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## Iraqi Labor Leaders Tell Their Stories

Iraq now has a formidable labor movement.

Three of its representatives, two of whom had been imprisoned by Sadaam Hussein, were hosted by Local 1739 of DC 47 here this week.

They told their stories to a crowded room of labor leaders at the Pallet Restaurant in West Philadelphia, including AFL CIO President Pat Eiding, American Postal Workers Union Chair Art Doherty, UNITE-HERE Local 274's Stacey McCarthy, Building Trades Council President Pat Gillespie and DC 47's Tom Cronin.

The three are Adnan Rashed, executive officer of the Union of Mechanics, Printing, and Metal Workers, who was forced to live in Syria due to his opposition to Sadaam Hussein's Ba'ath Party; Hassan Juma Awad Al Asade, president of the

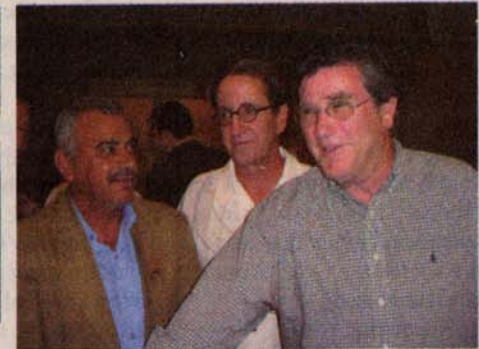
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## Iraqi Labor Leaders Hosted

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WELCOMING Iraqi union leaders to Philadelphia is Mark Whitlock of DC 47. In the picture are Translator Shakut Hammoujdeh, Adnan Rashed Whitlock, and Hassan Juma'a.



BUILDING TRADES Council president Pat Gillespie and Postal Workers Chief Art Doherty welcome Iraqi labor leaders.



DC 47's Tom Cronin exchanges a word of greetings with Iraqi Labor Leaders.



REP. MARK COHEN was on hand as well as local Labor leaders to hear what they thought of their Labor organizing efforts since the regime change.