

THE DAN GALLAGHER COLLECTION

Papers, 1934-1947  
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The papers of Dan Gallagher were deposited with the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in 1961 by Dan Gallagher.

Dan Gallaher was born in Ensley, Alabama in 1908. At sixteen, he came to Detroit and held a variety of jobs. In 1934 he went to work at Timken and later, after being ousted from the Company union, organized his department for the UAW.

Mr. Gallagher served as a member of the UAW Local 174 Executive Board, and as a delegate to the 1937 Convention. In 1938 he became Walter Reuther's personal organizer, and later was elected organizer for the West Side Local, where he organized thirty-two shops. In 1942, he became an International Representative for Champion Spark Plug, Bohn Aluminum, Bower Roller Bearing, Gemmer Gear, C.M. Hall, and eight to ten other shops on Detroit's East Side.

In June of 1943 Mr. Gallagher was assigned to the National War Labor Board, Region XI for the CIO. There he was a member of the New Case Committee and the Automotive Division. His jurisdiction included the Violations Committee enforcing the Wage Stabilization Act. He also dealt with copper cases from Northern Michigan and the logging industry in Michigan and Minnesota.

In 1945 he left the War Labor Board and helped organize the Workmen's Compensation Department of the UAW. He remained in this capacity until his retirement in 1948. Since 1955 he has been a mediator on the UAW Mediation Board.

The papers of Dan Gallagher reflect his work with the UAW, particularly that of the War Labor Board.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Homer Martin (UAW-CIO)  
New America, 1938-1941

National War Labor Board Disputes  
and Cases, 1943-1945

Among the important correspondents are:

George Addes  
Melvin Bishop  
Michael Manning

Louis Miriani  
R.J. Thomas

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Gallagher Collection Series Description

The Dan Gallagher Collection is broken down into two series: union material and National War Labor Board material.

The following is a box-by-box description of the contents of the Gallagher Collection. The first series, Boxes I-III contain UAW and Local 174 material while the second series, Boxes IV-VIII contain material relative to the National War Labor Board.

BOX I - UAW

Included in Box I is the UAW Constitution, undated, and proposed Constitutional Amendments and other resolutions arranged by source, including the Non-Partisan League of Wayne County, Local 174 and other Locals (7, 75, 571) and numerous undated and unlabelled proposed amendments. Included also in Box I are the UAW Convention Committee Reports: the Educational Committee (Cleveland, 1939?), the Partial Report of the Grievance Committee (1943), the third Partial Report of the Constitutional Committee (1943). There is convention literature from Cleveland, 1934 and 1939, and from Philadelphia in 1943. Other files contain material on unemployment and defense unemployment and workmen's compensation including a model contract, undated, with Mr. Gallagher's name typed on and "Compulsory Arbitration" (1947) also with Mr. Gallagher's name. Compensation cases are included. The U. S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, interpretative statement for November, 1938, and June, 1946, and material on wage rates are next. Included is "Procedure for Processing Maintenance Wage Cases" (undated), wage rates for 1937-1942, material from the Research Department of the UAW-CIO on wage rates for 1941-1943 and foundry rates for 1942. The last files in Box I are the radio speeches chronologically arranged within each alphabetical file of George Addes, Richard Frankenstein, Adolph Germer, R. J. Thomas, A. Haywood, L. Lamotte, W. Mortimer, P. Murray, W. Reuther and W. Wells delivered in February and March, 1939.

BOX II - UAW

Box II contains correspondence to and from Mr. Gallagher for the period June, 1938-June, 1947, and some undated correspondence. Material on Mr. Gallagher's dismissal from the National War Labor Board, Region XI, appears in the correspondence for May 7-June 18, 1945.

UAW-CIO material includes some handwritten accounts of "We Have a Union and Seniority" both undated and unsigned, proposed health and safety clauses, again undated, material on the Homer Martin case in the UAW-CIO folder, the "Weekly Report" of the War Policy Division of the UAW-CIO for January and May, 1945.

Correspondence from the UAW-CIO consists of chronological mimeographed correspondence from George Addes, Melvin Bishop, and R. J. Thomas for January and May, 1942; May, June, July, August and December, 1943; January, February and April, 1944 and undated correspondence.

The material on UAW organizing activities includes, "Plan for Organizing Competitive Plants" (1938) by Walter Reuther, dated (1939, 1940, 1941, 1941) and undated reports by Mr. Gallagher on organizational efforts and other reports of progress in organization.

Labor's Non-Partisan League material includes its Constitution, pamphlets and sheets defending the right to strike. The League's Organizing Letter covers the period April 3 and 20, 1939; June, 1939; and October, 1939.

The "Daily Summary and Analysis of Current Trends Affecting Management and Labor" from the Bureau of National Affairs covers May-August, 1943.

