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
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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

Box 3

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