

# THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

## June 19

The first important sit-down strike in American history is conducted by workers at a General Tire Co. factory in Akron, Ohio. The United Rubber Workers union was founded a year later – 1934

## June 20

The American Railway Union, headed by Eugene Debs, is founded. In the Pullman strike a year later, the union was defeated by federal injunctions and troops, and Debs was imprisoned for violating the injunctions - 1893

Henry Ford recognizes the United Auto Workers – 1941

The Taft-Hartley Labor Management Relations Act, curbing strikes, was vetoed by President Harry S Truman – 1947

Oil began traveling through the Alaska pipeline. Seventy thousand people worked on building the pipeline, history's largest privately-financed construction project – 1977

## June 21

10 miners accused of being militant “Molly Maguires” are hanged in Pennsylvania - 1877

## June 22

Violence erupted during a coal mine strike at Herrin, Ill. Thirty-six were killed, 21 of them non-union miners - 1922

## **June 23**

The Republican-controlled Congress overrode President Harry S Truman's veto of the anti-labor Labor Management Relations Act, also known as the Taft-Hartley Act - 1947

The newly-formed Jobs With Justice stages its first big support action, backing 3,000 picketing Eastern Airlines mechanics at Miami Airport - 1987

## **June 24**

Birth of Albert Parsons, Haymarket martyr - 1848

## **June 25**

Fair Labor Standards Act passes Congress, banning child labor and setting the 40-hour work week - 1938

At the urging of black labor and civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph, Franklin Roosevelt issues an executive order barring discrimination in defense industries - 1941