

# *Milestones in Labor History*

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**1981** - Professional Air Traffic Controllers (PATCO) begin nationwide strike against the Federal Aviation Administration.

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**1931** - Airline Pilots Association founded.

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**1970** - President Nixon signs the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970.

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**1935** - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs Social Security Act, and signs into law a bill to reduce hours of labor for postal employees from 44 to 40 hours per week.

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**1894** - Birthdate of George Meany, the American Federation of Labor president who helped facilitate the partnership with the Congress of Industrial Organizations to form the AFL-CIO. A plumber by trade, he became the first AFL-CIO president.

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**1827** - *Mechanics Gazette*, first U.S. labor paper was published in Philadelphia.

**1924** - Lloyd-Lafollette Act passed by Congress. It guaranteed postal workers the right to join associations which did not obligate them to engage in strikes, and the right of postal workers, either individually or collectively, to petition Congress.

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**1925** - A. Philip Randolph and a group of employees of the Pullman Company establish the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Union in New York City.

**1964** - Postal Press Association founded.

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**1948** - National Association of Post Office Mechanics & Maintenance Employees merged with National Association of Post Office Custodial Employees at Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**1935** - United Auto Workers founded.

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**1906** - First Convention, National Federation of Post Office Clerks, Chicago, Illinois.

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**1963** - Martin Luther King, Jr. makes his famous "I have a dream..." speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

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**1889** - National Association of Letter Carriers formed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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**1991** - 4,000 APWU members join 325,000 trade unionists for Solidarity Day '91 in Washington,