

## Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) Collections

"AN INCALCULABLE FORCE was unleashed by the C.I.O." So wrote labor reporter Mary Heaton Vorse in *Labor's New Millions*. The force and effectiveness of the CIO in bringing vital industrial unionism and political and social consciousness to the American labor movement becomes more discernible and calculable each year. Union records and personal papers of the men and women who supported and led the CIO are being increasingly made available to students and historians. The principal focus of this Newsletter will be on CIO-related collections available to researchers in the Archives.

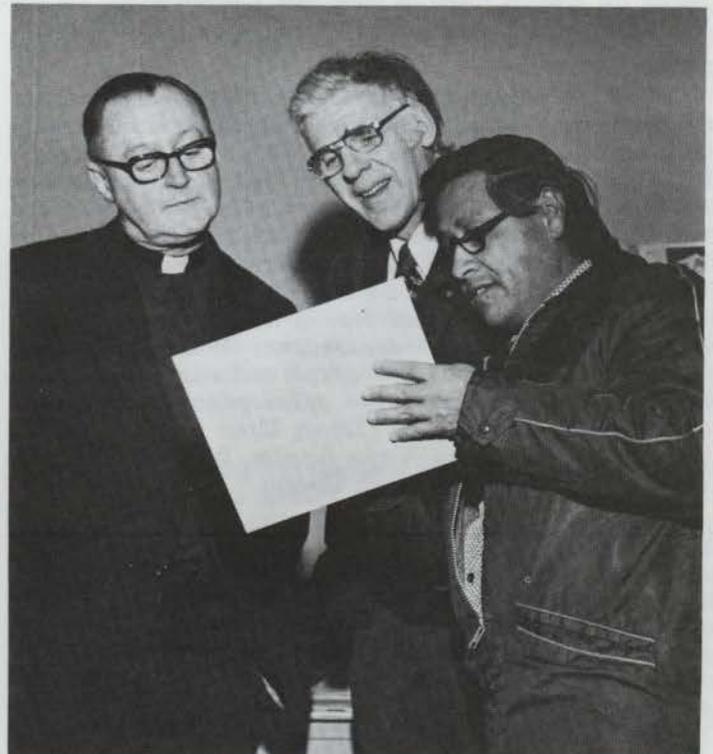
### THE CIO SECRETARY-TREASURER COLLECTION

The Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs obtained the files of the CIO Secretary-Treasurer's office in 1966. The collection consists of 120 linear feet of material covering the period 1935-1960 and has been divided into two major sections: the files of James B. Carey, Secretary-Treasurer, 1938-56, and George L. P. Weaver, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, 1945-50 and 1953-55.

James B. Carey succeeded Charles B. Howard as Secretary-Treasurer of the CIO in 1938 and served in that office until 1956, the year after the merger of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO). Mr. Carey served as chairman of the CIO Civil Rights Committee, CIO delegate to the Second Labor Conference of the American States in 1939, secretary of the CIO delegation at the founding of the World Federation of Trade Unions, a participant in the founding of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, labor consultant on the Public Advisory Board of the Economic Cooperation Administration (1948-53), and CIO representative to numerous governmental and private commissions and organizations during the 1940's and 1950's.

Correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, clippings, speeches, news releases, telegrams, invitations, election returns, legal documents, testimony, transcripts, memoranda and published material on a staggering number and variety of subjects is contained in the collection. A detailed, typed inventory of the collection is available to interested researchers.

Files concerning CIO affiliated unions 1937-55, consist principally of correspondence, press releases, reports, and legal evidence. Subjects discussed in the material include organizing of Montgomery Ward, 1943-45; the Harry Bridges Defense Committee, 1941-55; the merger question involving the United Auto Workers and the Farm Equipment Workers, 1943-49; the disputes between the International Union of Electrical Workers and the United Electrical Workers; communism in CIO unions; activities of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, 1937; and local industrial unions. Among the correspondents are I. W.



In April 1974, Cesar Chavez, President of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, visited the Archives during his speaking engagement in Detroit. Examining one of the several hundred United Farm Worker photographs in the Archives with Cesar Chavez are left to right, Reverend Monsignor George G. Higgins, Director of the Division for Urban Life of the U. S. Catholic Conference, and Ronald W. Haughton, Vice-President for Urban Affairs of Wayne State University.

