



Guide to the Peter John Moralis Papers LP002547

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Moralis, Peter John
Source:	AFSCME
Title:	Peter John Moralis Papers
ID:	LP002547
Date [inclusive]:	1966-1994
Physical Description:	1.5 Linear Feet (2 MB, 1 OS)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	<p>Peter John Moralis had a long career in the labor movement and politics. He held various roles for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees International Union (AFSCME) as well as affiliated councils. He later worked as an assistant to US Senator Charles Mathias, Jr. where he sought grants for local governments, resolved constituent complaints, liaised to labor groups, and assisted with Mathias's re-election campaign. His papers primarily consist of photographs and newspaper clippings. Also present are correspondence and other paper documents as well as three-dimensional objects.</p>

Citation Style

"Peter John Moralis Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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History

Peter John Moralis was born in Athens, Greece to American parents on August 26, 1929. He served in the air force from 1948-1952 and was honorably discharged. He worked as an electronic technician and

field engineer for the Martin Marietta Company-Bunker Ramo Corporation for thirteen years before transitioning into a full-time labor career. He was a representative for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 67 (Maryland) before working as an AFSCME International representative, organizing specialist, and area director. In 1974 he became an Assistant to the President and COPE Director of Metropolitan Baltimore Council, AFL-CIO. There, his work focused on voter registration and Get Out the Vote campaigns, lobbying, and drafting legislation.

In 1976 he became Executive Director of AFSCME Council 30, Virginia Public Employees. As director he oversaw budgets, organizing, grievances, and negotiations.

In 1979, he began working as an assistant to US Senator Charles Mathias, Jr. where he sought grants for local governments, resolved constituent complaints, liaised to labor groups, and assisted with Mathias's re-election campaign.

He participated in protests in Memphis during the Sanitation Workers' Strike in 1968.

Moralis married Sarah Vrachalus and the couple had three children. He passed away in January, 2010, at the age of 80.

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Scope and Content

The Peter John Moralis papers primarily consist of photographs and newspaper clippings. Also present are correspondence and other paper documents as well as three-dimensional objects, including a monogrammed yoyo and buttons. The materials relate to Moralis's work for AFSCME International and various affiliated councils, and for US Senator Charles Mathias, Jr.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by type of document.

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Acquisition

The Peter John Moralis Papers were donated by Peter Moralis's children, Father Constantine Moralis, Angela Moralis, and John Moralis.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Stefanie Caloia on December 6, 2017.

Access

Collection is open for research. Items in the vault are available at the discretion of the archives.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

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Related Materials

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A signed letter from Coretta Scott King has been placed in the vault. A photocopy of the letter is in box 2 folder 1.

Photographs of plaques and other three-dimensional objects are available in the Reuther Digital Repository.

Related collections at the Reuther Library include: AFSCME Office of the President: Jerry Wurf Records; AFSCME Office of the Secretary-Treasurer: William Lucy Records

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Controlled Access Headings

- AFSCME

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Scrapbook pages (Newsclippings), 1966-1971	Box 1	Folder 1
Scrapbook pages (Newsclippings), 1966-1971	Box 1	Folder 2
Scrapbook pages (Newsclippings), 1972-1978	Box 1	Folder 3
Scrapbook pages (Newsclippings), 1976-1980	Box 1	Folder 4
Scrapbook pages (Newsclippings), 1979	Box 1	Folder 5
Correspondence, 1966, 1971-1983	Box 2	Folder 1
Personal and Professional Documents, 1966-1994	Box 2	Folder 2
Photographs; Alexandria City Employees, circa 1970s	Box 2	Folder 3
Photographs; Contract Signings, 1971-1972	Box 2	Folder 4
Photographs; Memphis Sanitation Strike, 1968	Box 2	Folder 5
Photographs; Coretta Scott King, circa 1970s	Box 2	Folder 6
Photographs; AFSCME Council 20 Founding Convention, 1971 April 24	Box 2	Folder 7
Photographs; Strikes, Picketing, 1971, undated	Box 2	Folder 8
Photographs; Meetings and Assemblies, 1970, undated	Box 2	Folder 9
Photographs; People and Events	Box 2	Folder 10
Photographs; People and Events	Box 2	Folder 11
Three-Dimensional Objects; Yoyo, AFSCME pouch, AFSCME Glass Tray, Maryland Flag, Buttons, Pin, Name Badge	Box 3	Folder 1