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Getting to the nitty gritty with the elections now, still being inundated with more and more information and rumors... Still, all you need to do is look at your family and all they mean to you to make a decision. The right decision is the protection and welfare of your family and all of the working families in America. Our right to organize and take collective action in righting wrongs against workers and our hard-won wages and benefits is in jeopardy now as much as in the past. Here in the 19<sup>th</sup> episode of "CWA History – A Brief Review" we hear about a couple of instances.

### **1966: Public Worker Organizing**

**The 5000 member Municipal Management Society came into CWA and became Local 1180. Between 1966 and 1980, CWA organized the parking enforcement agents and the Board of Elections workers in New York City as well as 15,000 welfare, city and county workers in New Jersey.**

### **1968: First National Strike Since 1947, Full Health Care Premium**

**1968 brought the first national strike against the Bell System since 1947. Some 200,000 CWA telephone workers walked out because AT&T refused to agree to wage increases that would meet the rise in the cost of living. The strike lasted 18 days with AT&T ultimately agreeing to a raise in wages and benefits totaling nearly 20 percent over a 3- year period.**

Keep this in mind as we quickly approach the April 2009 contract expiration with AT&T. Know how important it is to stay together in our common goals. Focus is critical and solidarity the weapon we have available to beat AT&T and it's big money/big business attitude...

Put the right people in the White House and we are one step closer to successful contract negotiations, let the wrong people get in and see where we stand in April, with little or no hope of winning what we deserve.

Plan to win and win the plan...

Contact CWA Local 4340 for information on how you can help at 216-635-4340 or at [mobilize4340@aol.com](mailto:mobilize4340@aol.com). Check back frequently for updates and previous issues of "CWA History – A Brief Review" on the website at [cwa4340.org](http://cwa4340.org).

Tell your friends, Let's get it together!

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