

Hay River and Fort Smith May 10

A strong picket line was up at 5:30 this morning. We were fortunate to have full strength of the available members plus Jess Howie and Paul Betsina from Yellowknife on our line. MariaEva Villate and Louise Casselman walked the line with us while waiting for their flight to return to Yellowknife. There were strong words of encouragement from MariaEva regarding the courageous members.

Security goons once again did their filming through the airport window. Although the oppression in Colombia is so atrocious, MariaEva was horrified that we were being filmed as that is **not** allowed in Colombia!!! Go figure???

The airport manager will be contacting the Yellowknife airport in relation to allowing the security goons to film inside the airport there as I advised him that they were not allowed to do that in Yellowknife.

Morale is high and the increase to strike pay is very much appreciated. We cheered the fact that there were **Zero** scabs identified going in to the mine. Scab, Mark Leblanc arrived on the commercial flight this morning.

A "solidarity knows no bounds" poster was autographed by all the members on the line and their spouses and was presented along with a "If provoked we will strike" T shirt and a diamond workers hat, to MariaEva who spoke strong heartfelt words of encouragement .

Fort Smith had one scab cross their picket line. Bernard(Butch) White crossed and went in to the mine.