#### Wage Increases Since 1967

1968	4%
1969	4%
1970	70c
1971	7.5%
1972	7.5%
1973	6%
1974	27c
1975	4% +75c
1976	8%
1977	9%
1978	75c
1979	73c
1980	5%
1981	10.5%
1982	9%
1983	90c
1984	20c
1985	35c
1986	\$1000
1987	2% + \$1000
1988	30c
1989	3% +\$900
1990	80c
1991	5%
1992	4.5%
1993	3.5%
1994	3%
1995	70c
1996	40c
1997	2.5%
1998	3.5%
1999	3.5%
2000	3.5%
2001	3.5%
2002	85c
2003	3.5%
2004	3.7%
2005	4%
2006	3.5% +\$1500
2007	3.5%
2008	3.7%

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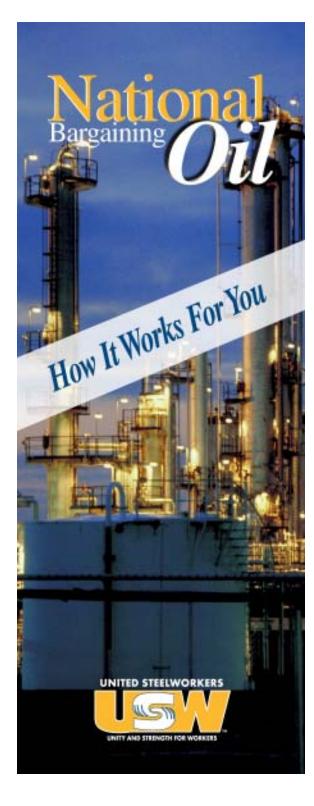
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## **Building Power**

USW National Oil Bargaining 2008

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## **Union Density =**

Power to Deal Effectively with Global Oil Giants

#### Union Density and National Oil Bargaining

National Bargaining has benefited oil workers, union and non-union, even though the latter aren't involved in the process. It has also given oil companies labor stability.

Labor unions represent workers who process 77% of all throughput in the United States. The USW represents a huge majority of those workers. Union density is defined as the percentage of union representation within an industry or a company.

#### \*77% UNION DENSITY\*

There are still issues that oil workers everywhere have to fight for to make them change. We have a 77% chance of being powerful enough to be successful. Every time we increase our union density, we build power to deal more effectively with the most powerful corporations in the world.

### **Advantages of National Bargaining**

✓ Oil workers improve their standard of living dramatically through nationwide collective bargaining.

 $\checkmark$  One of the highest paid professions in the United States.

 $\checkmark$  Strikes were conducted to get current health and safety provisions.

✓ Common expiration dates of union contracts add power to oil bargaining.

 $\checkmark$  Membership must approve contracts as well as strikes.

 $\checkmark$  Successorship language in union contracts preserves jobs, wages and benefits when facilities are bought and sold. ✓ Oil industry makes record profits with 77% of the throughput run by USW and other labor unions.

 $\checkmark$  Oil industry pays industry standard (or more) on wages and benefits at its nonunion refineries because the USW sets the industry standard.



#### **Contractual Gains**

- 1967—Rate Retention & 25% Shift Premium.
- 1971—Non-Contributory Pensions & Extra Paid Holiday.
- 1973—First Health & Safety Clauses.
- 1975—Additional Paid Holiday.
- 1977—125% Shift Premium.
- 1979—30 Yrs. = 6 Weeks Vacation.
- 1982—Life Insurance Improvements.

- 1990—\$250,000 Death Benefit for Workplace Deaths.
- 1993—Company-Paid Health & Safety Training.
- 1997— Successorship Language.
- 2002— 50% Shift Premium/Increased Death Benefit to \$500,000/Job Security Provisions.
- No Retrogression in all of the Above.