Abel, George Addes, Harry Bridges, Clinton Golden, Emil Mazey, Jacob Potofsky, Mike Quill and Roy, Victor, and Walter P. Reuther.

The Secretary-Treasurer's office maintained the files focusing on internal and jurisdictional disputes concerning the United Electrical Workers, United Packinghouse Workers, and the raiding results between the AFL and CIO unions. Disputes between the United Auto Workers and the United Electrical Workers; CIO investigations and expulsion of the United Electrical Workers; organization of the International Union of Electrical Workers and disputes with the United Electrical Workers, 1950-53; organization of the United Packinghouse Workers and disputes with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union, 1935-44; and related subjects can be found in these files. Correspondents include Van Bittner, Len DeCaux, Julius Emspak, Patrick Gorman, Allan Haywood, and John L. Lewis, among others.

Files of the President, Executive Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer can be found in the records related to the CIO offices, departments, and employees for the period 1937-55. Information on financial affairs; CIO negotiations with the United Office and Professional Workers; community involvement in the District of Columbia; industrial union councils; legal, organization, and research departments; women's auxiliary, and many other subjects is available here. Correspondents include John Brophy, Kermit Eby, Katherine Ellickson, Lee Pressman, Stanley Ruttenberg, Ted Silvey, R. J. Thomas, and George L. P. Weaver.

Additional CIO files for the period 1940-55, with emphasis on the 1946-55 period, concern Standing Committees. Civil rights, community services, political action, social security, housing, Latin American-CIO relations, Southern organizing campaign, universal military training, and veterans affairs are among the subjects found in these files. Correspondents include Van Bittner, Leo Goodman, Jack Kroll, Jacob Potofsky, Victor Reuther, Michael Ross, and others.

One of the potentially most valuable sources of information concerning the CIO's relations with the international labor movement and foreign policy are the files of the International Affairs Department. These files relate to the CIO's involvement with the World Federation of Trade Unions, 1943-49; European and Latin American activities of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, 1949-55; and administration of the European Recovery Program through the Economic Cooperation Administration, 1947-51; the Mutual Security Administration, 1951-53; and Foreign Operations Administration, 1953-55. Additional files relate to the visits of CIO officials to foreign countries and labor conditions and organizations in Europe and Latin America. Correspondents include Clark Clifford, Elmer Cope, W. Averell Harriman, Robert Oliver, Victor Reuther, Benjamin Segal, Edward R. Stettinius, and Vincent Tewson.

#### *George L. P. Weaver Files*

The files of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the CIO concern George L. P. Weaver's service in that office. Mr. Weaver, a former International Representative and assistant to the President of the United Transportation Service Employees, came to the CIO in 1942 as Director of the Civil Rights Committee. In that capacity, he functioned as an Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer, and in 1945 he officially received that title. He served these dual offices until 1950, when he became assistant to Stuart Symington, Chairman of the U. S. National Security Resources Board. A year later, Symington appointed Weaver to the Reconstruction Finance Committee. After assisting in Symington's senatorial campaign in 1952, Weaver returned to the CIO as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, where he remained until 1958. That year he accepted a position with the International Union of Electrical Workers.

George L. P. Weaver's files correspond directly to many of the subjects discussed in the files of James B. Carey. There are important exceptions in that the Weaver collection relates to the United Transportation Service Employees, the civil rights issue within the CIO and the labor movement, the National Security Resources Board, Reconstruction Finance Committee, political campaigns of Stuart Symington, and the International Union of Electrical Workers.

Correspondence, minutes, grievance testimony, press releases, speeches, and negotiation files, 1942-54, are among Weaver's papers concerning the United Transportation Service Employees. Correspondents include Eugene Frazier, A. Philip Randolph, and Willard Townsend.

