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Carl J. Megel served as the American Federation of Teachers' first full-time president for twelve years, from 1952 to 1964, and for another eighteen years as its chief lobbyist in the Legislative Department. A science and math teacher in Illinois public schools, he became active in the Chicago Teachers Union, AFT Local 1, in the 1930s.

During his tenure as AFT president, the union expanded its membership dramatically, integrated Southern locals, and fought for federal aid to education and financial recognition of the professional status of teachers.

The Carl J. Megel Collection consists of correspondence, clippings, speeches, reports, meeting material, and publications related to his work as president and head of the Legislative Dept.. of the AFT.

Important subjects in the collection:

Academic freedom	International teachers unions
Collective bargaining	Local AFT chapters
Educational legislation	Loyalty oaths
Federal aid to education	Retirement for teachers
Integration of schools and unions	Segregated locals

Important correspondents in the collection:

Borchardt, Selma	Loomer, Arch S.
Cosgrove, John	Meany, George
Counts, Dr. George S.	Randolph, A. Phillip
Eklund, John	Reuther, Walter P.
Fewkes, John	Roth, Herrick
Field, Thomas	Rust, Ben
Herrick, Mary	Selden, David
High, Paul	Shanker, Albert S.
Kuenzli, Irvin	Snow, F. C.

NON-MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL:

A number of books, serials, convention material, meeting proceedings, and constitutions have been placed in the Archives Library and photographs, buttons, bumper stickers, and audio tapes are available in the Archives Audio-Visual Department.

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