BOX III - LOCAL 174

Box III contains material on Local 174: there is a resolution of the American Brakelok Division against fascism and communism (undated) and the Report of the Welfare and Unemployment Committee for Local 174 for May, 1937-June, 1938, by Harold Hartley.

Local 174 Executive Board Minutes for April, 1937-May, 1939, are chronologically arranged.

Local 174 Joint Council Minutes, for October, 1937-May, 1941, and the Financial Report for Local 174 for September, 1937 to June, 1938, are included in Box III.

The Minutes of Local 174 Shop Committee, September, 1939-January, 1940, are in chronological order.

Two miscellaneous folders are included in Box III. The first contains election cards, picket assignments and material relevant to Mr. Gallagher including a statement on money earned in 1943 on the National War Labor Board, a poem, a letter of thanks from Timken Workers in 1937, his draft status, and the Clark Park Alumni meeting minutes. There is wartime union material, poems critical of Walter Reuther and the "American League Against War and Fascism: A Study in Communist Tactics" (1937) by Hillman Bishop. The second miscellaneous folder contains chronologically arranged material: "Labor Relations Advisory Letter" (1938) by W. L. Hung, an opinion by Albert Meder on the significance of the Supreme Court's concept of the Wagner Act to the Michigan Manufacturer's Association and "Report of Political Action and Legislative Committee" at the CIO State Convention in June, 1939(?).

BOX IV - NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

Box IV contains material on the National War Labor Board: the Executive Order, January 12, 1942, establishing it, the organization and procedures of the national and regional boards and appeal and review procedures. There is a short biographical statement of the members of the NWLB, Region XI, as of December, 1944. The "Memorandum" of the NWLB for June and October, 1943, January and February, 1944, are chronologically arranged.

The file on the NWLB Wage Stabilization Division contains general orders and interpretations as of October, 1943, various publications on wage rates and stabilization, for example, "Stabilized Wage Rates and Job Standards" (undated, NWLB, Region XI), "Wage and Salary Stabilization Under the Jurisdiction of NWLB" (1943). In addition there are case analyses of the Division, Region XI, for May, 1943-June, 1943, and April, 1945, chronologically arranged.

The Minutes of the New Case Committee, November, 1944-May, 1945, are chronologically arranged.

The NWLB press releases for April, 1943, July, 1943, January, 1944-February, 1944, September, 1944-June 1945, are chronological.

Reports for Region XI of the NWLB, 1943-1944, include the Tool and Die Commission

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Report for 1943(?) and February, 1944, and chronological reports of Region XI on the progress of its work, June, 1943, October, 1943-November, 1943, January, 1944-March, 1944, July, 1944-October, 1944.

The CIO NWLB "Newsletter" for Region XI, January of 1945 and the NWLB "Newsletter" for February and September of 1944 are included and each arranged chronologically.

BOX V - NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

Included are the NWLB Minutes for Region XI for June, 1943, October, 1943-November, 1943, January, 1944-March, 1944, August, 1944-October, 1944, February, 1945-June, 1945, chronologically arranged as are the NWLB General Orders for October, 1942-November 1942, and June 1943.

The NWLB Automotive Division file is divided as follows: functions and procedures, minutes of the automotive section, December, 1944-June, 1945, report on dispute cases, April and May, 1945.

The NWLB Dispute Division file consists of the "Weekly Statistical Report" for June, 1943.

NWLB Legal Division is broken down into functions, enforcement program, procedures, summary of violation cases received, October-December 1943 and open violation cases pending in the regional attorney's office as of April 1944.

The NWLB Manual of Decisions is undated. The NWLB "Just Between Us" for Region XI is chronologically arranged for December, 1943, February 1944, May 1944, August 1944, October 1944, May 1945 and undated.

The NWLB CIO "Weekly Letter" covers August, October and December, 1943, and April-May, 1945.

There is some miscellaneous NWLB material for 1943-1944 including, for example, agendas and the case committee report for February, 1944, all arranged chronologically with undated material at the end of each folder.

BOXES VI, VII, VIII - NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD: CASES AND DISPUTES

Boxes VI, VII, VIII consist of contracts, disputes and cases which were presented before the NWLB or before the Board in Region XI. The size and completeness of each file varies greatly. Some files consist merely of an agreement between the company and the union, others are more complete and some include letters, petitions, election decisions, affidavits, NLRB or NWLB rulings. The companies are alphabetically arranged while the material within each file is chronological and undated material is placed at the end of each file.

Contents (cont'd)

Series III, New America 1938-1941

Papers from the organization known as New America in which Mr. Gallagher was involved. In operation between 1938 and 1941, its goals were the destruction of the profit system and the inauguration of a new social order. Its methods were largely educational. The topics covered in these publications and course materials include anti-fascism, employment, the economy, and the right to strike.

