The papers of David S. Schick were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in May of 1972 by Mrs. Bessie Schick. The processing of the collection was completed during March 1978.

David S. Schick was born on July 18, 1906, in New York. In his teens he began his forty-eight year career in the newspaper business on the Brooklyn Times. During the early 1930's Mr. Schick became increasingly interested in the unionization of newspaper workers. This led to his involvement in organizing the Newspaper Guild of New York. Leaving New York for Philadelphia, Mr. Schick continued his union activities by becoming the founder and editor of the Philadelphia Labor Record, c. 1934.

In addition to his editorial duties, Mr. Schick served on the War Production Board in Washington during World War II, aided union locals in establishing their own newspapers, held the position of chairperson on Labor's Education Committee and spoke at seminars on collective bargaining. Local newspaper guilds would call upon Mr. Schick to serve as contract negotiator during the 1960's. All of these activities are reflected in the collection.

Mr. Schick died, May 17, 1970 at the age of 63.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- 1948 Presidential election and Labor.
- Southern Tenant Farmers Union, 1944.
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America- a brief compendium, c. 1964.

Among the correspondents is: (an index to the location of these letters will be found on the last page of the guide)

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5 manuscript boxes

Series I, Box 1 1948 Presidential Election and Labor. Labor literature relating to political issues, 1948-49.


Series III, Box 4 International Activities. International correspondence and tape transcription of Mr. Schick's seminar on collective bargaining in Turkey, 1963-65.

Series IV, Box 5 General Subject Files. Personal-research files of Mr. Schick; containing manuscripts, correspondence, biographies, pamphlets, and like materials on various unions and their activities, 1934-64.

Non-manuscript materials
There are 84 photographs which relate to Mr. Schicks career and union associations. These have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collections. Various newspapers, including the Labor Record and Union Reporter, both of which have editorial columns by Schick as well as several union pamphlets have been placed in the Archives Library.
Most of the material in this series concerns itself with the political issues that were of interest to labor in the 1948-49 period. This includes literature on the Presidential Election of 1948. There is literature for the Truman-Barkley ticket and anti-Dewey material. Several labor newspapers are also included. The political issues that concerned labor were the Taft-Hartley Act, Securities Exchange Act, the Halleck-Wood Bill and several others. These issues are reflected in the League Reporter, Associated Press releases and several other newsletters that Mr. Schick saved. They are arranged alphabetically by material covered and chronological within each folder.

Box 1

3-5. Truman campaign literature, 1948.
6-8. Truman. Labor's newspaper campaign, 1948

Series II
Boxes 2 & 3

The first box of this series contains collective bargaining manuals. One is put out by the American Management Association and three others are put out by the American Newspaper Guild. Sections of the bargaining manuals can be found in box three of this series that pertain to particular contract negotiations. Mr. Schick was a member of negotiation teams for several ANG locals: Buffalo (1960 & 1967), Lehigh Valley (1969), Kingston (1968) and Tonawanda (1969). With the contract agreements and proposals are found correspondence, notes, survey returns and a summary. The series is arranged in alphabetical order and covers the period 1955-1969.

Box 2

2-5. ANG collective bargaining manuals, 1966-68.

Box 3

Series II

Box 3 (cont'd)


Series III

Box 4

This series covers international interests of Mr. Schick. It contains a correspondence file, which deals with foreign union members coming into the United States to learn about American unionization. The remainder of the series is made of correspondence and tape transcriptions of a seminar trip made by Mr. Schick to Turkey. Mr. Schick gave a series of lectures on collective bargaining to Turkish newpersons. The series is arranged alphabetically by folder. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and covers the period 1956-65.

Box 4

1. International correspondence; Germany, Indodesia, Mexico, and Uruguay, 1956-65.
2-13. Turkey Seminar- correspondence, letters from wife, miscellaneous material, rough drafts and clear draft of transcription of the seminar, 1963-65.

Series IV

Box 5

This is a subject file series covering research materials on union and labor history and interests, which Mr. Schick used as a news editorial writer. There are manuscripts, correspondence, biographies of union leaders, newsletter-handouts, newsclips and notes. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject and covers the years 1943-64.

Box 5

1-2. Amalgamated Food and Allied Workers Union- Local 56; manuscript on union labor and southern tenant farmers, by Leon B. Schachter, a history of Local 56; biography of Leon B.
Schachter the locals president, correspondence and a newsclip, 1944-66.
5. Education Committee- list of committee members (Mr. Schick was chairperson), correspondence and memo-handouts, 1956.
7. The Guild Striker- two issues ( one has photo-coverage of a strike Mr. Schick took part in, June 2 & July 19, 1958.
11. The Labor Record- correspondence and notes, 1934-47.
17-20. Teamsters- manuscript, by Miles Hoffman, with a rough draft, correspondence and note to Local 196 on how to start a newspaper and letter from Local 343, 1956-64.
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