

## **Paul Ste-Marie Collection**

**Papers, 1939-1943**

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The papers of Paul Ste-Marie were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by Father Maynard Tetreault of Duns Scotus College in June of 1997 and were opened for research at that time.

Paul Ste-Marie was born in San Francisco in 1905 and started working at the Ford Rouge plant in 1927. A tool and die maker, he helped organize the Mechanics Educational Society of America in 1933, later joining the Automotive Industrial Workers of America. In 1936 he switched his allegiance to the fledgling UAW and two years later became a charter member of Local 600. During the 1930s, he also held leadership positions in the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists.

Mr. Ste-Marie's union activities earned him frequent discharges and continual harassment by Ford Service Department employees until the UAW signed its first contract with the company in 1941. He was elected chairman of the Local 600 General Council in 1941 and a year later won the presidency of the reorganized local in a closely contested election. He was defeated for re-election in 1943, after a term marked by turmoil within the local and in the UAW's relations with Ford Motor Company. Paul Ste-Marie died in 1946.

The Paul Ste-Marie Collection consists primarily of newspaper clippings related to labor relations at the Rouge plant, UAW factionalism, and Local 600 politics and minutes of the local's Executive Board and General Council.

### **Important subjects in the collection:**

Afro-American automobile industry workers  
Association of Catholic Trade Unionists  
Church and labor  
Ford Rouge plant (Dearborn, Mich.)  
Percy Llewelyn  
Homer Martin  
Horace Sheffield  
Shelton Tappes

Trade-unions and communism--United States  
Trade-unions--Elections  
Trade-unions--Political activity  
UAW Local 600

**Box 1**

- 1-3. Clippings, 1939-43
4. Correspondence, 1939, 1942
5. UAW Local 600; audits, 1942
6. UAW Local 600 election; audit, handbill, Victory Ball program, 1942
- 7-8. ; clippings, 1942-43
- 9-23. UAW Local 600 Executive Board; minutes, Dec 1941 - Jan 1943
24. ; roll call, Jul 1942
25. UAW Local 600 General Council; minutes, Jun 1942
26. ; minutes, Aug 1942
- 27-31. ; minutes, Oct 1942 - Jan 1943
32. ; roll call & delegate list, Jul 1942, n. d.
33. UAW Local 600 Plant-Management Comm.; mtg. agendas, Mar-Sep 1942