



Offices went from paper records to computerized records, **Office automation soon took over and thousands of persons were laid off.** Computerized manufacturing, **outsourcing and off shoring** (sending jobs to other countries with cheaper labor) gradually **became the norm.** Rather than support local families by allowing themselves employers found they could make bigger profits by off shoring. **CEOs often demanded bigger and bigger salaries.** Look at Kmart. They should have gone on forever with a good customer base and solid business. **But the executives got greedy** and kept giving themselves bigger and bigger raises and golden parachutes. Soon the company could no longer make a profit so they used their golden multimillion dollar parachute to retire to million dollar homes in Florida. They hired another crook who paid himself millions while dismembering and selling off the company. Oh they forgot one big thing, their duty to their loyal workers whom they cheated, laid off and figuratively stomped on. Thousands of families suffered. Working people were fed up with being exploited. They demanded equal and fair treatment. Their opinion is that No CEO or other officer of an organization should be allowed to receive more

than 10 times the rate of the lowest paid employee. **The greed continued all over the world.**

Corporations put profit above worker welfare. Governments and companies expanded adding many high paying jobs, many with benefits earning over 100,000 a year while laying off workers. **Soon the working class became the forgotten class.** Even school districts were paying excessive salaries, yet demanding tax millages from citizens half of which were near the poverty line. Superintendents were often making 100,000 to 300,000 a year. A local school manager just got a contract for himself for 1.5 Million Dollars over 3 years. Meanwhile he wants teachers to take pay cuts. **Michigan lost over 600,000 jobs.** Warren was in financial crisis yet many were paid salaries of over 100,000 with benefits. DTE began putting in meters that monitor citizens utility usage 24 hours a day and report that via radio transmitter. This effectively caused layoffs. How were these men supposed to support their families? **A large part of the workforce was unemployed.** Many moved out of the state. Our college graduates were leaving Warren as there was almost no work here, for many not even enough to work thru college. There were **anti-corporate-greed, anti-banker-greed** and anti-wall-street-greed demonstrations nationwide. Working people had had it with being taken advantage of. It got that way because they did not keep informed and take action. Page 112