BOYCOTT COLT FIREARMS

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Once upon a time, Colt Industries had a worldwide reputation as a builder of quality firearms. During the rough-and-tumble days of the Western frontier, Colt pistols settled so many disputes that they were known as "the law".

These firearms have been made for over 50 years by members of UAW Local 376 in Connecticut. But now Colt has apparently decided it no longer needs the skills and experience those union members bring to their jobs.

Colt has abandoned a loyal and dedicated workforce. Because of unfair concession demands by the highly profitable company, members of Local 376 went out on strike on January 24, 1986, after working for ten months without a contract.

Colt has turned its back on the city of Hartford. In 1986, Colt asked for city and state funds to help renovate a factory. Hartford officials asked the company to guarantee jobs for local residents in exchange, but Colt refused this simple opportunity to give taxpayers their money's worth.

Because of Colt's anti-labor actions, federal and state officials have supported UAW Local 376 in this labor dispute. In September of 1986, the Hartford Office of the National Labor Relations Board issued a complaint accusing Colt of unfair labor practices.

In October of 1986, the state of Connecticut Labor Department ruled that the dispute was a lockout, following an unconditional offer by the union to return to work. And in January of 1987, because of the ongoing labor dispute, the Connecticut General Assembly urged the U.S. Congress to ban further government purchases of Colt firearms.

Please don't buy Colt products. Now, the AFL-CIO has called for a nationwide boycott of Colt consumer products. The Federation and 1,100 Colt workers are asking firearms users to stay away for Colt products until the company agrees to settle this dispute.

Members of UAW Local 376 want to go back to their jobs--and back to making quality products for Colt Industries. Give them some ammunition. Don't buy Colt firearms.

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