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WOW what a show of solidarity! I can't tell you how proud I was today to be the President of Local 707. I have not seen a show of strength and unity like that in a long long time. I must apologize to the B-shift for not having the megaphone with me. I think the leadership was taken aback by the number of people that rallied today at Bloor Street. We were expecting some good numbers but due to the short time frame we had to organize this rally we were not sure how many people had received the message.

The strength and solidarity was so strong with the B-shift on days we decided to keep the momentum going and deliver the same message to the A-shift on nights. The turnout on the A-shift was just as fantastic as that of the B-shift. I realize it was almost impossible for the Body, Paint, and MSC departments to attend but am hoping the message has spread to you members as well. For those of you that could not hear myself or Brother Bob Scott speak we will be better prepared in the future. I am certain we have sent a strong message to Ford that we will not tolerate the company bastardizing our collective agreement. This was our work and we are demanding compensation.

The master bargaining team has asked for a high level meeting with Dearborn and it was confirmed today that we will meet Monday morning in London. I will keep the membership informed of the progress we are making as we move forward.

On a final note, I cannot stress how important it is to stay strong and united as we move forward into bargaining. The company will do their best to try and drive a wedge between the membership and the leadership, but after the show of strength and solidarity we all witnessed today I am confident that won't be an issue. Again, I can't say enough about the membership of local 707 and on behalf of the entire leadership we would like to thank you for your overwhelming support. I hope to see you all at the April 17th membership meeting.

In Solidarity
Dave Thomas
President Unifor Local 707

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