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Turbulence continues between IAM, Boeing

No new negotiations between Boeing Company and striking Machinists were planned as this issue of the NW Labor Press went to press, although a federal mediator has been in daily contact with both sides.

Some 27,000 Machinists at locations in Washington State's Puget Sound; Wichita, Kansas; Edwards Air Force Base, California; and Gresham, Oregon, walked off the job Sept. 6 after the company refused to make contract improvements in the areas of job security, medical costs, pensions and wage increases for both newer and longer-term workers.

Portland-based Lodge 63 represents 1,244 Machinists at Boeing's parts manufacturing plant in Gresham. To date, only one person has crossed the picket line.

This week Lodge 63 members be-

gan receiving weekly checks of \$150 from the international union and \$80 from the local. They also have been directed to file for unemployment insurance.

And as the strike drags on, international labor federations representing millions of workers around the world began weighing in with expressions of support for workers involved in the dispute.

Letters of solidarity have come in from 22 union federations in Europe, Australia, Denmark, Italy, Spain and elsewhere.

"We will do everything we can to ensure this company and others are under no illusions that if you take on organized labour, wherever that may be, you take us on internationally," said Steve Turner, national secretary of

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PDC staffers ratify first union contract, 122-2

Non-management staffers at the Portland Development Commission have ratified their first-ever union contract. The vote — by members of the newly established American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3769 — was 122-2.

The PDC Board of Directors ratified the contract in a unanimous vote Sept. 24.

The deal marks the first time in the agency's 50-year history (being celebrated this year) that employees and management have negotiated a union contract.

"This is an exciting time for the agency," said Local 3769 President Alan Stubbs. "We have an extremely professional and hard working staff and we look forward to putting the contract into action and making PDC

an even better place to work."

PDC is the quasi-independent development arm of the City of Portland. It operates on an annual budget of nearly \$200 million funded by tax dollars.

One-hundred-thirty-seven employees are part of the bargaining unit. They voted to join AFSCME in May 2007.

"I believe the ratification vote of 122-2 speaks for itself," said Oregon AFSCME Council 75 Executive Director Ken Allen, who led the union's bargaining team. "This is an excellent contract and it reflects on the quality of the workers we represent at the PDC. I have negotiated contracts for almost 30 years and have never worked with a smarter, harder working group of em-

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Macayla Goins holds a picket sign during Machinists rally Sept 20 at the Boeing plant in Gresham. Goins is the daughter of Lodge 63 member Mark Goins. More than 200 people attended the rally and barbecue.