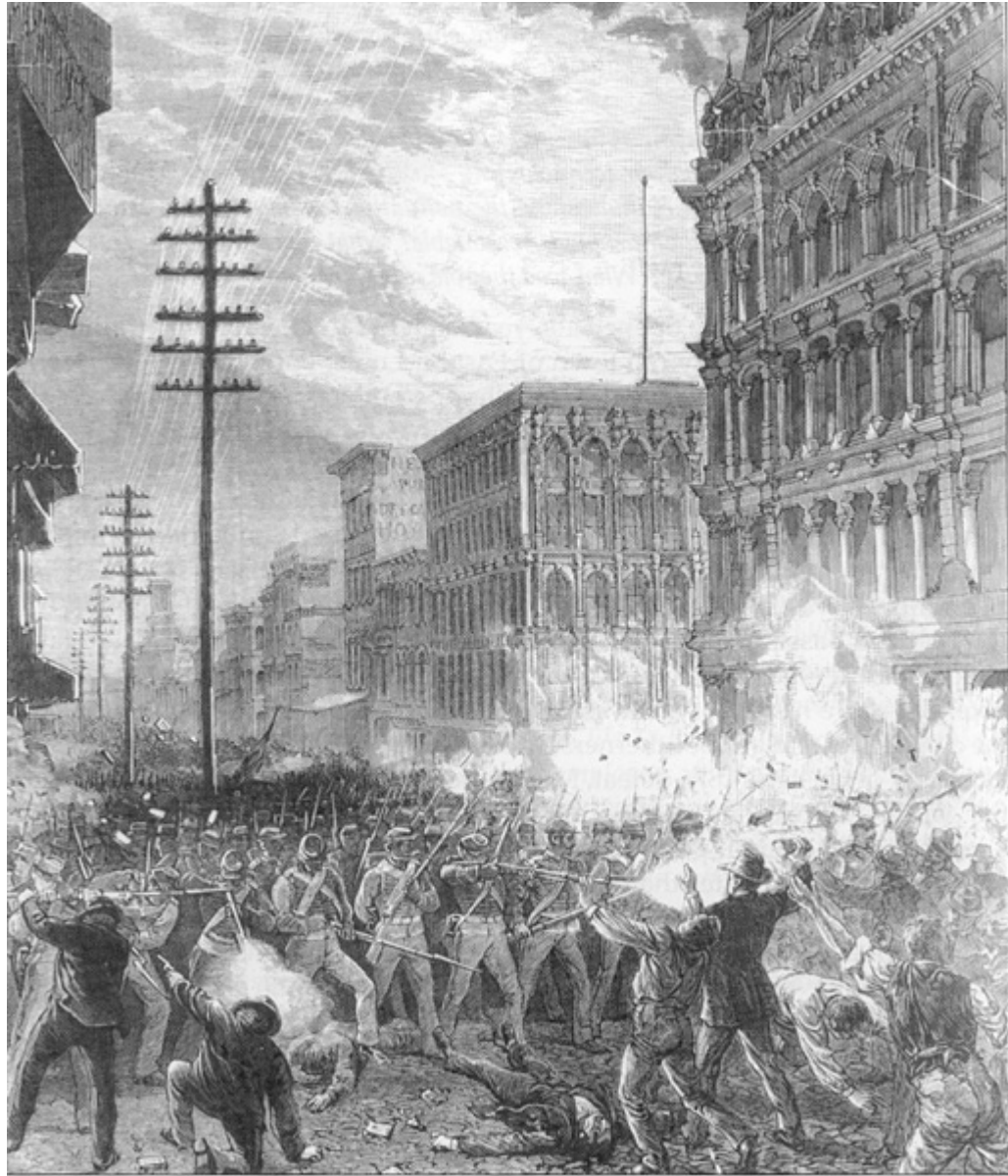


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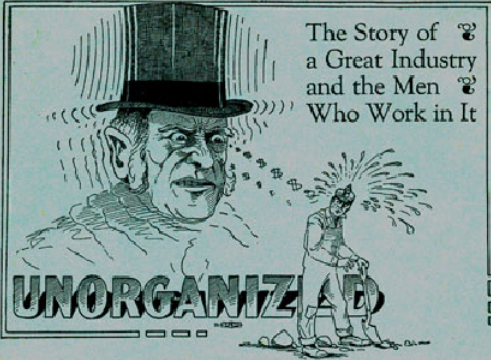
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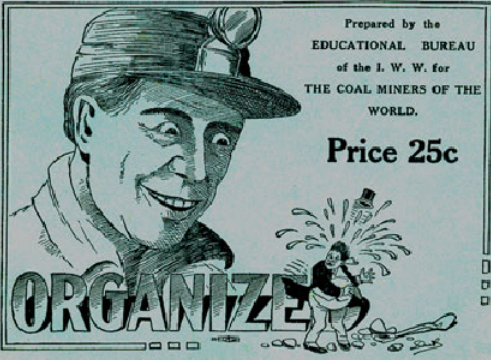
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<b>Year</b>	<b>Average Annual Deaths</b>	<b>Average Annual Injuries</b>
1936-1940	1,546	81,342
1941-1945	1,592	82,825
1946-1950	1,054	63,367
1951-1955	690	38,510
1956-1960	550	28,805
1961-1965	449	23,204
1966-1970	426	22,435
1971-1975	322	33,963
1976-1980	254	41,220
1981-1985	174	24,290
1986-1990	122	27,524
1991-1999	93	21,351
2000-2004	67	13,601

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“At present the coal barons of the U. S. alone sacrifice about 2,000 lives every year, in order to make immediate profit. The accidents that are not fatal run into tens of thousands.”

