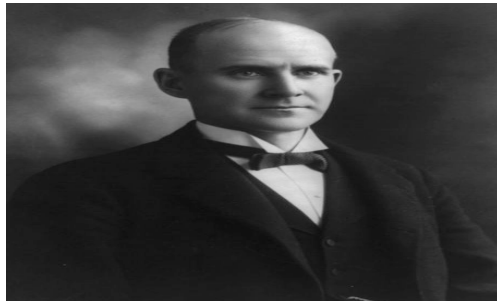




Somebody PLEASE tell UAW President, Bob King that the Reuther Brothers did NOT get beat up by Henry Ford's SERVICE DEPARTMENT just so he can force concessions on the members of the UAW!

I know King is a smart man and knows the history of our Union, but lately he seems to have forgotten about those struggles all those years ago.



I'm sure he knows the history of Eugene Debs and what he suffered through. Debs was a vocal opponent of U.S. involvement in World War I, believing it to be a war motivated by capitalism. He was arrested in 1918, after a speech in Canton, Ohio, under the Espionage Act of 1917. The Act made it a crime to "interfere with the war effort" through speeches or publications. He was sentenced to ten years in jail but served only three, as his sentence was commuted by President Warren G. Harding in 1921. As president of the American Railway Union, he led a successful strike against the Great Northern Railroad in 1894. Two months later he was jailed for

his role in a strike against the Chicago Pullman Palace Car Company.

Yet, Bob King seems like he wants to change the course of the Union Movement under his watch, forcing the membership to accept concessions in a time when the U.S. auto companies are once again making profits. His two-tier wage agreement for members is unacceptable! I wonder how Bob King thinks our members can afford to work for 50% less pay, be able to maintain our standard of living, and not lose our homes.



His support of the KORUS (KOREA-U.S. Free Trade Agreement) is a shock to everyone in the labor movement. No other union leader supports this deal.

While at a rally to support the HYUNDAI workers in Korea, King made the statement that, "The workers should share in the company's success." He then made comments that UAW members need to do more to help U.S. automakers be more competitive. Like HELL we do! We have given up too much already! The Big Three are once again making profits, mostly off the backs of the UAW membership.

A co-worker once asked me if we could impeach Mr. King. Maybe if we had a REAL democratic union we might be able to.

While King and others at Solidarity House voted themselves a big pay raise at last summer's convention, many of the plant chairmen are enjoying benefits that the rank and file were forced to give up. Two plant chairmen that I know of still get their "contractual" overtime; able to work every Holiday with some even getting pay-in lieu for unused vacation/ea time. Odd, considering that they forced the rank and file to give up pay in lieu. Then there's the story of the Shop Committee that held a Christmas party and invited Ford CEO, Alan Mulally not bothering to invite their own membership.

Our Chairman put out a flier announcing a going away party *for our Plant President/Manager*, but doesn't recognize his retiring members in any of his reports! He was even caught asking for, and receiving, a company car for the weekends!

As far as organizing the foreign automakers, I agree with Brother Gary Walkowicz at Local 600 who said, "Turn back the concessions and give people a reason to want to join the UAW."

Thinking back, I don't recall voting on re-opening the contract for the concessions. Is it not our right to vote on re-opening contracts under our CONSTITUTION?

We need to make our union a TRUE Democratic Union! We do that by electing delegates willing to force the issue of ONE MAN – ONE VOTE for International leadership at the next Constitutional Convention.

Jeff Brown, UAW 3000 Member