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Ford Hunger March

On March 7, 1932, in the midst of the depression, unemployed autoworkers, their families, and union organizers braved bitter cold temperatures and gathered at this bridge, intent on marching to the Ford Rouge Plant and presenting a list of demands to Henry Ford. Some three thousand “hunger marchers” paraded down Miller Road. At the city limit Dearborn police blocked their path and hurled tear gas; the marchers responded with rocks and frozen mud. Near Gate No. 3 the demonstrators were bombarded by water from firehoses and a barrage of bullets. In the end, five marchers were killed, nineteen wounded by gunfire and numerous others by stones, bricks and clubs. Newspapers alleged the marchers were communists, but they were in fact people of all political, racial, and ethnic backgrounds.

Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 1991 ***Erected Date:*** 1992

Marker Location

Address: 10550 Dix Avenue

City: Dearborn

State: MI ***ZipCode:*** 48120

County: Wayne

Township:

Lat: 42.30257800 / ***Long:*** -83.14720500

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