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110 Years of Struggle AND Success

The Northwest Labor Press celebrates its anniversary on Labor Day

Portland unions in 1900 started the Labor Press because of the lack of coverage of labor activities by the commercial press. The Portland Federated Trades Assembly, the city's labor council of that era, announced in the new newspaper — the Portland Labor Press — that “the trade unions of this city have organized the Portland Labor Press Publishing Association ... in order to educate the wage-workers upon the various phases of the modern labor movement, as well as to strengthen, protect, and promote their interests. Its object is to publish a weekly paper ... and to give to the wage-workers, as well as the general public of this city and state, reliable information concerning the local as well as international labor movement.”

Today — a decade into its second century — the Labor Press pursues those same objectives.

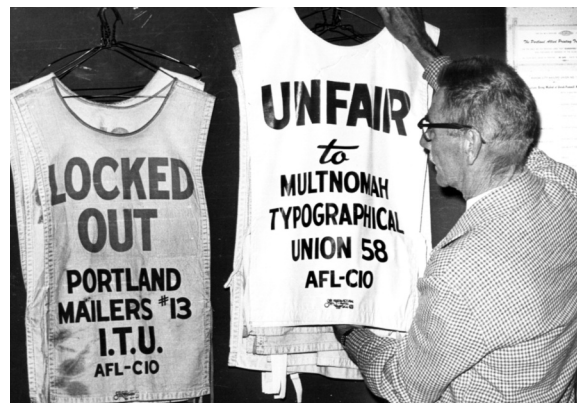
The Labor Press printed weekly for its first 81 years. In 1915 the newspaper's name was changed to Oregon Labor Press at the request of the Oregon State Federation of Labor. It was forced to go to twice-a-month frequency in 1982 to cope with a doubling of postage rates. In 1986 the logo was given the transitional name of Oregon/Washington Labor Press, and a year after that came the changeover to Northwest Labor Press — to reflect the newspaper's role as the only surviving provider of general labor news in the Pacific Northwest. It continues to publish semi-monthly on the first and third Fridays.

In the early days, Labor Press circulation hovered around 10,000. By age 50 it had broadened its reach to 25,000 households, with circulation peaking in 1975 at 69,000. Average circulation today is 52,000, although some issues go to as many as 69,000 households because of specialized local union newsletters that are attached to the newspaper. Articles are also published on the World Wide Web at www.nwlabourpress.org.

Throughout its lifetime, the Labor Press has been delivered by the all-union United States Postal Service as Second Class or periodical (time certain) mail.

Since its founding, the Labor Press has changed editors 13 times, but has had

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...Most early-day editors were from the printing trades

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only five editors since 1914.

The first editor was **H.B. Metcalf**, who held the job just two years. His union affiliation isn't known. Printer **H.G. Kundret** of Multnomah Typographical Union No. 58 came next. He left after three years because he'd been elected secretary-treasurer of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, which had been formed in 1902. Another printer, **R.A. Harris**, followed in the editor's chair, but his occupancy was short-lived because he supported Democrat William Jennings Bryan for president in 1908 in opposition to the labor council's choice, Republican William Howard Taft, who won.

Then came **H. J. Parkison**, a lawyer-carpenter who'd moved to Portland from California in 1905. He practiced law from an office in the Labor Temple and also was business manager of the Labor Press while Harris was editor. Parkison belonged to Carpenters Local 808, which later lost its identity in mergers.

Parkison once disguised himself as a hobo and succeeded in getting himself arrested for vagrancy in order to get an account of the conditions in the city jail.

After three years as editor, Parkison left the paper for other pursuits.

Clarence Mortimer Rynerson, another printer-editor member of Typographical No. 58, succeeded Parkison early in 1911, but ill health caused him to leave after only three months. However, he was to be heard from later. **William A. Marshall**, another printer, was the next editor. It was common in bygone decades for printers to also possess editorial skills. In fact, the International Typographical Union claimed organizing jurisdiction nationwide as being the logical union to represent the staffs of labor newspapers.

Editor Marshall was given the appellation "godfather of the state's workmens' compensation law" in recognition of his leadership in the initiative petition campaign that led to a ballot measure, approved by voters,

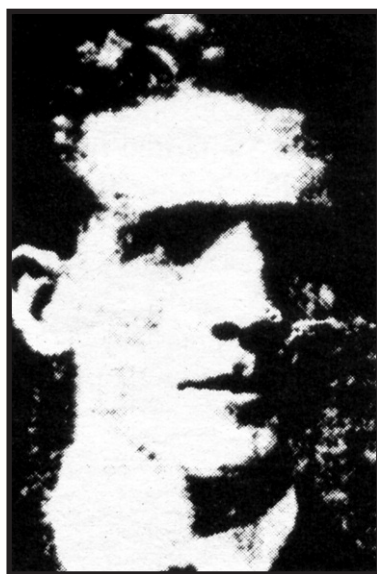
establishing an insurance system to provide financial benefits to injured workers and to the dependents of workers killed on the job.

In 1912, Gov. Oswald West, known for saving Oregon's ocean beaches for the public, appointed Marshall to the first State Industrial Accident Commission to administer the new workers' compensation insurance system.

Another printer, **Arthur Lawrence**, became interim editor in 1912 while doubling as secretary pro-tem of the Portland Central Labor Council. He also represented the printing trades unions on the Labor Press board of directors. Lawrence ran the paper briefly until **A.H. Harris** was appointed Marshall's successor. There is no indication that he was related to the earlier editor with the same last name. But Harris, a printer-editor, moved on in 1914 after only a two-year stint.

It was commonplace for earlier generations of printers, reporters and editors to move from city to city, working on one newspaper after another, as though they regarded life as one long job-hunt. In the parlance of the printing trades, they were "boomers." That probably accounts for some of the turnover among early-day Labor Press editors.

But the turnover was about to come to an end. In 1914, to succeed



H.J. PARKISON
Editor
1908 to 1911



W.A. MARSHALL
Editor
1911 to 1912



A. H. HARRIS
Editor
1912 to 1914

the second Harris, came the return of **C.M. Rynerson**, who'd served fleetingly in 1911. His health restored, "Ryney," as he was called, settled in for a long run.

Rynerson ran the Labor Press for 25 years — from 1914 to 1939. With him at the helm, the newspaper gained stability, weathering financial and labor political ups and downs. He kept the paper afloat during the Great Depression of the 1930s. A Republican,

he sought elective office without success, and also ran for president of the state labor federation. He left the paper in 1939 when Gov. Charles Sprague, publisher of the Salem Statesman, appointed him to the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Gene Allen, who succeeded Rynerson, was a college-educated Teamsters Local 255 business agent who, at age 24 was the youngest editor in the Labor Press's history. While editor,

Allen was elected to the Portland School Board, serving from 1942 to 1954. He chaired the Multnomah County Civil Service Commission, and was president of Office and Professional Employees Local 11. A year after leaving the editorship, he was elected, as a Republican, to the Oregon State Senate. He later went into the restaurant business.

Allen passed away in 1991 at age
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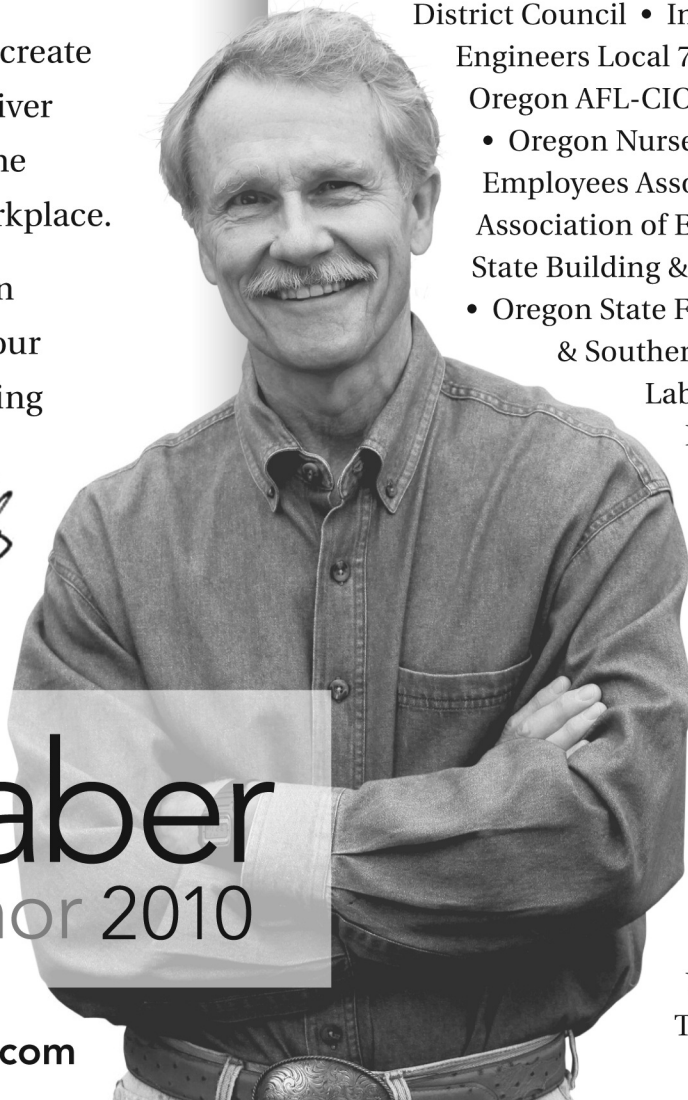
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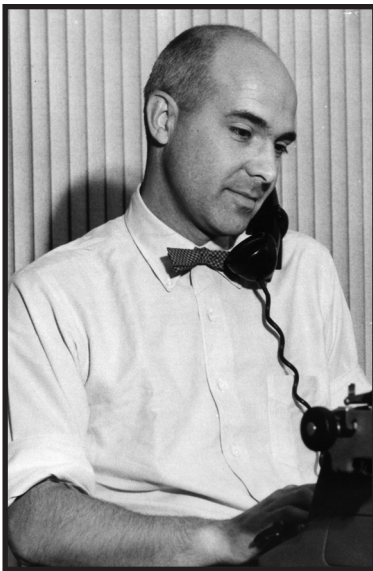
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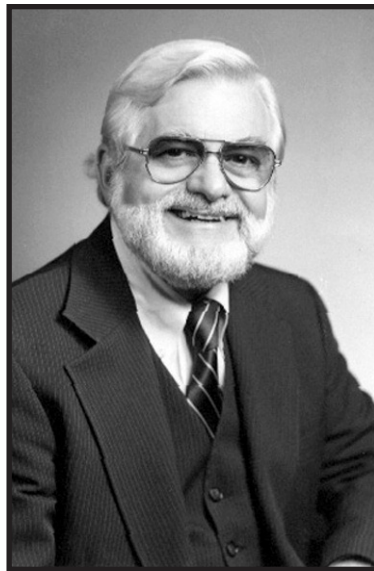
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Editor
1914 to 1939



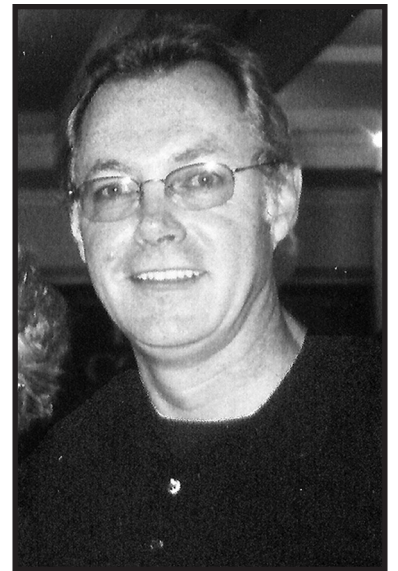
GENE ALLEN
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1939 to 1951



JIM GOODSSELL
Editor
1951 to 1965



GENE KLARE
Editor
1965 to 1986



MICHAEL GUTWIG
Editor
1986 to Date

...Only five editors at the Labor Press in last 96 years

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76. **James W. Goodsell**, son of a Methodist minister, veteran of World War II, a Portland and Astoria print and radio journalist, and a Democratic activist, took over as editor and manager of the Labor Press in 1951. He modernized the tabloid newspaper's typography and won many awards for journalistic excellence from the International Labor Press Association.

Mayor Terry Schunk appointed him to the Portland Dock Commission, and he was active in the City Club and Urban League. He was a member of Machinists Local 63.

Goodsell resigned in late 1965 to become a foreign trade executive in the United States Department of Commerce.

Goodsell died July 15, 2006 in Twisp, Washington, at the age of 86.

The next editor, **Gene Klare**, had worked for Goodsell three years before succeeding him. Klare was a veteran of the Portland newspaper strike, having been a pre-strike Oregonian reporter. He'd worked for the strike-born Portland Reporter; been managing editor of dailies in Pocatello and Boise; was a reporter for papers in other states; owned a small weekly; ran a one-man advertising and public

relations agency, and served as a sergeant in the Marine Corps. He'd been president of the Portland Newspaper Guild, chaired the Multnomah County Civil Service Commission, was president of the International Labor Press Association, and was active in Democratic politics and served on city and state civil rights commissions.

