

THE WILLIAM AND ANN KEMSLEY COLLECTION

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The papers of William and Ann Kemsley were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in March of 1980 by William and Ann Kemsley, and were opened for research in June of 1983. Additional material was opened for research in June of 2002.

William Kemsley was born in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada on May 11, 1908. Mr. Kemsley moved to the United States in 1920. He became active in the trade union movement as early as 1932 and joined the UAW-CIO in 1937. He served as plant chairman of the Detroit United Auto Workers Westside Local 174, and held other offices including local organizer and local union education director.

In 1945, Kemsley went to Germany as a labor specialist in the Manpower Division of the Office of Military Government, U.S. (OMGUS). The following year he returned to the U.S. to become education director of the Michigan CIO Council.

Mr. Kemsley went to Paris in 1952 as a staff member of the Economic Cooperation Administration where he served until 1954. In 1954, he was appointed representative of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) to the United Nations. Mr. Kemsley held this position until his retirement in May 1961.

Ann Kemsley, nee Terech, was born in Minneapolis on October 29, 1918. She is Mr. Kemsley's second wife. Mrs. Kemsley is a former editor of the Wisconsin CIO News and worked as a journalist for numerous trade union papers.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemsley live now in Bellows Falls, Vt.

The papers of Mr. and Mrs. Kemsley are predominantly those of Mr. Kemsley. William Kemsley's papers reflect his work for the ICFTU, and to a lesser extent his involvement with the Michigan CIO Council and with the Economic Cooperation Administration.

William and Ann Kemsley

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
Labor Education
Trade Unions around the world
Office of Military Government, U.S. in Germany, 1945-46

Among the important correspondents are:

William Friedland
Jay Krane
Charles Millard
J. H. Oldenbroek
Victor Reuther

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Clippings of articles written by or about William and Ann Kemsley.

Part 2

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Non-manuscript materials

Several hundred photographs relating to various ICFTU conferences and to the FDR-CIO Labor Center, Port Huron, many of which were taken by Ann Kemsley who was their official photographer, have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collections. Numerous pamphlets and reports issued by the ICFTU, as well as periodicals relating to international union activity have been placed in the Archives Library. A large number of songbooks, primarily relating to political, labor and folk songs, have also been placed in the Archives Library. A list of all these publications has been placed in the case file.

Series I
Correspondence 1946-1963
Boxes 1-4

The correspondence of William and Ann Kemsley, predominantly that of Mr. Kemsley. The correspondence is arranged as general correspondence in chronological order in the first half and by correspondent, also chronologically, in the second half. Mr. Kemsley maintained the correspondence arranged by correspondent apart from the general correspondence. The correspondence covers the period October 1946 to December 1963.

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- 1-12. Correspondence; Jay Krane, Apr 1956 - May 1961
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- 1-4. Correspondence; J. H. Oldenbroek, Feb 1956 - May 1960
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- 7. ; Ethel Polk, Dec 1951 - Jul 1953
- 8. ; Robert Repas, Feb 1952 - Apr 1953; 1959
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- 11. ; Walter Reuther, 1948, 1957-1961
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- 13. Correspondence; August Scholle, Jan 1952 - Mar 1954
- 14. ; Brijmohan Sekhri, Oct 1957 - Sep 1958
- 15. ; Ralph Showalter, Apr-Jul 1958
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- 18. ; Donald Stevens, Dec 1951 - Apr 1954
- 19. ; Edward Thompson, Nov 1955 - Feb 1960
- 20. ; Milton Zatinsky, Jul 1952 - Sep 1956
- 21. ; Ann (Terech) Kemsley, 1941, 1956-1957

Series II
Subject Series
Boxes 5-6

The contents of this series include reports, proceedings, press releases and other material on a variety of subjects including the ICTFU, labor education and the Office of Military Government, U.S. (OMGUS). The material is arranged alphabetically by subject.

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1. American Association for a Democratic Germany
2. Anti-Semitism, Detroit, 1949
3. Buhl Mfg.; Bargaining Committee; Agenda, Minutes, 1944-45
4. Buhl Mfg.; Union Petitions and Briefs, 1945
5. Buhl Mfg.; Stewards' Manual; Benefit Assn. Documents
6. Calendar, 1945
7. Centralia, Wash., 1919; Personal Account
8. Health and Nutrition Information
9. ICTFU; Conference on NATO, May 1952

10. ; Draft of Documents, 1953
11. ; Internal Organization Documents
12. ; Minutes of Committee Meetings
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- 14-16. ; Proceedings, Executive Board Meeting, 1959
17. ; Reports, General Confederation of Greek Workers, 1959
18. ; Reports on Meetings with Arab and Asian Unionists
19. ; Reports on World Trade Union Conditions
20. ; UAW, Co-operation with

21. Inter-American Commission on Women; Opening Address
22. Kemsley, Ann (Terech); Education Documents
23. ; Rough Drafts of Articles
24. Lamson McElhone Memorial Fund
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28. Office of Military Government, U.S. Official Papers; Correspondence, 1945-47

Series II

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1. Office of Military Government, U.S.; Pamphlets, Reports on
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6. Textile Workers Union of America, Resolution on UN
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8. UAW bulletin board posters
9. UAW pamphlets, leaflets
10. UNESCO trip, 1950; clippings
11. ; Germany, reports
12. UNICEF press releases, speech
13. Women's Advisory Commission of the War Production Board; , Reports,
correspondence, clippings; 1945
14. Workers' Education; Clippings, papers
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16. ; Seminars on
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18. Workers' Education Service, Univ. of Mich. Extension Service; Interview of W.
Kemsley by S. Menton, transcript and related documents
19. UAW Washington Office; D. Alan Strachan, 1947

Series III
Clippings Series
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The contents of this series are newspaper clippings of articles either written by or about William and Ann Kemsley. Most are clipped from labor newspapers.

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1. Articles about AFL-CIA connections
2. Articles about Jay Lovestone
3. Articles by Ann (Terech) Kemsley, 1943-46; 1956
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6. Clippings about UAW-CIO Education programs
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- 1-5. Correspondence; Cecilia E. "Ciss" Pope (sister), 1953-60
- 6. "Homesteading" by Cecilia E. Pope, n.d.
- 7-8. Correspondence; parents and sister, 1946-53
- 9-11. Correspondence; Verna Lewis, 1948-60
- 12-14. Correspondence; son, Brian, 1953-60
- 15-24. Correspondence; son, William, Jr., 1948-64

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- 1-14. Correspondence; daughter, June, 1948-60
- 15. William Kemsley financial documents