AFSCME ORGANIZING OFFICE COLLECTION 1967-1972

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AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) was created in 1935 as an autonomous union within the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE). In 1936, reacting to pressure from AFSCME, the AFGE agreed to the establishment of a separate AFL union for state and local government employees. AFSCME was chartered by the AFL on October 8, 1936 as an autonomous union.

AFSCME has achieved several breakthroughs in the labor movement. The 1939 AFSCME contract with Philadelphia was the first written collective bargaining agreement with a major city in the United States. In 1950 AFSCME pressed for government involvement with regard to dues deductions, eventually leading to legislation. In 1970 AFSCME helped draft the Public Employees Relations Act (PERA), which gives public employees the same rights guaranteed to workers in the private sector.

This collection reflects the work done by and through the AFSCME Organizing Office.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

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Among the important correspondents are:

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