Until his death in 2008 at age 81, Klare was a member of Office and Professional Employees Local 11.

Portland native **Michael Gutwig**, the present editor and manager of the Northwest Labor Press, took over in October 1986 at age 29, after working as a reporter, sports editor and adver-

tising manager for the Central Oregonian (not associated with the Portland Oregonian) at Prineville.

The son of a Painters Union apprenticeship coordinator, Gutwig worked summers as a "helper" in the drywall and insulators trades. After obtaining an associates degree in journalism technology at Mt. Hood Community College, he completed a dry-wall finisher apprenticeship training program. He continued taking classes at Portland State University while working in the trade. He left to take the newspaper job in Central Oregon.

Gutwig introduced the Labor Press to desktop publishing, computerizing the operation. He also embarked into the World Wide Web, where articles from the Labor Press print edition are posted online at www.nwlaborpess.org.

The Gutwig-edited Labor Press has garnered numerous journalistic awards from ILCA, including first places for general excellence.

He is a former secretary-treasurer and vice president of the Western Labor Communications Association and was active in the International Labor Communications Association until financial difficulties at the newspaper

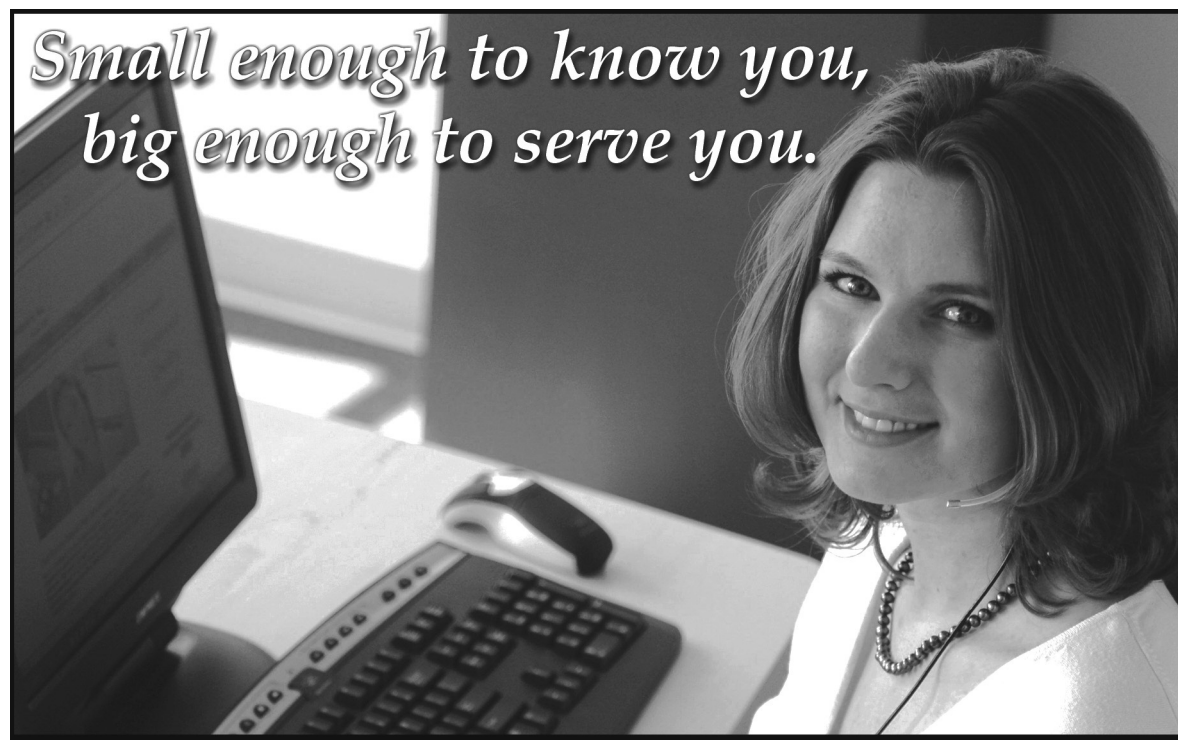
forced a cutback in extracurricular activities.

Gutwig, 53, serves on the board of Labor's Community Service Agency, on the board of the HOPE Foundation, which raises funds for the Leukemia Foundation and scholarships for members of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555. He also is a trustee on the Office and Professional Employees Western States 401(k) Pension Fund.

Sam Gompers was an early-day union editor

As the labor movement, spurred on by the organization of the American Federation of Labor in 1886, grew to new heights, the labor press grew, too.

One of the most interesting labor papers of the period was the Union Advocate, official publication of the AFL. It was published for only one year starting in 1887. Its editor was AFL President Sam Gompers — and Gompers wrote most of the copy as well as the editorials. It was succeeded by the American Federationist, also edited by Gompers.



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Otto R. Hartwig, president of the Oregon Federation of Labor from 1916 to 1924, looks at the 1917 bound volume of the Labor Press. Present-day Labor Press staffers Don McIntosh and Cheri Rice work on a high-speed computer and cell phone. Leo Mars, a member of the Typographical Union, hangs up picket banners for the last time as the Portland newspaper strike ends April 4, 1965. Emergency services workers pore through the rubble of the World Trade Center in New York following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001. Jobless man during the Great Depression seeks work, not charity. CWA members picket Pacific Northwest Bell in August 1983 as part of nationwide strike at Ma Bell. 50,000 demonstrators take to the streets of Seattle in 1999 to protest the World Trade Organization. A.J. Haughey, union label director of the Oregon Federation of Labor, shows off his Motion Picture Projectionist Union label in this 1955 photo. Vern White puts final touches on a new Labor Press office. Zoe Wilson, chair of the 1955 Portland women's division of Labor's League for Political Education, works a dial phone while reading her Labor Press.

(Editor's Note: This list contains only a sampling of events the Labor Press has reported over the last 110 years.) **THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION:** This was a period of amazing growth in America. The industrial labor force nearly tripled between 1880 and 1910 to about 8 million. Labor was in high demand to run new industries. The continued high population growth spurred by immigration helped to keep the value of individual workers low as there was a ready supply of people to fill the positions. Workers continued to organize and resist when their way of life and or health were threatened. **1900:** U.S. Industrial Commission declares trade unions good for democracy, 14 new international unions chartered by the AFL, 734 federal and trade locals affiliate. Coal strike began as 112,000 miners walk off the job in Pennsylvania, the

largest walkout in American history to that time. 8,000 registered automobiles in the U.S. 63 percent of men over 65 are still in the labor force, the average life expectancy is 49. Pensions are extremely rare. **1901:** 58,000 Machinists strike for 9-hour day. National Metal Trades Association announces "open shop" drive, establishes strikebreaking service. **1902:** G.Y. Harry of Sheet Metal Workers Local 16 is president of the Oregon Federation of Labor (OFL). Organized labor in Oregon has a political arm that plays a role in winning direct legislation (the initiative and referendum). **1903:** Women's Trade Union League organizes to aid unionization of women. AFL charters the Teamsters Union, with Local 162 chartered in Portland. C.H. Graham elected president of AFL. Wright brothers fly their first airplane. First cross-country auto-

mobile trip takes place. **1904:** AFL has membership of nearly 1.7 million. **1905:** Industrial Workers of the World founded in Chicago. Supreme Court holds that a maximum hour law for bakery workers is unconstitutional under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment. **1906:** Citizens Alliance of Portland tries to "precipitate a bloody clash between white American workmen and imported Asians," which is averted "through the tact and coolness of local officers of the Longshoremen's Union." Street Carmen strike Portland Street Railway Light & Power Co. for better work conditions. Estimated 30,000 attend Labor Day celebration at The Oaks. **1907:** Willamette Iron Works fires union men and hires strikebreakers to force show-down on open shop proposition. Federated Trades Council and Structural Building Trades Al-

Talented staffers keep Labor Press humming

Over the years the Labor Press has been blessed with a number of talented and dedicated full- and part-time staffers.

In chronological order they include Alfred D. Cridge, Kelley Loe, Arthur Brock, Emsie Howard, Doris Clark, Ann Beckmann, Jean Soderberg Miller, Buford Sommers, Frank Flori, Bob Hulén, Gail Mason Rosebrook, Mary Lyons (MacKillop), Amy Klare, Debbie Sluyter, Patrick Philpott, Diane Whitehead, and Bonnie Serino. Contributors of articles and editorials have included W.S. U'Ren, Colonel C.E.S. Wood, Tom Scanlon, George Roe, and Tim Nesbitt.

Current staff members are Associate Editor Don McIntosh, and Office Manager Cheri Rice. In addition to reporting, McIntosh, 40, handles the on-line version of the newspaper, as well as some Newsletter Plus pages for subscribing locals. Rice, 56, takes care of the Meeting Notices, classified ads, and bookkeeping. Both came on staff in October 1998 — on the same day. Both are members of Office and Professional Employees Local 11.

Doris Clark was the longest-serving employee in the history of the Labor Press. For 27 years — from 1955 to 1982 — she was office manager, bookkeeper, secretary, reporter, photographer, ad saleswoman, and proofreader. She died in August 2000.

Hulén, Flori, and Sommers had been employed at the Oregonian newspaper before the strike in 1959, and all three worked for the strike-born Portland Reporter before taking jobs at the Labor Press. Buford's newspaper career extended more than four decades. He left the Labor Press in 1971, when Flori succeeded him. Flori departed to edit the Oregon Teamster, from which he is now retired. Hulén retired from the Labor Press in 1993.

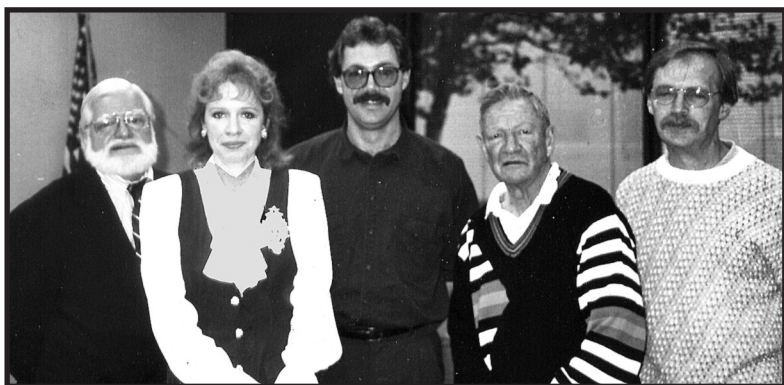
Beckmann left to edit a daily newspaper in Washington and now works at

Seattle University in the communications department. Rosebrook, who was on staff during the newspaper's 75th Diamond Jubilee, went on to become an elected officer at Communications Workers of America Local 7901 and served on the Labor Press board of directors. She worked in CWA's district office until its closure earlier this year. Mary Lyons, the daughter of Doris Clark, married Ken MacKillop, then president of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555. He retired and the couple live in Florida.

Amy Klare, who worked in the office as a secretary, later was hired by the Oregon AFL-CIO as research and education director. She now serves as director of the Civil Rights Division of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Serino left the Labor Press for a position in the communications department at Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City. She now lives in Arizona and works at a transit agency in Phoenix.

Philpott, a longtime printer and member of Communications Workers of America Local 7901, was instrumental in computerizing the Labor Press in the late 1980s. He later edited the Union Register, the in-house newspaper of the Carpenters Industrial Council and has since gone to work for the City of Portland. Working with Philpott, Sluyter computerized the newspaper's system for maintaining subscription lists and processing its bookkeeping and billing. She left the Labor Press after nearly 12 years to start her own business. She returned to the labor movement, first working in the office at the Northwest Oregon Labor Council; then as the elected executive secretary-treasurer of Office and Professional Employees Local 11. Today she is employed by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries investigating prevailing wage complaints.



The Labor Press crew in 1990 consisted of from left to right: Columnist and retired editor Gene Klare, office manager Debbie Sluyter, editor Michael Gutwig, reporter/photographer Bob Hulén, and typesetter/Newsletter Plus editor Pat Philpott.

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Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell, and Secretary Frank Morrison receive jail sentences (one year, nine months and six months) for exercising their rights of free speech in boycott of Buck Stove and Range Co. Organized labor wants convict labor removed in the manufacturing of stoves at the Salem, Ore., penitentiary. Work on the new Bull Run pipe line and the Madison Street Bridge starts. U.S. Supreme Court upholds constitutionality of Oregon's 10-hour workday for women. National Building Trades Department of the AFL is established. Portland Building Trades Council gets first charter. **1909:** "Union enthusiasm running high in Portland" with new Labor Temple on Alder Street. "Uprising of the 20,000" female shirtwaist makers

in New York strike against sweatshop conditions. Portland Bartenders Union League rallies at its First Street hall, focusing on prohibition of liquor. Label Trades Section of Central Labor Council adopts constitution. Meatcutters of Portland form the International Meat Cutters Union. Building Trades Council passes a rule prohibiting any single affiliated union from boycotting or striking without first getting the consent of the council. 5,000 union members, led by the Musicians Union's brass band, parade through the streets of Portland to protest the jailing of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison. Politics, strikes, boycotts and all other issues make way for labor's fight against tuberculosis. Will Daly of Multnomah Typographical Union is elected pres-

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We Honor All the Working Men and Women on Labor Day.

