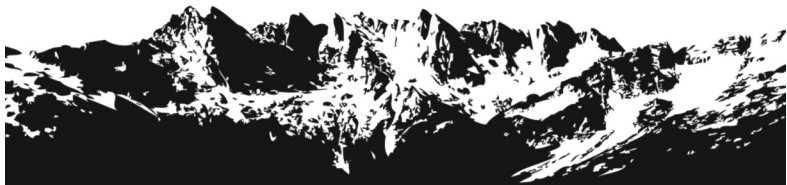


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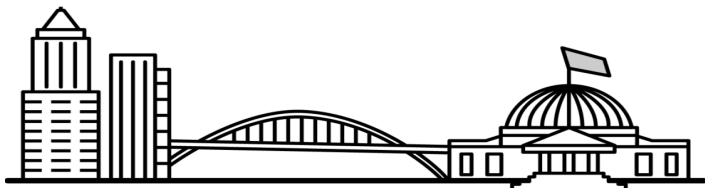
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### AFL-CIO Summer School

EUGENE — The annual Oregon AFL-CIO Summer School drew nearly 170 participants to the University of Oregon Aug. 1-3. Coordinated by the Labor Education and Research Center, offered two core courses and 12 workshops. Thirteen unionists graduated from the U-LEAD program. LERC offers a curriculum that enables workers to earn a certificate in union leadership. Participants need 64 hours of class time to qualify. Pictured above with LERC Director Bob Busset (right) and LERC Instructor Helen Moss (left) are graduates Mike Marshall of UFCW Local 555, Kevyn Paul of Oregon Nurses Association, Amy Shaffer of AFSCME Local 189, and Annette Skillman of AFSCME Local 2376. The highlight of the summer school was an Aug. 2 performance by Jimmy Collier (right), a longtime civil rights activist and musician who worked as staff entertainer for Dr. Martin Luther King during the Civil Rights movement. He also traveled and sang with Pete Seeger. His performance was followed by an auction fundraiser, with proceeds going to VOZ Worker's Rights Education Project.



### THE FIRST LABOR DAY

Two men have been credited with suggesting a holiday to honor working people in the United States — Matthew Maguire, a machinist from Paterson, N.J., and Peter J. McGuire, a New York City carpenter who founded the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Both men played an important part in staging the first Labor Day parade in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882. In 1887, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Council, Oregon became the first state to make Labor Day a legal holiday. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected to be the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Council urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many individual centers of the country.

As the years went by the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York Legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on Feb. 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit.

By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. President Grover Cleveland signed it into law making Labor Day a national holiday.



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