# International Women's Day

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### The first historical event.

The very first historical event that had come to this day, and women associated with the attempt to assert their rights, was a protest march in New York textile workers March 8, 1857. Occasion, alas, quite banal: low wages and poor working conditions. The second time, half a century later, this date remembered activist New York Social-Democratic organization, collected the March 8, 1908 rally in support of women's rights. In 1909, the Socialist Party of America declared National Women's Day last Sunday of February.

#### Clara Zetkin

In 1910, at the Second International Conference of working women in Copenhagen Clara Zetkin took the initiative to the annual celebration of International Women's Day. In this case, a specific date has not been proposed and discussed. First "international" Women's Day was celebrated in 1911 in four countries - Austria, Germany, Denmark and Świtzerland - on different days. In 1912, the Women's Day was celebrated all the same "narrow circle" of countries and over again on different days. In 1913, the Women's Day was marked for the first time in Russia. It was only in 1914 - the first and last time (!) - Women's Day was celebrated on March 8 simultaneously in six countries: Austria, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Russia and Switzerland.

#### Clara Zetkin

Clara Zetkin - active political activist, one of the founders of the Communist Party of Germany - was born July 5, 1857 in the small Saxon town Viderau (Germany), the son of a teacher. Young Clara was educated at a private teacher training institutions in Leipzig. There, she moved closer to the circle of the Russian revolutionary students emigrants. It is in this circle, she met her future husband, Ossip Zetkin civil. In 1878, she joined the Socialist Workers Party, later renamed the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SDPG).

## This Clara Zetkin







#### March 8

March 8 - the feast of love and admiration for women, the most beautiful creatures on earth. And the celebration March 8 - perhaps the most beautiful of all the public holidays. Why are official? Yes, because initially it was purely politically motivated, was not a holiday of spring, love and reverence for the magical creatures, and a day of struggle. Women's struggle for their rights, for equality with men in the home, family and life, for equal suffrage.

