

THE HERBERT T. MCCREEDY COLLECTION

Papers, 1934-1973  
(Predominantly 1935-1965)

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The papers of Herbert Theodore McCreedy were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in July of 1980 by his wife, Veda Wade McCreedy, and were opened for research in August of 1982.

Herbert McCreedy was born in Fairgrove, Michigan on June 18, 1901. His family moved to Albion, Michigan in 1916 and he graduated from Albion High School in 1921. Subsequently he attended Albion College and the Detroit College of Law.

During the 1920s and early 1930s McCreedy held a variety of jobs in Detroit and Pontiac. In 1934 he joined New America and served on their National Policy Council and as Midwest Regional Director. This organization was founded in Chicago in 1933. It advocated conversion to a planned economy and the elimination of the profit system. New America sought to bring about this change democratically as the result of its educational efforts through its publications and speakers program.

McCreedy became an organizer for the Society of Designing Engineers, CIO and was instrumental in bringing them into the UAW in 1935 as Local 412. In 1941 he became vice president of the Michigan CIO Council. From 1944 until 1954 he was Assistant Director of CIO Region 7 (Michigan and Indiana). In 1954 he succeeded August Scholle as Regional Director. When the AFL and CIO merged in 1955 he was appointed Director of AFL-CIO Region XI (Michigan), and he continued in that position until his retirement in 1967.

McCreedy also served on the War Labor Board, the Department of Labor's Advisory Committee on Migratory Labor, the Labor Advisory Committee of the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations of Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, and was Chairman of the Michigan State Board for Public Community and Junior Colleges.

He was married in 1922 to Veda Ward and they had two children. At the time of his death on September 7, 1971 he was residing in Pigeon, Michigan.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

- AFL-CIO, Michigan
- Community colleges
- Economic planning
- Federation of Telephone Employees of Michigan
- The Depression
- Labor Education

New America  
Parochial school aid  
August Scholle  
School prayer (Becker Amendment)

Among the important correspondents are:

John T. Bobbitt  
James B. Carey  
Richard S. Childs  
Allen S. Haywood  
I. Krechevsky John  
W. Porter Harry F.  
Ward Hugh A. Wing  
Thomas H. Wright

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Series II, *Labor & Education*, 1941-1973; Boxes 2-5:

Correspondence and printed and manuscript material collected by Herbert McCreedy as an official of the CIO and AFL-CIO and relating to his interest in education.

Non-Manuscript material

A number of books have been placed in the Archives Library. *New American*, *New American News*, and *Social Change*, publications of *New America*, are available in the Archives Library.

Series I  
New America, 1934-1941  
Boxes 1-2

Correspondence pertaining to Herbert McCreedy's activities with the Chicago-based organization, New America, from the mid-1930s until the early 1940s. Minutes and reports of the New America National Policy Council begin in late 1938 and continue through mid-1941. Pamphlets published by New America relate to the educational function of the organization in the 1930s and early 1940s. Files are arranged alphabetically. Pamphlets are located at the end of the series.

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20. What to Do

(For "Labor in War" by H.T. McCreedy see Box 4, folder 16)

Series II  
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Correspondence as well as printed and manuscript material collected by Herbert McCreedy while an official of the CIO and AFL-CIO. The material also reflects McCreedy's activities and interests in labor education, community colleges, and the joint labor studies program of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University during the 1960s. Files are arranged alphabetically and publications are placed at the end of the series.

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- 34-35. CIO Convention; clippings, Nov 1948
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1. Clippings, 1958-1959
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5. Colleges and Universities Committee of Michigan  
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7. Community Colleges; clippings, 1964-1969
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18. ; survey, 1958
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- 3-5. Fuller, Alex-McCreedy, Herbert Testimonial Dinner, 31 Mar 1967
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8. Labor Education Foundation; By-Laws
9. ; Contributions and finances, 1962-1963
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20. McCreedy; memorial resolutions, 1971
21. ; Retirement Resolution of Appreciation, 6 Mar 1967
22. Oregon Telephone union, correspondence, 1949
23. Parochiaid, May 1968-Jan 1969
24. Jan-Mar 1969
25. May-Jun 1969
26. Sep-Oct 1969
27. Nov 1969-Oct 1970
28. Scholle, August; biographical stories, 1962
29. clippings, 1946-1962
30. , 1963-Apr 1966
31. , Apr 1966-1971
32. Scholle, August and the Labor Movement; clippings, 1945-1959
33. Scholle, August and Kathleen, obituaries and tributes, 1972-1973

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- 1-2. Scholle, Labor Education Testimonial Dinner; 1 Dec 1962
3. ; program, 1 Dec 1962
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5. State Legislature Reapportionment; clippings, 1961-Apr 1962
6. Jul 1962
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9. State Legislature Rapportionment & August Scholle; clippings, 1962-64
10. University of Mich and Wayne State University Labor Education  
Program, 1966-69
11. War Labor Board; report, 1 Oct 1942
12. Education: News and Views, Vol. 4, No. 6, 19, AFL-CIO
13. The Formation of Capital;Brookings Institution, 1935
14. A Governor's Notes; by G. Mennen Williams, 1961
15. Labor's Stake in the College Price Tag; by Sidney Margolius, 1965
16. "The Making of a Campaign Issue: Nixon at the AFL-CIO Convention"
17. McCarty, Hunt & Facts Forum;" reprint from The Reporter,1954
18. Michigan Congressional, Senatorial & Representative Districts,  
1964 Apportionment
19. Public Issues Conferences for Elected Union Officials