

# THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

## **April 04**

Unemployed riot in Union Square, NYC - 1914

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is assassinated in Memphis, where he has been supporting a sanitation workers' strike. In the wake of this tragedy, riots break out in many cities, including Washington, DC - 1968

## **April 05**

14,000 teachers strike Hawaii schools, colleges - 2001

## **April 07**

NLRB attorney tells ILWU members to "lie down like good dogs," Juneau, Alaska - 1947

15,000 union janitors strike, Los Angeles - 2000

## **April 08**

Slave revolt in NYC, 21 executed - 1712

President Harry S. Truman orders the U.S. Army to seize the nation's steel mills to avert a strike. The Supreme Court ruled the act illegal on June 2 - 1952

## **April 09**

Birthday of Paul Robeson, singer, actor, political and civil rights activist - 1898