

Detroit Revolutionary Movements Collection

**Papers, 1968-1976
(Predominantly, 1970-1974)**

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The Detroit Revolutionary Movements Collection was placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by General Gordon Baker and Ronald Glotta in January of 1978 and opened for research in December of 1979. Additional material was received from Mr. Glotta in March of 1981 and opened in March of 1982 as Part 2 of the collection.

Series I of this collection consists of the papers donated by General Baker, who worked in Chrysler Corporation's Dodge Main Plant. They are mainly concerned with the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM) and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers (LRBW).

Series II is comprised of papers donated by Ronald Glotta, a Detroit attorney. These papers relate to the Eldon Revolutionary Union Movement (ELRUM) at Chrysler's Eldon Avenue plant and other Revolutionary Union Movement groups; workmen's compensation cases; social service workers' organizing activities in Detroit; the National Lawyers Guild; the Motor City Labor League; the Control, Conflict, Change Book Club; and mass party movements in Detroit and elsewhere, particularly the Communist League and Communist Labor Party.

Ronald Glotta's law firm, Glotta, Adelman and Dinges, was established with a revolutionary objective. The members actively participate in the revolutionary groups which they counsel and represent in arbitration and in the courts.

A list of acronyms for the numerous institutions and organizations covered in the collection will be found on page 4. Pertinent historical information, series descriptions and lists of major correspondents and subjects are provided individually for each series and/or subseries. An index to correspondents in this collection is located at the end of the finding aid.

Further information on black radical groups active in the 1960's and 1970's may be found in the Dan Georgakas Collection.

Important subjects in the collection:

Black dissidents within the UAW
Black radicals
Chrysler Corporation
Communist League
Communist Labor Party
Corruption of union officials
Detroit radical activity, 1960's-1970's
Detroit unemployment
Drugs: political and economic aspects
Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement
Eldon Revolutionary Union Movement
Industrial pollution
James Johnson, Jr. case
League of Revolutionary Black Workers
Motor City Labor League
National health care
National Lawyers Guild
Old Left vs. New Left
Plant safety
Poverty
Racial and ethnic antagonism within plants
Racial discrimination in jobs
Rank-and-file movements
Shop floor conditions
UAW Local 3
UAW Local 961
UAW unresponsiveness to worker grievances
Wildcat strikes
Workmen's compensation law

Important correspondents in the collection:

Michael Adelman	George Merrelli
William J. Beckham	Victor Rabinowitz
Kenneth Cockrel	Ronald Reosti
David Dellinger	Rachel Scott
Bernadine Dohrn	Jordan U. Sims
Peter Franck	H. John Taylor
Ronald Glotta	Leonard Woodcock
William B. Gould	Joseph A. Yablonski
Art Hughes	
Donald Jackson	
Frank Joyce	
Alicia Kaplow	
Emil Mazey	

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16 manuscript boxes

Part 1

Series I, Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM), 1968-1972,

Box 1:

Papers, mainly handbills and policy statements, donated by General Baker dating from the formation of DRUM at the Chrysler Corporation Dodge Main plant, Hamtramck, Michigan, in 1968. There is some material on elections in which DRUM candidates ran for UAW posts and also some on the League of Revolutionary Black Workers.

Series II, Boxes 2-15:

Series II consists of papers donated by Ronald Glotta. This series is divided into six subseries by subject.

Subseries A: Chrysler Eldon (ELRUM) and Other Revolutionary Union Movements, 1967-1975, Boxes 2-5:

Papers, mainly flyers, open letters, legal papers, meeting notes, grievances, plant files, and correspondence relating to the activities of ELRUM at the Chrysler Eldon Avenue plant, DRUM at the Dodge Main plant, and Revolutionary Union Movement groups at other plants. There is also material on the Eldon Workers Safety Committee and Chrysler Eldon UAW Local 961 elections from 1971-73.

Subseries B: Workmen's Compensation and Social Service Workers, 1970-1975, Box 5:

Papers on workmen's compensation, specifically the case of James Johnson. It also covers attempts to organize social service workers in the Detroit area in the early seventies. This subseries consists mainly of handbills, newsletters and some correspondence.

Subseries C: National Lawyers Guild - 1963-1974, Boxes 6-7:

Mainly correspondence and reports relating to the National Lawyers Guild during the period 1963-74. There is material on the Detroit chapter, the NLG Labor Committee and the 1972 Detroit National Labor Conference.

Subseries D: Motor City Labor League and Control, Conflict, Change Book Club, 1970-1976, Boxes 8-11:

These papers, mainly correspondence, policy statements and reports concern the Motor City Labor League and the Control, Conflict, Change Book Club. The majority of the reports deal with specific topics. There is also material on MCLL factional disputes.

Subseries E: New Mass Party Movements, 1970-1976, Boxes 12-14:

These papers are concerned with attempts in the early seventies to form a mass party to replace the Communist Party USA. Most of the material is in the form of policy statements, reports, meeting notes and correspondence and relates to Detroit unemployment, the Communist League and the Communist Labor Party.

Subseries F: Other Organizations, Box 15:

This subseries consists of papers and literature from a variety of groups, predominantly those with a radical objective.

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Series III, Communist Labor Party, 1975-1980, Box 16:

Papers, mainly newsletters and publicity items, relating to the activities of the Communist Labor Party in promoting a variety of causes and agitating for improved working conditions in a number of industries and occupational groups. There is also material on the election campaigns of General Baker for Michigan state representative in 1976 and 1978.