The files of the CIO and the AFL-CIO Civil Rights Committee focus on anti-discrimination clauses in union contracts; anti-poll tax and lynch legislation in 1947-48; Chicago housing programs, 1953-54; political action campaigns, 1944-49; Indian Arrest Bill, 1952; President's Committee on Civil Rights, 1947; Government

Contract Compliance, 1952; McCarran-Walter Immigration Bill, 1951; segregation in the Armed Services, 1946-52; and CIO Civil Rights Committee meetings and conferences, 1946-55. Among the correspondents in the files are union members of the Civil Rights Committee, plus George W. Crockett, William Oliver, A. Philip Randolph, Benjamin Segal, Willard Townsend, and Roy Wilkins.

The files of the National Security Resources Board and Reconstruction Finance Committee relate principally to the Bolivia Tin Mission of 1951. Information concerning the Bogota Conference, cost data, negotiations with tin producers, living conditions and wages, labor organizations, and social security programs predominate. Also discussed are defense housing, manpower and Negro employment, manpower and domestic resources, manpower mobilization, and the Defense Production Act. Correspondents include James B. Carey, Alex Fuller, Allan Haywood, Thurgood Marshall, Stuart Symington, and Maurice Tobin.

Correspondence, speeches, notes on television conversations, and clippings are contained in the material on Stuart Symington's Senate campaign in 1952 and the presidential primary of 1960. Mr. Weaver's correspondence for 1953-60 with Senator Symington forms the important segment of this material.

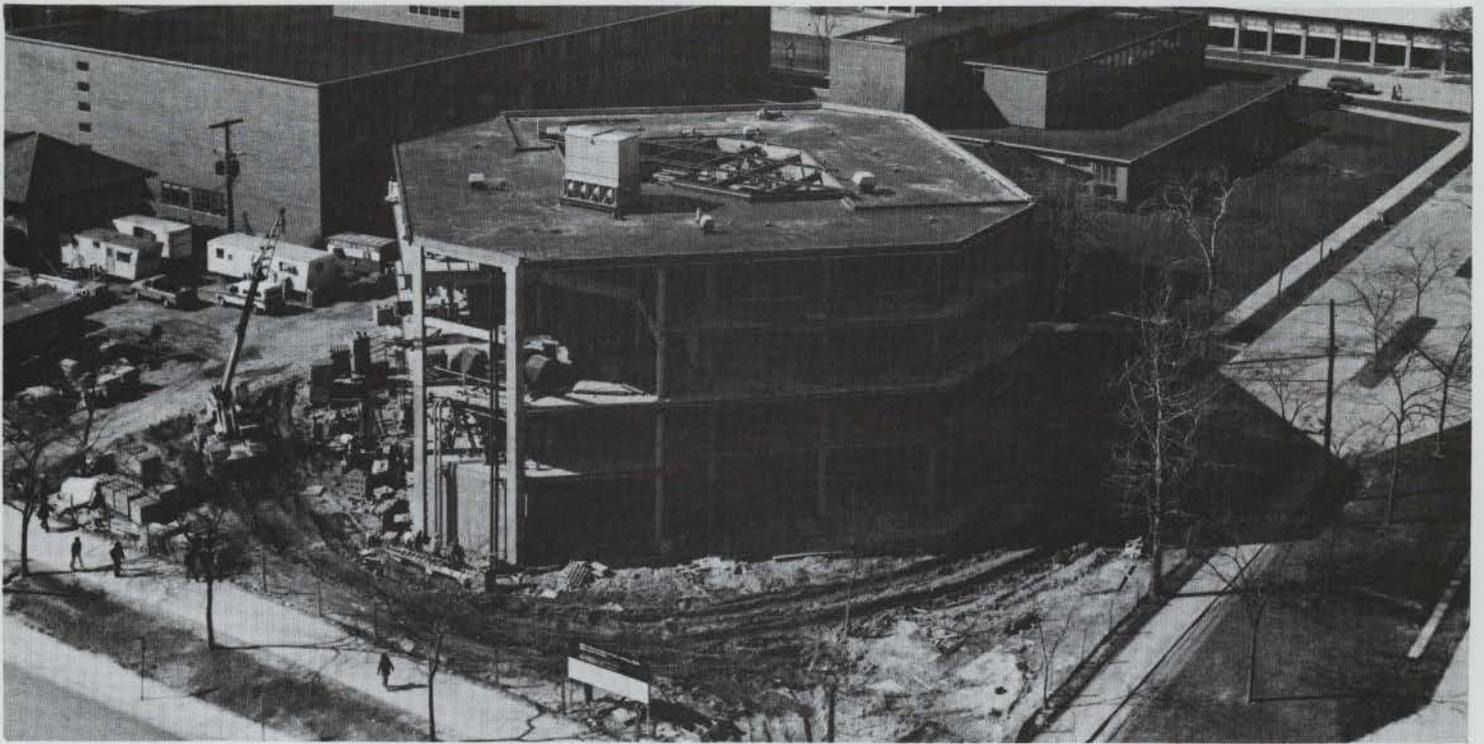
Mr. Weaver served as Director of the International Union of Electrical Workers Committee on Political Education from 1957-59. Correspondence, reports, press releases, minutes, and clippings on the IUE's political efforts in various states for the period are contained in the files. While with the IUE, Mr. Weaver also attended three conferences in 1959: the Atlantic Conference, the World Federation of United Nations Associations' Conference, and the NATO Parliamentarians Conference. Correspondence, reports, clippings, and related printed items are found in the material.

