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NABET-CWA TO CONDUCT RALLY IN SUPPORT OF LAID OFF WORKERS AT CNN

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On February 4, 2004, at 7pm, the night of CNN's unveiling of their new facilities in New York City, NABET-CWA will be conducting a rally in front of the newly built Time-Warner/CNN Headquarters at Columbus Circle (59th & 8th Avenue) in Manhattan to demonstrate against CNN's union busting of loyal union-represented employees at their New York News Bureau.

NABET-CWA historically represented the technicians who were hired through sub-contractors throughout the years at CNN. In a show of mean-spirited penny-pinching to cut costs, CNN Executives cancelled the contract with the sub-contractor and terminated the employment of a little under half of the union workforce; many of whom were long-term loyal employees.

CNN Executives have rebuffed NABET-CWA's attempt to have them recognize the union as the representative of the technical employees in spite of the fact that CNN hired over 50% of the sub-contractors employees. "CNN Executives decision to try and keep CNN union-free not only shows disloyalty to the workforce that was loyal and trusting through the years, it also reeks of union-busting tactics so common in today's workplace" said NABET-CWA Local 51011 President Edward McEwan.

NABET-CWA has sent notices to all unions in the city of New York requesting their support and invited them to attend the rally. Politicians have also been sent letters advising them of the current situation and asking them to refrain from giving interviews.

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