

Michael Hrabar Papers
1 linear foot (1 SB)
1944-1974, bulk 1949-1969

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Accession Number: LP001281

Creator: Hrabar, Michael

Acquisition: The Michael Hrabar Papers were first deposited at the Reuther Library on July 7, 1986.

Language: Material primarily in English; one item in Polish.

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Notes: Citation style: “Michael Hrabar Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University”

Related Material: Olga Hrabar Papers

PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are not necessarily arranged in any particular order. The box folder listing provides an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.

Abstract

Michael Hrabar was a member of UAW Local 600's Tool and Die Unit. An active member of the local (at one time the largest UAW local in the country), Hrabar held various offices within the organization. He served as a delegate to the Local 600 General Council, ran for vice-president of the local in 1944, and also ran to become a member of the local's Bargaining Committee in 1966. He completed UAW leadership training in civil rights, civil liberties, and human relations in 1960. In 1952 and 1954 Hrabar was accused of being a member of the Communist Party during hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. His wife, Olga Hrabar, was president of Local 600's women's auxiliary.

This collection consists mostly of materials accumulated by Hrabar about different candidates running for offices within Local 600 as well as the positions of various interest groups within the local. Local 600 was one of the most liberal and outspoken UAW locals and there are many examples of the local's opposition to Walter Reuther's leadership as president of the UAW. There are several unofficial publications by Local 600's different interest groups, with clippings, photos, and memorabilia making up the rest of the collection.

Important Subjects:

United States. Congress. House. Committee on Un-American Activities
UAW Ford Local 600
Labor unions

Important Names:

Bennet, Harry
Chantres, Jesus
King, Bob
Reuther, Walter P.
Stellato, Carl

Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within the box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collections.

Box 1

1. Local 600 Political Buttons
2. Michael Hrabar; personal correspondence and materials, 1944-1966
3. Michael Hrabar; drawing
4. Local 600; Meeting minutes, speeches, and admin, records, 1950-1969
5. Local 600; information for members, 1952-1965
6. Communications to Local 600 Members, 1957-1963
7. Local 600 Tool and Die Unit, 1955-1969
8. Local 600; Election Candidates
9. Local 600; Election Candidates
10. Local 600; Election Candidates
11. Local 600; Election Results
12. Other Local 600 Publications and Clippings, 1949-1969
13. Local 600; Clippings and Memorabilia
14. Photographs