The papers of Ernest Mazey were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in March of 1974 by Ernest Mazey and were opened for research in June of 1979. Additional papers were placed in the Archives in 1979 and opened for research in 1980.

Ernest Mazey was born in Detroit on August 29, 1919 of Hungarian immigrant parents. His formal education ended after his graduation from Cass Technical High School. Mr. Mazey developed an early interest in socialism, joined the Socialist Workers Party in 1938, and remained an active member until 1953 when he and a group of dissenting members formed the American Socialist Union, which disbanded a few years later.

At age nineteen Mr. Mazey became president of Local 110 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. He organized the Detroit Receiving Hospital employees into Local 110 and negotiated the first labor contract for hospital employees in Michigan. In 1943 he got a job at the Huck Manufacturing plant in Detroit and helped organize the employees into U.A.W. Local 212. He became chairman of the shop committee at Huck and served on the executive board of Local 212. Mr. Mazey was a delegate to a number of U.A.W. and C.I.O. county and state conventions.

In 1952 Mr. Mazey served as executive secretary of the Michigan Committee against the Trucks Act. From 1956 to 1962 Mr. Mazey served as executive secretary of the Detroit Labor Forum, an organization that sponsored discussions of a wide range of social and political issues. In 1954 he became a member of the executive board of the Detroit chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. He obtained a leave of absence from the Huck Company and took over the full time job of executive director of the state A.C.L.U. chapter in 1961. Mr. Mazey continued his work as executive director until 1974. After his retirement he traveled abroad, living for extended periods in Ireland and Yugoslavia. In 1976 he returned to the United States and helped direct the campaign of Ed Sadlowski for president of the United Steel Workers Union. Mr. Mazey died in Hawaii on March 18, 1979.

The papers of Mr. Mazey reflect his involvement in U.A.W. organizing and his interest in social and political problems generally, as well as his concern with peace and civil liberties issues.
Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Campaign v. Trucks Act
- Cherry Rivet Organizing Drive
- Detroit Labor Forum, 1956-1962
- McCarthyism
- Peace/Foreign Policy, 1953-1962
- UAW Factionalism, 1947-1960
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Among the important correspondents are:

- Anne and Carl Braden
- Emil Mazey
- A. J. Muste
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