## SNAPSHOTS of Local Labor Events, 2000



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- 1. On June 13, workers at Long Beach Hospital and Medical Center on Long Island led a march to protest management's refusal to negotiate with CSEA since the union's representation victory the previous summer. CSEA members were joined by supporters from community groups and other unions who rallied at Long Beach Town Hall, then marched to the hospital for a silent vigil.
- 2. Labor Day Parade 2000 saw tens of thousands of union members and their families march up Fifth Avenue in Manhattan on Sept. 10.
- 3. Employees at the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan fought a successful 4-month-long strike to protect wages and benefits from management efforts to weaken their UAW union contract.

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- 4. Roger Benson, President of New York State's Public Employees Federation (PEF) was the keynote speaker at "Budget Battles and Working Families: Hard Choices for Labor and Government," a March 4, 2000 Hofstra conference organized by the Center for Study of Labor & Democracy (CLD) and New College Women's Studies Program.
- 5. The Nassau County fiscal crisis and its implications for working people was debated at the conference by, L to R: Peter Schmitt (Republican leader, Nassau Co. legislature), Martin Melkonian, Hofstra U.; Judith Jacobs (Democratic leader, Nassau Co. legislature),; & Nick LaMorte (Regional President, CSEA Local 1000).
- 6. Ruth Gaines (Regional Coordinator, Public Employees Federation) discussed the challenges facing public employees at the March 4th Hofstra "Budget Battles" conference. To her left is Gregory DeFreitas (Director, Center for Study of Labor & Democracy, Hofstra).