

Belgium, February, 1966. A strike erupts at the FN Herstal arms factory. More than 3,000 women workers at the Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre down their tools. They will hold out for 3 months. Their demands are straightforward: wage equality between men and women – equal work, equal pay. They demand quite simply the application of the law pursuant to the treaty of Rome of which Belgium was one of 6 signatories. Their strike would spread to other work places and spark a huge movement of solidarity across Europe. The FN women's strike became a symbol of the women's struggle for women, and was as such a European first.