

THE VICTOR REUTHER COLLECTION
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The papers of Victor Reuther were deposited with the Labor History Archives in Dec., 1961 by Victor Reuther.

Victor G. Reuther was born January 1, 1912, in Wheeling, West Virginia, and attended the University of West Virginia (1929) and Wayne State University (1930-1932), studying economics and sociology. With his brother, Walter Reuther, he traveled and worked in Europe and Asia from 1933 to 1935.

After returning to Detroit in 1936, Mr. Reuther worked at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. in Detroit where he helped organize West Side Local 174, and served as strike leader during the 1936 sit-down strike at Kelsey-Hayes. He was also active in the organizational campaign in Flint, and in 1937 was appointed Director of Organization for the state of Indiana. Subsequently, Mr. Reuther returned to Local 174, working as organizer and education director. During World War II he was Asst. Director of the UAW's War Policy Division and a member of the War Manpower Commission and the War Production Board. He served the UAW as Director of Education, 1946-1951; and European representative, 1951-1953.

Currently, Mr. Reuther holds the positions of Administrative Assistant to the President of the UAW, and Director of the Department for International Affairs.

The Victor Reuther Collection covers the period from 1936 to 1938.

Important subjects are: Anderson Strike, 1937
Mob Violence and Vigilantes in Anderson
LaFollette Committee
UAW Factionalism/Homer Martin

Among the correspondents are:

George Addes
Claude Hoffman
Ira Latimer
Homer Martin

Roy Reuther
Walter Reuther
Maurice Sugar
Mary Heaton Vorse

Description of Series

1 folder Correspondence, speech, clipping relating primarily to Reuther's activities as Director of Organization in Indiana, including information on the Anderson Strike and personnel changes within the UAW. The arrangement is chronological for the period 1936-1938.

1) Correspondence and Documents, 1936-1938.