

**Service Employees International Union (SEIU)/
International Jewelry Workers' Union (IJWU)
Collection**

**Records, 1936-91
(Predominately, 1941-84)**

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The organizational records of the Service Employees International Union/International Jewelry Workers' Union were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs on February 28, 1994 by the Secretary-Treasurer's Office of the Service Employees International Union. The collection was opened for research in April of 2003.

The IJWU merged with SEIU because the two organizations shared common objectives in representing their respective workers, all of which worked in some area of the service industry. The IJWU also benefited from the vast resources of SEIU and, thus, would have increased bargaining power. The merger between the two unions was consummated on July 1, 1980.

The IJWU was founded in the late 19th century. It was chartered by the AFL as the International Jewelry Workers' Union of America on September 17, 1900. The union dissolved in 1913 as employers throughout the United States sought to create open shop conditions. It regained its AFL charter as an industrial union in 1916 as the International Jewelry Workers Union.

The IJWU fell out of favor with the AFL again in 1918 over jurisdictional issues when it sought to organize the Diamond Workers' Protective Union of America and the Metal Polishers International Union. It rescinded its control of these two organizations and was reinstated by the AFL on May 11, 1922.

The IJWU was a service-oriented union. Its members included those employed in the retail jewelry trade as diamond cutters, watchmakers, crystal and dial repair professionals, optical technicians and dental assistants.

Although the IJWU was comprised of many locals, there were two in particular that negotiated employees' rights regardless of occupation: locals 114 (the Southern California Optical Technicians and Allied Crafts Union) and 115 (the Amalgamated Watchmakers' Union) that were under the leadership of Frank Green.

This collection contains records pertaining to the IJWU and its merger with SEIU.

Important Correspondents

Crumpton, Thomas
 Filliung, Oscar
 Fischer, Lloyd H.
 Green, Frank
 Hinman, Luke
 Kennedy, Ralph
 McKay, A.N.

Meacham, Stewart
 Oergel, Frank D.
 Sverdlove , Leon
 Sweeney, John
 Vetterlein, Ray
 Wilson, Joseph

Important Subjects

Arbitration--industrial laws and
 legislation
 Collective labor agreements
 Financial statements
 Grievance procedures
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 International Jewelry Workers' Union
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This series contains correspondence, signed and unsigned collective bargaining agreements, legal briefs, petitions and telegrams regarding the various jewelry, dental and optical employers. This series demonstrates the relationships between employers and the IJWU.

Series II, Local Union Series, 1944-81, Box 2, p. 7.

Documents in this series consist of correspondence, contracts, pamphlets, clippings, articles, financial statements, reports, meeting minutes, constitutions, National Labor Relations Board records and the merger/ affiliation agreement. The materials here document the relationship between various locals and the IJWU/SEIU.

Series III, Financial Series, 1963-80, Box 3, p. 8.

The records here are comprised of audit reports, annual reports, correspondence, Canadian and American tax return material, salary and insurance coverage reports, expense sheets and pension information. This series documents the financial side of the IJWU/ SEIU.

Series IV, General Series, 1936-90, Boxes 4, p. 9.

This series contains general material related to IJWU and SEIU. Reports, membership cards and signs, educational booklets, contracts, collective bargaining agreements, meeting minutes, fliers, correspondence, federal reports (NLRB), copies of legislation, price lists, legal briefs, articles, constitutions and rosters of officers. This series also contains material regarding the merger agreement.

Non-Manuscript and Other Material

This collection contains five photographs, which have been transferred to the Archives' Audiovisual Department. For published information regarding SEIU and IJWU respectively, consult *A Need for Valor: The Roots of the Service Employees International Union, 1902-1992* and *Labor (The Greenwood Encyclopedia of American Institutions)*. Additional information may be obtained on our website at <http://www.reuther.wayne.edu/use/seiu.html>

Series I
Employers' Records, 1939-72
Boxes 1-2

The documents in this series explain the relationship between management and labor. In this case, jewelry, optical and dental employers and the IJWU represented by locals 114 and 115, respectively. The records here, consisting of correspondence, legal materials and collective bargaining agreements, set forth basic employee rights concerning wages, hours, etc. The records reflect the mediation of the NLRB during disputes between the IJWU and employers. These records are arranged alphabetically by employer.

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- 24 Silton's Jewelers 1943, 1946
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Series II
Local Union Records, 1944-81
Box 2

The correspondence, contracts, pamphlets, articles, meeting minutes and financial reports in this series deal with rank and file issues such as dues, calls for meetings, strikes, NLRB mediation, apprenticeship programs and other general issues relating to the day-to-day operations of IJWU locals. The records in this series are arranged numerically by local number.

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- 59 Local 115 Minutes - Crystal & Dial Div., 1947-8
- 60 Local 115 Minutes - Exec. Board & General Membership, 1944-8
- 61 Local 115 Minutes - Retail Jewelry Store Division, 1947-8
- 62 Local 115 Minutes - Watchmakers Division, 1947-8
- 63 Local 115 Misc. Correspondence, 1944-7, 1949
- 64 Local 115 News (Pub.), 1949
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- 66 Local 118W Letter of Welcome Tacoma, WA, 1980
- 67 Local 18791 Optical Tech & Workers' Union, 1946-7

Series III
Financial Records, 1963-80
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This series consists of tax documents, annual reports and audit reports that document the financial status of the IJWU before and after the merger of July 1, 1980. Also included in this series are pension information and per capita taxes paid/ rebates sent.

Box 3

- 1 Audit Report, Dec 1 1963- Aug 31 1964
- 2 Audit Report, Sep 1 1964- May 31 1965
- 3 Audit Report, June 1 1965- Feb 28 1966
- 4 Audit Report, March 1 1966- Nov 30 1966
- 5 Audit Report, Dec 1 1966- Aug 31 1967
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- 12 Audit Report, July 1 1971- March 31 1972
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- 24 Canadian Tax Return & Related Correspondence, 1976
- 25 General Fund & Supporting Documents, 1976
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- 27 General Fund & Supporting Documents, 1978
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- 29 General Fund & Supporting Documents, 1980
- 30 Jewelry Worker Locals Financial Data, 1979-80
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- 33 Letter of Transmittal, 1984

Series IV
General Series, 1936-90
Boxes 3-4

Consisting of reports, membership materials, contracts, meeting minutes, legislation, legal material, constitutions and rosters of officers, these general files contain material, relating to the IJWU/SEIU. The information contained here illustrates the significance of the IJWU as well as educational and legislative efforts launched on its behalf.

Box 4

- 1 "History of Betrayal" (a history of IJWU prepared by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists), 1958
- 2 Membership Cards/ Signs, n.d.
- 3 Merger/ Affiliation Agreement, 1980
- 4 Publications, 1946
- 5 NLRB Forms, 1935, 1945 and n.d.
- 6 Optical Technicians & Workers Union Contracts 1936-40, n.d.
- 7 Pacific Coast Council Minutes, 1948-50
- 8 Related Jewelry Union Contracts 1938-9, 1941-3, n.d.
- 9 Retail Jewelry Store Strike, 1947-8
- 10 Taft-Hartley-Landrum-Griffin Legislation, 1959
- 11 War Labor Board- Wage Brackets, 1944-5
- 12 Watch Repair Price Lists 1941-2 and 1946