Non-manuscript material

A few photographs received with the collection have been transferred to the Archives Audiovisual Collection and a number of publications have been placed in the Archives Library, a list of which may be found on page 28.

Acronyms

AAFA Afro-American Alliance for Action
A/P (or A & P) Agitation and Propaganda - Agit-Prop
BEDC Black Economic Development Conference (earlier **NBEDC** National Black Economic Development Conference)
BLM Black Liberation Movement
BWC Black Workers' Congress
CC Central Committee (**MCLL**) or Continuations Committee
CCC Control, Conflict, Change Book Club
CETA Comprehensive Employment and Training Act
CFF Crusade for Freedom
CL Communist League
CLP Communist Labor Party
CPSU Communist Party Soviet Union
CPUSA Communist Party U.S.A.
DFT Detroit Federation of Teachers
DGH Detroit General Hospital
DLCC Detroit Local Continuations Committee (**or LCC**)
DRUM Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement
DUC Detroit Unemployed (or Unemployment) Council
EC Executive Committee
ELRUM Eldon Revolutionary Union Movement
EWSC Eldon Workers Safety Committee
FN(P) Freedom Now (Party)
FPCC Fair Play for Cuba Committee
GAD Glotta, Adelman and Dinges (law firm)
GADTDM Glotta, Adelman, Dinges, Taylor, Davis, and Middleton (law firm)
Health PAC Health Policy Advisory Center
IBA International Black Appeal
ILD International Labor Defense
IPC Indochina Peace Campaign
IS International Socialists
JARUM Jefferson Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement
LCC Local Continuations Committee (**or DLCC**)
LDC Labor Defense Coalition
LRBW League of Revolutionary Black Workers
MAC Membership Action Committee
MCC Motor City Coalition
MCLL Motor City Labor League
MERUM Mound Road Engine Plant Revolutionary Union Movement
M-L Marxist-Leninist
MTLA Michigan Trial Lawyers Association
NAM New American Movement
NCA National Conference of Artists
NEB National Executive Board (NLG)
NIC National Interim Committee for a Mass Party of the People

NLG National Lawyers Guild
NOC National Organizing Committee
OC Organizing Committee
OG On Guard (Committee for Freedom)
OL October League
OPEIU Office and Professional Employees International Union
P & A Program and Administration Committee (NLG)
PPT People's Peace Treaty
PT *Peoples Tribune* (CLP)
PWOC Philadelphia Workers Organizing Committee
RAFT Rank and File Team (USWA)
RAM Revolutionary Action Movement
RU Revolutionary Union
SDS Students for a Democratic Society
TURF Teamsters United Rank and File
UAW United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America
UFW United Farm Workers
UNC United National Caucus (UAW)
USCP U.S. Communist Party
USDL U.S. Dept. of Labor
USNA U.S. of North America
USWA United Steel Workers of America
UU Uhuru, Uhuru
WCDSS Wayne County Dept. of Social Services
WEU Welfare Employees Union
WSU Wayne State University
WUPA Workers United for Political Action
WUPES Workers United for Political and Economic Survival (CCC successor)
YCL Young Communist League (CLP)

Part 1

Series I DRUM, 1968-1972 Box 1

The Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement was formed in May, 1968 at the Chrysler Dodge Main Plant in Hamtramck, Michigan. Among those active in its founding were General Baker, Mike Hamlin, John Watson, Ron March, Luke S. Tripp, Jr., Kenneth Cockrel, John Williams and Charles J. Wooten, all of whom had previously been active in various radical and black rights organizations. John Watson and others from the group had, in the previous summer, founded the *Inner City Voice*, a black revolutionary newspaper with a Marxist-Leninist orientation.

DRUM was followed by other Revolutionary Union Movement groups formed at many of the automobile plants in Detroit, such as FRUM at Ford, ELRUM at the Eldon Avenue Chrysler plant, and JARUM at the company's Jefferson Avenue plant. RUMs were also organized at some non-auto businesses, such as UPRUM (United Parcel Service), HRUM (health workers) and NEWRUM (*The Detroit News*).

In the automobile plants, RUMs directed their protests against working conditions and against what they viewed as the racist policies of the manufacturers, who they claimed were giving the heaviest and most dangerous work to blacks and other minorities, like Arabs, and at the same time depriving them of opportunities to rise to more desirable and better-paying positions. They were equally critical of the UAW, which they saw as unresponsive to the grievances of black workers, reluctant to admit blacks into the union's official structure and in many cases, working with the employers to keep blacks in the most menial positions.

To gain attention for their demands, they used the technique of short wildcat strikes, they published plant newsletters detailing specific grievances they wanted corrected and they attempted to elect their members to offices in the UAW. They also staged marches and demonstrations. During the academic year 1968-69 Watson and Hamlin became editors of *The South End*, the student newspaper at Wayne State University, and it became a vehicle for their views. A complete set of *The South End* can be found in the Wayne State University Archives.

In 1969 the League of Revolutionary Black Workers (LRBW) was created as the central organization for the various RUM groups and as the headquarters for a nationwide revolutionary union movement. Factional infighting caused the League to split in 1971 and it subsequently declined in influence.

Series I consists of flyers, protest literature and other material relating to the formation and internal structure of DRUM and LRBW, the UAW Local 3 elections in which the DRUM candidates, Ron March and Don Jackson, ran and other radical groups.