The CIO Secretary-Treasurer's Collection also contains files on non-CIO organizations, 1937-55; U. S. Government, 1941-55; CIO Conventions and AFL-CIO Unity material, 1937-55; Regional Offices and Industrial Union Councils, 1937-55; Hearings on Communist Activities of CIO Unions by the CIO Executive Board, 1949-53; Speeches and Press Releases of James B. Carey, 1938-55; and a general correspondence file. The files of James B. Carey and George L. P. Weaver are open to interested scholars. A twenty-year restriction has been placed on the collection, but all material prior to 1955 is now available for use.

#### **CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS, WASHINGTON OFFICE COLLECTION**

In 1969 the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers Union transferred fifty linear feet of material concerning the CIO to the Archives. The records cover the period 1940-56, but focus on the year 1955.

The files of the President concern Walter P. Reuther's administration, 1952-55, of the CIO and as President of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department. The President's files contain a correspondence file with letters received and sent; press releases; invitations; newsletters and clippings; correspondence concerning activities in many foreign countries; correspondence and information on non-CIO organizations, including the AF of L and its unions; the Democratic Party; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; social welfare and special interest organizations; correspondence, reports, and published material concerning federal government agencies, Senators, and Representatives; correspondence, resolutions, and material in relation to the CIO Executive Board; minutes, reports, correspondence, and other items concerning CIO and AFL-CIO committees and departments; correspondence, reports, and pamphlets of the CIO Industrial Union councils and regional offices; and correspondence, reports, agreements, briefs, and material concerning CIO and AFL-CIO unions.



*The Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs looked like this in April 1974. Construction of the building continues and completion is projected for September 1974.*

Also included in the CIO President's files are the records of his assistant, Victor G. Reuther. These records correspond in content and organization to Walter P. Reuther's files. General correspondence, non-CIO organizations, federal agencies, CIO committees, Industrial Union Councils, regional offices, individual unions, legislation, and staff members' files are also found in Victor Reuther's files.

Victor G. Reuther served as Director of the CIO International Affairs Department, 1953-55, having been the CIO's European Representative from 1950 to 1953. After the AFL-CIO merged in 1955, Victor Reuther headed the UAW's International Affairs Department. His files contain correspondence and reports concerning the CIO's European Office; reports on labor and political conditions and correspondence with union representatives, local leaders, and U. S. government officials in countries around the world; correspondence, minutes, reports and related material on international labor organizations, mainly the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Metal Workers Federation; and correspondence with members of the CIO International Affairs Department associated with U. S. government agencies.

The records of the CIO Legislative Department contain files created by Robert Oliver, the Director, and Thomas Burke, chief congressional liaison. The files contain correspondence, press releases, bills, reports, testimony, minutes and other material concerning relations with non-CIO organizations; CIO positions on special and proposed pieces of legislation; contact with CIO committees, departments, Industrial Union Councils, regional offices, and staff members; and operation of the Political Action Program.

