Guide to the Detroit Newspaper Strike Collection
LR002748

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Summary Information

Repository: Walter P. Reuther Library
Title: Detroit Newspaper Strike Collection
ID: LR002748
Date [inclusive]: 1995-2001
Date [bulk]: bulk
Physical Description: 8 Linear Feet (4 SB, 1 OS)
Language of the Material: English
Language of the Material: Material entirely in English.

Citation Style

"Detroit Newspaper Strike Collection, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

History

The Detroit Newspaper Strike started on July 13, 1995 with six labor unions and around 2,500 workers striking against the Detroit's two primary newspapers, the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press. The strike ended on February 14, 1997 and was finally resolved in court three years later with the federal courts reversing the NLRB ruling that the newspapers had engaged in unfair labor practices. During the strike, there were local boycotts, legal charges of unfair labor practices and violence. The newspapers continued to print papers while the strikers created their own newspaper called the Detroit Sunday Journal. By the end of 1995 those on strike started to cross the picket line and return to work, the newspapers hired replacement workers and began to print their papers in Toledo, away from strikers blocking the printing facilities. After the strike was called off by the unions, management for the papers said they would not fire the replacement workers and only hired back strikers a few at a time.

This collection contains materials from three different strikers who deposited their materials during an oral history project about the strike. They are Esther Ingber and Kate DeSmet both writers and Randy
Karpinen a Teamster. The collection contains meeting minutes, organizing material, various articles and ephemera from the strike.

Scope and Content


Arrangement

Arranged in four series - Series 1 (Boxes 1-2), Series 2 (Box 2), Series 3 (Box 2), and Series 3 (Boxes 2-5), Folders are arranged alphabetically, Series 4 organized by type and size.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition


Processing History

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Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

Related Materials

Newspaper Guild Local 22: Detroit Records
Ellen Creager Papers
Thomas Bernick Papers
Action Coalition of Strikers Records
Nancy E. Dunn Papers

Controlled Access Headings

• Detroit (Mich.)
• Human rights workers
• Labor unions
• Newspaper strike, Detroit, Michigan, 1995-2000
• Strikes and lockouts
• Detroit news
• Newspapers
• Newspaper Strike, Detroit, Michigan, 1995-2000

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