SUTTER’S LIES

In bargaining today, management continued their pattern of refusing to provide any information justifying their massive takeaway proposals. Over and over we have heard Sutter’s excuses for why they don’t need any justification other than their word for how bad things are.

When we challenged their deceptive ad in the June 13 SF Chronicle, in which they repeated the claim that the average nurse will have a pension of $84,000 per year, they declined to justify their lies. We pointed out that their own explanation of how they came up with that number assumed that there would be no takeaways, and a 4% annual increase every year between now and 2024. When we asked if that was their new proposal, they said, “No, it’s only an ad.”

In management’s latest attempt to scare and discourage nurses and techs from striking and resisting Sutter’s takeaway proposals, they sent CNA a vague notice threatening layoffs. When we demanded more detail, they refused to provide any information, stating that they were not prepared to deal with that issue today. They have repeatedly lied to the public, to RNs and techs, and to other staff. How is this any different?

We offered to withdraw the strike notice for July 3 if Sutter withdraws their takeaway proposals. Needless to say, they refused. But our offer remains open. At the end of the day, management said they would not have any information or new proposals for us tomorrow, so the scheduled bargaining session was cancelled. At this point our next bargaining sessions are set for July 11 and 12.

Picketing is scheduled for 0700-1900 on July 3; it’s important that we all picket that day. Please also bring your friends and family for an early Independence Day celebration.

Check the CNA hotline (510-433-2798) for the latest information; stay strong and stay united.

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