Among the many potential subjects in the CIO Washington Office Collection are AFL-CIO unity, 1952-55; CIO farm and housing programs; CIO influences in the formation of U. S. foreign policy and work with government agencies, especially the Foreign Operations Administration, 1954-55; economic, political, and labor union conditions in foreign countries, especially in Europe; housing, social security, farm worker, natural gas, and unemployment compensation legislation; mergers of the

Distributive, Processing, and Office Workers and the Playthings, Jewelry, and Novelty Workers with the Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union in 1953 and 1954, respectively; the Taft-Hartley Act; and technical and economic assistance to underdeveloped countries.

A twenty-year restriction has been placed on this collection. The entire collection will be opened in 1975, but material prior to 1955 can now be used by interested researchers.

### **MICHIGAN AFL-CIO COLLECTION**

The initial installment of records of the Michigan AFL-CIO covers the period 1939-58 and contains 100 linear feet of material. The bulk of this collection concerns the Michigan CIO Council prior to the merger with the Michigan Federation of Labor. The entire collection is open to interested researchers.

The general office files of Michigan CIO Council Presidents John Gibson (1943-46) and August Scholle (1940-43, 1946-54) are included in the collection. Correspondence, memoranda, reports, resolutions, minutes, and clippings related to anti-labor legislation, the use of POW's in the Michigan lumber industry, civil rights, political campaigns, and affiliated unions and CIO councils are available.

John Gibson, Ben Probe, and Barney Hopkins served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan CIO between 1939 and 1954. These files contain correspondence, notes, memoranda, and related material on a variety of subjects. Included among these subjects are peacetime conscription, rent control and public housing, equal rights and pay for women, farm labor, farmers' unions, political campaigns, organization of telephone workers, and workers' education.

Tom Downs served as Michigan CIO Council Representative, CIO Legislative Representative, and member of the Michigan Employment Security Commission. These files of correspondence, memoranda, minutes, reports, and court decisions for the period 1947-54 contain information on state and federal unemployment and workmen's compensation legislation, Ford strike in 1949, legislative apportionment, farm labor, civil rights, and the Michigan Democratic Party, among other subjects.

The files of the *Michigan CIO News* and its editor, Ted Ogar, consist of clippings, correspondence, press releases, memoranda, political candidates information, and financial reports for the period 1939-52. General office files and educational material comprise the files of the Education Department for the period 1946-55. Subjects discussed in this material include workers' education, equal rights for women, Michigan Committee on Civil Rights, Student League for Industrial Democracy, and the Henry Wallace campaign in 1948.

The Michigan AFL-CIO Collection also contains four linear feet of material concerning the Michigan Federation of Labor, 1940-58. Financial reports, Executive Board minutes, correspondence, legislative and voting files and publications are available. Subjects include the Labor's League for Political Education, equal pay for women, merger with the CIO, and state and political fund, as well as other matters.

Correspondents in the collection include George Addes, Al Barbour, James B. Carey, Edward Connor, Len DeCaux, John Dingell, George Edwards, Martha Griffiths, Thaddeus Machrowicz, Blair Moody, William Oliver, the Reuther brothers, Roy, Victor, and Walter, Brendan Sexton, Neil Staebler, Maurice Tobin, G. Mennen Williams, Leonard Woodcock, and many other political and labor personages.

Additional files have been received from the Michigan AFL-CIO office. Among these processed files are twenty-two linear feet of material concerning the Lansing legislative information office for the period 1930-63, predominantly for the 1952-55 period. An additional fifty linear feet of material from the Michigan AFL-CIO remains unprocessed, but is available to interested researchers.

## THE WAYNE COUNTY AFL-CIO COLLECTION

The Archives has received the inactive files of the Wayne County AFL-CIO for the period 1918-68, comprising approximately 50 linear feet of material. The files for the period 1949-63 have been indefinitely closed and those files received since 1963 have not yet been completely processed. The material for the period 1918-48 is open for research.

Twelve linear feet of material in the 1918-48 segment of the collection relates to the American Federation of Labor, while three linear feet concerns the Congress of Industrial Organization. The focus of the 1918-48 portion of the collection is on the period since 1930. Among the subjects explored in the collection are relations with different national unions, the Communist Party, immigration, the National Labor Relations Act and Board, the National Lawyers Guild, blacks in unions, the Michigan Federation of Labor, The People's Lobby, relief funds, the Michigan State Police, the Unemployed Citizens League of Michigan, the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, the War Labor Board, the Women's Auxiliaries of Labor, the Workers Alliance, and many other topics. Correspondence, minutes of meetings, clippings, press releases, and related items comprise the collection.

