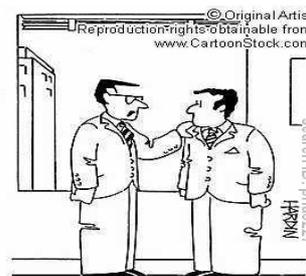


RMT Unity is Strength STRATFORD NO.1

THE TIME IS RIGHT :
ONE UNION FOR ALL



144 ticket offices and 1,200 jobs under threat as Boris Johnson rips up manifesto pledge on tube cuts.

In the first phase of LUL's "Operational Services Review" - management code for the cuts machinery - savage reductions are being proposed across the tube network. Only main terminals will retain a full ticket office function, smaller central stations will have ticket offices open at peak times with the remainder - 144 stations - reduced to ticket machines only. Station staff numbers will be reduced by up to 1,200 with RMT warning that safety and security of the travelling public will be seriously compromised as LU drive towards unmanned operation of stations. An interim report on the planned cuts is expected before Christmas with implementation by April 2010.

"The job cuts planned for underground stations would leave passengers dangerously exposed in the event of an emergency and would ratchet up the dangers for the public, particularly women, travelling late at night. It is clear from these plans that LU bosses are pushing towards unmanned operation of stations regardless of the risks. "RMT will mobilise a campaign to stop these cuts and this union will take whatever action is required to defend our members jobs and a safe and efficient service for the travelling public. The pressure is now on Boris Johnson to stick to his word and ensure that this plan is ditched."

HAINAULT STATION: UNDER-STAFFING LEADS TO ASSAULTS

London Underground's under-staffing of Hainault station has led to assaults on station staff.

On Thursday 3 December, a Supervisor and a CSA were assaulted while dealing with the last trains, at a time when the station runs with minimum numbers and where staff have no access to a place of safety.

Staff feel particularly vulnerable on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and on this occasion it took four Metropolitan police officers to arrest the assailant.

Local RMT representative Martin Sharpe, one of those assaulted, said: "We have raised this issue with the GSM before, but no action has been taken. After this latest incident, RMT will raise this at all levels with the company, insisting that staff are not left alone late at night and that more pressure is put on the BTP on these stations. With under-staffing, all staff are vulnerable to assault, and even one assault is one too many".

COMPANY PLAN MK2

Without a shadow of a doubt we are staring down the barrel of a new Company Plan shotgun. The company can call it anything they like, but it will be a new company plan. The threat to us is definite and unambiguous, Broadway is building up a head of steam, but its not a done deal, we must stand together, if your union can not or will not fight for you, then your in the wrong union.

The RMT is proud of our aggressive stance when we have to defend ourselves. We will not allow our members to get ripped off. Defending ourselves to the fullest of our ability is something to be proud of.

So what's next in Johnsons grand plan? Pensions perhaps ?....well the law is on his side, if the pension plan goes deep into the red, the law states that the plan has to have enough assets to cover all future liabilities. If this cant be done, then Boris will have a crack at closing the scheme to all new entrants. Then a few years later, he will close the scheme to everyone, just like Barclays.