

JUDAH DROB COLLECTION

Papers, 1936-1975
(Predominantly, 1943-1975)

3 linear feet

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The papers of Judah Drob were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in four installments. The first was received in February of 1972, the second in January of 1976, the third during March of 1976 and the fourth in December of 1976. This collection was opened for research in May of 1983.

During the early 1940's, Drob served as Secretary and one of the senior theoreticians of the Michigan Socialist Party. He conducted classes for the Wayne County Socialist Party and for the Windsor Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF), Active in the NAACP, he was a columnist for Detroit black weeklies. In 1948, he left the Socialist Party and joined the Michigan Democratic Party.

During the same period he became active in the AFL; arid, as a staff worker from the Detroit area of the Workers' Educational Service, he taught courses at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor conducted for the AFL membership. In the late 1950's he became a national representative of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) in the Detroit area. In 1974-1975 he served as a member of the Study Committee on Policy Management Assistance, sponsored by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The papers of Mr. Drob reflect his work with the Socialist Party, the CCF, the CWA and the OMB.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Federal-state-local governmental relations, 1973-1975
Labor education, 1949-1961
Race Relations in Detroit, 1949-1951
Socialist Party Education, 1945

Among the important correspondents are:

M. Frank Hersman
Gus Tyler

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6 manuscript boxes

Series I, Detroit, 1943-1956; Box 1:

Clippings, pamphlets, manuals and reviews relating to race relations in Detroit. There are notes and essays on the labor movement and municipal elections in Detroit.

Series II, Socialist Party, 1936-1945; Box 1:

Notes, essays and reports on the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) of Canada, course outlines on Socialist Party education, correspondence relating to intra-party squabbles, critical commentaries on Soviet communism and the Spanish revolution.

Series III, Labor-General, 1939-1974; Box 1-2:

Fact sheets, clippings, notes, handbills and correspondence relating to AFL, CIO, UAW, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), and the United Steel Workers of America (USWA). They touch upon labor union activities concerning social security, grievances, workers' compensation, wage rates, organizing, union theatre and education.

Series IV, Communications Workers of America (CWA), 1937-1962;

Boxes 2-4:

CWA: bargaining books, course descriptions on socialist education, financial and membership reports, newsletters, correspondence and manuals relating to organizing efforts.

Series V, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 1973-1975;

Boxes 4-6:

Reports on Federal-state-local governmental relations by the OMB Study Committee, Inter-Agency Committee and National Science Foundation.

Non-manuscript material

Placed in the Archives' library are approximately 2 linear feet of non-manuscript materials. They include radical and labor newspapers, magazines, pamphlets and government publications related to labor and inter-governmental relations.

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Series I
Detroit, 1943-1956
Box 1

Clippings, pamphlets, manuals and reviews relating to Detroit elections, race relations and labor. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic.

Box 1

1. Blacks and public housing accommodations, 1945
2. Labor movement; notes and essays, n.d.
3. Municipal elections, 1943
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9. Race riots, [c. 1943]

Series II
Socialist Party, 1936-1945
Box 1

Includes notes, essays and reports on the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) of Canada, course outlines on Socialist Party education, correspondence relating to intra-party squabbles, critical commentaries and press releases about Soviet communism and the Spanish Revolution. Materials are arranged alphabetically by topic.

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10. CCF of Canada; notes, essays, 1943
11. CCF Trade Union Conference; minutes, July 16, 1944
- 12-14. Socialist Party; education, 1945
15. " ; Gus Tyler's letter to Glen Trimble, n.d.
16. Socialist Party of Michigan; press releases, 1943
17. Soviet-Polish relations, 1944
18. Spanish Revolution; British Labor Party views, 1936-1937

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Series III
 Labor - General, 1939-1974
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This series comprises fact sheets, clippings, notes, handbills and correspondence. They relate to labor organizations such as the AFL, CIO, UAW, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), and the United Steel Workers of America (USWA). This series also contains labor union activities or views concerning social security, grievances, workers compensation, wage rates, and education. Alphabetical order has been followed based on subject headings.

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19. AFL-CIO Legislative Conference; fact sheets, 1959-1960
20. AFL vs CIO; newspaper clippings, 1939-1940
21. CIO News, 1954
22. Leon A. Cusens scholarship fund sponsors, 1955
23. Economic Problems of Workers, [c. 1942 J
24. Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations; conference notes, 1961-1962
25. Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations; "Toledo Plan," Mar 1947
26. IBEW; notes, handbills, 1960
27. Labor and International Affairs; correspondence, 1943, 1945

Box 2

- 1-2. Labor and Social Security, 1945-1960
3. Labor Grievances; veterans' re-employment, Apr - Nov 1950
4. Labor News and Star; clippings, 23 Jun 1947, 24 Jun 1948
5. Labor Party; brief outlines, n.d.
6. Michigan CIO; conference leaflets, 1963
7. Michigan Supreme Court: Litigation on Workers' Compensation, [c. 1960]
8. Michigan: Wage Rates History, 1940-1960
9. Public speaking techniques; notes and clippings, 1949
10. Union Activity Among Boston Clerical Employees; brief notes, 1959
11. Union Democracy; essays and pamphlets, 1959, 1961, 1962
12. The Union Theatre, 1948
13. UAW-CIO: Auto Industry Probe, Aug 1947
14. " ; views on fair employment practices, n.d.
15. U.S. Congressional Record; proceedings and debates, Mar - Sep 1962
16. USAW Michigan District #29: educational programs, Aug 1949
17. USWA; national policy committee meeting, Aug 1947
18. Washington; productivity report, Dec 1974

Series IV
Communications Workers of America (CWA), 1937-1962
Boxes 2-4

This series contains the CWA bargaining books, education projects, financial and membership reports, newsletters, correspondence and manuals. Documents are grouped together topically and filed in alphabetical sequence.

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19. Atlanta #49, [c.1950]
- 20-25. Bargaining books, Feb 1955 - Nov 1959, Feb 1960 - Aug 1962

Box 3

- 1-9. Education, 1943, 1947-1952, 1954-1955, 1958-1962
- 10-11. Education; course outlines, 1937, 1947, 1949, [c. 1961]
12. Financial report, 1960
13. Labor-Management relations, 1949-1950
14. Labor Unions history; Bell Telephone, 1949
15. Membership reports, 1939, 1956, 1962
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Box 4

1. Michigan; "Berlin Project," Mar 1949 - Mar 1951
2. Michigan Division #4; essay, 1956
3. Michigan Division #44; guidelines for union activities, Jan 1949
- 4-5. Negotiating handbooks, Jul 1948 - Nov 1949
6. Newsletters, 1958
- 7-9. New York; clippings and handbills, 1959-1961
- 10-12. Organizing efforts; brochures, manuals, 1960-1962, 1964
13. West Virginis Division; leaflets, Sept - Dec 1949

Series V
Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 1973-1975
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Reports on Federal-state-local governmental relations prepared by the OMB Study Committee, the OMB Inter-Agency Committee and the National Science Foundation. An alphabetical sequence is maintained.

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