

**Herman Rebhan Papers**  
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1976-1989

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**Accession Number:** LP001791

**Creator:** Herman Rebhan

**Acquisition:** The Herman Rebhan Papers were placed in the Walter P. Reuther Library in November 2002 and opened for research in August 2011.

**Language:** Materials primarily in English or German.

**Access:** Papers are open for research.

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**Related Material:** UAW International Affairs Department: Herman Rebhan Records, UAW International Affairs Department: Victor Reuther and Herman Rebhan Records, and the Oral History Collection: Labor Diplomacy Oral History Project.

**Abstract**

Herman Rebhan was first elected General Secretary of the International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) in 1974 and served in that position until his retirement in 1989. Rebhan had previously served with the IMF as coordinator of its World Auto Council Department from 1966 to 1969. From 1969 to 1974 he served in the United Auto Workers (UAW) International Affairs Department, of which he became director in 1972. Prior to 1966, Rebhan served in other capacities with the UAW, working his way up from the shop floor. Rebhan was born in Germany in 1920 and went to the United States in the 1930s as the result of the Nazi's persecution of the Jews. Herman Rebhan passed away in 2006.

The Herman Rebhan Papers consist of speeches made by Rebhan in his capacity as General Secretary of the IMF along with a book Rebhan published in 1980 containing a selection of his speeches and papers.

**Important Subjects:**

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions  
International labor activities  
International Metalworkers' Federation  
Labor movement

**Important Names:**

Eugen Loderer

## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged chronologically.

### **Box 1**

1. Speeches, n.d.
- 2-4. Speeches, 1976
- 5-7. Speeches, 1977
- 8-9. Speeches, 1978
- 10-11. Speeches, 1979
- 12-14. Speeches, 1980
15. Book; Rebhan, Herman. *Trade Unions and the World*. London: Anvil Press, 1980.
16. Speeches, 1981

### **Box 2**

- 1-2. Speeches, 1981
- 3-5. Speeches, 1982
- 6-9. Speeches, 1983
- 10-12. Speeches, 1984
- 13-14. Speeches, 1985

### **Box 3**

- 1-2. Speeches, 1986
- 3-5. Speeches, 1987
- 6-7. Speeches, 1988
8. Speeches, 1989