The CIO files within the AFL-CIO Collection relate to many different topics, including relations with the AFL, the Political Action Committee, the Unity Committee League, the Dies Committee, housing, the Michigan Commonwealth Federation, the Progressive Labor League, the Socialist Party, the Union for Democratic Action, the USO, voting records, the War Labor Board, the Wayne County Industrial Union Council, and white collar workers, among others.

## THE IRWIN L. DeSHETLER COLLECTION

Irwin L. DeShetler, President of the Federation of Glass, Ceramic, and Sand Workers, 1939-42, and CIO Regional Director, 1943-46, respectively, placed his papers in the Archives in 1968 and 1971. The collection, comprising 56 linear feet of material, is open to interested researchers. Material pertinent to

the CIO abounds throughout the collection in files related to the Glass Workers Union and the CIO Regional Office activities.

Subjects included within the records concerning the Glass Workers Union relate to the factional fight between Paul W. Fuller, head of the Glass Workers Organizing Committee, and Glen McCabe, President of the Flat Glass Workers Unions, 1937-40; affiliation with the CIO; organization of Libby-Owens-Ford Company, 1943-49 and Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, 1933-40; and DeShetler's election campaigns, 1943-51.

Mr. DeShetler served as Regional Director for the CIO in Ohio, West Virginia, and Kansas, and as Assistant Director and Director in California. Most of the material concerns his work in California, Region 13, 1942-55. Files concerning the CIO office, Southern California office, plant organization, CIO unions, and non-CIO organizations are included in a portion of the collection. Similar files concerning the AFL-CIO Regional Office after the merger in 1955 are also available.

Among the subjects related to California in the collection are political campaigns, 1948-68; organization of Mexican workers, 1953-68; defense mobilization, 1953-59; jurisdictional raiding by expelled AFL-CIO unions, 1958-68; the merger at the state, county, and local levels in 1958; the DiGiorgio grape strike, 1966-67; communism and administration of Local 1010 United Furniture Workers, 1954-55; welfare campaigns and legislation in Los Angeles, 1947-56; employment of the handicapped, 1954-68; California Farm Workers, 1967-71; and the career of Allan S. Haywood, 1943-52.

Correspondents included in the collection are John Brophy, James B. Carey, Cesar Chavez, Paul W. Fuller, Delmond Garst, Adolph Germer, Allan Haywood, Larry Ithong, William Kircher, John Livingston, Glen McCabe, George Meany, James Mitchell, Wyndham Mortimer, Philip Murray, Walter P. Reuther, William Schnitzler, R. J. Thomas, Maurice Tobin, August Scholle, and many others.

## THE AUGUST SCHOLLE — CIO REGIONAL DIRECTOR COLLECTION

The papers of August Scholle related to his service as CIO Regional Director in Michigan contain five linear feet of material and cover the period 1937-45, predominantly 1940-45. Mr. Scholle, President of Local 9, Federation of Flat Glass Workers and head of the CIO Industrial Union Council in Toledo, Ohio, became CIO Regional Director in Michigan in 1937, a position he held until 1954. He was elected President of the Michigan CIO Council (later the Michigan AFL-CIO), 1940-71, except for the period 1943-46.

Mr. Scholle's files contain correspondence, reports, financial and legal papers, memoranda, speeches, press releases, and convention material. Information concerning the activities of affiliated CIO local unions and industrial union councils in Flint, Cadillac, Saginaw, and Pontiac, Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio; activities of CIO field representatives and organizers; general legislative activities; and the Utility Workers Organizing Committee can be found in the collection.

Correspondents in the collection include John Brophy, James B. Carey, Adolph Germer, Philip Murray, Lee Pressman, and Walter P. Reuther. The collection is open to researchers and a guide is available.

