The papers of the Association for Union Democracy were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in May 1982 by Mr. Herman Benson. The collection was opened for research in May of 1983. Additional papers were placed in the archives by Mr. Herman Benson in November of 1987 and opened for research in April of 1988.

In 1959, Herman Benson began publication of a newsletter entitled *Union Democracy in Action*. This newsletter was written to support the efforts of reformers promoting democracy within unions. *Union Democracy in Action* was funded through the aid of grants from organizations and donations from individuals. The Association for Union Democracy was incorporated into *Union Democracy in Action* in 1969. In 1971, the Association for Union Democracy received tax exemption, and by 1972 a second newsletter entitled *Union Democracy Review* began publication. *Union Democracy in Action* ceased publication at the end of 1972. Throughout the 1970's, the Association for Union Democracy continued publication of *Union Democracy Review* and provided legal assistance for those involved in union democracy court cases.

The papers of the Association for Union Democracy reflect Herman Benson's interest in the struggles for union democracy waged within unions, particularly the painters', seamen's and steelworker's unions. To a lesser degree, the papers reflect his interest in general labor concerns.

In addition to this collection, the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs holds the Herman Benson Collection.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

- Landrum-Griffin Act, 1959
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- I.W. Abel
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