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and Washington a very special Labor Day.***

Host of unionists served on Labor Press board

Many, many union leaders over the last 110 years have played an important role in the growth and continuity of the Labor Press as elected members of its board of directors.

The Portland Labor Press was established as a non-profit corporation whose shares were owned by various local unions and the Portland area central labor council. The Northwest Labor Press still operates that way through the non-profit Oregon Labor Press Publishing Company, Inc., whose shares are owned by AFL-CIO- and Change to Win-affiliated local unions and councils.

The newspaper's first board of control, as it was then called, was comprised of E. Edwards of the Cigar Makers, the president; J.A. Goldrainer of the Barbers; J.A. Bushman of the Millworkers, who was president of the Portland Federated Trades Assembly; John Beigi of the Brewers; George M. Orton of the Pressmen; B. Hesselberg of the Typographers; C.H. Weber of the Clerks; Frank Allert of the Machinists; W.H. Robertson of the Letter Carriers; and August Eachie of the Beer Drivers.

Today's board is comprised of Chair Bob Petroff, directing business representative of Machinists District Lodge 24; Treasurer John Mohlis, executive secretary-treasurer of the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council; Vice Presidents Jeff Anderson, secretary-treasurer of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, and Ed Barnes, retired business manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48; and Secretary Bob Tackett, executive secretary of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council.

Barnes is one of the longest serving board members, having first been elected in 1991.

Another long-serving board member was E.J. Stack of Portland Cigar Makers Local 202, who was on the board from 1915 until his death in 1950. He was secretary of the Portland Labor Council and later was executive secretary-treasurer of the Oregon State Federation of Labor.

Another mainstay was A.R. Clayton, a longtime leader of Multnomah Typographical Union No. 58, who was on the Labor Press board from the 1930s until his death in 1967. R.C. Henarie succeeded Clayton as head of Local 58 and on the Labor Press board and was associated with the paper for two decades until he retired. G.O. Hunter of Portland-based Electrical Workers Local 125 helped oversee this newspaper from the 1930s to the '50s, and was succeeded by Floyd Parker of Local 125. Parker served nearly 20 years by the time he stepped down in 1971, and was

followed on the board by Jack Kegg, then Local 125's business manager.

A 25-year member of the board was Charles T. Crane, whose tenure covered the years from 1930 to 1955. He was secretary-treasurer of Portland Barbers Local 75 for 35 years.

Seven women unionists from Portland Waitresses Local 305 furnished leadership for the Labor Press as board members or trustees for a half-century starting in the 1920s. First came Agnes Quinn, followed by Mary Todd, Rose Johansen, Alice Wesling, Mary Jackson, May Strand and Ellen Henderson. Local 305 later became part of Local 9 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union when the Culinary Union's four Portland locals merged.

Ben Osborne, head of Iron Workers Local 29 (who also was an international vice president), sat on the Labor Press board for many years starting shortly after the paper's birth. From 1926 until his death in 1938 he was the leader of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, serving as its executive secretary-treasurer. Other Iron Workers who've provided guidance for the paper include LeRoy Worley, a business manager of Local 29 who later moved up the international ladder to general secretary; Sid Stoddard, business manager of Iron Workers Shopmen's Local 516, who became a general organizer for the international after serving as Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall's Seattle regional director during the Carter Administration; and Tony Mongelli, also a former business manager of Local 516.

Food industry unionists who devoted their energies to the Labor Press board included George Lightowler and Gordon Swope of Food and Drug Clerks Local 1092; Keith Jons of United Food and Commercial Workers Local Ten-Eleven (father of Labor Press staffer Cheri Rice); and previous UFCW Local 555 presidents Ken MacKillop and Gene Pronovost.

Machinists John Petroff, an officer of Willamette Lodge 63 and a business representative of District 24, was a stalwart supporter of the Labor Press throughout his long career in the labor movement. He's the only outgoing director who was accorded emeritus status after retiring in 1985. George Miller, directing business representative of District 24, succeeded Petroff on the board, and Bob Petroff, John's son, succeeded Miller on the board.

Two Musicians Local 99 presidents who were major chords on the Labor Press board over a span of 40 years were Herman Kenin, a lawyer who

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ident of the Oregon AFL. **1910:** Astoria is home to Oregon's largest union, the Fishermen's Union. Salem Carpenters Local 1065 wins 8-hour day for 100 members. Medford forms Central Labor Council with 300 members. Bartenders Local 425 signs 29 saloons in Vancouver, Wash. **1911:** Triangle Fire, New York, more than 150 young women workers killed in fire of locked garment factory. **1912:** Bread and Roses strike begun by immigrant women in Lawrence, Mass., ends with 23,000 men, women and children on strike. Bill creating Department of Labor passes. **1913:** Woodrow Wilson elected president and appoints the first secretary of labor, William

B. Wilson of the Mine Workers. The Newlands Act sets up a Board of Mediation and Conciliation to handle railroad disputes. Oregon creates the State Highway Commission. **THE FIRST WORLD WAR: 1914-1918** — *The mobilization for war brings thousands of women and minorities into industrial plants to replace the men who went off to war.* **1914:** Ludlow Massacre of 13 women and children and seven men in Colorado coal miners' strike. Clayton Act passed by Congress, amends Sherman Act to declare labor of a human being is not a "commodity," thus not subject to Sherman Act. AFL membership reaches 2 million. Ford Motor Co. increases worker pay from

Labor Day PICNICS

Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 6

Every year, labor unions throughout Oregon hold Labor Day picnics. Here is a list of picnics taking place:

PORTLAND – Oaks Amusement Park in Southeast Portland. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., with a brief program at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. Call 503-235-9444 for more information.

BEND – Pioneer Park (NW Wall St.). 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Music, games, fun for the whole family. Sponsored by the Central Oregon Central Labor Council. Contact Linda Bradetich at 541-350-0965 for more information.

EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD – Jasper Park Shelter 4 (12 miles southeast of Eugene in Springfield/Pleasant Hill) starting at noon. Parking is \$5 and the park is along the McKenzie River. Please bring a side dish. Sponsored by the Lane County Central Labor Council. Contact Cj Mann at 541-913-0056 for more information.

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NORTH BEND – Ferry Road Park. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This is a celebration of the 31st picnic sponsored by the Southwestern Oregon Central Labor Council. Call Shawn Jennings at 541-396-3244 or e-mail at shawngj@msn.com, Robert Westerman at 541-756-3907 or e-mail at ibew932@verizon.net, or Jan Long at 541-347-9120 for more information.

SALEM – Riverfront Park. 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Music, games, and fun for the whole family. Sponsored by Marion-Polk-Yamhill Central Labor Council and AFSCME Local 2067. Cost: Two food items per person for the food bank or purchase script. For more info, call Keith at 503-400-1115.

THE DALLES – Sorosis Park Shelter. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, soft drinks, paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided. Bring chips, salad or other potluck items, and lawn chairs. This picnic is put on in conjunction with the Mid-Columbia Labor Council.

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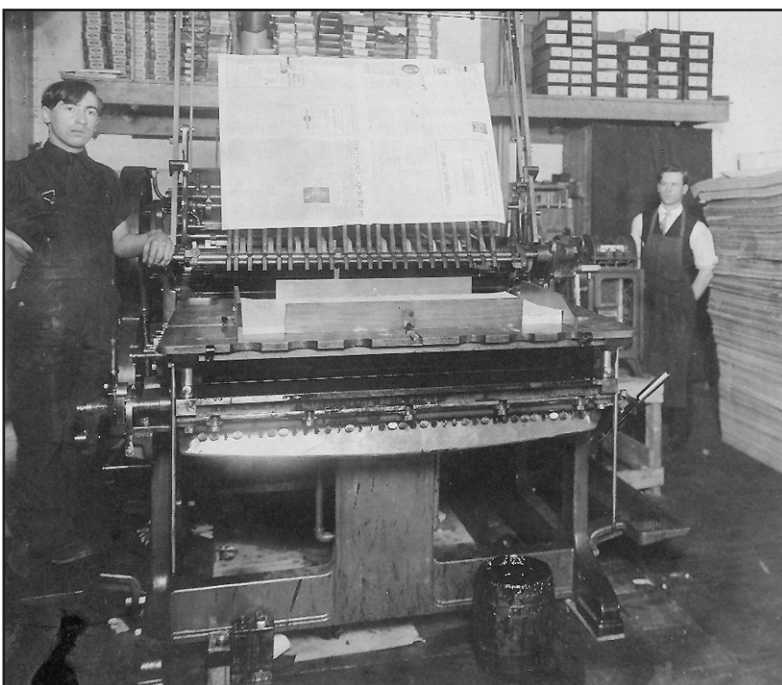
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...Labor Press board of directors

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went on to become his union's international president in 1958, and Joe Dardis, a popular swing band leader who chaired the board for a decade.

Communications Workers of America Local 7901 provided two board members in Linda Rasmussen, a retired international representative, and former Labor Press staffer Gail Rosebrook. Local 7901's membership includes former members of Typographical No. 58.

Also providing leadership and support as board members were Gary D. Kirkland, former chief executive officer/secretary-treasurer of Office and Professional Employees International Union Local 11, who now works for the international; Judy O'Connor, a retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, and Jeff Richardson, former financial secretary-treasurer of UNITE HERE Local 9. Space does not permit listing all those who have served the Oregon Labor Press Publishing Co. as board members. This anniversary issue is dedicated to all of them and all staff members and freelancers who've been associated with the Labor Press the last 110 years.

THE FIRST LABOR DAY

Two men have been credited with suggesting a holiday to honor working people in the United States — Matthew Maguire, a machinist from Paterson, N.J., and Peter J. McGuire, a New York City carpenter who founded the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Both men played an important part in staging the first Labor Day parade in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882. In 1887, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Council, Oregon became the first state to make Labor Day a legal holiday.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected to be the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Council urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many individual centers of the country.

As the years went by the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York Legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on Feb. 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit.



By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. President Grover Cleveland signed it into law making Labor Day a national holiday.


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\$2.40 for a nine-hour day to \$5 for an eight-hour day, in part to help workers afford the cars they make. Henry Ford is criticized by his peers. **1915:** Seventeen cities in Oregon have active unions. An obscure physicist living in Switzerland, Albert Einstein, publishes his General Theory of Relativity and paves the way for the atomic era. The first transcontinental telephone call is made and first transatlantic radio telephone call is completed. **1916:** Adamson Act passed by Congress provides 8-hour day for railroad workers. A federal child labor law is enacted but is declared unconstitutional two years later. **1917:** President Woodrow Wilson becomes first


chief executive to address a labor convention. U.S. declares war on Germany and AFL plays important role on Wartime Disputes Board to help avoid strikes and maintain production. Nearly 5 million automobiles and trucks are on the road; car prices average \$720. **1918:** Prohibition amendment bars transportation across state lines of alcoholic beverages. World War I ends. Sam Gompers plays big role in creation of International Labor Organization under initial sponsorship of League of Nations. AFL membership reaches 4 million. Leadership of Industrial Workers of the World (Wobblies) is sentenced to federal prison on charges of disloy-

alty to the United States. **1919:** One of every five workers walks out in great strike wave, including national clothing, coal, and steel strikes; a general strike in Seattle. The Centralia Massacre in Washington during a parade celebrating the first anniversary of Armistice Day: The conflict between the American Legion and members of the Wobblies results in six deaths. Klamath Falls unions organize a Central Labor Council. The Women's Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution gives women the right to vote. Oregon embraces the automobile age, is the first state to enact a gasoline tax to fund roads. Construction of the Pacific Highway begins. **1920:**

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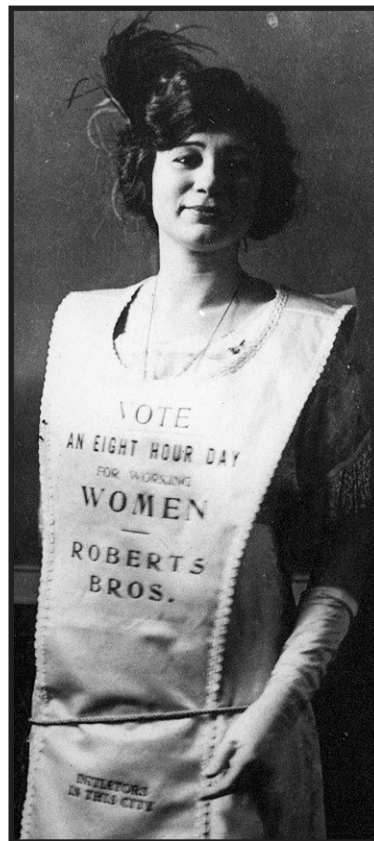


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(RIGHT) Cornerstone laying ceremonies for the old Portland Labor Temple located at Southwest 4th and Jefferson were held on Labor Day 1920.




The Women's Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution in 1919 gave women the right to vote.