## THE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS: HOUSING COMMITTEE, LEO GOODMAN COLLECTION

This collection contains the office files of Leo Goodman, Director of the CIO Housing Committee, 1948-55, and secretary of the CIO Committee on Power, Atomic Energy, and Resources Development. Six linear feet of correspondence, reports, bulletins,

press releases, clippings, and published material related to non-CIO organizations, U. S. Government agencies, foreign housing research files, and U. S. Senate research files exists in the collection.

Among the subjects discussed in the collection are low-cost demonstration housing projects and housing conditions and problems in foreign countries such as Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Japan, Sweden, Venezuela and other countries; housing production for defense workers, 1953-55; regulation and legislation for the lumber industry affecting conservation and housing, 1946-50; public power and natural resource legislation and organizations, 1953-55; and Senator Ralph Flanders' motion to censure Joseph McCarthy in 1954.

## RELATED CIO COLLECTIONS

Several collections described in previous issues of the *Newsletter* relate to the CIO. Those previously reported include Mary Heaton Vorse, Katherine Pollak Ellickson, Walter P. Reuther, Rolland J. Thomas, Homer Martin, Phillips L. Garman, Henry Kraus, Bill Williams, Francis J. Dillon, Heber Blankenhorn, the UAW International Affairs Department, and the UAW Canadian Regional Office.

Many other personal and organizational collections in the Archives contain information on the CIO. These collections, too numerous to describe in this *Newsletter*, include the papers of Neal Edwards, Nat Ganley, Delmond Garst, Fred Pieper, Hugh Thompson, Richard Frankenstein, Bud and Hazel Simons, W. Jett Lauck, George B. Roberts, Cecil B. Roeder, Albert Sayer, John J. D'Agostino, Frank Marquardt, James Couser, the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, and the People's Songs Library, among many others. Information concerning these collections can be obtained by writing the Archives.

## Recent Acquisitions

### THE MINERS FOR DEMOCRACY COLLECTION

The Miners For Democracy (MFD) was organized in April 1970, three months after the murder of Joseph "Jock" Yablonski and four months after his unsuccessful campaign against W. A. "Tony" Boyle for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA). MFD's express purpose was to achieve internal reform of the UMWA. In its efforts to achieve that end, the MFD was represented by a public interest law firm, Washington Research Project, Miners Project, composed of Joseph "Chip" Yablonski, Clarice Feldman, Dan Edelman, and outside counsel, Joseph L. Rauh Jr. Mr. Rauh served as Jock Yablonski's advisor and counsel during the 1969 election campaign. The MFD also worked to reform the UMWA's pension funds, health and safety issues, and achieve autonomy for various UMWA districts. The papers in the collection reflect the lawyer's efforts in these areas.

In 1969, Jock Yablonski ran against Tony Boyle for the presidency of the UMWA. During the campaign Yablonski entered complaints against the UMWA for unfair practices and the Department of Labor brought suit against the UMWA after the election. Records pertaining to this case — the Election Suit — contain pre-trial depositions of UMWA officials; trial transcripts; exhibits; briefs, memoranda, motions, and orders filed by the various parties; briefs of the MFD to intervene in the case; and correspondence, lists, and research materials used by the MFD in preparation for trial.

Material related to Jock Yablonski's campaign, May 1969 to March 1970, contains correspondence, campaign literature, research on Tony Boyle and UMWA, press releases, news clippings, and related items. During the campaign official observers for the Yablonski slate were placed at polling sites and the reports of these observers are included in the collection.

During the campaign four suits were filed by Yablonski against the UMWA. These suits were the "Pre-Election Cases;" the "Journal Case," charging that membership lists provided by the UMWA were inadequate; and the "Reprisal Case," charging that Yablonski had been fired as Acting Director of Labor's Non-Partisan League because of his candidacy against Boyle. Correspondence, briefs, motions and research material involving these cases are included.

In December 1972, a rerun election was held. Campaign files, nomination and election schedules, correspondence, financial reports, press releases, vote tallies, observer reports, and Department of Labor material comprises these files. Transcripts, statements and correspondence, 1969-72, are included in files concerning the hearings of the Senate Subcommittee on Labor on the UMWA after the murder of Jock Yablonski.

