

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF MY DARN UNION

I recently read in the newspaper that employees of a Seattle Washington store voted to decertify their union. A leader of the decertification Campaign said, "Unions want my money, and we have to say 'no'."

ALL I GET FOR THESE MONTHLY DUES IS:

- **I must accept a good medical and dental coverage plan that my employer pays for.**
- **If I am called in early on my shift or on a weekend, I must accept three hours pay for call time, plus time and a half pay for all hours worked on a weekend.**
- **I must take seven weeks vacation after 20 years with the company, fully paid.**
- **I must have seniority rights that move me up the progression ladder in a fair and just manner.**
- **I am forced to have a good grievance procedure so that I must be treated fairly by management.**
- **I am forced by my darn union to work in a safe, healthy environment. I also cannot believe how our pushy Uniion is going to force a good, company paid pensions on me when I retire.**
- **My union is also very democratic and regularly asks for my input.**
- **What is wrong with you union leaders anyway, running a union like this?**
- **My union leadership tells me that I am the union. Some nerve, huh? Who do they think they are anyway?**
- **Unions are terrible, that's for sure. I think I'll contact the labour board and see if I can get my union decertified. I am sick and tired of the union doing all these things for me.**

Just think: when all of my benefits are gone and I am working for \$4.25 per hour, at least I won't have to pay any more lousy union dues. Ken Springs is a member of Local 580, Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers in Longview, Washington. He wrote this editorial in response to an article on decertifying unions in the Seattle Post Intelligencer. The newspaper refused to print his response, but we're glad to publish it here.