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Cornerstone of new Portland Labor Temple, with 41 offices and 14 meeting halls, is laid on Labor Day at SW Fourth and Jefferson. The so-called "American Plan" is launched for the open shop to weaken unions, keep them out of major industrial plants. Mixture of spurious "patriotic slogans," intimidation, company unions and "yellow dog" contracts barring union membership in order to get a job, results in heavy losses for labor movement. **1921-23:** The "Roaring Twenties," nostalgically depicted in movies and musical comedies as an era of unbounded prosperity, fell a good deal short of those marks for most working people. Throughout the decade, unemployment rose. It was hard times, as there was no unemployment insurance or supplementary benefits. Wages dropped sharply, union membership erodes with the loss of about 1 million members. The Portland Central Labor Council follows a new national trend by starting a Labor College. **1924:** Samuel Gompers dies; William Green becomes new AFL president. Proponents try to pass an amendment to the Constitution to ban child labor, but only 28 of the needed 36 states ratify the measure. **1925:** B.W. Sleeman is elected president of the OFL. A. Philip Randolph helps create the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. **1926:** Railway Labor Act sets up procedures to settle railway labor disputes and forbids discrimination against union members. William Cooper elected president of the OFL. **1927:** The Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers Compensation Act is enacted. **THE GREAT DEPRESSION: 1929-1939** —

The Great Depression was devastating to the common working man but saw dramatic growth in the labor movement. Use of the sitdown strike strategy brings recognition of unions in several large industries, including the auto industry. Many of the labor movements battles were fought and decided in the courts. **1929:** Stock market crashes, falling 40 percent. The Hawes-Cooper Act governing the shipment of convict-made goods in interstate commerce is approved. **1930:** Oregon Federation of Labor forms non-political league to handle legislative and political programs. Union dues checkoff becomes popular in Northwest. Last of Portland Labor Temple bonds paid off and a "monster" celebration is staged. Oregonians approve the creation of public utility districts. **1931:** Davis-Bacon Act provides for prevailing wages on publicly funded construction projects. Oregon is second state in the country to establish an on-the-job apprenticeship training system. Talk about Fremont Bridge construction under way. IBEW and union electrical contractors launch "Cooperative Work Plan" campaign to create work for the unemployed by correcting defects that exist in many of the wiring jobs in residences and businesses. A Circuit Court judge rules that sales of Oregon Labor Press in front of the non-union Rivoli Theatre violate anti-picketing injunction that he granted weeks earlier. Moving Picture Operators were held in contempt of court after they picketed the theatre, then arranged to have copies of the Labor Press sold on the same block. **1932:** Unemployment soars to 14 million;

union membership plummets. Norris-LaGuardia Act prohibits federal injunctions in most labor disputes. Franklin D. Roosevelt elected President of U.S. Oregon records "one of greatest labor victories in history" by beating back attempt by Gov. Julius Meier to slash wages of state highway workers. AFL President Green appeals to every member of organized labor to aid in the search for the kidnapped Lindbergh baby. **1933:** FDR launches the New Deal. Section 7 (a) of the National Industrial Recovery Act gives unions right to bargain with employers. Labor Press editorially greets the promise of a New Deal with restraint: "The election will not settle our economic problems." Labor and State Grange combine to defeat sales tax proposal. The Doernbecher Furniture Co., the largest employer in Portland with about 2,800 men, has used "every subterfuge known to the human mind to keep their employees from organizing a union." A rising tide of organization sentiment adds more than 1 million new members and 350 local unions to the ranks of the AFL. AFL agrees to minimum wage rates in Oregon of \$1.20 an hour for skilled labor and 50 cents an hour for unskilled labor on construction work financed by the Public Works Administration. The National Industrial Recovery Act has killed company unions; no longer can an employer discharge a worker for declining to belong to a company union. Oregon Legislature outlaws the "yellow dog" contract and recognizes labor's right to organize, strike, picket, assemble peaceably and otherwise use the lawful weapons of unions. The Tillamook Burn wipes out 240,000 acres of Oregon's finest timber. Creation of the Civilian Conservation Corps to provide unemployment relief for several million young Americans. **1934:** Upsurge in strikes, including national textile strike, which fails. 1,500 Longshoremen enter into bloody strike at Portland waterfront for 80 days. Women's Trade Union League is formed in Portland. On-the-job accidents cost country 89,500 lives and disable another 8.5 million. **1935:** National Labor Relations Act and Social Security Act passed. Committee for Industrial Organization (CIO) formed within AFL. Portland Timber Workers' strike keeps mills tied down for three months, 1,200 people affected. D.E. Nickerson elected president of the OFL. Congress funds construction of Bonneville Dam, one of the great engineering marvels of the early 20th century; 4,000 construction jobs created. **1936:** The Anti-Strikebreaker Act declares it unlawful "to transport or aid in transporting strikebreakers in interstate or foreign commerce." CIO expelled from the AFL over industrial worker organizing. Portland labor endorses "super airport" bond sale. Auto Mechanics strike for eight weeks. **1937:** Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters wins contract with Pullman Co., marking the first agreement between black workers and a white employer. Bonneville Dam completed. General Motors Corp. recognizes the United Auto Workers. Steelworkers win first contract from U.S. Steel. Social Security covers 170,000 Oregonians. Grocery Clerks sign pact with 1,100 stores under first negotiations with newly-formed Food Employers Inc. AFL adding members at the rate of 75,000 per month. **1938:** Oregon Legislature adopts "vicious anti-labor measure" restricting pickets; AFL-CIO unsuccessfully challenges it in court. Fair Labor Standards Act establishes first minimum wage and 40-hour week. The Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) forms as an independent federation. The Merchant Marine Act of 1936 is amended to provide a Federal Maritime Labor Board. About 800 employees at eight Portland hotels strike for three months. Retail Grocery Clerks Union at all Oregon Safeway stores strike for 56 days. Portland Central Labor Council urges establishment of Housing Authority. **THE SECOND WORLD WAR: 1939-1945** — Women and blacks enter the work force in large numbers as the main work

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force of white males go to war. **1939:** Rapid growth in union strength leads to passage of unemployment insurance, workers' compensation and a federal minimum wage. AFL Union Label Show is held in Portland in conjunction with Oregon Home Show. Paul Gurske is elected president of the OFL. **1940:** John Lewis resigns and Philip Murray becomes CIO president. U.S. Supreme Court affirms labor organizations' right to picket. Warehousemen's Local 206 wins election at Montgomery Ward and later Retail Clerks Local 1257 and Office Employees Locals 16 and 821 win elections at Wards. Wards refuses to bargain and is placed on the Unfair List. **1941:**

U.S. troops enter combat in World War II. National War Labor Board created with union members. Shipbuilding boom starts in Portland. U.S. Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of the federal wage and hour law, the last of the major New Deal statutes to be challenged in court. The AFL backs the war and adopts the No-Strike Code and makes a peace offer to the CIO for national unity. Portland Office and Professional Employees Union conducts its first strike — a two-day walkout that wins a contract from a small firm in the city. **1942:** Portland Industrial Union Council established. Labor and industry agree to no strikes during the war, with disputes to be

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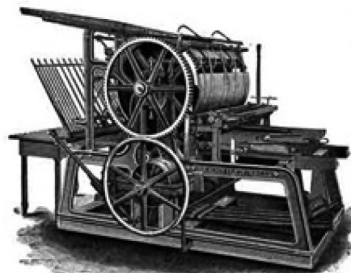
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settled by the War Labor Board. Wayne Morse, dean of the University of Oregon Law School, nominated as one of four public representatives on the Board. Labor is prepared to make the effort to win the war by smashing all production records. Labor Day is celebrated with the launching of a Liberty Ship in Portland. Edgar Kaiser builds Vanport on the south bank of the Columbia River; with 35,000 residents, it is Oregon's second largest town. **1943:** Oregon is 23rd state to adopt an occupational disease law. The AFL demands price controls to deal with inflation, and the lifting of substandard wages. CIO forms first political action committee to get out the union vote for President Roosevelt. **1944:** Still trying to have price controls, the AFL points out that living costs are up 25 percent while wages have increased only 16 percent. At the Portland Labor Temple, officials set a goal of selling \$5 million in war bonds. Nearly 50,000 workers at Boeing produce 16 airplanes a day. In Portland and Vancouver, Henry J. Kaiser's

shipyards employ an estimated 100,000 workers. Men and women worked side by side to build "Baby Flattops" and "Liberty Ships." **1945:** Some 150,000 workers are engaged in 85 shipyards in Oregon and Washington. The Union Label Trades sponsors a B-17 in the war effort. Labor mourns death of President Roosevelt and pledges support for Harry Truman. The Bonneville Power Administration signs an agreement with the Columbia Power Trades Council for collective bargaining. Labor tries to raise minimum hourly wage from 45 cents to 65 cents and give a high priority to peacetime production. Pacific Coast Lumber and Sawmill Workers strike and tie up the industry. **1946:** Largest strike wave in U.S. history. President Truman addresses the 65th AFL convention. **1947:** President Truman vetoes Taft-Hartley Act restricting union members' activities, but is overridden by Congress. A bill banning "closed shops" is introduced in Oregon Legislature. Labor opposes a sales tax proposal that propo-

nents spend \$60,000 trying to pass. AFL endorses the "Marshall Plan" to deal with war-torn Europe. **1948:** National CIO convention held in Portland in November. The minimum wage is 40 cents an hour and food prices are 2.2 times greater than in 1939. Circuit Court declares Oregon's "Secondary Boycott Law" unconstitutional. 14,800 Mechanic Union workers strike Boeing. Labor Press editorials crusade for civil rights. Breaking levees during a major flood destroys Vanport. **1949:** U.S. Supreme Court rules that states can outlaw closed shops. The Oregonian and Journal are declared unfair during a Pressmen's Union strike in February that is settled in March. NLRB rules in favor of Office and Professional Employees Union Local 11 as an appropriate bargaining unit at Meier and Frank. Truman signs a 75-cent-an-hour minimum wage law. First two of 11 unions with Communist leaders are purged from CIO. **1950:** The NLRB rules that Meier and Frank has been engaging in unfair labor practices by interro-



(LEFT) When the restaurant at the old Portland Labor Temple at SW Fourth and Jefferson opened for business in May 1935, the scene looked like this. The third customer from the left in foreground is C.M. Rynerson, editor of the Oregon Labor Press.

(BELOW) A logger looks over the devastation of the Tillamook Burn. The fire in 1933 wiped out 311,000 acres of Oregon's finest old-growth timber.



AFL President Sam Gompers (center with hat) poses with Oregon union leaders at AFL's 1923 national convention in Portland.



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gating employees about union activities and then trying to intimidate them. National labor supports Truman's decision to fight in Korea. The Labor Press runs articles critical of Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy's tax statements. AFL and CIO begin preliminary work at unification. **1951:** 600,000 Machinists members rejoin the AFL. The Portland Central Labor Council backs a plan for a tunnel under the Willamette River in Portland. Oregon Building Service Employees strike Good Samaritan and Emanuel Hospitals. Electrical Workers win a three-week strike against West Coast Telephone. The average yearly earnings of Oregon workers hits a high of \$3,347. **1952:** Portland AFL unions contribute to 15,000 striking insurance agents of Prudential. Portland has one of the highest costs of living in the nation; it takes \$4,152 a year to

live modestly. Bakers Local 114 strikes 25 wholesale Portland bakeries. Adlai Stevenson becomes the first Democrat for President ever endorsed by the AFL. William Green dies. George Meany and Walter Reuther become presidents of AFL and CIO, respectively. **1953:** Labor opposes bills that would weaken initiative and referendum action in Oregon, and union-busting open shop bills. Labor backs a bill to make Portland State College a four-year institution. Food and Drug Clerks Local 1092 members are locked out by Fred Meyer. **1954:** There are more radios than there are daily newspapers. Oregon has the highest unemployment rate in the nation at 10 percent. Circuit Court rules Oregon's "anti-picket" law unconstitutional. The AFL and the CIO sign a no-raiding agreement. 66,000 AFL Lumber and Sawmill workers go out on strike in the Pacific North-

west. **1955:** AFL and CIO merger plan is approved, with a combined membership of 16 million. George Meany becomes AFL-CIO president. Oregon labor presents \$16,000 to build a new downtown Portland YWCA building. Labor lobbies for a dam in Hells Canyon. **1956:** The Labor Press introduces color on its first issue of the year. Washington unions defeat a "right-to-work" initiative. Oregon State Labor Council is the result of a merger of Oregon State Federation of Labor and Oregon State Industrial Labor Council. The merger convention is in Portland, with Oregon being the 11th state to merge its AFL and CIO state groups. Passage of the Interstate Highway Act funds construction of nonstop freeways I-5 and I-84. **1957:** A 19-month strike at Fir-Tex in St. Helens is settled with the new owner, Kaiser Gypsum Co. Twenty-two labor unions pledge \$21,229 to help construct OMSI. The Washington State Labor Council is created with the merger of the AFL State Federation of Labor and the CIO State Industrial

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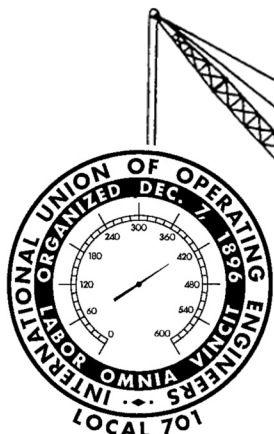
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Union Council. The Teamsters Union is suspended by the AFL-CIO following election of James Hoffa, who is under investigation for corruption. **1958:** The Multnomah County Labor Council is created by the merger of the Industrial Union Council and the Central Labor Council. The Oregon State Labor Council changes its name to Oregon AFL-CIO. **1959:** State of Oregon celebrates its centennial, labor raises over \$24,000 for exhibit that shows role it played in Oregon's history. Oregon Legislature passes a bill giving public employees the right to organize and bargain, but it is vetoed by Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield; one of nine labor bills he vetoes. An address by Sen. John F. Kennedy highlights opening of Oregon AFL-CIO convention in Seaside. Stereotypers Union strikes the Oregonian and Oregon Journal. As people sus-

pend their subscriptions, Labor Press circulation jumps to 49,000. Labor Press prints 300,000 copies and circulates throughout the city to present labor's side of the dispute. Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (Landrum-Griffin) passed. **1960:** One third of all workers in the United States belong to a union. Gov. Hatfield calls for mediation in newspaper strike; Portland Reporter established as alternative newspaper first as weekly then bi-weekly and tri-weekly. Strikers raise money through stock sales for daily operation; International Typographical Union sends printing plant from Miami. International Bakery and Confectioners Union ousted from AFL-CIO. Portland Local 364 affiliates with new rival American Bakers and Confectioners, while Portland Local 114 remains with IBCU. Longshoremen reach five-year



Above, delegates attend the June 1956 Oregon AFL-CIO merger convention.



