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Workers aren't shown any loyalty, respect

A local company recently laid off 45 Decatur workers with no warning.

These layoffs are just the tip of the iceberg of the devastation of American families. According to the New York Times, IBM recently cut 4,600 jobs in the United States and Canada. Yet IBM maintains a work force of 113,000 in China, India, Russia and Brazil.

The job cuts raised issues of fairness to workers and their families. A worker's job is like grandfather's farm; it sustains the family. The bank could not take the family farm without fair warning and a chance to save it.

Men and women who devoted years of their lives for the success of the big boss were escorted by armed security guards from their desks or machines to the main gate.

That's what a worker gets in exchange for a lifetime of loyalty. But hey, it's nothing personal, just

business. Some business.

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