

THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

January 16

Palmer Raids detainees win right to meet with lawyers and attorney representation at deportation hearings. "Palmer" was Alexander Mitchell Palmer, U.S. Attorney General under Woodrow Wilson. Palmer believed Communism was "eating its way into the homes of the American workman," and Socialists were causing most of the country's social problems - 1920

January 17

Lucy Parsons leads hunger march in Chicago; IWW songwriter Ralph Chaplin writes "Solidarity Forever" for the march - 1915

January 19

World famous labor leader Joe Hill was arrested in Salt Lake City - 1915

January 20

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) founded - 1920

Attorney General Mitchell Palmer arrests 4,000 foreign-born labor agitators - 1920

January 21

750,000 steel workers walk out, largest strike in U.S. history to that time - 1946

January 22

Birth of Terrance Powderly, leader of the Knights of Labor - 1849

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