

**1922:** 79,000 railroad machinists pin shopmen's strike against second post-war wage cut. Membership declines to 148,000.

**1924:** IAM convention endorses Robert M. LaFollette, Sr., for President.

**1926:** Congress passes Railway Labor Act requiring carriers to bargain and forbidding discrimination against union members.

**1927:** IAM urges ratification of Child Labor Amendments to U.S. Constitution; 2,500,000 children under 16 are working at substandard wages.

**1928:** 250 delegates at 18th IAM convention urge 5-day week to alleviate unemployment.

**1929:** Depression layoffs cut IAM membership to 70,000.

**1932:** Congress passes Norris LaGuardia Act banning use of court injunctions in labor disputes. Wisconsin adopts first unemployment insurance act. Nearly 30% of union members are jobless.

**1933:** IAM backs National Recovery drive and 40-hour week. FOR picks IAM Vice President Robert Fechner to head new Civilian Conservation Corps. Membership sinks to 56,000.

**1934:** IAM establishes Research Department.

**1935:** Congress adopts National Labor Relations Act establishing right to organize and requiring employers to bargain in good faith. IAM opens drive to organize aircraft industry.

**1936:** First industrial union agreement signed with Boeing, Seattle. IAM convention endorses FDR for President. Membership climbs to 130,000.

**1937:** Social Security and Railroad Retirement Acts now in operation. IAM negotiates paid vacations in 26% of its agreements.

**1939:** IAM signs first union agreement in air transport industry with Eastern.

**1940:** Machinists rates average 80 cents an hour. IAM pledges full support to National Defense program. IAM membership climbs to 188,000.

**1941:** IAM pledges full support to win the war including no-strike pledge.

**1944:** 76,000 IAM members serve in armed forces. Total membership now 776,000.

**1945:** First agreement with Remington Rand. IAM convention votes to establish weekly newspaper, education department. Widespread layoffs follow end of World War II.

**1946:** 88% of IAM agreements now provide for paid vacations.

**1947:** Congress enacts anti-union Taft-Hartley Act. Machinists Non-Partisan Political League founded. IAM Legal Department established. Machinists average \$1.56 an hour.

**1948:** IAM membership opened to all regardless of race or color. IAM convention endorses Harry Truman for President.

**1949:** Railroad machinists win 40 hour week. Membership down to 501,000.

**1950:** IAM joins International Transport Workers Federation. Machinists now average \$1.82 an hour.