

Milestones in Labor History

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1918 - President Wilson signs into law a Post Office appropriation increasing entrance salary to \$1,000 a year and the maximum to \$1,500.

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1913 - Postal workers granted 8 hour day.

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1970 - Beginning of the first postal strike in U.S. history.

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1970 - Postal strike reaches peak involving more than 230,000 workers in 200 cities across the U.S. Back-to-work order rejected.

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1970 - President Nixon declares national emergency, orders 30,000 troops to New York City to break postal strike.

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1970 - Troops enter New York City post offices. Secretary of Labor advises unions negotiations will begin March 25.

1974 - Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) founded at a meeting of 3,000 women trade unionists from 58 labor organizations. The coalition was formed to promote equal rights and better wages and working conditions for women workers.

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1911 - Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire in New York City. Killed were 147 young workers, most of them Jewish and Italian immigrant women. The workers were locked in by their employer. The tragedy inspired new fire safety laws.

1970 - Postal strike ends. Tour 3 workers in New York City return to work following mass rally outside GPO after eight days on the picket lines.