Box 1

Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement

1. DRUM; Program
2. DRUM, FRUM, ELRUM; Program
3. DRUM; Unit Structure
4. ; Questionnaires
5. ; Membership List
6. ; Handbills, Booklets
7. "Our Thing is DRUM"; Poem
- 8-10. UAW Local 3 Elections, 1968-70
11. Departmental Voter List Forms
12. DRUM; National Black Strike, 1969
13. ; Demonstration - UAW Solidarity House, 1969
14. ; Convention Announcement, 1970

Eldon Revolutionary Union Movement

15. ELRUM; Chrysler Eldon Handbills
16. Employee's Committee on Human Equality (anti-ELRUM)
17. Detroit Revolutionary Organizing Committee (Chrysler Eldon)

League of Revolutionary Black Workers

18. LRBW; Constitutions
19. ; Internal and Organizational Materials
20. ; Forms
21. ; Handbills, 1969
22. ; Chrysler Product Boycott, 1969
23. ; Charges against Chrysler (NLRB), 1969
24. ; Anti-UAW Material
25. ; General Meeting, Jan. 2, 1972
26. ; "We Finally Got the News" (film), 1970
27. C. Wooten (LRBW); Speech Announcement, 1970
28. LRBW; Huber & Winfield Foundries, 1969
29. Labor Statistics; Racial Data, 1969
30. UAW; Duties of Local Union Officers
31. Housekeeping Assignments Notebook

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Other Groups

32. Black American Brotherhood Union (BABU)
33. Black Panther Party Publication
34. Black and Poor People's Scientific Research Organization
35. Black Women's Committee Program
36. Communist League; Constitution and Policy Statement, 1970
37. Malcolm X Holiday Petition
38. Michigan Strike Support Organizing Committee, 1970
39. People's Park Protest - Berkeley Calif., 1969
40. United Rank and File Committee
41. Miscellaneous Non-DRUM Material

Series II
Boxes 2-15

This series is divided into the following subseries.

Subseries A: Chrysler Eldon (ELRUM) and Other Revolutionary Union Movements, 1967-1974, Boxes 2-5

There is considerable information on ELRUM's activities and also those of other dissidents at that plant. In general, the material deals with ELRUM's protests against Chrysler, charging discrimination against black workers and unsafe working conditions.

To a great extent the focus is on Jordan U. Sims who was not an ELRUM member, but who was one of the leaders of those alleging the plant had unsafe working conditions. He filed grievances against specific safety violations and stated that the UAW leadership of Local 961 at the Eldon Avenue Chrysler plant was not actively protecting employee interests. He was discharged in 1970 for participation in a work stoppage, but while appealing his discharge, he ran as candidate for president of the local in the disputed elections held from 1971 through 1973, when he was ultimately elected.

The Eldon Workers Safety Committee to which Sims belonged consisted mainly of ELRUM members who formed it to protest working conditions at the plant. They distributed flyers citing specific safety violations, organized work stoppages, and filed formal charges against the company. Their legal counsel was provided by Michael Adelman and Ronald Glotta. For their part in these protests, John Taylor, Alonso Chandler, Robert McKee and James Edwards were dismissed. Their subsequent attempts to gain reinstatement were unsuccessful. As a result of this and earlier firings of those involved in wildcat strikes, the strength of ELRUM leadership at Chrysler Eldon declined.

The balance of the material in this subseries is on the Chrysler Dodge Main plant and relates to DRUM activities there, particularly the disputed 1970 election in which Ron March was the unsuccessful DRUM candidate. There is also some information on other plants.

The papers in this subseries consist of correspondence, flyers, open letters, legal papers, meeting notes, grievances, and copies of plant files and UAW material. This subseries provides considerable information on the thinking of the revolutionaries and dissidents active in the automobile plants and also reveals a good deal about their organization and tactics. Reference materials related to this subseries are placed last.

Box 2

Chrysler Eldon UAW Local 961 General Policy Files

1. Chrysler Eldon UAW Local 961; Memorandum of Understanding, 1967
2. ; Memorandum of Understanding, 1969
3. ; Settlement Agreement, 1970
4. ; Settlement Agreement - Union Flyers, 1970
5. ; Settlement Agreement - Dissenting Views, 1970
6. UAW Local 961; By-Laws, 1969
7. ; By-Laws, 1970
8. ; By-Laws (Draft for 1970?)
9. ; By-Laws, 1973
10. ; Dues Check-Off Material
11. ; Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, Dec. 10, 1970
12. ; Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, Apr. 15, 1971
13. Chrysler Eldon UAW Local 961; Correspondence, 1969
14. ; Correspondence, 1970
- 15-16. ; Correspondence, 1971
- 17-18. ; Correspondence, 1972

ELRUM Wildcat Strike, 1969 - Issues of Discrimination & Unsafe Conditions

19. Chrysler Eldon; Discrimination - Jordan Sims Grievance, 1968
20. Chrysler Plants; ELRUM Charges of Discrimination and Unsafe Conditions
21. Chrysler Eldon; ELRUM Work Stoppage, 1969
22. William B. Gould (WSU); Charges of Chrysler and UAW Discrimination
23. William B. Gould Paper; Employment Discrimination, 1969
24. Chrysler Eldon Work Stoppage - Unsafe Conditions, Legal Precedents, 1969
25. Chrysler Eldon Security Reports on ELRUM and Wildcat Strike, 1969
26. Chrysler Eldon Security Reports on SDS and Student Groups, 1969
27. Drafts of Articles (*Eldon Wildcat?*)
28. J. Sims Speech; United National Caucus Conference on Racism

