

THE JOSEPH CHRAPKIEWICZ COLLECTION

Papers. 1946-1962 1 1/2  
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Accession Number 607

The papers of Joseph Chrapkiewicz were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in August of 1973 by Mr. Joseph Chrapkiewicz.

Joseph Chrapkiewicz was born on September 12, 1921, and has been active in the labor movement since 1947, when he was elected Chief Steward in the United Automobile Workers Local 78, Kelsey-Hayes, Detroit. Since that time he has held various offices in the local, including membership on the bargaining committee, recreation committee and the executive board. Currently, 1974, he holds the position of Recording Secretary and Editor of the Local 78 newspaper, the Union Picket.

The papers in this collection consist of the minutes and agenda of the Local 78 bargaining committee. Part of files were inherited from Maurice Terpenning, whom Mr. Chrapkiewicz succeeded on the bargaining committee.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Working conditions Grievance  
procedures Seniority rights Working  
conditions of women.

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Bargaining committee agenda and union meeting minutes of United Automobile Workers, West Side Local 174, Kelsey-Hayes.

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Bargaining committee agenda, executive board meeting minutes, and other union committee minutes of United Automobile Workers Local 78, Kelsey-Hayes.

Series III, Box 3

General files, United Automobile Workers Local 78, Kelsey-Hayes.

Non-manuscript material:

Some copies of the Union Picket; pamphlets concerned with on-the-job safety and copies of the plant guards' newspaper have been placed in the Archives' Library.

This collection includes almost no correspondence. A few form letters of Walter Reuther are in Box 6, Folder 14.

Joseph Chrapkiewicz

Series I Box  
I

Bargaining committee agenda and union meeting minutes of United Automobile Workers West Side Local 174, Kelsey-Hayes. The bargaining committee agenda consists of the minutes of meetings between the bargaining committee and the management representatives of Kelsey-Hayes to discuss and settle grievances. Typical grievances discussed in this series deal with free lunch periods, seniority and working conditions. These files cover the period from January 24, 1946 to August 18, 1947.

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Bargaining committee agenda, executive board minutes, membership meeting minutes, skilled trades meeting minutes, special meeting minutes, tool room meeting minutes and union-management meeting minutes of United Automobile Workers Local 78, Kelsey-Hayes. Some of the grievances covered in the bargaining committee agenda deal with working conditions, hiring out or tool room work, safety conditions, and seniority practices.

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- 15. Membership Meeting; December 10, 1947
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- 17. Special Meeting, Dept. 45-46; February 1, 1962
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Materials concerning the UAW Local 78, including memoranda, reports, financial standing, form letters, bowling tournament figures, brochures and the like.

20. Accident Report, 1954
21. Apprenticeship agreement, 1957.
22. "Apprenticeship Standards", brochure of Ford Motor Co., 1955.
23. Bellaire, Stewart - case file.
24. Blood Bank, Drive Report, 1955
25. Blue Cross Hospitalization notice, 1947.
- 26-27. Bowling Team Standings - 1949-55, 1955-56.
- 28-35. Bowling Tournaments, 1948-56.
36. Classification report of Die and Setup Men, 1950.
37. Constitutional Convention, 16th annual, 1957.
38. "Economic Issues to be presented," 1955.
39. "Industrial Safety Subjects," US Dept. of Labbr.
40. Job Classification, 1955
41. McCusker, Joseph - letter from him to Joe Plaza of Local 78.
42. McGraw and Military Plants, consolidation of
43. McKeesport Plant, letter concerning.
44. Memorandum from the Company to Local 78 concerning job movement, 1948.
45. Memorandum concerning Saturday shift, 1950.
46. Powerhouse Workers
47. Plant Physical Examinations
48. Preventive Maintenance
49. Proration of Hours
50. Regional Wage Stabilization Board
51. Retroactive Pay
52. Reuther, Walter, form letters to
53. Salaries
54. Salaried Employees: Cost of Living Allowance
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64. Vassalio, Theresa - case file, re: health insurance
65. Wage Proposal; May 19, 1947
- 66-68. Wage Rates; July 1, 1953-October 1, 1958
69. Wage Rate: Technical Employees
70. Working Conditions: Women