

THE UNITED TRANSPORT SERVICE EMPLOYEES COLLECTION

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The papers of the United Transport Service Employees were deposited with the labor History Archives in Sept. 1966 by George Sabattie.

The United Transport Service Employees began under the direction of Willard Saxly Townsend. Mr. Townsend organized the Independent Brotherhood of Red Gaps in 1938. The union eventually grew into the United Transport Service Employees. This union affiliated with the CIO in 1942.

Mr. Townsend was a college graduate with a degree in law. His credentials as a unionist were unquestionable and he wrote prolific articles about the labor movement, the Negro in labor, and civil rights. Mr. Townsend died February 3, 1957.

The United Transport Service Employees Collection covers the period from 1938 to 1966.

Important Subjects are:

- Negro in Labor
- Civil Rights
- Negro in Korean War

Among the Correspondents are:

- Thomas Colosimo, American Embassy, Tokyo, Japan.

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Description of Series

Box 1 Contains mostly newspaper and magazine clippings by Willard Townsend. Also contains much information about Mr. Townsend.

Articles by Willard Townsend in Chicago Defender, 1947-1956.

Articles by Willard Townsend

Negro labor (Clippings: Xeroxed)

Japan Today by "Willard S. Townsend

Report on Japan for International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

Development of Political Policy, Political Program of Organized Labor

Correspondence

UTSE News, February 1966.

Miscellaneous Newspaper Articles