

THE HEBER BLANKENHORN COLLECTION

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The papers of Heber Blankenhorn were deposited at the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs on August 29, 1969 by Mrs. Ann Blankenhorn.

Heber Holbrook Blankenhorn was born in Orrville, Ohio on March 26, 1884. He received an A.B. from the College of Wooster in 1905 and, after a year's tour of Western Europe, returned to receive an A.M. in history from Columbia University in 1910.

Having rejected a faculty position at a small Midwestern college, he accepted a position as a reporter in 1910 on the staff of the New York Evening Sun where he became assistant city editor by 1914. Mr. Blankenhorn became familiar and interested in the problems and conditions of laborers and their efforts to organize effective unions. During his career with the Evening Sun, he continuously gathered research data by covering the major strikes of the period and meeting both liberal and radical supporters from social and political movements.

Upon completion of military service in World War I as a strategist of wartime propaganda in France, Heber Blankenhorn returned to his earlier interests and became co-director of the Bureau of Industrial Research in 1919. This portion of his career marks a period of firsthand knowledge into the origin of the InterChurch World Movement and its role in the Steel Strike of 1919. Also, as temporary publicity director for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union in 1921, he aided in the establishment of the first labor daily, The New York Leader. Between 1921 and 1924, activities also included the publication of two books which dealt with labor unions in the steel industry and writing various labor journals. Mr. Blankenhorn expanded his interests in unionism by joining the international staff of Labor as a foreign correspondent in 1924.

With a background in both labor journalism and publicity management, he was called to join a public relations staff under the National Recovery Act and later worked as an assistant to Senator Robert F. Wagner on the passage of the National Labor Relations Act. Continuing as an industrial economist to both chairmen of the first and second National Labor Boards, the LaFollette Committee hearings and investigations cases launched against the Ford Motor Company in Detroit.

Again, from 1942 to 1946, he served in the United States Army on an innovative team who furthered the effectiveness of psychological warfare. Mr. Blankenhorn was awarded the Legion of Merit and retired with the rank of Colonel. Upon terminating his military leave of absence, he returned to the NLRB but resigned the following year. During 1949, expertise as a fact-finder led him to direct the UAW investigation into the attempts made on the lives of Victor and Walter Reuther. Upon completion of this assignment, Europe became his reporting base once more as he returned to the staff of Labor.

Mr. Blankenhorn retired to his home at Alexandria, Virginia in effort to publish his memoirs. He died on January 1, 1956 and was unable to complete the task.

The Heber Blankenhorn Collection covers the period of 1906 to 1967.

The important subjects are:

- Early NLRB activities
- LaFollette Committee investigations
- Steel and automobile unionization
- Detective agencies and industry
- Social and economic conditions of coal-miners during 1920's
- InterChurch World Movement and the Steel Strike of 1919.
- Investigations be UAW into Reuther shootings, 1949
- Spanish Revolution

Among the correspondents are:

- J. Warren Madden Robert
- LaFollette Jr. John L Lewis
- Walter Reuther
- Estes Kefauver
- Peter Blume

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