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Why would a union leader recommend that his members ratify a contract that contained a “no strike” clause? Why would a union leader want to deprive his members of the only bargaining leverage that they possess? What’s the pay off for a “no strike” clause?

Article 16, Section 14 of the New UAW Constitution (STRIKE FUND)

“An amount, not in excess of **(1)seventy-five (75) percent of the interest and earnings on investments received by the International Strike Assistance Fund, may be set aside** as the Organization, Education, and Communication Fund **to be expended** as authorized by the International Executive Board for such purposes. Beginning on July 2006 and continuing thereafter, unless otherwise directed by the International Executive Board, **(2)the remaining twenty-five (25) percent of the interest and earnings on investments received by the International Strike Assistance Fund shall be allocated** to the General Fund, the Organization, Education and Communication Fund **or to such other purpose as the International Executive Board shall determine** to be in the best interests of the UAW. **(3) On each of June 22, 2010, and the third Tuesday in June 2011, 2012, and 2013, the International Executive Board may transfer up to a maximum of twenty-five million dollars (25 million) from the International Strike Assistance Fund** to the General Fund of the International Union.”

(4)“The International Executive Board shall have the authority to make additional, limited withdrawals from the International Union Strike Assistance Fund, provided that (a) such additional withdrawals shall not exceed sixty million dollars (60 million) between any two consecutive Constitutional Conventions, and (b) such withdrawals shall be permitted only to support specific purposes or projects such as major organizing drives or other initiatives intended to increase UAW membership, strengthen the UAW’s ability to bargain effectively and/or promote the interests of the membership and working people generally.”

There you have it. **(1)75% of interest and earnings on the Strike Fund** go to operating expenses which include salaries and benefits for International reps, and the remaining **(2)25% of interest and earnings on our strike fund** go to the General Fund which includes salaries and benefits for International reps. **(3)\$25 million will be transferred from the Strike Fund every year** to the General Fund which may include salaries and benefits for International reps. And another **(4)\$60 million dollars can be withdrawn** for additional expenses which may include salary and benefits for International reps.

Why would UAW International officials want the principal of their investment, their cash cow, our Strike Fund, to be depleted by strikes?

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