THE UAW LOCAL 650 COLLECTION

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Local 650 represents the workers of Reo Motors in Lansing, Michigan. Until February 1939, it was a branch of Local 182, an amalgamated union of all the workers in Lansing. In 1934 the Lansing Auto workers seceeded from the AFL and in October 1936 a nucleus of fifty workers in the Stamping, Reo and Oldsmobile plants amalgamated. In March 1937, Local 182 participated in a sit down strike against Reo Motors and forced the company to recognize the Union and to sign an agreement. In August, the Local had 15,000 members. (UAW Autoworker, January 8, 1938).

In February 1939, the Reo branch of Local 182 voted to apply to the International Executive Board for a separate charter. The Executive Board approved the request, and Local 650 was established. The new local immediately faced a major crisis. In November 1938, Reo Motors had declared bankruptcy and most of its workers were unemployed. By 1940 the crisis was over. The Company reorganized in January, in April it signed a closed shop contract with the Union, and by 1941 most of the workers had returned. There were no important conflicts until 1946. There were numerous Company-Union conflicts during the post World War II period, including a wild cat strike in 1946. The most important leaders of the Local were W.O. Scholy, President, 1939-1941; Raymond W. Reed, President, 1944-1946 and 1948-1964; Wayne Keeney, President, 1946-1947, and J.A. Salter, President, 1947-1948.

The Local 650 Collection covers the period from 1937-1964.

Important Subjects are:

Strike, 1946 Dispute between Reo Motors and Wayne Keeney, 1946-1947 Strike, 1951

Among the correspondents are:

George F. Addes Richard T. Frankensteen Homer Martin Victor G. Reuther Walter P. Reuther August Scholle R.J. Thomas

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