



West Gorton Group

15 September 2003

Health & Safety reps:

Norman Renwick, Phil Tepper, Mike Bamford, Chris Gardner, Andy C Smith, Ian Allinson, Chris Morton, Zahid Ramzan, Lucy McGrother, Patrick Hayes, Paul Marsland, Alan Jenney, Dennis Morris, Tony Griffin

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Messages of support and protest (part 4)

Donations received in connection with the dispute:

From	Sum	For
Harji Panchani	£20	Dispute
MSF Thames Valley IT	£1250	Recruitment Initiative
Manchester Gazette Group	£25	Dispute
Clarence Jackman	£5	Dispute
South East Manchester Socialist Alliance	£10	Dispute
MSF Tyneside Engineering 0207	£100	Dispute
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MSF East Scotland Technology	£100	Recruitment Initiative
MSF North-West Region	£1000	Recruitment initiative
MSF Chadderton 991	£75	Dispute
Manchester Socialist Party	£28.54	Dispute
MSF UISL Liverpool 234	£25	Dispute
UNISON Mcr Community & Mental Health	£400	Dispute
MSF London Computer Staffs	£100	Dispute

Hello to all Amicus members and all staff at MAN05.
 Good luck with the action on Monday. I hope that you get a great turn out and lots of coverage.
 I have taken Monday off as leave (I have a good reason as well). I hope this may also add small contribution, as I work in a support desk and this may help with an attempt to transfer work from MAN05 to STE09 during the course of the day. I'll be thinking of you all, and keeping an eye on the news most the day.
 Trevor Palmer, STE09

Good luck for Monday
 I've emailed all my union and political contacts to try and get support.
 John Garvani, WAK01

I'm really sorry that the Company hasn't yet understood the importance of the issues you are raising, and that you are having to take industrial action. Nobody wants that. But you do have to take it, and I wish you every success.
 Regards
 Robert Dimmick, STN02

Fraternal greetings and all the very best for Monday 15th.
 Unity is strength.
 Regards
 Craig Stuart
 Amicus Regional Learning Organiser
 East Midlands Region

On behalf of the Ulster Community and Hospitals Trust UNISON Branch, may I wish you and your members all the best for the course of action that you now have to take to take on Monday.

May I also thank you and your committee for standing together to protect the rights of the non union members at Fujitsu.

Best of luck to you and all the staff for Monday.

Philip McCann

Please convey warmest solidarity greetings to all your members from NATFHE - college lecturers union - at MANCAT.

fraternally,

Geoff Brown
Branch Secretary

Well done on your success so far and good luck with the rest of the dispute

Cheers

Jon Tennison (TUC Learning Services Southern & Eastern Region)

I looked at your website last week, I wish I could match it technically!

Many thanks for your message of support and offer of assistance. I will pass the message on to the membership and to my colleagues in GMB who are also involved in this action. It will be useful in focussing the memberships minds as we head towards our next big day of action on September 5th.

Best wishes and good luck in your struggle,

Lee Jeavons
Amicus
Rhodia, Oldbury

Fraternal greetings!

I speak in a personal capacity, but aim to air your dispute at our next branch (where I will suggest a suitable donation to your fund).

I wish you well in your fight against derecognition. It would seem that we have more "rights" but are under attack like never before.

I speak as the chair of Amicus at Rhodia, Oldbury. We are involved in a pensions dispute of our own (which may have other implications for the union locally) and I am sure many of our members would identify with your predicament.

For info on our dispute check out:
www.rhodiastrike.org.uk

all the best!

Lee Jeavons
Chair, Oldbury Amicus (MSF)

Hi Ian,

We saw the email from Ms Swaine & noticed that she had not given credit to this change of heart to the union action, without which we are sure no such improvement in T & C's would have been forthcoming.

Good luck with the remainder of your claim, you know I consider myself a moderate trade unionist, I have worked through periods when I felt unions wielded too much power (this has never been the case within ICL), now the pendulum has swung the other way, with management all too often taking a high handed stance which will probably result in more of the workforce eventually joining unions to redress the imbalance; I look forward to the day when management & ourselves can work in partnership for a fair and equitable solution for the benefit of both the company and us.

Regards Doug Telford, HMC02

Best wishes and good luck if/when you do have to take action

Regards

Dave Badminton

Well done and best of luck tomorrow.

Regards
Danny Gillespie

Ian.

you have more than enough to read and to do already. I just wanted you to know I'll be with you in spirit if not in body

Bob Slipper

in solidarity and all the best
alf filer
Brent Harrow Socialist Alliance

Dear Amicus Fujitsu workers,

Thank you very much for your information. I would like to applaud your struggle. I suppose all the workers in Fujitsu are having hard days. Recently in Japan, Fujitsu has come famous for its performance based wage system which make workers nervous breakdown. There are some small disputes, I think.

In Kawasaki factory of Fujitsu, (I was working near the factory), all rooftops of the facilities were closed recently to avoid workers' from jumping and killing themselves. The number of employees' suicides is increasing. Workers are exhausted. In Britain, Japanese management should know that it is unforgivable to ignore trade unions and breach agreements.
S.Hikita

Comrades

May I extend my congratulations to you all on your Ballot Results. Our Branch has been watching this Dispute with interest and offered its support in June. I will report your current position at our next branch meeting. In the meantime I wish good luck and hope the company takes this as a warning and engages in meaningful negotiations to resolve this dispute.

Jane Stewart Levers 9704

Dear Colleagues

I have read your website with a lot of interest and am very disturbed by what has been happening at your workplace.

The employer's actions are reprehensible. It is an obscene way to treat staff in the 21st century and I fully support your actions as union members to defend your right to organise and fight against these draconian measures.

When the legislation was ratified covering recognition, trade unionists everywhere denounced it as being 'watered down' and extremely biased in favour of the employer. The Labour government continues to refuse to implement fully European legislation on redundancy notice and employment rights for workers. I think what you are doing at Fujitsu should be applauded by every trade unionist up and down the country and I would be grateful if you could keep me informed of your progress and in particular the result of the ballot that ends today.

Fraternally yours

Craig Stuart
Amicus Regional Learning Organiser
East Midlands Region

Message of support from Amicus, MSF Section, Wembley-Hendon 640 branch. This has been circulated to our officers and can be regarded as a joint statement by the officers of the branch.

Please let me know if we can help support your efforts to secure a fair resolution of this dispute.

In solidarity,

Ben Rickman
Secretary
Amicus, Wembley-Hendon 640 branch

"We deplore the anti-union stance by Fujitsu, West Gorton, management. We support the pay claim submitted by the union on behalf of their members and call on the Company to respect all agreements with Amicus.

We hope that a strike will not be necessary to press these points home, but we will give such a strike our fullest support.

You have our best wishes for a full and speedy settlement of this important dispute."