“Some of these "accidents" may be due to the defective mentality of the workers, but most of them are directly traceable to the psychology of the profit-mongers.”

“Old and experienced miners are discharged when they begin to organize and ignorant and inexperienced foreigners, some-times half-savage, are sent down in the mines, a danger to themselves and to others. Who is then the guilty party, the gaping peasant boy from the Balkans, the half-wild Mexican, or the wily millionaire who hired them?”

“The Babel of tongues spoken in the mines is just as dangerous there as it is on board the ship where inexperienced paint-scrubbers of a dozen nationalities, called seamen, understand neither one another nor their officers. But who is at fault? The poor fellow who takes any kind of job, in order to get a morsel to eat, or the fellow who hires him because he can get him cheaper than the experienced man?”

“Instead of striving to get an intelligent and enlightened crew in the mine the operator trafficks in the ignorance and the poverty of his slaves. The more ignorant they are, the less they are able to control illegalities in the operation of the mine, the less they are able to know their rights and to defend them, and the poorer they are, the greater chances they will take in order to live and get bread for their families.”

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**T**he World Trade Organization has been in existence for only five years, overseeing and enforcing the trade accords that countries have signed on to. Globalization preceded the WTO and would have proceeded without it. So why is it such a lightning rod? To understand what was at stake in Seattle, it is worth stepping back to get the context.

