

Obama's Crowning Achievement

Over Labor Day Weekend 2004, Barack Obama spoke to Machinists in Galesburg, IL, who were fighting to keep the Maytag factory open.

Obama, who was running for U.S. Senate at the time, spoke about the advantages of free trade. Machinists thought that odd as their jobs were headed for Reynosa, Mexico. But they gave him the benefit of the doubt.

Little did they know that Barack Obama was using them.

Long before he climbed onto that Galesburg stage, Barack Obama accepted \$121,500 in campaign contributions from the Crown family, including Maytag's single largest stockholder, Lester Crown.

Starting in March 2003, Obama received campaign contributions from Paula Crown, Susan Crown, Rene Crown, Rebecca Crown, James Crown, Elizabeth Crown, Patricia Crown, William Crown and Steven Crown.

In August 2005, Whirlpool bought Maytag and the Crowns made out like bandits – netting over \$80 million from their 4.1 million shares.

To boost the value of Maytag shares, the board of directors ordered the Galesburg factory closed on Sept. 17, 2004.

What did Obama do to help? Nothing. He never lifted a finger to help those Galesburg Machinists nor those in Herrin, Illinois, either. His inaction defines his loyalty and his debt to the Crowns.

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