Local 961 Work Stoppage, Dismissal of Jordan Sims, 1970

29. Chrysler Eldon UAW Local 961; Work Stoppage, Apr. 1970
30. ; Apr. 1970 Strike Authorization
31. ; May 1970 Work Stoppage - Injunction Request
32. April and May Work Stoppages; J. Sims Statements
33. Jordan Sims Dismissal; Unsigned Statements
34. ; Appeal Board Case 5351 - Chrysler Brief, 1970
35. ; Appeal Board Case 5351 - Union Brief, 1970
36. ; Appeal Board Case 5351 - Chrysler Letter on Safety Conditions
37. ; Appeal Board Case 5351 - Chairman's Decision

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**Chrysler Safety Policy and UAW Local 961 Safety Grievances,
1969-70**

1. Chrysler Safety Policy, 1970
2. UAW Safety Articles, 1970
3. Chrysler Eldon - Reports of Safety Violations, 1970
4. "An Axle Plant Dictionary" - Chrysler Conditions
5. Jordan Sims Grievances, Plant Safety, Feb 1970
- 6-9. UAW Local 961; Safety Grievances, 1969-70
10. ; Grievances - Other Issues

Eldon Workers Safety Committee

11. Eldon Workers Safety Committee; Membership Lists
12. ; Joint Grievance
13. ; Notes
14. ; Flyers, 1970
15. Chrysler Eldon Safety; UAW Material, 1970
16. ; Unsigned Statements
17. EWSC; Charges Filed with NLRB, Jun. 1970
18. ; Statement on Racism
19. EWSC Dismissals; NLRB Appeal (Case 7-CA-7999), Oct. 1970
20. ; NLRB Appeal (Case 7-CA-7999) - Summary Report
21. EWSC; Michigan Civil Rights Commission Notices, Apr. 1971
22. Michigan Civil Rights Commission Correspondence, Mar. 1973
23. EWSC Dismissals; Hearings Notes, 1971
24. ; Case 5428, Nov. 1971 - First Draft
25. ; Case 5428, Nov. 1971
- 26-27. ; Case 5428 - Exhibits
- 28-29. ; Case 5428 - Chrysler Brief
30. ; Case 5428 - Decision, Dec. 1971
31. Jordan Sims Interview; Chrysler Eldon Safet, 1972
32. "Chrysler Eldon and UAW Loc. 961 in Crisis"; David Rydel Paper, 1972

Box 4

UAW Local 961 Elections, 1971-73

1. Election Material, May 1971
2. Election Protests, 1971
3. Statement on Election - G. Merrelli
4. Petitions to UAW, May 1971
5. Balloting Counts, 1971
6. Lawsuit Authorization, 1971
7. Suit against Loc. 961, 1971
8. Petitions to Loc. 961 against 1972 Run-Off

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- 9-11. Jan. 1972 Run-Off Material
12. Jan. 1972 Run-Off; Sims Protest to USDL
13. Clippings, 1972
14. May 1973 Election
15. Undated Election Material

Complaints Against Union Officials

16. UAW Local 961; Complaints against Frank McKinnon, 1969
17. ; J. Sims complaints against Loc. 961 Leadership, 1970-71
18. ; Complaints against Pres. Elroy Richardson, 1971
19. UAW Correspondence; "Double Billing," 1971
20. UAW Local 961; Charges against Frank McKinnon, 1974

League of Revolutionary Black Workers

21. LRBW; New Bethel Defense Fund Benefit Program
22. John Watson Interview, 1969

DRUM - Dodge Main Plant - UAW Local 3

23. DRUM; Policy Statement
24. ; Diagram of Organizational Structure
25. ; UAW Policy Statement
26. DRUM Clippings
27. DRUM Handbills
28. "DUMB"; Parody of DRUM
29. Chrysler Dodge Main; Policy on DRUM
30. ; Injunction against DRUM Members, Jun. 1968
31. ; Plant Reports on DRUM, 1968
32. ; Security Dept. Report on G. Baker, Photographs
33. ; General Baker Personnel File
- 34-36. ; UAW Loc. 3 - Mar. 1970 Election

Box 5

Revolutionary Union Movements - Other Plants

1. BriggsPlant Closing; Meeting Announcement, 1974
2. Chrysler Detroit Forge; Wildcat Strike, 1974
3. ; Copy of Jerome Scott Personnel Record
4. Chrysler Huber Avenue; Pollution, 197071
5. Chrysler Jefferson Avenue; JARUM Policy Statement
6. ; JARUM Resolutions
- 7-8. ; Incident Reports, 1974-75

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9. ; Shorter-Carter Shutdown - Flyers, Notes, 1973
10. ; Shorter-Carter Shutdown - Clippings, 1973
11. ; Shorter-Carter Shutdown - Article, 1973
12. ; JARUM Flyer - Plant Closing, 1974
13. Chrysler Mack Avenue; Plant Safety Flyers
14. ; Aug. 1973 Meeting Notes
15. Chrysler Mound Road; UAW Loc. 140 Flyer, 1973
16. Ford Rouge UAW Local 600; Trial of D. Mundy, 1974

Reference Material

17. General Labor Matters
18. Labor Law
19. Labor Unrest; Martin Glaberman Pamphlet
20. Working Conditions
21. Working Conditions; Rachel Scott Manuscript

**Subseries B: Workmen's Compensation and Social Service Workers,
1970-1975, Box 5**

The Glotta, Adelman and Dinges firm was especially active in workmen's compensation cases. In a case which attracted considerable attention, Ronald Glotta successfully represented James Johnson, who had been institutionalized after shooting two foremen and a fellow worker at the Chrysler Eldon plant, in his claim for workmen's compensation. The files contain correspondence, clippings and news releases. In addition, there is material from a Michigan Trial Lawyers Association seminar on workmen's compensation and articles on the subject.

