

THE HARLEY B. HISCOX COLLECTION

Papers, 1968-1984
(Predominantly, 1974-1.984)

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The papers of Harvey B. Hiscox were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January and March of 1985 by Maureen Petra's and were opened for research in May of 1985.

Harley B. His Cox was born in Glendale, California. His college majors were religion, counseling and guidance. After graduation he served as part-time pastor and taught school. From 1961 through 1980 he held various offices in the American Federation of Teachers in California, Colorado and Texas. (The collection does not include papers from 1961-1967.) His important activities included organizing, bargaining agents elections and negotiations.

Mr. Hiscox helped found 100 locals in California, and during his three years in Colorado the individual membership almost doubled. In 1974 Mr. His Cox was asked by the national office to head a full-time organizing staff that was establishing in Texas, where the active membership was only 297. By 1978 it had increased tenfold.

In 1977 Mr. Hiscox became greatly concerned over the situation in Dallas. Seeing the potential for a strong organization in that city, he resigned his post as State Director of Organization and devoted himself entirely to Dallas. He gained national attention by leading a picket line in front of the governor's mansion to protest Governor Gove nor William p. Clements' proposed cut in funds for public education.

In addition to his administrative work in three states, Mr. Hiscox was also editor of the California Teacher, and the Colorado Teacher, and several Texas newsletters. In 1980 he was awarded special commendation by the Union Teacher Press for the Dallas Teacher. Also, while in Colorado Mr. Hiscox was temporarily director of labor publications for the Colorado Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Maureen Hiscox was closely associated with her husband's work, and some of her papers are also included in the collection. In California she was office coordinator for her husband and director of offices services in Colorado. She served as photographer for the Colorado Teacher and as press secretary and public relations consultant for the Colorado Labor Council, AFL-CIO. She served as state representative of the AFL for both Colorado and Texas.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Dallas Local, No. 2260
Denver Classroom Teachers and the Colorado Federation of Teachers; Unity Drive
His Cox's California Resignation
Organizing; California, Colorado and Texas
Picketing Governor Gove nor Clements' mansion.

Among the important correspondents are:

Governor William P. Clements
June Karp
Jim Mattox, Congressman

David Selden
Albert Shanker
Raoul Teilhet

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Non-manuscript Material:

Two photographs and several other pieces of memorabilia relating to the AFT have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection. AFT constitutions, contracts, platforms, and newspaper received with the collection are available in the Archives Library.

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Series I
California Federation of Teachers, 1968-1971
Boxes 1-2

Correspondence, clippings, minutes of executive meetings, papers concerning grievances, fliers and brochures. During the period covered by this material, Mr. Hiscox held the offices of State Director of Organization, 1968-1969, and State Secretary-Treasurer, 1969-1971. This materials relates to finances, membership, organization procedures, publications of the California Teacher and Mr. Hiscox's resignation from office. Files are arranged chronologically.

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