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**NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR
WORKERS KILLED OR INJURED ON THE JOB**



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19th century coal miners carried a canary to tell if the air in the shafts was fit to breathe. If the oxygen was low or coal gases were at a dangerous level the bird would be the first to react and warn the workers to get out. The canary saved many lives and has become a symbol for worker's health and safety.

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20 years ago, the Canadian Labour Congress established the Day of Mourning. Since then, we have made gains: better laws and regulations, legislated employer accountability, and better collective agreement provisions. Still, every year, hundreds die and thousands are injured. **We need to do more**. The struggle continues...

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