

UAW VETERANS' DEPARTMENT COLLECTION  
Records, 1943-1955

6.5 linear feet  
7 manuscript boxes, 3 storage boxes

Part 1

Accession #293

The papers of the UAW Veterans' Department were deposited with the Labor History Archives in November of 1967 by the UAW and were opened for research in 1968.

The UAW Veterans' Department was created in 1944 as a part of the War Policy Division. Joseph Velosky was the director from 1944 to 1946. Other members of the Department included Frank Amico, George Buckley, William Marshall, and Forrest Woods. In 1946, the Veterans' Department was separated from the War Policy Division and became a separate department.

Some of the problems with which the Department was concerned were veterans' seniority, reemployment, the creation of regional and local veterans' committees, and state legislation for veterans.

The UAW Veterans' Department Collection covers the period from 1943 to 1947, with the major portion of the material covering the years from 1945 to 1946.

Important subjects are:

Conferences	Apprenticeship
Legislation	Fair practices
Seniority	Disabled veterans
Creation and coordination of UAW regional and local veterans' committees	

Among the correspondents are:

George Addes	Harold Near
Frank Amico	Louis Rabaut
Alex Barbour	Victor Reuther
Meyer Bernstein	Irving Richter
Charles Bioletti	August Scholle
George Buckley	Maurice Sugar
E.L. Cushman	R.J. Thomas
George Danfield	Joseph Velosky
Tracy Doll	Frank Winn
Lewis B. Hershey	Forrest Woods
William Marshall	Jack Zeller
Emil Mazey	

The Collection is divided into two series. Series I contains material on several conferences. Series II is the major series and contains folders arranged alphabetically according to both subject and sender. Within the folder, material is arranged chronologically. In addition to the correspondence, there is a large amount of mimeographed material.

Folder Inventory

Series I

Box 1            Regional Veterans Conference (Oct. 8, 1946)  
Michigan State Veterans Conference (Oct. 12, 1946) (3 folders)  
National UAW-CIO Veterans Conference  
    (Jan. 30-31, 1947) (2 folders)  
79th Congress (1945-1946) (2 folders)  
State CIO Veterans Legislative Conference  
    (Feb. 10, 1946)

Series II

Box 2            George F. Addes (1944-1946) (2 folders)  
American Legion (1945-1946)  
American Veterans Committee (1946-1947)  
    (2 folders)  
Frank Amico (Jan.-Dec. 1945) (2 folders)  
Amvets (1944-1946)  
Apprenticeship (1944-1945)  
Army Times Letter (1946-1947)  
Charles Bioletti (1946)  
George Buckley (Oct. 1944-Nov. 1945)  
    (2 folders)

Box 3            George Buckley (Dec. 1945-Oct. 1946)  
CIO National Headquarters (1944-1946)  
CIO War Relief Committee (1945-1946)  
Cases, Miscellaneous (Dec. 1944-Apr. 1946)  
    (3 folders)  
Cases, War Shipping Information (1945-1946)  
Correspondence, General (1943-1946)  
Disabled Veterans (1946-1947)  
Education Department (Jan. 1945-Aug. 1947)  
    (2 folders)  
Fair Practices (1945-1946)  
Housing Department (1945-1946)  
Inter-Office (1944-1946)

Box 4                    Legislation - Alabama  
                         California  
                         Florida  
                         Georgia  
                         Illinois  
                         Indiana  
                         Iowa  
                         Kansas  
                         Kentucky  
                         Louisiana  
                         Maryland  
                         Massachusetts  
                         Michigan  
                         Minnesota  
                         Mississippi  
                         New Hampshire  
                         New Jersey  
                         North Carolina  
                         Ohio  
                         Oklahoma  
                         South Dakota  
                         Utah  
                         Vermont  
                         Virginia  
                         Legislation (1944-1946)  
                         Legislative Proposals (1943-1946)

Box 5                    William Marshall (1944-May 1946) (3 folders)  
                         Minutes, Convention and Committee (1944-Feb.  
                         1946) (2 folders)  
                         National Conference of Union Labor Legion-  
                         naires (Jan. 1945-Nov. 1946) (3 folders)  
                         Programs  
                         Requests Material (Dec. 1944-Apr. 1946) (3  
                         folders)  
                         Requests Information (1944-1946)

Box 6                    Victor Reuther (1944-1946)  
                         Irving Richter (Nov. 1944-Aug. 1947) (2 fol-  
                         ders)  
                         Seniority (1944-1945)  
                         Telegrams  
                         U.S. Department of Labor (1946-1947)  
                         Joseph Velosky (Sept. 1944-Nov. 1946) (2 fol-  
                         ders)  
                         Veterans Administration Correspondence (1943-  
                         -May 1945) (5 folders)

Box 7                    Veterans Administration Correspondence (June  
                         1945-May 1946) (7 folders)  
                         War Manpower Commission (June 1944-Sept. 1945)  
                         (2 folders)  
                         Forrest Woods (Nov. 1944-Aug. 1945) (2 folders)

**Part 2**

**UAW Veterans' Department Collection**

**3 storage boxes**

This addition to the records of the UAW Veterans' Department documents departmental affairs from 1946 to 1954 under the directorship of Emil Mazey and his assistant, Harold Near.

