The papers of Victor G. Reuther were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in December of 1976 and September of 1980 by Victor Reuther.

Victor Reuther was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on January 1, 1912. He was educated at the Wheeling Public Schools, the University of West Virginia, and the College of the City of Detroit, which is now Wayne State University. After leaving the College in 1932, he and Walter Reuther campaigned for Norman Thomas, and in February of 1933 they went on a world tour which included working in the Soviet Union from 1933-1935. When he returned to Detroit, he worked for the Kelsey Hayes wheel factory, and in December 1936 he participated in a strike. He was one of the leaders in the Flint Sit-Down strike of 1937. From 1937-1938, he worked as an organizer for UAW local union 174. From 1941-1946, he was the assistant coordinator for the UAW War Policy Division. From 1946-1949, he was director of the Education Department. From 1951-1953, he worked for the CIO European Office. In 1953 he was appointed director of the CIO International Affairs Department. Soon after the CIO was merged with the AFL, he was named director of the UAW International Affairs Department. He remained in this position until he retired in May 1972.

In addition to his work in the trade union movement, Mr. Reuther participated in many community groups, especially Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), D.B. Branch, Bread for the World, Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) and Federalism Seventy-Six. These papers of Victor Reuther reflect his work with the UAW, especially relating to international community organizations.

Soon after Victor Reuther retired in May, 1972, he began work on a book, The Brothers Reuther, which was published by the Houghton Mifflin Co. in 1976. The records of this collection were mainly used to document the book. Other records relating to the work of Victor Reuther can be found in various collections in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Aid to Underdeveloped Countries, 1955-1980
AFL-CIO, especially the International Affairs Department, 1956-1980
Central Intelligence Agency, 1956-1980
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, 1956-1971
International Metalworkers Federation, 1956-1971
Trade Union Conditions in Foreign Countries, 1956-1980
UAW Conflict with AFL-CIO, 1956-1972
UAW Factional Disputes, 1937-1941

Among the important correspondents are:

- Omer Becu
- Irving Bluestone
- Willy Brandt
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- Arne Geiger
- Adolphe Graedel
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Series X, Personal friends and family, 1890-1980, Boxes 78-81:
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Correspondence, membership cards, composition books, drawings, creative essays, poems, Soviet Union production books, excerpts from the Diary of Victor Reuther, notes, oral interviews and other items relating to the activity of Victor and Walter Reuther before they joined the UAW. These records document their school work in West Virginia and Michigan, their world tour, and their socialist activity. These records are arranged in general chronological sequence, and they are predominantly dated 1928-1936. There are a few items prior to 1928. There are four oral interviews given by Victor Reuther in 1972 which discuss the activity of Walter Reuther, 1925-1932. The oral recollections of Valentine Reuther about his early trade union experiences which were recorded in 1963 are at the end of the series.

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3. Interscholastic Track Meet at University of Pittsburgh Stadium, 1927
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Correspondence, reports, minutes, clippings and other items relating to the early UAW activity of Victor and Walter Reuther. The factional disputes and the participation of John L. Lewis in trying to settle them are particularly well documented. Also, there is data about organizing activity. Some of these records are copies of items in other collections which Mr. Reuther acquired. The records of this series are arranged alphabetically by topic.

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16. Lewis, John L.: Resignation from CIO, clippings, 1940.
22. Local Union 174, by-Laws [c. 1938].
23. Local Union 174, notes [c. 1938].
24. Local Union 174, Executive Board and Committee Meetings, minutes, 1938.
29. Miscellaneous Strikes, clippings, 1937.
32. Reuther, Roy, Correspondence, 1939-1940.

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4. South Bend, Ind., Convention, 1936, clippings.
Correspondence, minutes, press releases, reports, clippings and other items relating to the activity of Victor and Walter Reuther during World War II and in the post war era. These records document war production problems in the U.S. and post war problems in Germany, especially the proposal to dismantle its steel industry. Other files relate to post war events in the U.S. such as the General Motors contract negotiations and the shootings of Victor and Walter Reuther. Some of the documents in this series are copies of items in other collections which Mr. Reuther acquired. The records of this series are predominantly dated 1941-1949. There are a few items which fall outside of these dates, and many of the clippings about the shootings are dated 1950-1954. The records of this subseries are divided into two sections, and within each section they are arranged alphabetically by topic.

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17. Stonorov, Oscar: Postwar Urban Housing Plan, 1942.

18. UAW Local Union 174, 1942-1944.

19. UAW Local Union 174, Delegates visit to Camp Attenbury, Indiana, April 1943.


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17. Postwar Problems: Reuther, Victor, European Trip, Aug. 1948

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5. UAW Education Conference, January 1949.
6. UAW Election, March 1946.
10. UAW Legislative Dept.: Sefton, Paul, Correspondence February 1948-May 1949.
11-12. UAW Legislative Dept.: Sefton, Paul, CIO Executive Board Meeting, May 1949.
Series IV
CIO International Affairs, 1949-1955
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Correspondence, reports, press releases, financial records, mailing lists, schedules, clippings and other items relating to the works of Victor Reuther while he was employed by the CIO. Most of these records relate to foreign relations. From January 1951 until August 1953, he worked in the European Office, and from September 1953 until December 1955 he was Director of the International Affairs Department. The files of this series are arranged alphabetically by topic.

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3. Lovestone, Jay, report [c. 1953].

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2-5. UAW Legislative Department: Aid to Underdeveloped Countries, CIO policies and SUNFED [Special UN Fund for Economic Development], 1953-1955.
The records of this series reflect some of the work of Victor Reuther with the UAW International Affairs Department. This series is divided into the following eight subseries.


Correspondence, press releases, oral interviews, clippings and other items relating to private individuals and organizations. Some of these records, especially those of the African American Labor Center and AIFLD document the activity of the AFL-CI and the CIA. Other files, especially those of W.R. