

... 'Occupy' demonstrations get support from labor at all levels

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as 200 spent the night in Zucotti Park and Occupy Wall Street was born. Their slogan, "We are the 99 percent" is meant to draw attention to the great divide between the wealthiest and the rest.

At first, the camp got little attention, but on Sept. 24, police arrested 80 protesters. Video footage of police pepper-spraying a group of women demonstrators went viral online, sparking public outrage and media coverage.

On Sept. 28, 700 members of the Air Line Pilots Association, in their Continental and United Airlines uniforms, marched in support of the Occupy Wall Street protesters. That night, 38,000-member Transport Workers Union Local 100, representing New

York City's public transit workers, voted to support Occupy Wall Street, and called for an Oct. 5 rally and march to Foley Square.

At that point, union support grew daily. The National Nurses Union, Communications Workers of America, United Food and Commercial Workers, the United Auto Workers, and 1199 Hospital and Health Care Workers/SEIU joined the Transport Workers for the Oct. 5 mass march, which drew 15,000 people. Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) President Larry Hanley urged 200 local presidents in a conference call to get their members out into the streets for Occupy demonstrations. United Auto Workers (UAW) President Bob King committed people and money for supplies.

Within a week, there were Occupy

events in dozens of other cities. On Oct. 15, 951 actions took place in 82 countries.

Occupy has also spread to other locations in Oregon and Southwest Washington, and Facebook groups has formed even for Occupy Cottage Grove.

Oregon has seen demonstrations with union involvement in Bend, Ashland, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, and Corvallis, as well as in Vancouver, Washington.

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka announced that the labor federation stands with Occupy Wall Street: "Participants in Occupy Wall Street are ... declaring that 'We are the 99 percent' because our system is desperately, decisively out of whack. The top 1 percent is pocketing massive profits and

dominating our politics while everyone else struggles to make ends meet."

"The brave students, workers, and unemployed Americans occupying Wall Street have shaken the conscience of our nation," said Service Employees International Union (SEIU) President Mary Kay Henry Oct. 5, pledging that her union would join protesters in the streets. "The crowds and demonstrations will only get larger and louder as more Americans find the courage inside themselves to stand up and demand Wall Street CEOs and millionaires pay their fair share to create good jobs now."

So when New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg moved to oust Occupy Wall Street from the park, several hundred thousand people signed online petitions — including over 20,000 collected in just two hours by the AFL-CIO. Bloomberg backed down, and Occupy Wall Street continues.

In Portland, the Occupy Wall Street movement arrived Oct. 6. Protesters gathered at noon at Waterfront Park, marched through downtown chanting, "Banks got bailed out, we got sold out." They rallied 10,000-strong in Pioneer Courthouse Square, filling the massive plaza elbow-to-elbow. They then marched to Lowndale and Chapman parks, where an overnight encampment was set up.

Joining the Oct. 6 march were members of Laborers Local 483, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, IBEW, Roofers, Carpenters, Painters, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, SEIU, Teamsters and other unions. An 11-member crew from Laborers Local 483 handed out snacks to the protesters, and a crew from Laborers Local 296 and 483



Though they expressed it in different ways, protesters' message is clear: Wall Street is making life worse for the 99 percent of Americans who aren't part of the economic elite.

handed out breakfast foods the following morning.

As the encampment continued, SEIU donated port-a-potties, and brought food, canopies and supplies.

AFSCME Locals 189, 88, and 328 passed resolutions encouraging members to participate, and pledged \$1,000 donations.

ATU Local 757 endorsed Occupy Portland and sent the Oregon AFL-CIO \$1,000 to help feed the protest site.

"Occupy folks all over the country are delivering the message that Wall Street and the corporate elite have caused this recession and are doing nothing to help us get out of it," said Ken Allen, Oregon AFSCME executive director.

Oregon AFSCME and the Oregon AFL-CIO are working on a labor march for Wednesday, Oct. 26. Marchers will gather at 5 p.m. at Director Park and march to the protest camp at about 5:30.

This list from Union Plus (<http://www.unionplus.org/union-made/halloween-treats>) highlights union-made candy products. However, when it comes to chocolate, even union-made, choose products that are Fair Trade certified if you want to be sure to avoid child labor and trafficking rampant in the cocoa fields of West Africa, the source of most American chocolate.



Union-Made Halloween Treats

When those little ghosts and goblins come collecting on Halloween, make sure you have a full supply of union-made-in-America treats for them. Here's a brief list of choices of candy products made by members of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM); snack foods by members of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW); or fruit and nuts from members of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW).

Hershey Products	Anabelles Candy Company	Jelly Belly's Candy Company
Hershey Kisses*	Boston Baked Beans	Jelly Bellies - also made in a non-union plants in Chicago/Taiwan
Hershey Syrups	Jordon Almonds	Chocolate Dutch Mints
Hershey Milk Chocolate Bar*	Rocky Road	Chocolate Temptations
Hershey Milk with Almond Bars	U-Nos	dimples
Hershey Special Dark Bars	Look	Goelitz Confections
Hershey Nuggets	Big Hunk	Goelitz Gummi
Rolo	Abbazabbz	Pet Rat
Hershey Kissables	Yogurt Nuts & Fruit	Pet Tarantula
Kit Kat Bars		Sweet Temptations
Carmello Bar	Nestle	Halloween Candy Corn
Cadbury Fruit & Nut Bar	Nestle Treasures	Licorice
Cadbury Roast Almond Bar	Laffy Taffy	Malted Milk Balls
Cadbury Royal Dark Bar	Kathryn Beich specialty candy	Chocolate Coated Nuts, and Sours
Cadbury Dairy Milk Bar	Baby Ruth*	Sunkist Fruit Gel Slices
Hershey Symphony Bar with Toffee	Butterfinger*	
	Pearson's Nips	Gimbals Fine Candies
Necco (New England Confectionery Co)	Famous Old Time Candies	JellyBeans
NECCO Wafers/		Cherry Hearts
Necco Wafer Smoothies	Pearson's Candy Co.	Scotty Dogs
Sweethearts	Salted Nut Roll	
Sky Bar	Nut Goodie	Ghiradelli Chocolates
Clark Bar	Mint Patties	All filled & non filled squares
Canada Mints	Bun Bars	non pariels
Candy Cupboard		Chocolate chips
Thin Mints	Sconza Candies	
NECCO Assorted Junior Wafers	Jawbreakers	Frito-Lay chips and snacks
Clark Junior Laydown Bag	Chocolate Covered Cherries	
Mary Jane Laydown Bag	Chocolate	Kraft snack products
Haviland		
Mary Jane Peanut Butter Chews	American Licorice	Orville Redenbacher popcorn
	Black & Red Vines	
Corn Nuts	Strawberry Ropes	See's Candies

Fruit & Nuts

Members of the United Farm Workers (UFW) help produce various fruits and nuts with the UFW label, including products from: coastal Berry Co., Swanton Berry, Montpelier Almonds, Brown Date Gardent Dates, Mann's California Apples, and citrus fruit from Sunkist, Sunworld, Airdrome and Big Jim.

*Some products made in Mexico; check the label for country of origin.

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