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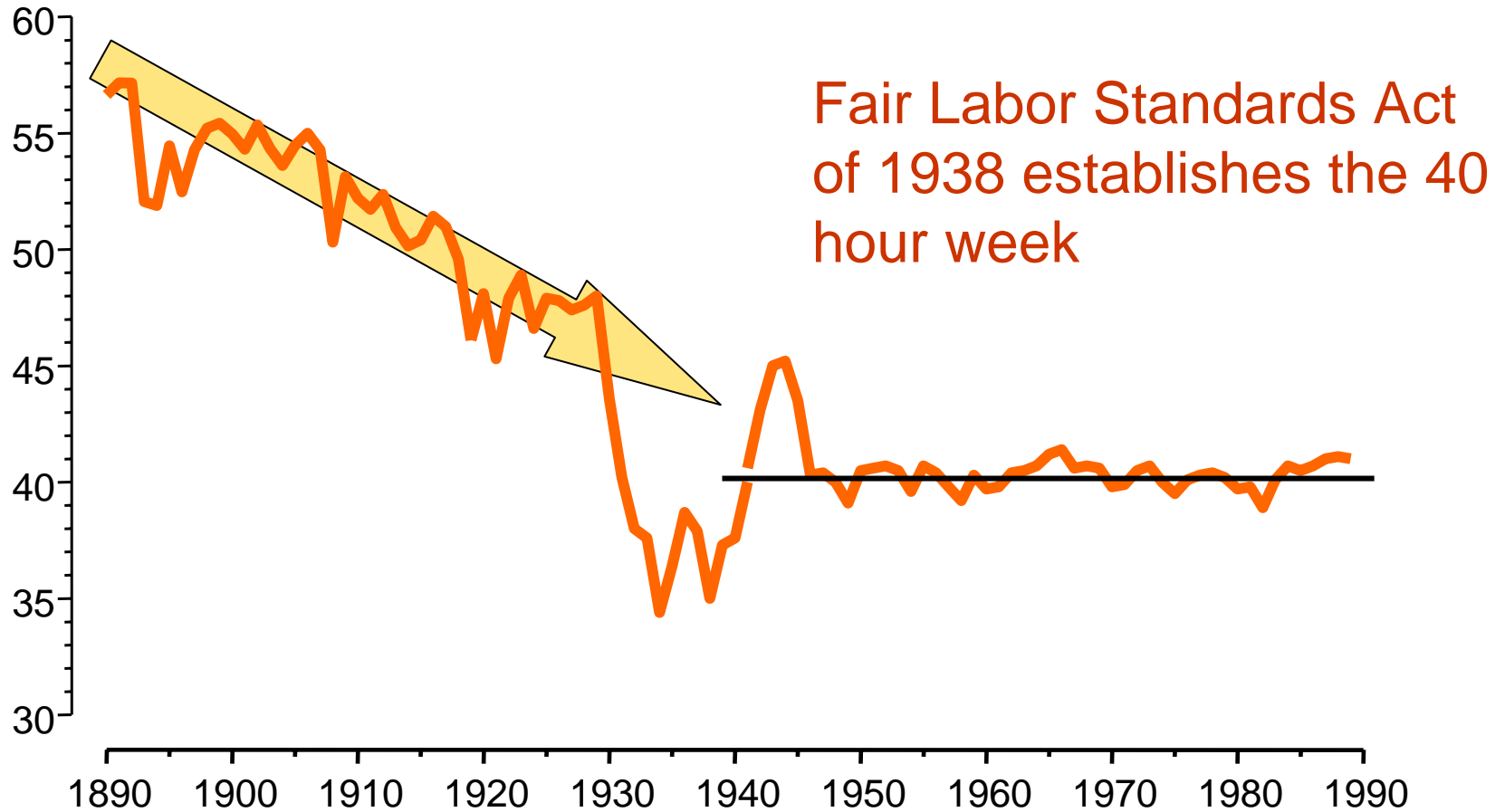
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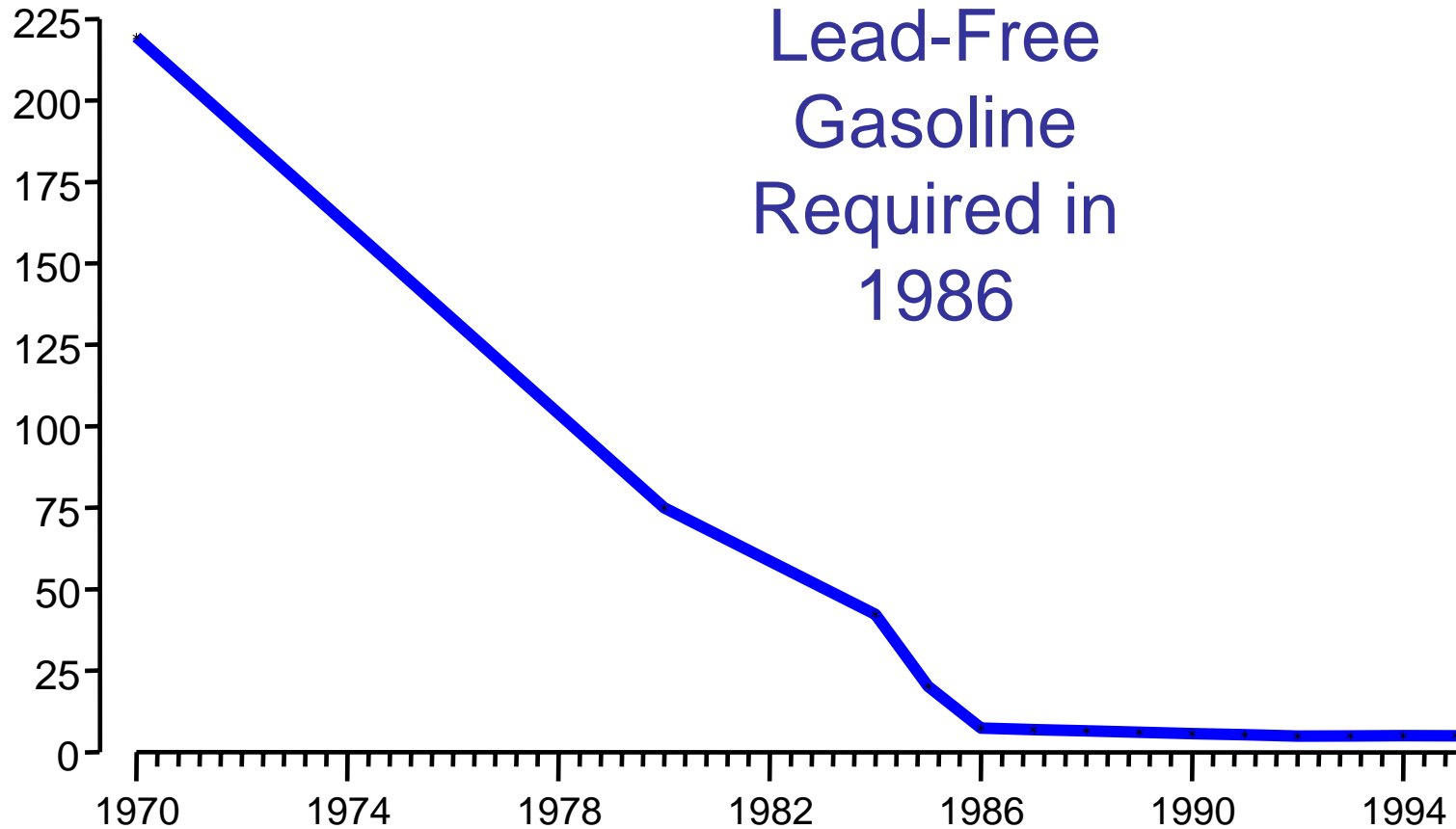
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