

# THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

## May 09

Longshoremen's strike leads to general work stoppage, San Francisco Bay area - 1934

United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther and his wife May die in a plane crash as they travel to oversee construction of the union's education and training facility at Black Lake, Mich. - 1971

## May 10

Thanks to an army of thousands of Chinese and Irish immigrants, who laid 2,000 miles of track, the nation's first transcontinental railway line was finished by the joining of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines at Promontory Point, Utah – 1869

U.S. & Canadian workers form Western Labor Union - 1898

## May 11

Nationwide railway strike begins at Pullman, Ill. 260,000 railroad workers ultimately joined the strike to protest wage cuts by the Pullman Palace Car Co. - 1894

## May 13

Western Federation of Miners formed in Butte, Mont. - 1893

10,000 IWW dock workers strike in Philadelphia - 1913