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Official Notices

Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers 114

Executive Board meets 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, in the meeting room at 7931 NE Halsey, Suite 205, Portland.

Boilermakers 500

Members meet 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at 2515 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland.

Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers 1

Members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 12812 NE Marx St., Portland.

Cement Masons 555

Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at 12812 NE Marx St., Portland.

Central Oregon Labor Council

Delegates meet 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at UA 290 Training Center, 2161 SE 1st St., Redmond.

Columbia-Pacific Building Trades

Delegates meet 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 7 and Sept. 14, at Kirkland Union Manor II, 3535 SE 86th, Portland

Electrical Workers 48

Sound and Communication Unit meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 in the Meeting Hall.

Residential Unit meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 in the Dispatch Lobby.

Vancouver Meeting, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Round Table Pizza, 5016 NE Thurston, Vancouver.

Coast Unit meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Astoria Labor Temple, 926 Duane St., Astoria.

Wasco Unit meets 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 at Northem Wasco PUD, 2345 River Road, The Dalles.

Electrical Workers Minority Caucus meets 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 in the Executive Boardroom.

Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 15 and Oct. 6 in the Executive Boardroom.

Electrical Women of Local 48 meets 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at 5th Quadrant, 3901b N. Williams, Portland.

Bylaws Committee meets 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20 in the Executive Boardroom.

General Membership Meeting meets 6:30 pm Wednesday, Sept. 22 in the Meeting Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm for BBQ.

Your Business Manager Meeting, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 in the Meeting Hall.

Marine Unit meets 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in the Meeting Hall.

Meetings are at 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland, unless otherwise noted.

DEATH ASSESSMENTS: No. 2243, Bernard R. Thurman; No. 2244, Edward D. Ray; and No. 2245, William Frahler. The Sept. 2010 assessment is \$1.50. Effective 1/1/10, the Death Assessments are \$1.50 per month per Active member.

Elevator Constructors 23

Members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, preceded by a 5:30 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at 12779 NE Whitaker Way, Portland.

Fire Fighters 452

Members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 2807 NW Fruit Valley Rd., Vancouver, WA.

Fire Fighters 1660

Members meet 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at 4411 SW Sunset Dr., Lake Oswego.

Glass Workers 740

Eugene area members meet 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Best Western Grand Manor Inn, 971 Kruse Way, Springfield. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.**

Salem area members meet 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Candalaria Terrace, Suite 204, 2659 Commercial St. SE, Salem.

Insulators 36

Executive Board meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9. Meetings are at 11145 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

Iron Workers 29

Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, preceded by a 5:30 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at 11620 NE Ainsworth Cir., #200, Portland.

Iron Workers Shopmen 516

Executive Board meets 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at 11620 NE Ainsworth Circle, #300, Portland

Labor Roundtable of Southwest Washington

Delegates meet 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Hometown Buffet, 7809-B Vancouver Plaza Dr., Vancouver, Wash.

Laborers 320

Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Joe Edgar Hall, Teamsters' Complex, 1850 NE 162nd Ave., Portland.

Laborers 483 Municipal Employees

Members meet 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Musicians Hall, 325 NE 20th Ave., Portland.

Laborers/Vancouver 335

Members meet 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, preceded by a 6:15 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at the Vancouver Labor Center, 2212 NE Andresen Rd., Vanc., Wash. **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.**

Lane County Labor Council

Delegates meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 1116 South A St., Springfield.

Lane, Coos, Curry & Douglas Building Trades

Delegates meet at noon Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the Springfield Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield.

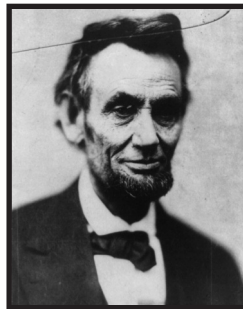
Linoleum Layers 1236

Executive Board meets 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the Union Office, 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.**

Portland area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, preceded by a 4 p.m. barbeque, at the Union Office, 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland. **PLEASE NOTE:** This meeting will be "Special Call" to vote on allocation of the Oct. 1, 2010 wage increase.

Marion-Polk-Yamhill Labor Council

Delegates meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, preceded by a 6:30 Executive Board meeting, at 2110 State St., Salem.



"All that serves labor serves the nation.

"All that harms labor is treason to America. No line can be drawn between these two.

"If a man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar.

"If a man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool.

"There is no America without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other."

Abraham Lincoln

Metal Trades Council

Executive Board meets 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9. Delegates meet 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28. Meetings are at the IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland.

Mid-Columbia Labor Council

Delegates meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 3313 W. 2nd, The Dalles.

Millwrights & Machinery Erectors 711

Members meet 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, preceded by a 9 a.m. Executive Committee meeting, at the Carpenters Local 247 Hall, 2205 N. Lombard St., Portland.

Northwest Oregon Labor Council

Delegates meet 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland.

Office & Professional Employees Local 11

Members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Laborers/Teamsters Hall, 2212 Andresen, Vancouver.

Operating Engineers 701

District 1 & 5 members meet 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at 555 E. First St., Gladstone for installation of officers and a District Meeting.

District 4 members meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at The Comfort Inn, 351 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles. **NEW LOCATION**

District 2 members meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at the Hermiston DTC Office, 148 Main St., Hermiston.

District 1 members meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Longview Electricians Hall, 1145 Commerce Ave., Longview.

District 3 members meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at North Bend/Coos Bay Labor Center, 3427 Ash St., North Bend.

District 3 members meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Marriott Courtyard, 600 Airport Rd., Medford. **NEW LOCATION**

District 2 members meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Comfort Suites, 969 Kruse Way, Springfield.

Painters & Drywall Finishers 10

Members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, preceded by a 5 p.m. barbeque, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

Portland City & Metropolitan Employees 189

Executive Board meets 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14. General membership meets 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Meetings are at 6025 E. Burnside, Portland.

Roofers & Waterproofers 49

Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9. Executive Board meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7. Meetings are at 5032 SE 26th Ave., Portland. (Phone: 503 232-4807)

Salem Building Trades

Delegates meet 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at the IBEW 280 Training Center, 33309 Hwy. 99E, Tangent.

Sheet Metal Workers 16

Portland members meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Sheet Metal Training Center, 2379 NE 178th Ave., Portland.

Medford area members meet 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Wild River Pizza, 2684 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford.

Eugene area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Local 16 Hall, 4748 Franklin Blvd., Eugene.

Coos Bay area members meet 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at Abby's Pizza, 997 First St., Coos Bay.

Portland area VOC meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Sheet Metal Training Center, 2379 NE 178th Ave., Portland.

Sign Painters & Paint Makers 1094

Members meet 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, in the District Office, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

Southern Oregon Central Labor Council

Delegates meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the La-

bor Temple, 4480 Rogue Valley Hwy. #3, Central Point.

Southwest Washington Central Labor Council

Delegates meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, preceded by an Executive Board meeting, at the ILWU Local 4 Hall, 1205 Ingalls St., Vancouver, Wash. (Note: Formerly the Clark, Skamania, West Klickitat Labor Council.)

United Association 290

Portland area members meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at 20210 SW Teton Ave., Tualatin.

Astoria area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Astoria Labor Temple, 926 Duane, Astoria.

Bend area members meet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Local 290 Training Center, 2161 SW First, Redmond.

Brookings area members meet 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Curry County Search and Rescue, 517 Railroad St., Brookings.

Coos Bay area members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Coos Bay Training Center, 2nd & Kruse, Coos Bay.

Eugene area members meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Springfield Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield.

Klamath Falls area members meet 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 4816 S 6th St., Klamath Falls.

Medford area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at 950 Industrial Circle, White City.

Roseburg area members meet 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Roseburg Labor Temple, 742 SE Roberts, Roseburg.

Salem area members meet 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at 1810 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem.

The Dalles area members meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the United Steelworkers Local 9170 Union Hall, The Dalles.

Humboldt-Del Norte Co. area members meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Eureka Training Center, 634 California St., Eureka, Calif.

United Steelworkers 1097

Members meet 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, preceded by a 3 p.m. Executive Board meeting, in the union office building, 91237 Old Mill Town Rd., Westport.

Q: Is Labor Day just about unions?

A: No. The U.S. Department of Labor describes Labor Day this way: "It is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country."

Retiree Meeting Notices

ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS OREGON CHAPTER

Executive Board meets 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, in the Northwest Oregon Labor Council board room, at 1125 SE Madison, Portland.

Retirees meet 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at Westmoreland Union Manor, 6404 SE 23rd Ave., Portland. All retirees are welcome to attend.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 48

Retirees meet 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Heidi's Restaurant, 1230 NE Cleveland, (corner of Cleveland and Burnside) Gresham, followed by a 1:15 tour of the Guide Dog facility and graduation ceremony, 32901 SE Kelso Rd., Boring. For reservations and more information, please contact Glenn Hodgkinson at 503-656-0028.

IRON WORKERS 29

Retirees meet at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the Union Hall, 11620 NE Ainsworth Circle #29, Portland for a catered lunch. **PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE.**

MILLWRIGHTS 711

Retirees meet noon Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Hometown Buffet, 10542A SE Washington St., Portland.

NORTHWEST OREGON LABOR RETIREES COUNCIL

Business meeting from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the Northwest Oregon Labor Council board room, at 1125 SE Madison, #103G, Portland.

OREGON AFSCME

Retirees meet 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the AFSCME office, 6025 E Burnside, Portland. Call Michael Arken for information at 503-239-9858, ext. 124.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 16

Retirees meet 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Nicolas Restaurant, 4826 N. Lombard, Portland.

UNITED ASSOCIATION 290

Salem area retirees meet 12 noon Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Almost Home Restaurant, 3310 Market St., NE, Salem.

Retirees meet 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at 20210 SW Teton Ave., Tualatin.