Michael Adelman represented the Welfare Employees Union in their attempts to gain recognition as the bargaining agent for employees of the Wayne County Department of Social Services. The union felt that the Civil Service Commission opposed them because of their radical position. Adelman also represented the International Union of Civil Rights and Social Service Employees in a similar dispute. There is also material in this subseries from other unions interested in organizing social service workers. Mainly this subseries consists of newsletters and flyers distributed by the various organizing groups, but there is also some correspondence. General files regarding social service employees are placed first, followed by files relating to specific unions arranged alphabetically.

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Workmen's Compensation

22. James Johnson, Jr. Case; Correspondence, 1973-75
23. ; News Releases, Clippings, (1973)
24. Michigan Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, 1973
- 25-26. NITLA Seminar - Presentations
27. Draft of Pamphlet
28. R. Glotta; "What You Should Know about Benefits"
29. Background Material

Social Service Workers

30. Notes, 1972
31. Highland Park Hospital Labor Conditions.
32. International Union of Civil Rights and Social Service Employees Local 102
33. Metropolitan Hospital; Membership Action Committee, 1971-73
34. ; OPEIU AFL-CIO Local 42
35. Social Service Employees Union AFSCME Local 1880
36. Welfare Employees Union; Correspondence Charges, 1971-73
37. ; Bulletins and Newsletters, 1971-73
38. ; Flyers, 1971-73
39. ; Publication, *Kercheval Krunch*, 1973

Subseries C: National Lawyers Guild, 1963-1974, Boxes 6-7

Ronald Glotta became an active member of the National Lawyers Guild, founded in 1937 and dedicated to radical social change, after his graduation from the University of Michigan Law School in 1966. Other members of the GAD firm also belonged and in 1972 they helped form the NLG's Labor Committee and organized a National Labor Conference held in Detroit, which was attended by many prominent New Left lawyers and labor lawyers. The objective of GAD in working within the NLG was to lead it into acceptance of the Marxist-Leninist positions of the Communist Labor Party rather than those of the Communist Party USA, which had been a strong influence within the Guild before the Congressional anti-Communist investigations of the 1950's caused it to decline in membership.

Meeting notes and minutes, correspondence, reports and publications document the activities of the Detroit chapter of the Guild in particular. The material gives much information on the GAD firm's view of its role as a revolutionary cadre, the work of the Labor Committee and the debate within the NLG over allowing membership to legal workers.

In this subseries, material pertinent to the national organization is placed first followed by that which concerns the Detroit chapter and the Labor Committee. This is followed by NLG publications and then by a series of reports on specific subjects, arranged alphabetically, and reference material. The last section is made up of material from other New Left legal groups and portions of a manuscript for Ann Fagan Ginger's *The Relevant Lawyers*.

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- 1-3. Correspondence, 1967-73
4. Policy Statement & Reports, 1967-68
5. Discussion Notes, Mar. 1967
6. Reports on Structure, Program & Other Matters
7. National Executive Board Minutes & Reports, 1970
8. National Executive Board Minutes & Reports, 1971
9. Program & Administrative Committee Minutes, 1970-71
10. Committee Reports, 1970-71
11. Jul. 1971 Convention - Schedules & Notes
12. Buffalo Conference, Mar. 1972
13. Detroit Chapter, 1963-72
14. ; J. Ravitz & K. Cockrel Contempt Charges, 1970-71
15. National Labor Committee, 1972
16. Labor Committee Membership List
- 17-18. Detroit National Labor Conference, 1972; Corres., Notes & Clippings
- 19-20. Labor Committee Reference Material

Box 7

National Lawyers Guild Publications

1. Convention Publication, 1962
2. *The Guild Law Student*, Jan. 1967
3. *National Lawyers Guild Newsletter*, 1969
4. *National Lawyers Guild Practitioner*, 1962
5. *Labor Newsletter*, 1972-74
6. Detroit Chapter *Newsletter*, 1970
7. *Guild Broadside* - WSU
- 8-9. *The Detroit Struggle*, 1971-72
10. Miscellaneous NLG Publications

Subject Reference

11. Attica Prison Uprising
12. Counter Culture Law
13. Drug Reports
14. GAD (GADTDM) and the NLG
15. Grand Juries; Immunity
16. History of the NLG; Report
17. Homosexual Prisoners
18. Labor Defense Coalition; Notes, 1971
19. Lawyers for Party Building (S.F.)
20. Legal Worker Membership Debate (NLG), 1970
21. National Health Coverage
22. Organized Crime Control Act, 1970
23. People's Law Program (Kalamazoo)
24. Rank and File Caucus Laborers Local 261 (S.F.)
25. Southern Rural Research Project, 1969
- 26-27. USWA Dissident Factions
28. Vietnam War
29. Women's Issues
- 30-32. Ann Fagan Ginger manuscript, *The Relevant Lawyers* (Francis J. McTernan, Archie Brown, Victor Van Bourg)

Subseries D: Motor City Labor League and Control, Conflict, Change Book Club, 1970-1976, Boxes 8-11

The Motor City Labor League (MCLL) was founded in 1970 under the name Motor City Labor Coalition chiefly due to the efforts of Mike Hamlin, who wished to create an organization which would familiarize middle class whites and blacks with the LRBW and which would enlist their support and influence. It quickly attracted a considerable membership. Two existing organizations which assisted in its creation were Ad Hoc led by Sheila Murphy and People Against Racism led by Frank Joyce. Somewhat later a group called The Alliance merged with MCLL while continuing to maintain its independent identity. The MCLL, in turn, formed the Control, Conflict, Change Book Club (CCC), which also grew quickly and like the MCLL, had mainly a white membership. In 1974 the CCC was reorganized under the name Workers United for Political and Economic Survival (WUPES). From the outset the book club discussion forum was employed as a vehicle for educating the membership in Marxist-Leninist theory and to generate support for the LRBW. These discussions proved to be quite popular.

