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Unifor stands up for union democracy in Mexico, the Regina refinery shows why we need scab laws, Unifor stands with Indigenous communities in this difficult time, Newfoundland budget a step backward, read Unifor's vaccines statement, don't believe Facebook's ruse, and check our video playlist from Asian History Month.

 **WHAT'S HOT**



 **TAKE ACTION**



Watch Jerry Dias takes a rapid test for COVID-19. It quick and painless and he encourages workplace testing, as long as employers provide paid sick time for quarantine for anyone who tests positive.

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Register for the webinar “COVID-19 and today’s class war” as workers from across North America discuss how pandemic exposed just how much society values profit over people, whether in the form of forced evictions, lack of paid sick days, no access to life-saving PPE, preventable deaths and more.

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## IN THE NEWS



Jerry Dias takes part in a Mexican media conference about union democracy at a GM plant in Mexico, calling for strong action to ensure a fair vote among workers fighting to unionize.

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The discovery of the remains of 215 children on Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc territory is shocking but not surprising for a residential school system world-renowned for abuse and torture.

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Unifor was present at the 59-hour inter-union watch held to challenge Bill 59. Several local sections responded to the call and were present throughout the three days of protest before the National Assembly against health and safety changes in the bill.

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Sign up for Unifor's webinar to hear from academics and representatives of the Jewish and Palestinian communities to find out more about the situation in Gaza, and how you can help.

June is National Indigenous History Month. Find out how Unifor members can contribute.

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"The use of scabs tips the balance of power, and it really left us without many options," said Nathan Kraemer, President of Local 594 in this case study about the lockout at the Co-op Refinery that amplifies the urgent need for anti-scab legislation.

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The Newfoundland and Labrador spring budget starts the process to slash services, privatize key services, and fire-sale assets under the guise of debt reduction.

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Unifor's NEB adopts statement on vaccine certificates and considerations to guide the reopening of Canada's economy.

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Local 112 members at the Delta Airport and W Hotels ratify new agreements, delivering strong job security provisions, extend recall rights, improve benefits, and introduce Racial Justice Advocate positions.

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Don't fall for Facebook's ruse in reaching a deal with select media outlets. The company is still not doing the right thing, Jerry Dias and Daniel Bernhard of Friends of Canadian Broadcasting argue in the Toronto Star.

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Unifor Local 112 and 673 members at the Bombardier Downsview plant delivered a strong strike mandate over the weekend as the union ramps up negotiations with the employer.

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 **RESOURCES**



Throughout May we celebrated Asian Heritage Month. Our Unifor members shared stories of pride and the importance of combatting anti-Asian hate through unity and education. For a recap, watch our playlist: #HateisaVirus

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It's been a decade now that workers have been fighting for \$15 and fairness. The 2021 federal budget finally announced a \$15 minimum wage. Unifor's NavJeet Sidhu argues a fair wage is more like \$18.65 in his latest research blog.

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