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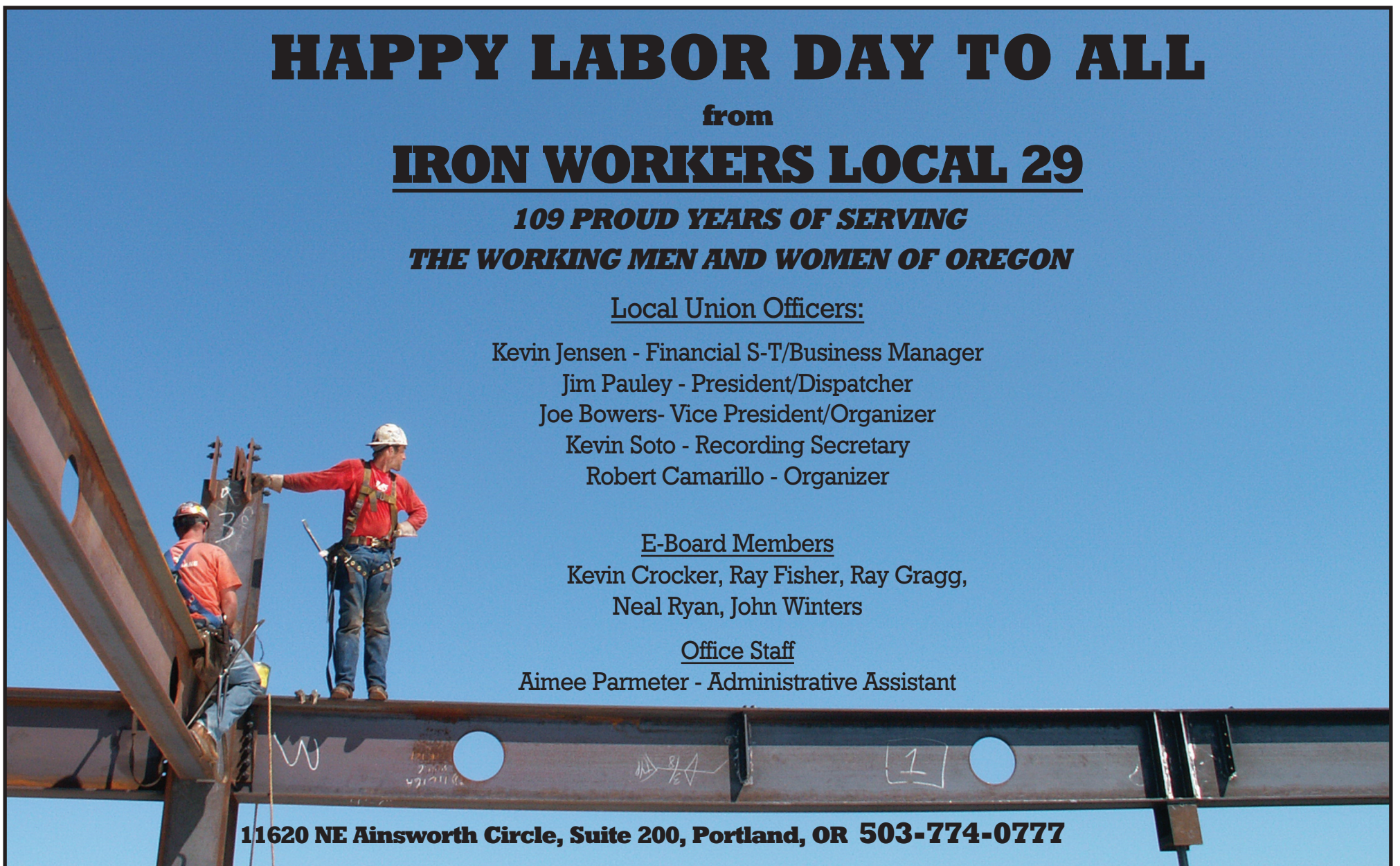
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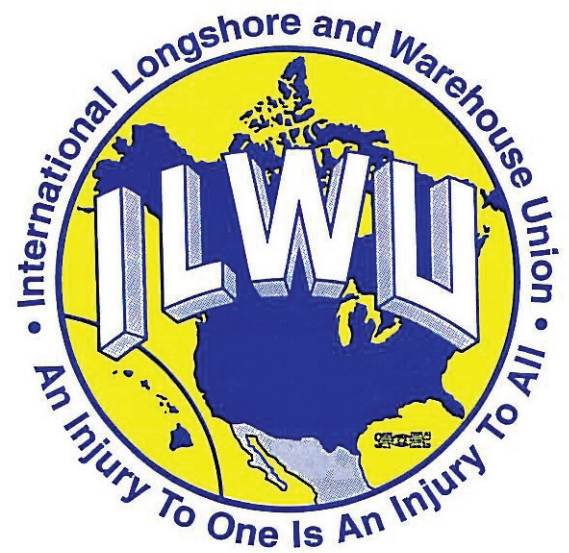


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*From the Officers,
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agreement with Pacific Maritime Association after 18 months of bargaining. **1961:** Portland Reporter becomes daily, with 65,000 circulation. S.I. Newhouse, owner of Oregonian, buys Journal, kills Sunday paper and eliminates 250 employees. Meier and Frank says it won't cover union employees in pension and profit-sharing retirement trust plans. Anti-strikebreaker and "right-to-work" proposals introduced in Legislature. Collective bargaining measure for state employees passes. Labor fights use of prisoners to construct state buildings. Eugene opens \$300,000 Labor Temple. Harvey Aluminum of The Dalles found guilty by National Labor Relations Board of representation election tampering, spying, bribery and perjury. **1962:** Union Label Show at Memorial Coliseum attracts more than 200,000 visitors. President John Kennedy's order gives federal workers the right to bargain. **1963:** March on Washington for jobs and Justice. Equal Pay Act bans wage discrimination based on gender. Five members of Cement Masons Local 555 die in collapse of water tank under construction in Hillsboro. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signs labor agreement with Columbia Power Trades Council. Union Labor Retirement Association formed. Culinary



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Members of Iron Workers Local 29 pose atop the new Veterans Administration Hospital on "Pill Hill" in Southwest Portland in February 1984.



Portland union members march through downtown Portland in March 2004, part of a national "Health Care Action Day" to reform the nation's health care system.



Union members in Klamath Falls protest "Reaganomics" and high unemployment.



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workers win representation election at Portland Hilton. President John F. Kennedy assassinated, Oregon unions hold memorial. **1964:** Portland Reporter ceases publication Sept 30. AWPWW emerges as independent union, wins NLRB election involving 49 mills owned by 18 companies from Port Angeles to Los Angeles. Civil Rights Act bans institutional forms of racial discrimination. **1965:** Portland newspaper strike ends. International Typographical Union, which had provided principal financial support, orders halt to picketing and declares open shop with the publications remaining on boycott list. Oregon reports having highest rate of bankruptcies in U.S. Legislature passes three-way workers' compensation bill over labor's objections. Gov. Hatfield vetoes bill which would have opened apprenticeship to industrial programs, changed state apprenticeship council makeup and put program under labor commissioner's administration. AFL-CIO President George Meany speaks at American Legion convention in Portland. Strikes at Portland Hilton, Nabisco, Swan Island ship repair facility. AFL-CIO forms A. Philip Randolph Institute. Cesar Chavez garners national attention for the plight of farm workers by spearheading what becomes a five-year California grape pickers strike; forms AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. **1966:** New \$2.5 million Portland Labor Center opens at SW First and Arthur. Oregon AFL-CIO moves offices to Salem. Portland rated sixth most expensive city in U.S. Oregon AFL-CIO reports 20,000 membership gain. Merger of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington County Labor Councils proposed. Union Labor Retirement Association dedicates Westmoreland Union Manor. American Newspaper Guild wins representation election at Coos Bay World. Ship repair yard strike settled after eight months. **1967:** Old Portland Labor Temple at SW Fourth and Jefferson, built in early 1920s, demolished for construction of First Interstate Bank. Legislature raises state minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour. Bill revising apprenticeship system becomes law. Linda Rae Grabler of Waitresses Local 305 first union member named Portland Rose Festival princess. Port of Portland recognizes District Council of Trade Unions as workers' bargaining agent.

Pulp and Paper Workers win election at new Crown Zellerbach mill near Wauna. Portland Federation of Teachers seeks right to bargain with Portland School Board. Strike by Portland Steelworkers Local 3103 against Union Carbide lasts 246 days. Ed Whelan elected president of Oregon AFL-CIO. **1968:** Portland City Council asked to recognize Water Bureau Employees Local 189 of AFSCME. Commissioner Frank Ivancie contends budget laws would not permit the city to enter into contract with employees. Later Public Works Employees Local 105 and Professional, Technical and Clerical Employees Local 490 merge with Local 189 to form Portland City and Metropolitan Employees Local 189. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., during sanitation workers' strike. Republican State Rep. Bob Packwood, a Portland labor lawyer for a management-oriented firm, beats Wayne Morse for U.S. Senate. **1969:** \$115,000 Labor Center dedicated in North Bend. Legislature establishes TriMet, sets 56-hour work week for firefighters. **1970:** Office and Professional Employees Local 11 wins representation election at Northwest Natural Gas. Portland Hilton workers vote for Culinary Union. Labor backs construction of Trojan nuclear power plant by PGE. President Nixon signs bill to create Environmental Protection Agency. Occupational Safety and Health Act passed. Postal worker strike, involving 180,000 strikers, becomes the United States' largest public employee walkout. **1971:** State Apprenticeship and Training Council sets equal opportunity rules. Portland Retail Clerks Local 1257 merges into Portland Local 1092. Attempt to break up Bureau of Labor and abolish labor commissioner's office thwarted in Legislature. **1972:** Western Environmental Trades Association established to further labor-management cooperation in handling environmental concerns. Union Labor Retirement Association opens second building, Marshall Manor. Coalition of Black Trade Unionists formed. **1973:** Proposals of Governor's Task Force on Collective Bargaining adopted to provide bargaining structure for public employees. Minimum wage raised to \$1.60 an hour. Employment discrimination against handicapped banned. Dean Killion elected president of Oregon AFL-CIO. Long lines

form at gas stations during oil embargo. Labor Council for Latin American Advancement founded. **1974:** Jean Morris, member of Carpenters Local 1094, Corvallis, is first woman building trades picket in Oregon during strike in Newport. Machinists District 24 organized by seven Oregon and Southwest Washington locals. Second building proposed for land occupied by Portland Labor Center. Coalition of Labor Union Women founded. **1975:** Another period of recession and unemployment starts. Building trades discuss state lottery as possible source of revenue to offset rising property taxes. Building trades incensed by Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt's decision not to build Mt. Hood Freeway on Portland's east side. Robert G. Kennedy elected president of Oregon AFL-CIO. **1976:** Attorney general's office asked by Gov. Straub to investigate financial affairs of bankrupt Portland Labor Center. Mini-park on Swan Island named for the late Henry McCarthy, former executive secretary of Portland Metal Trades Council. Oregon AFSCME Council 75 doubles its membership. Labor works for passage of \$84 million bond issue for construction of 982-foot drydock for Port of Portland's Swan Island ship repair facility. **1977:** Report by Attorney General Jim Redden on financial difficulties suffered by Portland Labor Center says that bookkeeping by the operating firm — Great Western Mortgage — from 1973 to 1975 was "non-existent," but there are no recommendations for criminal prosecutions. Vietnamese immigrants back organization by Machinists of Colton battery plant. Strikes hit Safeway, Fred Meyer, Greyhound and Boeing. Legislature establishes Labor Education and Research Center (LERC) at University of Oregon; creates Oregon Employment Relations Board (ERB) to replace Public Employees Relations Board, and forms Metropolitan Service District. Pacific Northwest Labor College established in Portland. **1978:** Portland Labor Center sold. Emory Via, professor at Georgia State University, named LERC director. Mary Wendy Roberts, state senator from east Portland and a former member of AFSCME, is elected Oregon labor commissioner. Sue Pisha, first woman president of Communications Workers Local 9201, elected state representative from east Multnomah

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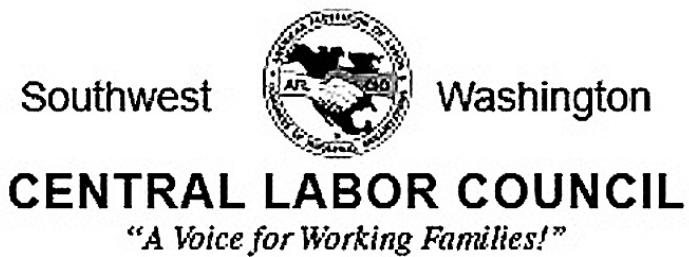
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County. **1979:** Neil Goldschmidt resigns as Portland mayor to become U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Retail Clerks and Meat Cutters merge to form United Food and Commercial Workers. George Meany steps down and Lane Kirkland is elected national AFL-CIO president. **1980:** Former actor and Screen Actors Guild President Ronald Reagan elected President of U.S. First strike in 66 years of Pressmen's Local 43 called against Daily Journal of Commerce. Strike by Multnomah County Employees Local 88 lasts 38 days. Unions also strike Chevron, Wagner Mining, Nabisco, FMC, Ross Island Sand and Gravel. Eruption of Mt. St. Helens leaves massive cleanup task in Southwest Washington. Oregon Federation of Nurses wins representation election at Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital. Oregon AFL-CIO calls for federal and state plant closure legislation. Union Labor Retirement Association opens Kirkland Union Manor. Portland Bricklayers Local 1 has first all-woman pre-apprenticeship class. Joyce Miller, a vice president of the Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers, becomes first female member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. Energy costs soar and uncontrolled imports hit auto, steel industries. **1981:** President Reagan busts Air Traffic Controllers Union by ordering 11,000 striking controllers back to work. Republican Gov. Vic Atiyeh opposes "right-to-work" legislation. "Scab or starve" proposals of State Department of Human Resources halted. Republican Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer rules state labor laws do not apply on Indian reservations. Port of Portland employees strike. Irv Fletcher and Bob Baugh elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of Oregon AFL-CIO. 400,000 union members march in

