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The papers of Harry W. Flannery were deposited in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in September of 1993 by his daughter, Patricia A. Yoder, and opened for research in August of 2000.

Harry William Flannery was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania on March 13, 1900, the son of John V. and Catherine (Flynn) Flannery. He went to St. Paul's High School in Scranton, Pennsylvania (1914) and Washington County High School in Hagerstown, Maryland (1915-18). Mr. Flannery then attended Notre Dame University for four years and graduated with a Ph.B. in journalism in 1923.

Mr. Flannery held numerous positions as a reporter. He worked for the *Hagerstown Herald* in 1916 and later, also for the *Hagerstown Mail*, the *Baltimore Sun*, the Chicago City News Service and the *Albany Evening News* (until 1925). He was editor of the *Hoosier Observer* (Fort Wayne, Indiana) from 1931-32, before changing to radio broadcasting, serving as radio news editor for station WOWO (Fort Wayne, Indiana) from 1932-33, news editor and analyst for KMOX (St. Louis, Missouri) from 1935-40, Berlin correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) from 1940-41 and news analyst for CBS, West Coast from 1942-48.

In 1948 Mr. Flannery became makeup editor for the *Los Angeles Examiner*. He quit this position in January of 1950 to run for Congress as Democrat for the 15th District in California, a campaign he lost. In 1951 he became labor and foreign affairs editor for *The Catholic Digest* (St. Paul, Minnesota), before switching to an editorial position for the *AFL News-Reporter* from 1952-55. In 1955 Mr. Flannery again became a radio journalist as AFL-CIO radio coordinator, a position he held until his retirement in 1967. For a couple of years after his retirement, he taught classes on labor issues at the UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations.

In addition, Mr. Flannery helped organize the Catholic Labor Institute in Los Angeles and was a member of the Radio Writers Guild Council, the American Newspaper Guild

and the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists. He was also a member of Broadcast Pioneers.

Mr. Flannery wrote several books and numerous articles on foreign policy (especially Germany) and labor issues in North America, Latin America, and Europe. He is the author of the bestseller *Assignment to Berlin* (1942), co-author of *Off Mike* (1944), editor of *Pattern for Peace* (1962), co-author of *The Church and the Working Men* (1965), and *Which Way Germany?* (1968).

Mr. Flannery married Ruth Carmody in 1937. After his first wife's death in 1968, he married Mary Heinemann in 1969. Harry W. Flannery died in 1975 in Los Angeles, California.

The Harry W. Flannery Collection consists primarily of research files—clippings, correspondence, press releases and speeches—covering a wide variety of topics, but focusing on labor union issues. Well covered is the split of the UAW from the AFL-CIO in 1968. Apart from the research files, the collection contains correspondence with his family, his publishers and his alma mater, Notre Dame University. The papers in this collection date primarily from the later years of Mr. Flannery's career; those covering his earlier career reside at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

AFL-CIO—UAW split

American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD)

Brandt, Willy

Meany, George

National socialism

Newspaper Guild

Notre Dame University

Trade unions--Germany

Trade unions--Journalists--United States

Trade unions--Latin America

Among the important correspondents are:

Klausner, Bertha

Rustin, Bayard

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