

**Ed Liska Collection**  
**Papers, 1962-1972**  
**1.25 linear feet**  
**2 1/2 manuscript boxes**

Accession #1469  
OCLC #

The papers of Ed Liska were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by Mr. Liska in June of 1991 and opened for research in May of 2002.

Ed Liska was active in UAW Local 3 (Chrysler's Dodge Main plant) affairs from the 1940's. A Rank and File caucus activist in the plant in the 1950's, he was elected chairman of the Body Shop Unit in 1960, recording secretary of the local in 1962 and president in 1968, serving until 1972. His presidency coincided with a turbulent period in the union's history, when the black revolutionary union movements (RUM's) emerged to challenge working conditions and racism in the auto plants. The Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM), which was formed in May of 1968 in the wake of a wildcat strike to protest line speed-up at Dodge Main, was the first of the RUM's to emerge in Detroit.

The Ed Liska Collection consists of detailed reports of meetings, discussions and other activities at Dodge Local 3 recorded by President Liska from June, 1969 through June, 1972. It also contains minutes of contract negotiation and grievance meetings he kept as the local's recording secretary. Files are arranged chronologically.

**Important subjects in the collection:**

African American automobile industry workers  
Charles Brooks  
Chrysler Corporation  
Collective bargaining--Automobile industry--Michigan--Hamtramck  
Dodge Main plant  
Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement  
Factories--Safety measures  
Edith Fox  
Douglas Fraser  
Grievance arbitration--Automobile industry--Michigan--Hamtramck  
Andrew Hardy  
Arthur Hughes  
George Merrelli  
Strikes and lockouts--Automobile industry--Michigan--Hamtramck  
UAW Local 3 (Hamtramck, Mich.)

**Transfers:**

A few photographs received with the collection have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Department.

**Related Collections:**

[Detroit Revolutionary Movements Collection](#)

[Dan Georgakas Collection](#)

[UAW Chrysler Department Collection](#)

[UAW Local 3 Collection](#)

**Box 1**

- 1-4. Local 3 officers-level grievance meetings with Dodge management, Aug 1962-Jun 1964
5. , Sep-Nov 1964
- 6-7. , Jan-Jun 1965
- 8-9. , Aug-Dec 1965
- 10-11. Hamtramck Assembly local contract negotiations; local demands meetings, Jul-Sep 1964
12. ; summary of all demands, 1964
13. ; local memorandum of understanding, 15 Sep 1964
- 14-19. Hamtramck Assembly local contract negotiations, Jul-Dec 1967
20. ; summary report on demands, 1967

**Box 2**

1. Huber Foundry local contract negotiations, 1967
- 2-22. Liska Local 3 reports, Jun 1969-May 1971

**Box 3**

- 1-10. Liska Local 3 reports, Jun 1971-Jun 1972