Washington, D.C., in labor's first Solidarity Day to protest Reagan Administration policies. Jobs with Justice rally in Washington State draws 8,000 unionists to Olympia. **1982:** Bakers Local 114 names Laurel Koch first woman business agent; she later succeeds Noel Johnson as secretary-treasurer. Employees at Parry Center in Portland are denied union representation from CWA Local 9201. USPS doubles postage costs for non-profit publications such as the Labor Press. 15,000 workers rally in Olympia calling for more jobs and economic justice. Thousands attend Oregon AFL-CIO "Jobs and Justice" rally at Portland's Terry Schunk Plaza to protest programs of the Reagan Administration. Sheet Metal Workers Local 544 merges into Local 16. Groundbreaking of new Veterans Administration Hospital on Marquam Hill in Southwest Portland. **1983:** Metal Trades strike Swan Island repair firms, Bingham-Willamette, FMC. Louisiana-Pacific scabs out jobs of striking union workers while other wood products firms settle contracts with Woodworkers and LPIW. Labor protests contracts awarded for Banfield Freeway expansion, Tri-Met light rail construction to non-union R.A. Hatch of Bend. Oregon Legislature changes law to permit sales of unpasteurized Coors Beer. LERC conducts classes for unions on how to buy a computer. Nationwide strike at Bell System impacts 14,000 CWA and IBEW members in Oregon and Washington. **1984:** EXCEL (Excellence in Construction by Cooperation Between Employers and Organized Labor) formed in building trades. After a trip to Asia, Nellie Fox, Oregon AFL-CIO political director, says plant operated in China for Nike is unsafe for workers. Armour sells north

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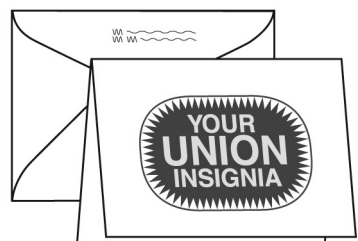
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Portland packing plant to ConAgra, which illegally weeds out union workers. AFTRA loses decertification election at Portland television station KATU (Channel 2). **1985:** Atlantic-Richfield (Arco) awards contract to build Alaskan oil field modules at Portland ship repair yard to nonunion Brown and Root. Port of Portland invites nonunion Lockport, an offshoot of Seattle's Lockheed Shipbuilding, to Swan Island. Union professional football players appear briefly as Portland Breakers of United States Football League, stage a one-season stand. Kirkland Union Manor II is dedicated and Union Labor Retirement Association says planning is under way for third structure at Powell Boulevard site. **1986:** United Food and Commercial Workers locals in Oregon and Southwest Washington merge into Tigard-based Local 555; it becomes largest private-sector union in Oregon with about 17,500 members. Dillingham Ship Repair illegally implements Metal Trades contract and then fires union members who protest. Metropolitan Area Express (MAX) light rail begins operation. Marv Williams retires as president of Washington State Labor Council, succeeded by Larry Kenney, federation's secretary-treasurer. **1987:** Dillingham and Lockport close down; new Swan Island repair firm, WSI, goes union after strong organizing drive. Citing irreconcilable differences, Woodworkers split into separate United States and Canadian organizations at Portland convention. EXCEL evolves into new organization, Partners in Construction Cooperation, extends efforts to boost building trades. Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer angers building trades with opinion that payment of prevailing wages not required on construction of "turnkey" structures for state agencies. Columbia County Labor Council merges into Northwest Oregon Labor Council. Seattle Seahawks use scabs during NFL players strike. Teamsters back in AFL-CIO fold after absence of 30 years. **1988:** International

Longshore & Warehouse Union granted a charter by the AFL-CIO. Sailors Union of Pacific closes Portland office. Emory Via retires and Margaret Hallock, former Oregon Public Employees Union director of research, succeeds him as director of LERC. UFCW Local 555 Longview area strike lasts 115 days. Big Arco module project at Swan Island awarded to Seattle union contractor. **1989:** Lockout bill passes Oregon Legislature; so does measure with nation's highest minimum wage. Boeing strike by Machinists idles 57,000, most in Seattle area, for 48 days. 120 members of UFCW Local 555 get part of \$7.1 million nationwide settlement from ConAgra unfair labor practices. Many unions reporting full employment. Caterpillar closes former Gerlinger and Towmotor plant in Dallas, displacing members of Machinists Local 1506, moves operation to Mexico. LeRoy Worley, former business manager of Portland Iron Workers Local 29, elected general secretary of international union. Mine Workers join AFL-CIO. Office and Professional Employees Local 11 signs "Joint Accord" with Northwest Natural Gas that draws national attention. Machinists strike Eastern Airlines. **1990:** Representatives of labor and business meet weekly at Mahonia Hall in Salem to discuss Oregon's workers' compensation system, resulting in the Legislature passing sweeping changes — not all to labor's liking. Fullman Company of Portland signs agreement with Plumbers and Fitters Local 290 after two-and-a-half years of picketing — the longest labor dispute in Oregon mechanical contracting history. Greyhound bus drivers and mechanics strike because the company won't bargain in good faith with Amalgamated Transit Union. Providence Hospital placed on the Unfair List for use of nonunion contractors who failed to meet area wage standards. IBEW members strike GTE in Oregon, Washington and Northern California for 19 days. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declares the north-

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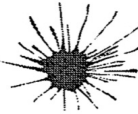
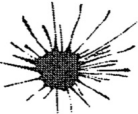
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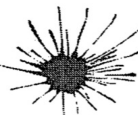
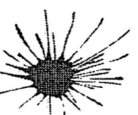
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ern spotted owl a threatened species. UFCW Local 555 strikes Portland-area supermarkets for 24 days before approving a 4-year contract. Union-built Oregon Convention Center opened. Ballot Measure 5 passes, placing severe limitations on property taxes to support schools and government services. Labor helps elect Barbara Roberts first woman governor of Oregon. United Mine Workers of America win strike against Pittston Coal. **1991:** Labor pushes lawmakers for universal health care. KOIN-TV placed on the Unfair List — some 50 off-camera employees were working without a contract at the station for nearly two years. Unions support troops in the Persian Gulf War. **1992:** Oregonians first in the nation to hold a vote-by-mail election. U.S. Senate kills bill prohibiting employers from hir-

ing scabs to replace striking union workers. Public employees brace for an onslaught of pink slips after lawmakers reject Gov. Barbara Roberts' proposal to overhaul Oregon's tax system. PGE says it will phase out the Trojan nuclear power plant. Members of Multnomah County Employees Local 88 get new contract that provides health care coverage for unmarried domestic partners. Bill Clinton elected president. The Washington Post reports that 10 women alleged that Bob Packwood fondled and pressured them sexually. Packwood never denied the charges. The Oregon AFL-CIO joins forces with Oregonians for Ethical Representation to hold Packwood accountable for the allegations. Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance created within AFL-CIO. **1993:** World Wide Web introduced. Tro-

jan nuclear power plant closes. Rick Bender named president of Washington State Labor Council after Larry Kenney resigns to take state job. Boeing Co. plans to cut 27,000 jobs by 1994. ATU and Greyhound end bitter three-year strike. Nine union activists arrested at Portland National Labor Relations Board office to bring attention to failure of federal labor laws to protect workers' rights in organizing unions. The Bonneville Power Administration proposes hiking electricity rates 20 percent or more. President Clinton's Northwest Forest Plan is met by "boos." Northwest Oregon Labor Retirees Council, AFL-CIO, established. North American Free Trade Agreement passes in the House of Representatives. **1994:** Rick Bender elected president of WSLC. Lone Star Northwest busts Operating En-

Mohlis to succeed Shiprack at OSBCTC

ROSEBURG — John Mohlis, executive secretary-treasurer of the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council, was elected by acclamation to succeed Bob Shiprack as executive secretary of the Oregon

State Building Trades Council. Shiprack is retiring after 25 years at the helm.

The election took place Aug. 25 at the Oregon State Building Trades Council's 48th annual convention.

Mohlis, a former business manager of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1, will take office Oct. 1. He has served in the top post at the Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council since 2005. He had served as president of the council since 1994.

Shiprack, a longtime member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48, was a Democratic state representative from Clackamas County when he was first elected president of the state building trades council in 1984. He took over as executive secretary a year later.

Convention delegates passed four resolutions: supporting a 300 acre marine terminal development on West Hayden Island; continuation of a planned new mental health hospital in Junction City; support of Ballot Measure 72 to allow the state to issue low-cost bonds to finance state owned or operated property; and a \$1 per member, per month assessment to fund its political action committee, Oregonians to Maintain Community Standards.

Because of space restrictions in this 110th anniversary issue, a more complete report from the convention will appear in the Sept. 17 edition of the Northwest Labor Press.



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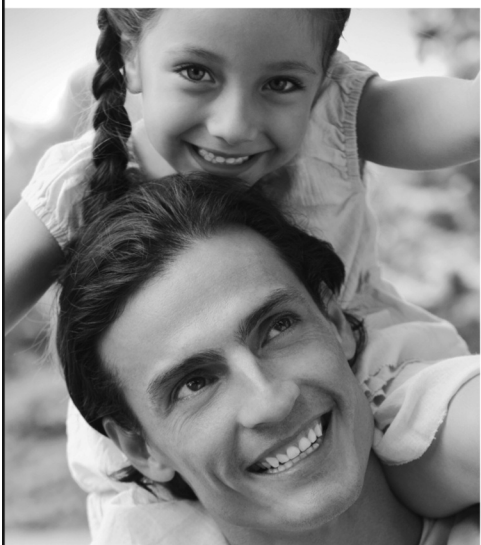


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Trumka and Linda Chavez-Thompson are elected president, secretary-treasurer and first vice president of the national AFL-CIO on a "New Voice" campaign. 15,000 members of Oregon Public Employees Union stage largest public workers' strike in Oregon history. Portland Mayor Vera Katz signs pact with District Council of Trade Unions, temporarily protecting 800 city employees from pay cuts associated with Measure 8. AFL-CIO joins Columbia River Alliance in denouncing a court-ordered federal plan to save salmon in the Columbia and Snake rivers, saying it would shatter the regional economy. A coalition of labor, religious and community groups forms to try to stop closure of Bess Kaiser Medical Center in north Portland, to no avail. Senate Bill 750 passes to exclude

Portland, Vancouver events to feature union leaders Buffenbarger, Williams

Machinists General President Tom Buffenbarger will join Painters and Allied Trades International President Jimmy Williams for a "Breakfast with the Candidates" at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way. There is no charge for the continental breakfast.

Oregon's elected politicians and candidates have been invited to attend, including Gov. Ted Kulongoski and Portland Mayor Sam Adams.

Later that morning, at 11 a.m., the union leaders will join members at Daimler Trucks on Swan Island for a barbecue and rally. Workers there recently ratified a new three-year collective bargaining agreement.

On Tuesday, Sept. 7, Williams will take part in a labor walk and hot dog feed at Fire Fighters Local 452 Hall, 1807 Fruit Valley Road, Vancouver. From 5 to 7 p.m. union members will be knocking on doors in the 17th, 18th, and 49th districts for endorsed candidates in Washington.

Williams is on a West Coast "It's about Jobs" bus tour that starts in Seat-

tle on Labor Day. Following the event at Daimler he will leave for California. For more information about the Port-

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Oregon plant and moves production to Mexico. A series of strikes at Kaiser Permanente involve UFCW, Service Employees and Oregon Federation of Nurses. Pride at Work, a national coalition of lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender workers and their supporters, becomes an AFL-CIO constituency group. **1998:** Blogging becomes big. Oregon minimum wage goes to \$6 an hour. Judy O'Connor first woman elected executive secretary-treasurer of Northwest Oregon Labor Council. Oregon's farmworkers union, PCUN, signs its first contract on Cesar Chavez Day March 31 with Natures' Fountain Farm in Albany. CWA members make contract gains in wake of 18-day strike at US West Communications. Oregon voters reject "paycheck deception" ballot measure intended to weaken pub-

Portland 'jobs' town hall meeting with Trumka and Kitzhaber draws over 500

National AFL-CIO President Rich Trumka, on a Aug. 23-24 visit to Portland, rallied local union activists to stay politically active despite disappointments, and to help elect John Kitzhaber as governor of Oregon.

Trumka sat alongside Kitzhaber at an indoor rally of over 500 union activists at the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 8 hall in Portland.

Referring to the Washington, D.C., experience of the last 18 months, Trumka called Republicans "the party of 'no,'" saying they are responsible for stalling 400 House-passed bills in the Senate. Democrats have strong majorities in the U.S. House and Senate, but Senate customs let minorities block legislation.

"I know we haven't got everything that we wanted or that we would like, or what we deserve, or what were promised, or what we worked for," Trumka told unionists. "But we've made a lot of progress. We've reined in Wall Street, so that they can't run wild any more. We have a health care bill to build on. We have a secretary of labor that cares about working people, that will enforce the law. We reversed the Bush taboo on project labor agree-



ments."

"So here's the choice we have," Trumka said. "We can get angry. That's what they want. They don't want your vote. They want you to get angry. They want you to get frustrated. They want you to sit on your hands from now until Election Day. That's what they're counting on. But what they don't count on is, we're union."

