

The Westray "Weck" Henney Collection

Papers, 1951-1970

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The papers of Westray "Weck" Henney were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in February of 1973 by Mr. Henney and were opened for research in July of 1983.

Westray "Weck" Henney, who was born in Wales, first became a unionist when working as a coal miner in England. After coming to this country, he and his two brothers with Bud Skinner helped organize Ludlow Typograph for the C.I.O. Mr. Henney's active membership in UAW Local 6 dates back to the 1930s when it represented International Harvester workers. Among the many offices held by Mr. Henney were steward, chairman and secretary of the Skilled Trades Committee, Vice President and President. He served as Employee's Benefit Association Trustee, Health and Welfare Representative, was on the UAW International Harvester Policy Committee and was a member of the UAW collective bargaining team with International Harvester in 1959, 1961, and 1964. He retired April 1, 1972.

The papers of Mr. Henney reflect his active involvement in the affairs of Local 6, particularly his interest in achieving a more cooperative relationship with International Harvester through innovative grievance procedures.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Negotiations, 1958 and 1964

"New Look" grievance settlement procedure

Among the important correspondents are:

Richard Gosser

Patrick Greathouse

William Reilly

Arthur Shy

Robert Voss

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Correspondence, reports, election flyers and notes covering the years 1951-70 concerning the various activities in which Mr. Henney was involved. Grievances relating to seniority, farming out work and problems with incentive programs can be found throughout the collection. There is information on the "New Look," a program designed to relieve the backlog of grievances by handling complaints orally. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject of type of material.

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