A difference in philosophy over endorsing local candidates such as Justin Ravitz and Kenneth Cockrel led to a split within the MCLL in 1972. Sheila Murphy and one quarter of the MCLL membership withdrew, and she founded a new organization, From the Ground Up, which also held book discussions and operated a bookstore. Those who remained in the MCLL felt that participation in the electoral process led only to reformism rather than the total revolution which they sought.

Members of the GAD law firm helped found the MCLL, and the firm helped them by providing resources such as copying equipment, meeting places and legal advice. Most of the members of the firm were affiliated with the Communist League, and in 1973 Ronald Glotta attempted to draw the MCLL into the Communist League, which precipitated another internal crisis. The MCLL and the CCC were criticized for diverting energy away from the LRBW by their various activities and in fact, MCLL survived after the dissolution of the LRBW.

Reports form the largest part of this subseries. They deal either with internal matters or were prepared as presentations on books or specific topics or are records of the discussion sessions held by the CCC. There are also some notes and minutes of meetings, material from other contemporary organizations, and reference material. There is very little correspondence.

The papers in this subseries are arranged with the policy, program and financial records placed first, followed by files pertaining to internal matters and controversies within the organization. Files dealing with relationships with other groups are placed next , arranged alphabetically by name.

Box 8

MCLL General Files

- 1-2. Policy Statements, n.d., 1972
3. Proposed Program
- 4-5. Session Schedules, n.d., 1972
6. Policy Discussions, 1974
- 7-10. History & Revolutionary Programs, n.d., 1972
11. Notes & Minutes, 1971-72
12. Motor City Coalition & MCLL Flyers
- 13-15. Internal Newsletter, 1971-72
- 14-15. Internal Notebook, 1971-74

Box 9

MCLL Internal Matters

- 1-2. Reports on Internal Split, 1972
3. MCLL Split; Letter to CCC Members, 1972
4. Dissident Faction Report, 1972
5. Reunification Proposal, 1972
6. CC Organizational Priorities, 1973
7. CC Meeting Notes
8. Miscellaneous Committee Reports, 1973
9. Security Committee; Infiltration, 1973
10. Coffeebreak; Women's Issues
11. TEP Commission Reports, 1973
12. Notes Re Alliance, CCC, TEP, 1972-73
13. "The Political Line of the MCLL"; pamphlet requests, 1974

MCLL and Other Groups

14. Alliance; Notes, Minutes, Flyers, 1973-74
15. BWC; Criticism by MCLL, 1972
16. "The Black Liberation Struggle"
17. Reports on the BWC and the LDC
- 18-19. From the Ground Up; Reports on Detroit
20. IPC; Notes and Literature
21. MCLL; Report on the National Continuations Committee
22. OCI - French Communist Group
23. October League; Correspondence
24. MCLL; Report on the OPETU, AFL-CIO Convention
25. ; Report on the PWOC, 1972
26. Three for Three Food Coop Flyer
27. WUPA; Watergate and Impeachment
28. Charles Rutledge Correspondence & Outline of Novel, 1975

Box 10

MCLL Reports

1. Black Questions
2. Class Struggle - Report
3. Detroit: Cass-Trumbull Community
4. Detroit Reformism
5. Gun Laws (Motor City Lawyer's Guild)
6. International Matters
7. Labor Militance (GAD, Chrysler Lynch Rd. Assembly Plant, Great Lakes Steel)
8. Labor Unions; Reports
9. Legal Perspectives
10. Marxist-Christian Dialogue, 1973
11. Metropolitan Hospital Organizing Activities
12. Party Building, 1974
13. Poverty in the U.S. and Michigan
14. Power Elite
15. Revolutionary Change
16. Revolutionary Theory
17. Vietnam; Report and Reference Material
18. Watergate and Neo-Fascism
19. Women's Questions

MCLL Research Materials

- 20-22. Authors A - Z
- 23-24. No Author Indicated

Box 11

Control, Conflict, Change Book Club

1. Program
- 2-3. Membership Data, Staff Lists and Forms
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5. Report, 1972
6. Agit/Prop Component; Meeting Notes and Report, 1972
7. Flyers, 1972-74
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10. Response to Castle Resignation
11. Letter of Withdrawal: L. Sanderson and P. Solenberger, 1974
12. Anti-Imperialist Boycott Campaign
13. Speech, 1974 (?)
14. People's Peace Treaty; F. Joyce Memorandum
15. WUPES; Background and Bylaws, 1974

