Frances Perkins, the first woman Cabinet member, who served for 12 turbulent years as President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Secretary of Labor, died here yesterday at the age of 83.

Miss Perkins left her post as lecturer at the New York State School of Industrial Relations at Cornell University two weeks ago and was admitted to Midtown Hospital for a routine examination. While there she suffered a stroke. She died yesterday at 7 P.M.

Her term of office as Labor Secretary, from 1933 to 1945, coincided with the greatest period of labor unrest and economic upheaval in American history. Through all the strikes, peaks of unemployment, technological relocation and mobilization for the war, Miss Perkins presided efficiently and with restraint, withstanding repeated private and public attacks.

In recent years time had mellowed the opposition to her and she was no longer considered controversial. She spent the last years of her life generally regarded as an elder stateswoman.

But this had not always been the case for the New Deal official. Her years in office saw the labor movement come into its own, after experiencing turmoil and growing pains. The skirmishes between the American Federation of Labor and

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