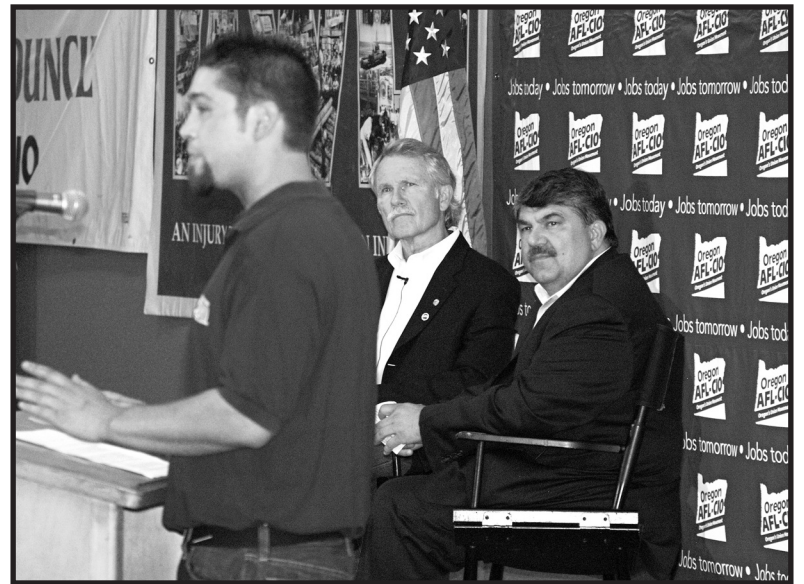
"Here's the choice," Trumka said. "We can continue going forward, or we can go back to the days when Wall Street and corporate America ran wild."

Kitzhaber said he would oppose the privatization of the public sector, and presented high points of his plan to put Oregonians back to work: retrofit schools, restore forests, connect job-seekers with jobs via employment-related training, and cause Oregon money managers to invest local assets locally.

Trumka and Kitzhaber then heard from three union members who were invited to tell their stories of coping with the recession, and they answered written questions from the audience.

Earlier in the day, Trumka toured Oregon Iron Works, where local union members are employed making street cars. Trumka also attended a VIP dinner to raise money for Kitzhaber.

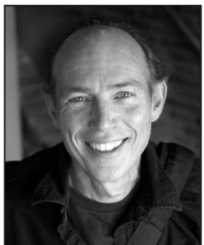
The following morning, Trumka spoke at a short public rally at Terry Shrunken plaza. He and other union leaders then marched to the Portland Building and leafletted passersby with Oregon AFL-CIO fliers that criticized Republican gubernatorial candidate Chris Dudley, a former Portland Trailblazer. Dudley doesn't know what it's like to do a real days hard work, the flier said. "As a leader of the NBA players union, he fought to make sure multimillionaire athletes were paid even more."



(ABOVE) National AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka (right) and gubernatorial candidate John Kitzhaber listen to Nick Gaitaud, a member of Albany Steelworkers Local 7150, explain how unemployment insurance helped his family survive a layoff during a town hall gathering Aug. 23 in Portland. (PHOTO LEFT) The next morning, Trumka handed out fliers to passersby at the Portland Building.



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lic employee unions. **1999:** Irv Fletcher retires after 18 years as president of the Oregon AFL-CIO; Tim Nesbitt elected to succeed him. Union volunteers build largest outdoor skatepark in the West at Keizer, near Salem. 50,000 working family activists take to Seattle streets to protest against World Trade Organization. **The 21st Century** — Globalization continues to influence the world in the 2000s. The internet is one of the prime contributors, making it possible for people to interact with other people, express ideas, and use goods and services, along with travel the world without leaving the computer. **2000:** NW Labor Press survives Y2K computer scare...celebrates 100th Anniversary! Workers at Powell's Books ratify first union contract, becoming Local 5 of International Longshore and Warehouse Union. Oregon voters reject all six ballot measures sponsored by anti-union activist Bill Sizemore. Enabled by deregulation, companies like Enron manipulate the electricity market, causing a severe spike in West Coast electricity prices. Over 4,000 Northwest workers in aluminum and other industries lose union jobs. Kaiser Permanente and labor finalize national contract. New Portland Classical Chinese Garden is union-built. Margaret Hallock steps down as LERC director; Bob Bussel succeeds her. OPEIU Local 11 401(k) pension trust sues Capital Consultants after feds take over money manager's operations. Paramount Hotel signs union contract with HERE Local 9. George Bush elected President with 271 electoral votes to Al Gore's 266; Gore wins popular vote; it is the

closest presidential election since 1876. The Dot-com bubble bursts, causing turmoil in financial markets. **2001:** Sept. 11 terrorist attacks take massive toll on America's working families. Among the 2,976 deaths resulting from the airliner crashes into New York's World Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., were unprecedented losses of emergency services workers. On that day, Oregon unionists were at the 46th convention of the Oregon AFL-CIO in Seaside. "For the first time in my life, I find myself with a significant loss of words," said keynote speaker Richard Trumka, national AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer. In the wake of the 9/11, Congress bails out airlines, but does nothing for 100,000 laid-off airline workers. 12,000 Oregon home care workers join SEIU Local 503. CWA inks first contract at AT&T Broadband. Carpenters Union pulls out of the AFL-CIO. Atofina Chemical closes, putting 131 people out of work. Afghanistan war begins. Enron files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection to that point, the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history. **2002:** At OHSU, 1,500 nurses win raises after a 56-day strike. Portland Public Schools fires its 300 custodians, replacing them with a private janitorial contractor. Oregon voters approve union-backed ballot measures tying minimum wage increases to the cost of living. IBEW Local 48 member Dan Gardner elected Oregon labor commissioner. Former Fire Fighters Local 43 president Randy Leonard elected to Portland City Council. A jury finds that Bill Sizemore's groups engaged in racketeering getting

Fired BrucePac workers reinstated

BrucePac, a Willamette Valley cooked meat processor, has offered reinstatement and back pay to three of the 17 union supporters it fired in June 2009. Manuel Coria and Jose Carmen Maciel returned Aug. 31, 2010 to their day-shift sanitation jobs at the company's Silverton plant. Daniel Luna, who found another job, declined the reinstatement offer.

The 17 workers were terminated during a 45-worker mass layoff, three weeks after workers began discussing joining Laborers Local 296. The union filed multiple complaints with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

NLRB pursued charges in four of

the 17 firings, and in April, a federal administrative law judge determined that in three of the firings, BrucePac had a clear anti-union motive. Terminating workers for supporting a union campaign is against federal labor law. The judge ordered BrucePac to reinstate the workers, with back pay.

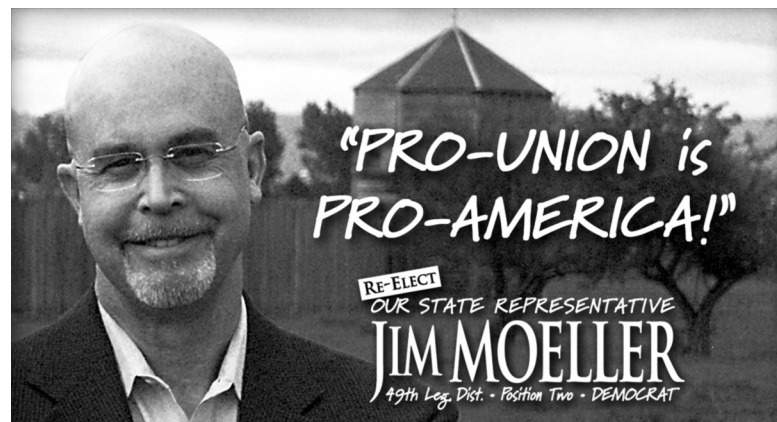
But BrucePac appealed the decision. That might have delayed compliance with the order, but the NLRB regional office asked a federal judge for an injunction ordering BrucePac to reinstate the workers while the appeal continues. Two days before the judge was to consider the injunction request, BrucePac attorneys agreed to reinstate the work-

ers, even though the appeal will still go forward.

"I think they didn't want to be embarrassed in front of the judge," said David Rosenfeld, the union's attorney in the case.

The workers will also get back pay, basically 14 months' wages minus anything they earned since the firing.

Local 296 Business Representative Jack Roy and dispatcher Dagoberto Aranda say they hope the return will embolden remaining pro-union workers at BrucePac, who became fearful of openly supporting a union campaign after all the key union supporters were fired.



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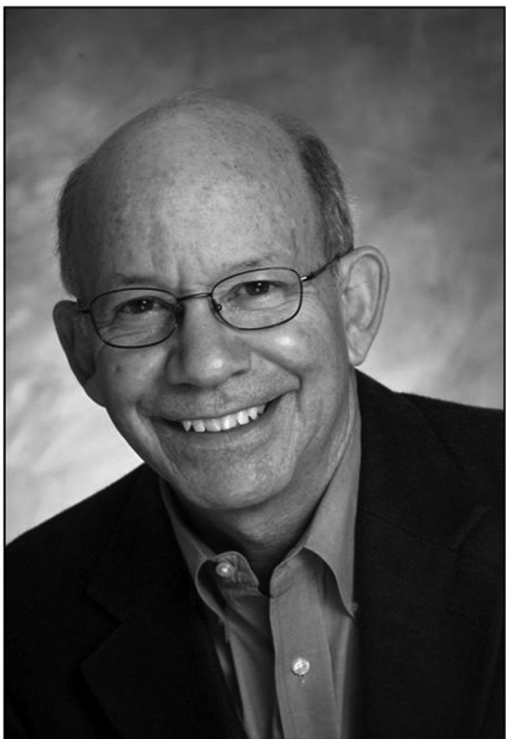
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two anti-union measures on the 2000 ballot, and a judge orders Sizemore to pay \$2.52 million damages to two teachers' unions. West Coast ports close during a 12-day employer lockout of 10,500 longshore workers; the two sides eventually reach agreement. Union pension funds are invested in South Waterfront project. Albany Steelworkers ratify contract at Wah Chang, putting end to 7-month lockout. Consolidated Freightways files for bankruptcy, laying off 15,500 union workers. AFL-CIO's Union Summer turns focus to recruiting young people. Homeland Security Act establishing the Department of Homeland Security signed into law; it is the largest U.S. government reorganization since the creation of the Department of Defense in 1947. **2003:** Iraq War begins. Providence Milwaukie nurses win hard-fought first contract. Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans holds founding convention. Union workers installing 14-foot diameter sewer "Big Pipe" under the streets of Portland. United Auto Workers ends 11-month strike at Williams Controls. AFL-CIO launches Working America group. Half of union membership in U.S. is white collar. **2004:** A day after defeating John Kerry by 3 percent in the general election, President Bush says he will push for privatization of Social Security. SEIU strikes Parry Center. Building trades call for boycott of new Vancouver Convention Center. Congress okays free trade deals with Australia and Morocco. Portland unionists rally through streets of downtown Portland on "Health

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Care Action Day. Facebook founded at Cambridge, Massachusetts. **2005:** Six unions leave the AFL-CIO and form the Change to Win labor federation. Congress ratifies the Central America Free Trade Agreement. 18,400 Boeing Machinists win improvements after a 28-day strike. AFL-CIO and Change to Win announce deal to preserve local labor unity with Solidarity Charters. Tim Nesbitt resigns as president of Oregon AFL-CIO; Tom Chamberlain succeeds him. Social Security privatization battle intensifies. Union Industries Show featuring American-made goods and services held in Portland. **2006:** Custodians return to Portland Public Schools, after Oregon Supreme Court rules the district's privatization was illegal. A ruling by the National Labor Relations Board opens the door for employers to classify millions of workers as supervisors. Building Trades' John Mohlis appointed to Portland Development Commission. Richmond Baking workers approve first union contract with Bakers Local 114. Union-backed Working Families Party wins official ballot status in Oregon. Laborers leave AFL-CIO. UFCW's Brad Witt

deemed ineligible to serve as secretary-treasurer of Oregon AFL-CIO; Barbara Byrd succeeds him. Tim Nesbitt appointed deputy chief of staff by Gov. Ted Kulongoski. **2007:** Population of the United States reaches 300 million. After announcing it will build a second truck plant in Mexico, Daimler halts production of Freightliner brand trucks at its Portland plant; a week-long strike by Machinists ends in a new agreement with some improvements. 1,300 Northwest drywall hangers win pay raises after two-week strike. Craft unions welcome Iraqi war veterans into training programs. Del Monte raid puts Portland at center of immigration debate. Afghan-Iraqi Freedom War Memorial in Salem has union ties. Oregon AFL-CIO's Barbara Byrd attends United Nations Climate Change Conference in Indonesia. Fired Portland school custodians win \$14.5 million in back pay. PDC staffers vote to join AF-

SCME. Union membership in U.S. falls by 326,000. **2008:** Stock markets around the world plunge amid growing fears of a U.S. recession. West Coast ports shut down on May Day as Longshore Union protests Iraq war. Bill Sizemore is jailed for a day after being found in contempt of court. ATU gets first contract at Bend Transit. Unions favor building a new I-5 replacement bridge over Columbia River. Oregon School Employees Association affiliates with American Federation of Teachers-Oregon. **2009:** Barack Obama inaugurated as the 44th, and first black President of the United States. Lilly

Ledbetter Act passed, amending Civil Rights Act of 1964 stating that the 180-day statute of limitations for filing an equal-pay lawsuit regarding pay discrimination resets at the date of the most recent discriminatory paycheck. Union workers employed at Oregon Iron Works manufacture the first U.S.-made streetcar since 1951. Elizabeth "Liz" Shuler, a member of Portland-based IBEW Local 125, is first woman and youngest (39) ever elected Secretary-Treasurer of the national AFL-CIO; she runs on a slate with Richard Trumka, who is elected president.

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