

THE RICHARD REIST COLLECTION

Papers, 1941-1968
(Predominantly, 1964-67)

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The papers of Richard Reist were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in October of 1974 by Mr. Reist and were opened for research in March of 1984.

Mr. Reist, born in 1928, received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Michigan State University. He became a classroom teacher in the Lansing school system and from 1955 to 1964 he was a member of the Lansing School Employees, Inc., (an independent classroom teachers union), holding the offices of vice-president, treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors. In 1965 AFT Local 1620, also known as the Lansing Federation of Teachers, was organized and Mr. Reist, a charter member, held the office of vice-president and subsequently treasurer and publications chairman. In May of 1966 he was elected a vice-president of the Michigan Federation of Teachers and was chairman of the Legislation Committee of that organization.

The papers of Richard Reist reflect local and statewide efforts to unionize teachers in order to raise salaries, gain fringe benefits, and improve working conditions. There is also information concerning the union's interest in legislation relating to education and to court cases regarding the union's defense of tenure and to unfair labor practices.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Agreements, 1966-69	Court Cases, 1965-67
Collective Bargaining, 1964-67	Legislation, 1947-67
Contracts, 1965-67	Salaries and Tenure, 1964-67

Among the important correspondents are:

Charles Cogen	Henry B. Linne
Rollie Hopgood	Ira Polley

Non-manuscript Material:

Issues of the Lansing Teacher and Michigan Teacher from 1965 to 1966, received with this collection, have been placed in the Archives Library.

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AFT, State and Locals, 1941-1968

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Correspondence, clippings, reports, and other items concerning the activities of the Lansing Federation of Teachers, the Michigan Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

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8. Financial Statements, 1966-68
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11. Insurance and Retirement Fund, 1956-67
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15. Meeting Notices, MFT, 1964-68
16. Michigan Federation of Teachers Administrative Board, 1962-68
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1. Minutes, MFT, 1967-68
2. Political Action, 1964-66
3. Report to MFT and Local AFT Leaders, 1968
4. Salaries and Tenure, 1964-67
5. State Board of Education, 1964-67
6. Strikes, 1963-67
7. White Collar Workers, Harvard Business Review, 1962
8. Williams, G. Mennen, Programs for Progress, 1966