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16. "Down the Up Staircase" - Schools, n.d.
17. "Repression and the Police State" - K. Cockrel, J. Ravitz, Dec. 1970
18. "Sexual Politics" - G. Patton, Mar. 1971
19. "Soledad Brother" - M. Burnham, Oct. 1971
20. "White Niggers of America" - Quebec Separatism, Nov. 1971
21. "The Conspiracy of the Young" - M. Russell, Dec. 1971
22. "Red Star Over China" - V. Garvin, Jan. 1972
23. "Tom Watson Agrarian Rebel" - C. Braden, Mar. 1972
24. "The Enemy" - F. Joyce and J. Froines, May 1972
25. "Vietnam is One" - J. Fonda and I. Hayden, Sept. 1972
26. "The Sick Society" - H. Magdoff and D. Dellinger, Oct. 1972
27. "The Struggle for Mozambique" - T. Neto, Nov. 1972
28. "Dialectics of Decentralization" - A. McSurley, Dec. 1972
29. "Working People of Detroit in Class Action" - Apr. 1973
30. "Waterc,ate--Indochina" - L. Weinglass, Nov. 1973
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32. "Runaway Shops" - M. Hungerford and B. Ewen, Jan. 1974
33. "Party of a New Type," May 1974
34. CCC Research Materials
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This subseries consists of papers centered on efforts in the early seventies to create a new mass party to replace the Communist Party USA, which would reflect the ideological position of the New Left revolutionaries whose numbers had grown as a result of the activism of the sixties.

In Detroit, most of the members of GAD plus many of the members of the LRBW and MCLL were affiliated with the Communist League, which had been formed in 1970 to succeed the California Communist League organized two years earlier. For the next four years an intense discussion took place among members of the Communist League (CL) and other Communist groups on the form that a new mass party should take and the exact philosophy it should espouse. In 1974 the CL formed itself into the Communist Labor Party (CLP) to serve as a new mass party. Different mass parties were formed in the seventies by other Communist groups.

The material in this subseries consists largely of reports, position papers and memoranda. There is some correspondence, and some reference material used in preparing reports and for education in the cadre schools.

In this subseries, papers concerned with discussions regarding the formation of a new Marxist-Leninist mass party are placed first. These are mainly from the National Interim Committee and the Continuations Committee. This is followed by material from the Midwest Regional Cadre School held in 1974: course outlines, discussions, and reading material.

The next section is made up of papers from the CL, mainly reports on a variety of subjects and on Marxism. This is followed by correspondence with Dan Georgakas and Marvin Surkin concerned with the CL, formation of the CLP, the Detroit Unemployed Council and their book, *Detroit: I Do Mind Dying*. The Detroit Unemployed Council (DUC) was an organization of working class groups sponsored by the CLP, formed to agitate for action on unemployment which was at a high level in Detroit in 1974 and 1975.

The final portion of this subseries is made up of CLP committee reports and reports on a variety of subjects arranged alphabetically. Some literature from other revolutionary organizations is included in this section.

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New Mass Party Movement

1. Mass Party Movement; MCLL Historical Report
2. ; MCLL Policy
3. ; Statements on Need for New Party
4. ; Debate on Theoretical Matters
5. ; Replies to Critics
6. ; Analysis of Women's Roles - A Kinoy, B, Deming
7. National Interim Committee; Policy Discussion, 1974
8. ; Membership List
9. ; BWC Expulsion, 1974
10. ; F. Joyce (MCLL) Resignation, 1974
11. Continuations Committee; Party Program
12. ; History and Organization
13. ; Mass Party Organizing Efforts
14. ; Political Discussions
15. ; MCLL Participation
16. ; Cass-Trumbull Collective
17. ; Notes, 1974
18. ; Reading Lists
19. ; Reference Materials
20. Detroit Local Continuations Committee, 1974
21. *National Continuations Committee Newsletters*, Jan.-Jul. 1974
22. I. Silber Article, "Fan the Flames," and reply from The Guardian
23. *Liberation* - Dec. 1973 Mass Party Issue
24. Party School; Reports on Marxist-Leninist Theoretical Questions
25. ; Reports on Women's Questions
26. "Letter to Some Organizing Friends" - Jim Forman, 1971

Midwest Regional Cadre School

27. Introduction and Class Outlines
28. Schedule and Booklist
29. Papers on Marxist Subjects
- 30-32. Course Materials (Annotated)
33. Course Materials (Unannotated)

Box 13

Communist League

1. New Member Outline
2. "Dialectics of the Development of the Communist League," 1972
3. Production Work Committee Reports, 1974
4. Publication; "Factors in the Revolution"
- 5-6. ; *Proletariat*, 1972
7. ; *Regional Autonomy for the Southwest*
8. Flyers
9. Papers; Black Question
- 10-11. Reports; Marxism
12. ; Midwest Industries and Background Material
13. ; Political Economy
14. ; "Populism . . . Fascism in Disguise"
15. ; Puerto Rico
16. ; Women as Organizers, Problems
- 17-19. Background Material
20. "The Paper Trip" - Falsifying I.D.'s

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21. D. Georgakas; *Detroit: I Do Mind Dying* Reviews
22. D. Georgakas; R. Glotta Correspondence, 1975
23. Detroit Unemployed Council; History and Objectives
24. DUC Fraction; Memo
26. R. Glotta Correspondence; *Social Policy* and DUC, 1975
27. Dearborn Assembly Plant Unemployment Committee, 1974
28. Unemployment Protest to Common Council, Jan. 1975
- 29-30. DUC; Research and Intelligence Reports, 1975
- 31-32. ; Report Supplemental Material

Box 14

Communist Labor Party, 1974-76

1. Unemployment Campaign with DUC, 1975
2. Unemployment Campaign - Criticism by Spartacist League, 1975
3. Unemployment Flyers
4. Unemployment Research Material - CETA
5. Meeting Notes and Memos, 1974-76
6. Monthly Report Forms