**PLEASE NOTE: Folders are computer-arranged alphabetically in this finding aid, but may actually be dispersed throughout several boxes in the collection. Note carefully the box number for each folder heading.**

**Additional important subjects in the collection:**

Korean War, 1950-1953--Veterans  
Radulovich, Milo, 1927?--Trials, litigation, etc.  
Veterans--Employment--Michigan  
Veterans--Housing--Michigan  
Veterans--Services for--Michigan  
World War, 1939-1945--Veterans

**Additional important correspondents in the collection:**

Robert Salyers  
Paul Sifton  
Paul Strachan

**Non-manuscript material:**

Bogdan Baynert's original cartoon artwork for the December, 1946, and October/November, 1947, issues of the Veterans' Department newsletter, "Veterans' Bulletin," has been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection.

<b>Box-Folder</b>	<b>Folder heading</b>
8-5 thru 7	American Federation of the Physically Handicapped, 1949-50, 1952-53
8-1 thru 3	American Veterans Committee, 1949-53
10-18	AMVETS, 1948-50
10-5	Apprenticeship/on-the-job training, 1946-49
10-19	CIO Community Services programs/representatives, 1949
8-26	CIO FDR Labor Center Camp, 1946-47
9-12	CIO Veterans Committee, 1945, 1951-54
10-21	CIO Veterans Committee; Bernstein, Meyer, corres., 1946-49
9-13	CIO Veterans Committee; Buckmaster letter, 1955
9-14	CIO Veterans Committee; labor representatives on state Selective Service Boards, 1954
10-11	Detroit Service Organization, 1952
9-17 thru 19	Disabled American Veterans, 1946-50, 1952-54
9-10 thru 11	Korean War deceased veterans, beneficiaries of, 1951-54
10-10	Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, 1949
10-16	Merchant Marine veterans, 1947-49
9-2	Michigan Veterans Bonus, 1946-50
10-12 thru 13	Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund, 1946-54
10-2	Military injustice, 1950-55
10-3 thru 4	Military injustice; Milo Radulovich case, 1953
8-20	National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires, 1946-49
8-24	National Service Life Insurance, 1946-50
10-9	Prisoner of War claims, 1950
8-16 thru 17	Selective Service, 1946-51
10-6	Skilled trades/apprenticeship, 1947-51
8-25	UAW Ford Dept.; corres., 1947-49, 1952, 1954
10-8	UAW Veterans' Conference, 1950
10-29	UAW Veterans' Dept.; Evans, Matt, corres., 1952-54
10-14 thru 15	UAW Veterans' Dept.; mailings, 1946-54
10-30 thru 35	UAW Veterans' Dept.; Mazey, Emil, corres., 1946-50, 1952-54
10-22 thru 28	UAW Veterans' Dept.; Near, Harold, corres., 1945-54
8-4	UAW Veterans' Dept.; newsletter ("Veterans' Bulletin"), 1946-48
8-27	UAW-CIO Health Institute; newsletters, 1946-47
8-21	Universal Military Training, 1947-48
9-20 thru 23	U.S. Labor Dept.; Bureau of Veterans' Reemployment Rights, 1947-55
10-17	U.S. War Dept.; corres., 1946-48
8-23	"Vet's Voice for Peace," 1949-51, 1954
9-7 thru 8	Veterans Administration, 1945-54
9-9	Veterans Administration; educational benefits, 1948-52
10-1	Veterans and organized labor; speeches, 1940s
10-20	Veterans and radio, 1946, 1949, 1951
9-15 thru 16	Veterans, court decisions re; corres., reports, briefs, 1945-53
8-14	Veterans' hospitals (Michigan); clippings, 1949-50
8-8 thru 13	Veterans' housing (Michigan), 1946-54
8-19	Veterans' legislation (Michigan state Legislature), 1947-49
8-15	Veterans' legislation (U.S. Congress), 1940s

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8-22	Veterans' organizations, 1944, 1946
9-1	Veterans' statistics, 1947-52
8-18	Veterans' taxation, 1944-52
9-3	Veterans' terminal leave pay, 1950
9-4 thru 5	Veterans' unemployment compensation, 1946-50
9-6	Veterans' unemployment compensation; GM, 1946-48
10-7	Victory Medal, 1948