

THE MORRIS RIGER COLLECTION

Papers 1936-1986
(Predominantly, 1946-1977)
4 linear feet

Accession Number 1484

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The papers of Morris Riger were placed in the Walter P. Reuther Library in 1991 and 1992 the collection was open for research in 1994.

Morris Riger was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 21, 1914. He was educated in the Philadelphia public schools system. He then graduated from Temple University in 1937 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce. Upon graduation he was employed in the dothing and doll industry as a government statistician. He was a staff representative of the Congress of Industrial Organizations from 1932-1942. After serving in the army during World Was II, he was employed as the Assistant Regional Director, and then later as the Regional Director of the Textile Workers Union of America from 1946 to 1961. In 1961 and 1962 he served as Director of Political Education for the Ohio, American Federation of Labor

- Congress of Industrial Organizations. In 1963 Mr. Riger was employed by the Office of Manpower in the Department of Labor for the United States government. He held several different positions within the Department of Labor until his retirement in 1977.

Mr. Riger was also very active in community groups. He was chairperson of the Civil Rights Committee for the Federation of Labor in Cleveland, Ohio. From 1957 to 1962 he served as secretary and later chairperson for the Ohio Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. From 1956 to 1961 he was a member of the Ohio Committee for Fair Employment Practices. Mr. Riger was on the the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Citizens League and near the end of his life he was President of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Tenants Association.

The Morris Riger Collection includes his efforts with the organization of unions for textile and doll workers, his activity in the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations, and his work in the U.S. Department of Labor. The greater part of the collection deals with materials he used in teaching courses on Japanese economy and the future of trade unions.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Employment Survey 1966
Office of Manpower

West Virginia Road Commission Strike, 1969
Ford Foundation Grant Paper, 1979

Among the important correspondents are:

Hubert H. Humphrey
Sol Stetin

W. William Wirtz
Carl Stokes

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Series I, Employment, 1933-1977, Boxes 1-2:

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Series II, Retirement Activities, 1977-1984, Boxes 2-8:

Writings, correspondence, newspaper clippings and reference materials dealing with Mr. Riger's interest in the study of and teachings on Japanese economy, life and culture Additional information on the future of unions and health care

Non-manuscript Material:

Forty-eight photos of early union activity with Textile Workers Union of America and the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations 1933-1961); nineteen photographic-slides of a job bank site in 1973, while working with the Department of Labor. These items have been placed in the Archives AudioVisual Collection.

Series I
Employment 1933-1977
Boxes 1-2

Correspondence; newspaper dippings, published articles, and other items relating to Morris Riger's employment and community activities from 1933-1977. A large part of the information is from the years 1963-1977, while he was employed for the U.S. Department of Labor primarily in the Office of Manpower. Early materials (prior to 1963) dealt with his work in the union movement of the Textile Workers Union of America and the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within the files.

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2. Summary paper Manpower, 1977
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Series II
Retirement Activities 1977-1986
Boxes 2-8

Writings, correspondence, reports, published articles and reference materials relating to Mr. Riger's retirement activities as a teacher and community leader. Primarily concerned with his interest in the study and teachings of Japanese economy, life and culture Mr. Riger taught two courses at Florida Atlantic University, Understanding Japan and Facing the Future Files are arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within the files.

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- 9. Facing the Future, Japanese success
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- 11. Facing the Future, air controllers strike
- 12-14. Facing the Future, reference

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- 1-5. Ford Grant Paper, reference (cont'd.' from Box 4)
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8. Understanding Japan, language
9. Understanding Japan, education
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12. Understanding Japan, management
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15. Understanding Japan, employment system

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Appendix E - Archival Worksheet

Wayne State University
Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs
University Archives
Detroit, Michigan

PROCESSING WORKSHEET

Collection Title The MorrisRiger Collection
Donor Gertude Riger Acquisition Date 12/11/91
Accession Number # 1484 Location (unprocessed) _____
Amount of Material 3 Storage boxes and 1 Manuscript box
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Materials Present in the Collection:

Amount	Final Disposition	Date
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_____ Pamphlets	_____	_____
_____ Tapes, Disks, Films	_____	_____
_____ Duplicates	_____	_____
_____ Discards	_____	_____
_____ Other	_____	_____