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CLP Reports

7. A & P Fraction Reports
8. CCC Fraction Report
9. Chrysler Incident Report; Demonstration, 1975
10. City Committee Reports, 1975
11. DFT Meeting Report , 1976
12. District Committee Report, 1976
13. Education Report
14. Financial Reports, 1976
15. Great Lakes Steel Report, 1976
16. Highland Park Town Unit, 1974-75
17. Highland Park Police Incident, 1976
18. Hospital Workers
19. IBA ; essie Lou Cornett Case
20. Industrial Work Committee; Labor Militance
21. MCLL Report
22. NLG and GAD - Report
23. National Conference of Artists, 1976
25. School and Busing Issues, 1975
26. Section Reports, 1976
27. UAW Negotiations; Rubber Strike

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28. *CLP Organizer*, 1974-75
29. *Rocks Box News* (newsletter); Stone Container, Cornett Case, n.d.
30. *People's Tribune*; Correspondence, 1975-76

Other Organizations

31. CPUSA; Report and Clipping, 1974
32. League for Proletarian Revolution; Political Statement
33. Red Star Council, McLean City, Ill.; Political Line, 1974
34. *Western Worker* (L.A.); Correspondence, 1975

Subseries F: Other Organizations, Box 15

This subseries is made up of a variety of literature both from radical groups and from other sources. It is concerned with specific issues, radical activities and organizing efforts and is arranged alphabetically by subject. The subjects covered are indicated by the folder headings.

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2. ; People's Appalachian Research Collective, 1972-73
3. Black Issues; Negro Nation Day Flyer
4. ; The Republic of New Africa, 1973
5. Chilean Organizations
6. Cleveland: Dissident Labor Newspaper - Modern Times
7. Drug Abuse Literature
- 8-10. Farm Workers; UFW Constitution
- 11-12. ; UFW Constitutional Convention, 1973
13. ; Flyer, Clippings
14. Government Reports: New Left and Communist Activities
15. International Issues; Miscellaneous Material
16. Navy Reform Pamphlet
17. Nixon Criminal Code; Alliance to End Repression
18. Political Conditions; Los Angeles and Pittsburgh
19. Progressive Labor Party; Demonstrations against *Free Press*
20. Radical Literature Pricelist
21. Radical Songs
22. Resist; Funding Radical Organizations, 1971
23. Sojourner Truth Organization; History
24. Teamsters United Rank and File (Cleveland)
25. Third World Workshop; Membership List
26. Vietnam; Anti-War Flyers
27. ; Detroit Anti-War Material
28. White Panther Party; *Warren Forest Sun*

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Series III Communist Labor Party, 1975-1980 Box 16

Announcements, fliers, newsletters, and other publicity materials from the Communist Labor Party in Detroit and other cities. There are also related items from other organizations. Some material is devoted to the campaigns of General Baker for election to the Michigan state legislature in 1976 and 1978. For the most part, these papers reflect the activities of Communist Labor Party groups organized in various industries and occupational fields and active in a number of causes. Papers are arranged alphabetically by name or subject.

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2. Baker, General; campaigns. 1976-78
3. Busing
4. CLP; Akron, Ohio
5. ; Memos and reports, 1975 and n.d.
6. ; Newsletters and fliers
7. CPUSA; publications, 1979
8. Control, Conflict, Change
9. Correctional institution workers
10. Democratic Party candidates
11. Frito Lay workers
12. Highland Park, Michigan
13. Hospitals; DGH, Hutzel, Metro
14. Lawyers' groups
15. Little, Joann; rallies
16. Michigan elections, 1976
17. Miners
18. Miscellaneous fliers
19. Political candidates; literature
20. Steelworkers
21. Teachers
22. Tenants' unions
23. Texas farmworkers
24. Theatrical events
25. Unemployed Councils
26. Welfare Employees Union
27. Women's issues

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Closer to It (Akron, Ohio)
Criterion (UAW Local 961)
Daily World (CPUSA)
Fifth Estate (Detroit, Michigan)
El Gallo: La Voz de la Justicia (Denver, Colorado)
Grass Roots (National Publication for the Peoples' Parties)
Guardian (independent radical)
Hammer and Sickle (League for Proletarian Revolution)
Inner City Voice (Sauti) - (Detroit, Michigan)
The Journey (MCLL, CCC)
Marxist-Leninists Unite!
People's Tribune (CL, CLP)
People's Voice (Detroit, Michigan)
R.P.M. (Detroit Organizing Committee)
Region Two Observer (Michigan Education Association)
The Southern Patriot (Southern Conference Educational Fund)
The Spark (Detroit, Michigan)
Workers' Power (International Socialist)

Newsletters

Black Student Voice
CADRUM (Cadillac)
DRUM (Dodge)
DRUM (Dodge Truck)
DRUM (Ford)
Eldon Wildcat (Detroit Revolutionary Organizing Committee)
ELRUM (Chrysler, Eldon Ave.)
FRUM (Ford)
JARUM (Chrysler, Jefferson Ave.)
The Recorder (Region 1, UAW)
Spear (LRBW)
Washington Weekly

Magazines

Party Organizer (CPUSA, 1931)
Peking Review (People's Republic of China)
Radical America

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- The Adventures of Bro. James Anthony* (Black Student United Front)
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Letters from Prison (Martin Sostre Defense Committee)
The Opium Trail: Heroin and Imperialism (Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars)
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A Pentagon Papers Digest (Indochina Information Project)
Problems of Revolutionary Strategy by Le Duan (Association of Vietnamese Patriots in Canada)
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