

-‘My Seventy Years in the Labor Movement’ By Harry Kelber

10 Highlights of Harry Kelber’s Unique Career

- 1.** During the Great Depression, Harry led a four-month strike at a major food market in Brooklyn, N.Y, that ended with a good union contract.
- 2.** At age 25, Harry was editor of two independent weekly labor newspapers that covered CIO organizing campaigns, as well as the activities of teamster and construction unions.
- 3.** At age 50, Harry earned a B.A. from Brooklyn College and an M.A. and PhD. from New York University — all within 5-1/2 years.
- 4.** In the 1962-63 printers' strike that shut down New York City’s daily newspapers for 114 days, Harry was editor of the Daily Strike Bulletin.
- 5.** As the legislative director of the Physicians Forum, Harry played a key role in winning social security for the nation’s doctors.
- 6.** In 1968, Harry created and became the first director of Cornell University’s Two-Year Labor/Liberal Arts Program.
- 7.** In recognition of his distinguished teaching career, Empire State College created the Dr. Harry Kelber Endowment in Labor Studies.
- 8.** At age 70, Harry became the Educational and Cultural Director of Electrical Workers Local, 3, I.B.E.W., a position he held for nearly six years.
- 9.** In 1992, Harry led a week-long seminar in Moscow for 145 labor leaders of the former Soviet Union on the theme, “Democratic Unions in a Market Economy.”
- 10.** In 1995, at age 81, Harry ran for a vice president seat on the AFL-CIO Executive Council to force the first election ever, in which a rank-and-filer challenged incumbent officers.

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