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SFL: Stamp Out Racism

March 21st is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. On this day, the labour movement pledges to “stamp out racism” in workplaces and communities.

“Unions have always worked to end racial discrimination, primarily through education and awareness. In 2007 we will continue to educate our members about the devastating effects of racism and to build solidarity among workers from every ethnic background,” says President Larry Hubich.

“We have serious concerns about the increasing exploitation of temporary, foreign workers from outside Canada, specifically related to issues of fair compensation, health and safety, and appropriate immigration procedures. Unions across the country are fighting to ensure that all workers are protected under proper labour legislation, including minimum labour standards, the right to unionize, and fundamental human rights in the workplace. We must put an end to practices that lead to systemic racism in Canadian workplaces,” adds Hubich.

Unions, in co-operation with government, will also continue to take a lead in promoting and building a representative workforce. The SFL will be putting major resources in the upcoming year towards initiatives that create inclusive and diverse workforces in Saskatchewan.

“Aboriginal peoples and the labour movement need to have open and ongoing dialogue so that together we can find ways to increase the meaningful participation of Aboriginal workers in our economy. We are very excited about upcoming representative workforce initiatives that will accomplish this goal,” adds Darwin Delorme, SFL Aboriginal Vice-President and Chair of the SFL Aboriginal Committee.

The SFL represents over 93,500 unionized workers from 35 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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