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FOLDER LISTING

BOX I - UAW

UAW Constitution  
UAW Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Other Resolutions  
UAW Convention Committee Reports  
UAW Convention Literature  
Unemployment  
Workmen's Compensation  
U. S. Department of Labor: Wage and Hour Division  
Wage Rates  
George F. Addea: Radio Speeches  
Richard Frankenstein: Radio Speeches  
Adolph Germer: Radio Speeches  
R. J. Thomas: Radio Speeches  
A. Haywood, L. Lamotte, W. Mortimer, P. Murray, W. Reuther, W. Wells:  
Radio Speeches

BOX II - UAW

Correspondence, June 1938-December 1944  
Correspondence, January, 1945-June 1947 and undated material  
UAW-CIO  
Correspondence from the UAW-CIO, 1942-1944  
UAW Organizing Activities  
George Ades Audit Reports, July-December 1938, May-June 1943  
Labor's Non-Partisan League  
Labor's Non-Partisan Organizing Letter  
Daily Summary and Analysis of Current Trends Affecting Management and  
Labor, 1943

BOX III - LOCAL 174

Local 174  
Local 174 Executive Board Minutes, April, 1937-May, 1939  
Local 174 Joint Council Minutes, April, 1937-December, 1938  
Local 174 Joint Council Minutes, January, 1939-May, 1941  
Local 174 Shop Committee Minutes, September, 1939-January, 1940  
Miscellaneous  
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BOX IV - NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

NWLB Minutes, Region XI, June, 1943-October, 1944  
NWLB Minutes, Region XI, February-June, 1945  
NWLB General Orders, October-November, 1942; June, 1943  
NWLB Automotive Division  
NWLB Dispute Division, 1943  
NWLB Legal Division, 1943-1944  
NWLB Manual of Decisions  
NWLB "Just Between Us", Region XI, 1943-1945  
NWLB CIO Labor Member, 1943-1945  
NWLB Miscellaneous

BOX VI NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD: CASES AND DISPUTES

Acme Foundry  
Allied Products No. I Plant  
American Brakelok Company

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American Brakeshoe and Foundry Company  
Atlas Foundry Company  
Auto Products Transport Sales and Warehouse Company, Inc.  
Bower Roller Bearing Company, 1942-July, 1943  
Bower Roller Bearing Company, August-December, 1943  
Bower Roller Bearing Company, January-August, 1944 and undated material  
Budd Wheel Manufacturing Company  
Buhl Stamping Company  
Cadillac Motor Division

BOX VII - NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD: CASES AND DISPUTES

Calumet and Heckla Consolidated Cooper Company  
Capital Pipe and Nipple Manufacturing Company  
Champion Spark Plug Company  
Chevrolet Grey Iron Foundry  
Chrysler Corporation  
Davis Stamping Company  
Detroit Lubricator Company  
Detroit Steel Casting Company  
Gear Grinding Machine Company  
Gemmer Manufacturing Company  
General Motors  
General Spring Bumper Division  
Guardian Glass Company, Inc.  
Hall Lamp Company, C. M.  
Horst Manufacturing Company  
Ideal Furnace Company  
Kalamazoo Stove and Furnace Company  
Kold Hold Manufacturing Company  
Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Company  
LaChoy Food Products Division  
Letts Drop Forge Company  
Lincoln Brass Works, Inc.  
Majestic Stamping Company  
Manufacturer's Steel Supply Company  
Master Machine and Gear Company

BOX VIII - NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD: CASES AND DISPUTES

Michigan Cannery Association  
Michigan Lumber Companies  
Miscellaneous Agreements  
Monarch Governor  
Murray Corporation of America  
NWLB: Miscellaneous Cases and Disputes  
Packard Motor Car Company  
Paige Motors Corporation, Graham  
Precision Spring Corporation  
Preston Company, Horace G.  
Revere Cooper and Brass, Inc.  
Shatterproof Glass Corporation  
Soss Manufacturing Company  
Square Deal Body Company  
Ternstedt  
Ternstedt Minutes, October, 1939-January, 1940  
U. S. Steel Corporation  
Webster Cold Forge Company  
Wolverine Tube Company

Series III

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2. ; Discussion 4
3. ; Discussions 5 through 6 and examination
4. ; Outlines, Sections 7 through 11
5. Correspondence
6. Course Material
7. Educational Bulletins; Nat'l Labor Relations Act
8. Introductory Materials
9. National Policy Committee
10. New America News, Oct 1940, Jul 1941
- 11-14. The New American, 1938-41
15. Pamphlets
16. Social Change, 1938-41