

THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

February 14

Western Federation of Miners strike for 8-hour day - 1903

February 15

Susan B. Anthony, suffragist, abolitionist, labor activist, born in Adams, Mass. - 1820

February 16

Diamond mine disaster in Braidwood, Ill. The coal mine was on a marshy tract of land with no natural drainage. Snow melted and forced a collapse on the east side of the mine, killing 74 - 1883

Beginning of a 17-week general strike of 12,000 New York Jewish furriers, in which Jewish workers formed a coalition with Greek and African American workers and became the first union to win a five-day, 40-hour week - 1926

February 17

Yale unions strike in solidarity with Teaching Assistants - 1992

February 19

International Union of Police Associations granted a charter by the AFL-CIO - 1979