

Trades and Labour Congress 1936

Includes: women delegates: ILGWU, Hatters, Bookbinders, ILGWU, UGWU, demand the right to organize; want ILO regulations for the recruitment of workers to apply to women: domestics, hall porters, agricultural sector and hall porters. Want collective bargaining rights. In B.C. want protection for civic employees, demand restoration of wage levels. Want Minimum Wages to cover women who have completed their apprenticeships; demands Minimum Wages for male youth to be raised to level of women since undercutting women in garment industry; domestics underpaid in Kitchener, demand all workers to be under Workmen's Compensation; call for TLC organizing committee to be set up, instead given to local unions to follow through, no federal strike fund set up; special dues for low wage earners.

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Includes: Women delegates: ACWU, ILGWU, HFWU, Hatters, Office Cleaners, Bookbinders, HREU, UGW, Office and Store Employees. Call for public works programme to counter unemployment; 6 hr, day, 5 day week, minimum wage of 50¢/hr., protest conditions on restaurants, demand choice of union for workers and law vs company unions (TLC draft labour code), suspension of CIO by AFL, TLC still allows CIO to be affiliated, vs cottage industry conditions, states that TLC is a legislative, not a negotiating body.

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Includes: women delegates: ILGWU, Furworkers, Bookbinders, Cigarmakers, ILGWU, Hatters, Officestores: (4 married, 6 single). Demand fair wages or union rates; withdrawal of CIO necessary: reject dual affiliation; right to organize demanded, cleaners want full-time status; ILGWU vs sweat shop conditions in cottage industry; retail clerks demand the 8 hour day; OSEA (Toronto): need to organize white collar workers, exec. of TLC suggests that the internationals organize; Family Allowance will keep family together and supplement income.

Trades and Labour Congress - 1939

Includes: Women delegates: HREU, ILGWU, Office Employees, Cigarmakers, Cafeteria and Restaurant Workers, UGW, Glovemakers, Van. Stenos, Typists, Bookkeepers and Office Assistants. 9 single women, 2 married. Demand right to organize, better wages for civil servants, 6 hour day, suspend specific dual unions (clothing, fur, etc.) Resolve to organize unorganized (CIO threat), white collar workers; allow executive, call for central body of unemployed orgs., union label posed, need for women's auxiliaries to educate public.

All TLC Minutes from SFU

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1933 - 1939: No direct references to women: material on CCF affiliation; unemployed struggles (refuses to support rallies); growth since early period outlined.