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Labor Today is an independent labor journal currently published quarterly by the National Center of Trade Union Action and Democracy in Chicago. It began publication as a monthly in Detroit in 1962, and succeeded in order the following: Labor Herald, Labor Unity, and The March of Labor.

The Labor Today collection is primarily composed of subject files used by the newspaper's staff in writing articles on a wide range of issues relevant to the labor movement in the early 1970s. Also included are papers related to Mr. William's work as a National Education Association organizer for the faculty of the Pennsylvania State College and University system, 1969-1972, and materials on the organizational activities of Trade Union Action and Democracy, 1970-1975.

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The following is a list of abbreviations of trade union names used in this guide.

AAUP	American Association of University Professors
ACWU	Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union
AFT	American Federation of Teachers
AFGE	American Federation of Government Employees
AFL-CIO	American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations AFSCME
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers	AMCBWNA
Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America	APSCUF
Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculty	
IAM	International Association of Machinists
IBEW	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
IBT	International Brotherhood of Teamsters
ILA	International Longshore Association
ILWU	International Longshore Workers Union
ILGWU	International Ladies Garment Workers Union
IUE	International Union of Electrical Workers
NAPFE	National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees
NEA	National Education Association
NMU	National Maritime Union
UAW	United Automobile Workers
UBW	United Brewery Workers
UE	United Electrical Workers
UFT	United Federation of Teachers (New York)
UFW	United Farmworkers
UMWA	United Mineworkers of America
USWA	United Steelworkers of America

Other abbreviations used are the following.

NCC	National Coordinating Committee (TUAD)
TUAD	Trade Union Action and Democracy

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Pamphlets, brochures, leaflets, clippings, draft articles, press releases, newsletters, reports and other primarily printed materials on a wide range of issues relevant to the trade union movement, 1969-1975. Major topics include: Black politics (including Black workers and trade unions, civil rights, racism and Black Democratic Party politicians), economic and social issues and protest (mainly concerning inflation and unemployment), the international labor movement (primarily Africa, Latin America, Japan and Eastern and Western Europe), the Nixon Administration (mainly relating to opposition to its economic and Vietnam War policies and the 1972 election), radical left politics (primarily the Communist Party, USA, and affiliated organizations), trade union bargaining, issues and rank and file organization (mainly concerning the auto workers, coal miners, electrical workers, farmworkers, longshoremen, public employee and steel workers unions, and to a lesser extent the brewery workers, clothing and textiles workers and teamsters unions), and the Vietnam War opposition movement (including trade union and G.I. anti-war activities). Files are arranged alphabetically by subject matter.

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