eisenhower, when he said: "Beware of the military industrial complex."

We have just suffered through eight years of "Big Oil Cheney & Bush" running the White House, and a war that has cost over 4,000 American lives. Now the country is considering "change." Both parties are offering change.

Changing what, exactly?

The Republican Party offers a Vietnam war hero who is solidly against the current anti-war movement and whose bones most certainly would still be in Vietnam if not for the anti-war movement of the '60s and '70s. He's an oil lackey whose mantra is drill, drill, drill.

I agree with both party's themes — it's time for a change ... again.

I remember the Yogi Berra quote about "de ja vu." And, although I've never seen this quote from Yogi, I'm sure he made it somewhere: "Keep your eye on the ball."

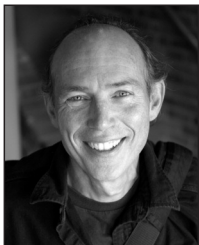
And to all you hockey fans: "Keep your eye on the puck."

God love ya.

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CORRECTION

An e-mail address in the article, "Union electrician speaks out about unsafe work in Iraq" (NW Labor Press, Sept. 5, 2008) included an extra hyphen. The correct e-mail address is: MsSparky@mssparky.com.

The Labor Press regrets the error.

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