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Dakota Access Pipeline

As construction began on the Dakota Access Pipeline through territory sacred to the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, Native Americans from across North America began an escalating campaign against it. But the Dakota Access Pipeline has become an issue of contention within organized labor. When a small group of unions supported the Standing Rock Sioux and opposed the pipeline, AFL-CIO president Richard Trumka issued a statement discounting Native American claims and urging that work on the pipeline resume. Other constituencies within labor quickly cracked back. Why has this become a divisive issue within labor, and can it have a silver lining for a troubled labor movement?

Read

["Dakota Access Pipeline and the Future of American Labor"](#) by Jeremy Brecher and LNS.

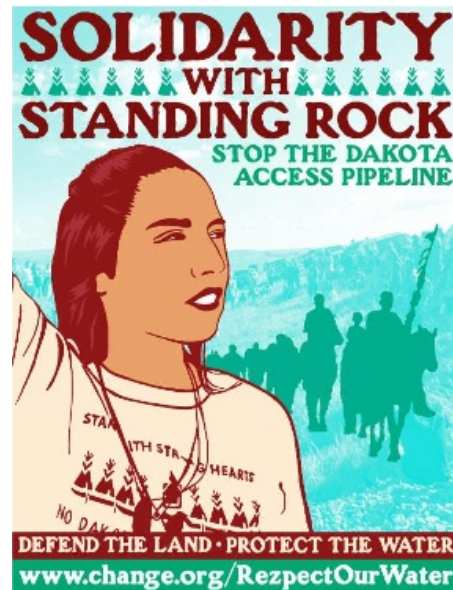
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to the Equal Time Radio podcast: ["Dakota Access Pipeline & the Future of American Labor"](#)

Climate Workers has drafted a sample resolution on the pipeline for local unions:

Read the resolution ([Here](#))

And the SEIU has also released a statement in support of the Standing Rock Sioux's work to obstruct the Dakota Access Pipeline which can be read in full ([Here](#))



Sweet Lorain Release

LNS' own Joe Uehlein of the *U-Liners* has just released their new album *Sweet Lorain*. The *U-Liners* are an Americana band featuring a mix of acoustic and electric instruments and a blend of bluegrass, rock, country, folk, swing, and more. Sweet harmonies and powerful vocal presentations feature male and female voices. *Sweet Lorain* is an Americana concept album featuring a collection of new original songs that have something to say about the world around us. *The U-Liners*, now in the 14th year together, have been described as Woody Guthrie meets Merle Haggard meets Jerry Garcia. They practice the art of root-rock music and songs of our time.



The album features *You Can't GiddyUp By Sayin' Whoa!*, a western swing upbeat fun song, which reminds us that we need to get busy solving some big problems like income inequality and climate change. The title track, *Sweet Lorain*, is about Lorain, Ohio and is where Joe's story starts. *Water For Gold* tells of Marcello Rivera, assassinated for protesting the destruction of the water supply by gold mining companies from the North. *Morning Song* invites us all into human solidarity. And *Voices* tells us that the voices of the future are calling back to us and asking that we might see beyond our own time.

The album is available for purchase ([Here](#)).

LABOR CONVERGENCE ON CLIMATE

In January 2016 LNS brought together 75 labor movement leaders and activists for the first Labor Convergence on Climate. ([Click here](#)) for more on the Convergence.



Here is a sampling of recent activities by Convergence supporters:

Machinists Union

In early September, 1,200 delegates of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers passed a resolution to make the fight against climate change a priority for the union. Hear an interview with John Harrity, president of the Connecticut State Council of Machinists, who initiated the resolution.

[Machinists Union Resolution Making the Fight Against Climate Change a Priority](#)

Read the resolution ([Here](#))

American Postal Workers Union

In August the American Postal Workers Union passed a resolution on "Climate Change, Jobs, and Justice."

Read the resolution ([Here](#))

Unions Supporting Divestment from Fossil Fuels

More than twenty local, state, and national unions in the United States and Canada have decided to divest from fossil fuels or have active campaigns to do so. Download a listing of who they are and what they are doing. ([Here](#))

LNS's Climate, Jobs, and Justice Project presents a series of reports designed to lay out a worker-friendly pathway to climate protection. Our Clean Energy Future reports show how the U.S. can get to an 80% reduction in greenhouse gasses by 2050 while creating a lot of new jobs in construction and manufacturing.



For a new synthesis of this material read: Jeremy Brecher's "[Jobs, Justice, and the Clean-Energy Future](#)" in *Dollars and Sense*.

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JUST TRANSITION

Iron and Earth is an initiative by Canadian oilsands workers committed to building their country's energy future. They call for training oil sands workers in renewable energy. And they have launched new projects that are creating new clean energy jobs. To learn more, [visit them here](#).



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