

The Seven Thousand

The Dramatic 2002 Contract Fight of Seven Thousand Chicago Hotel Workers



In the Fall of 2002 Chicago hotel workers (members of HERE Local 1 and Local 450) threatened the first hotel strike ever in Chicago history, right on the eve of the big convention season. *Labor Beat* follows all the key episodes in this dramatic showdown that involved not only the united labor movement and the hotel and convention industry, but Governor Ryan of Illinois and AFL-CIO President Sweeney. An exciting confrontation over the negotiating table that had the whole city biting its nails, and which ended in a victory for the workers. A positive story about what happens when below-living-wage workers flex their muscles with sound strike preparation techniques. "Hotel management didn't know what hit 'em." Video is 23 minutes.



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