

THE UAW WAR POLICY COLLECTION

**Papers, 1941-46
(Predominantly, 1943-44)**

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The papers of Victor Reuther, the Assistant Coordinator of the UAW War Policy Division, were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs on November 17, 1967 by the UAW.

The UAW War Policy Division grew out of the Defense Employment Committee, whose name was changed at the entry of the United States into World War II in 1941. Its main purpose was to coordinate all of the Union's war efforts and to represent the Union in its dealings with such governmental agencies as the War Manpower Commission, the War Production Board, the Office of Price Administration and the branches of the armed forces. George Addes, Richard Frankenstein, Richard Reisinger and Walter Reuther were members of the original Committee. With the change of name, Richard Leonard was added.

Important subjects are:

Employment stabilization	Job transfers
Utilization of labor	Job training programs
Protection of seniority	Alien workers
Allied relief	Fair employment
Postwar planning	Veterans
Reconversion	Housing
Education	Counseling
Discrimination	Child care
Rationing of goods	Price and rent control
Shortage of critical materials	
Gas and tire rationing for transportation	

Among the important correspondents are:

George Addes	William H. Levitt
Claude Bland	Paul V. McNutt
Kenneth Cole	Ben Probe
Nelson Cruikshank	Walter Reuther
John Edelman	George Romney
Arthur Elder	Dorothy K. Roosevelt
Clayton Fountain	August Scholle
Catherine Gelles	Maurice Sugar
David Henry	R.J. Thomas
Lewis B. Hershey	James Wishart
Sidney Hillman	Leonard Woodcock
Mildred Jeffrey	

Description of Series

Series I consists of alphabetically arranged subject files on a variety of topics for the years 1941 to 1943 and 1943 to 1946. At the end of each letter is a miscellaneous file. These files include correspondence, research reports, pamphlets, newspaper clippings and press releases. Within the folder, the material is arranged chronologically.

Series II consists of files on locals and the regions. Most of the local files are quite small, with the following exceptions: 12, 36, 50, 99, 174, 600, 652, 731, 774, and 958. The folders for each region follow the locals.

Folder Inventory

Series I

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Displacement of automobile workers
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Labor and industry
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Moral Rearmament
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Office for Emergency Management
Office of Production Management (1941)
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Passenger car production (1941-1942)
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Press releases, UAW-CIO (1942-1943) (2 folders)
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Victory Council (Oct. 1943-Dec. 1943) (2 folders)

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Vocational Education Program for National Defense (1941-Oct. 1942) (3 folders)
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Fair employment practices
Richard T. Frankensteen (1942-1944)
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Martin Gerber
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Democratic Germany
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Interracial Committee
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Jewish Labor Committee
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Leo Lamotte
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Richard T. Leonard
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John Livingston
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