The MFD's efforts to improve health and safety conditions attendant to coal mining are documented in correspondence and reports involving the Bureau of Mines, black lung, and mining accidents. Inspection reports of the Bureau of Mines are also included. The MFD was also involved, either directly or indirectly, in various legal actions against the UMWA. Those proceedings include the "Bogus Locals Suit," charging UMWA officials with fraud, corruption, and misuse of union funds, the disbanding of locals with less than ten members, and the disqualification of Edward Carey as UMWA General Counsel; the "Convention Suit," against District 5's Convention in 1970 because of bogus locals and absentee balloting; suits of UMWA locals to achieve autonomy for the districts; suits of miners to either obtain or increase their pensions; and the "Dual Unionism Case," involving the charge that the MFD constituted a dual union.

Miscellaneous office and reference files contain correspondence, news clippings, press releases, reports, and financial reports concerning the various MFD activities. Two news clippings files, one by the Consolidated Coal Company's Public Relations Department and the other by the MFD, are available. Among the correspondents in the collection are Herman W. Benson, Cesar Chavez, Thomas F. Eagleton, Ken Hechler, Jacob Javits, Claiborne Pell, George Schultz and others. The Miners For Democracy placed their records, containing forty linear feet of material, for the period 1969-72, in the Archives in February 1973. The collection is now open to researchers and a guide is available.

## Research in the Archives

Bert Cochran, Senior Fellow at Columbia University, visited the Archives for research on the issue of radicalism and new labor, 1935-50. Alessandro Damiani of the University Genova in Italy utilized the Archives for research on the issue of the origin of the CIO and the Communist Party. An oral history project on women's work between 1936 and 1945 brought Donna Karl of *Radical America* to the Archives. William F. McKee of Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, returned for further work in the Brookwood College files of the Mark and Helen Starr Collection.

The subject of labor and conversion to war production, 1940-42, is the topic of John Barnard of Oakland University and he has made several visits to use the UAW Collection in the Archives. The history of radical feminist thought, 1900-30, brought Ph. D. candidate Ruth A. Hepburn from the University of California at Santa Barbara to the Archives. Michael M. Hirsch of Boston State College visited Wayne State for research on the subject of union leadership, primary work groups, and social control in the field of electronics during World War II.

The history of organized labor's role in Detroit politics during the 1930's is the dissertation topic of Thomas L. Jones of the University of Michigan. Alan M. Meckler, a graduate student from Columbia University, has selected Mary Heaton Vorse as

the subject for a biographical study and has examined the Vorse Collection in the Archives. James R. Prickett, a teaching assistant at the University of California at Los Angeles and the author of several articles on Communism and the CIO, visited the Archives for dissertation research on this subject.

## Bits and Pieces

During the Winter Quarter, 1973-4, the Archives cooperated with the University Studies and Weekend College of the College of Lifelong Learning in a sixty-five session television course entitled Work and Labor Studies. Photographs, posters, films, and three dimensional objects from the Archives' collections were utilized to introduce and illustrate the various subjects discussed. Dennis East of the Archives was the principal lecturer and moderator for the course.

In the future, the Archives staff will be cooperating with Sandor Agoos of the University Studies and Weekend College of the College of Lifelong Learning in selecting original source materials for inclusion in a projected series concerning labor and ethnic studies. The principal focus of the series will be on the growth of organized labor, important events, and the relation of ethnic groups to organized labor in Michigan and Detroit, with emphasis on the latter. These source materials will be developed for use in Ethnic Studies and Work and Labor Studies courses offered by the College of Lifelong Learning.

Beverly Fodell, a member of the Archives staff, completed her bibliography, *Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers: A Selective Bibliography* (Detroit, Wayne State University Press, 1974, 103 pp., \$4.95). The bibliography is a revised and updated version of the bibliography, *Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers*, printed in January 1970. The new bibliography contains references to the United Farm Workers in other biblio-

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*The Guide to the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs*, prepared by Warner W. Pflug, is now available from the Wayne State University Press. The *Guide*, includes information on over 500 collections, containing over fifteen million items, in the Archives.

Ms. Fodell's bibliography and Mr. Pflug's *Guide* can be obtained from the Wayne State University Press at a ten per cent discount by completing and mailing the coupon herewith.

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