

Historical Marker - S497-B - The Flint Sit-Down (Marker ID#:S497-B)



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The Flint Sit-Down

On December 30, 1936, Fisher Body workers struck this plant as the sit-down strikes against General Motors continued. Their primary objective was union recognition. Violence erupted on January 11, 1937, as an attempt was made to halt food deliveries to the strikers. The street became a battlefield as gunfire, flying debris, tear gas, and high pressure water hoses became assault weapons. Sixteen strikers and eleven police officers were wounded. Governor Frank Murphy ordered the National Guard into Flint on January 12. On February 11, 1937, the strike ended when General Motors accepted the United Auto Workers as bargaining agent for all UAW members. A new era in American labor relations was born as the old open shop policy of industry gave way to a more modern labor-industry relationship designed to promote justice, stability, and mutual interests.

Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 1977 **Erected Date:** 1980

Marker Location

Address: South Chevrolet Avenue

City: Flint

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Genesee

Township:

Lat: 43.01039000 / **Long:** -83.71011200

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