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The papers of Jay B. Krane were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in 1973 by Mrs. Jay Krane.

Jay Krane was born in New York City on April 10, 1923. After a public school education, Mr. Krane attended Columbia College where he edited the daily student paper, receiving his B.A. in 1943. During World War II he worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) at various assignments in Washington, London, at SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force) headquarters in Versailles, and Germany. The final position he held was Chief of the Reports and Statistics Division of the UNRRA Displaced Persons Programme in Europe. In 1946 Mr. Krane returned to Columbia University to the School of International Affairs and the Russian Institute where he matriculated until 1948. From August of that year through May 1950 he worked in Paris as the assistant to Elmer Cope, CIO Representative in Europe. During the six months prior to the January 1949 split in the World Federation of Trade Unions, he served on assignment in the WFTU Secretariat. In June 1950 Krane accepted the position as Chief of Service of the Regional Activities Section of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU). When the Section was restructured as the Organization Department in 1956, Krane was made Assistant Director of Organization, in which capacity he served until March 1961.

The papers of Jay Krane reflect his work with the CIO and ICFTU. But to a greater degree, they reflect the activities and structure of the organizations for which he worked.

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions was established in London in November 1949 following the withdrawal from the World Federation of Trade Unions of Britain, the Netherlands and the CIO. The WFTU, whose membership included the Soviet Union and Nations of Eastern Europe, was criticized as a communist tool to undercut European economic recovery when the body acted in opposition to the Marshall Plan.

As a result of the split fifty-one countries including 67 affiliates and 48 million members joined the new organization whose stated goal was to promote free and democratic trade unionism world-wide.

The following outlines the administrative structure of ICFTU and such changes as were made during Jay Krane's tenure. The organization's constitution provides that ICFTU be governed by biennial Congresses, delegates elected from affiliate organizations. In years between Congresses a General Council was to meet, but after disappointing participation at the first General Council in 1952, it was replaced with the Consultative Council consisting of the executive board and representatives of the regional organizations and International Trade Secretariats.

The Congress elects an Executive Board of twenty-five members nominated by area which meets not less than twice a year. Eight members of the Executive Board, the President and General Secretary compose the Sub-Committee, known as the Emergency Committee through 1955, which meets in questions of urgency arising between Executive Board meetings. The Finance Sub-Committee is also part of the Executive Committee.

The International Solidarity Fund Committee, one of ICFTU's standing committees, was formed in June 1956 to carry out relief and organizing work. Its' seven members include the General Secretary and Director of Organization, The Regional Activities Fund was set up in 1951 to undertake large scale organization activities, subsidized in part by a voluntary fund. The committee was to be composed of representatives of the donors. At the Vienna Congress in 1955 the RAFC was disbanded and the voluntary fund abolished in favor of levying financially strong affiliates at the rate of one U.S. cent per member.

In 1959 there were nineteen International Trade Secretariats associated with ICFTU, autonomous but following general ICFTU policy. The ITS Liaison Committee was formed in 1952 to coordinate efforts and facilitate communication.

The Milan Congress of 1951 decided to embark on large scale organizational activities. As the result of increased work volume the Organization Department was created in 1955 and in June 1956 Charles H. Millard accepted the post of Director of Organization. Within the Organization Department are four regional organizations. The Asian Regional Organization (ARO), established in 1951, has its headquarters in New Delhi with sub-offices in Singapore, Djakarta, Tokyo, Bangkok and Bombay. The Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (ORIT), 1951, maintains its headquarters in Mexico City with sub-offices in Santiago and Rio de Janeiro. The Caribbean Area Division of ORIT (CADORIT) operates out of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. The European Regional Organization (ERO), 1951, has its headquarters in Brussels with a branch office in Paris. The first African Regional Conference was held in Accra in 1957, working toward consolidation of area committees into an African regional organization.

In March 1961 the Executive Board, under political and financial pressure from AFL-CIO President George Meany, accepted a plan of reorganization "to make the structure of the ICFTU more adequate and responsive... to the need for building effective trade union organizations...in Asia, Africa, Latin America and other parts of the world where the struggle is the hardest and the need is the greatest..." The positions of Director and Assistant Director of Organization were allowed to lapse.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

The role of the CIO in post World War II Europe  
The CIO's split with the World Federation of Trade Unions  
The formation of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions  
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This series consists of Jay Krane's Brussels office files which document ICFTU organization efforts for the decade following 1951. Memos, correspondence, collective bargaining and salary agreements, etc. describe the internal operation of the office. The activities of the African, Asian (ARO), European (ERO), and Inter-American (ORIT) regional organizations are detailed in conference proceedings, correspondence, and significantly, the "labour reports." Within each regional organization countries and committees are arranged alphabetically.

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CGT - Confederation General du Travail  
CGIL - Confederation General Italian Laborers  
CILO - Comite' International de Liaison Ouvriere  
CISA - Confederation Internationals des Syndicats Arabes  
CISL - Confederation Italian del Lavora  
CISL - Confederation International des Syndicates Libres (ICFTU)  
CTAL - Confederation of Latin-American Workers  
CUTCH - Central Unica de Trabajadores de Chile  
ECA - Economic Cooperation Administration Administered Marshall Plan,  
abolished 1951)  
ERP - European Recovery Plan  
FTUC - Free Trade Union Committee (AFL)  
ICA - International Cooperation Administration (later, Agency for  
International Development)  
ICFTU - International Confederation of Free Trade Unions  
IFAP - International Federation of Agricultural Producers  
IFCTU - International Federation of Christian Trade Unions  
IGWF - International Garment Worker's Federation  
ILO - International Labor Organization, (adjunct of the League of  
Nations,  
United Nations)  
IOE - International Organization of Employers  
ITS - International Trade Secretariats  
IUE - International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers  
KFL - Kenya Federation of Labor  
LGWU - Libyan General Workers Union  
ORIT - Inter-Americas Regional Organization of Workers  
PTTI - Postal, Telegraph and Telephone Worker's International  
TUC - Trades Union Congress (Great Britain)  
UGTT - Union Generale Tunisienne du Travail  
UIL - Unione Italiana del Lavoro  
UNAC - United Nations Appeal for Children  
USOM - U.S. Operations Mission  
WFTU - World Federation of Trade Unions

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