



## LOCAL 2-21 C.A.T. Letter

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If I had to sum up the day in a few words I would say that it went OK. While I don't have anything earth shattering to report, I will tell you that we had some candid conversations about our concerns (pertaining to the company's January 18<sup>th</sup> proposal) as well as getting some answers to questions we had related to the economic package. I'm pleased to report that the company will not be revisiting the economic package meaning the 2% wage increase and \$1 on the pension per year are still there. They told us the last quarter saw an increase in the paper business which obviously is good news for all of us.

When we weren't at the table with the company, we were working on a proposal to present to them. This turned out to be quite difficult as we are nearing the end of negotiations and at this point things get grouped together which requires a lot of thought and participation by the entire committee. Besides our International Rep Sally Feistel, our District Director Mike Bolton was here to assist us and was a big help. Mike had some good input that will help with our proposal.

We are scheduled to meet again on Friday at which time we will present our proposal and hopefully get closer to getting this contract buttoned up. I'm sure you are all getting as tired of this as we are. With any luck we may have something to bring to you in the near future.

Even though there wasn't a lot to report from today's negotiations, I felt we would put this CAT letter out as I know many of you were curious about today's progress. Thanks for being so patient and hopefully I'll see many of you at the union meeting.

Thank you for your support.

In Solidarity,

Bryon Branstrom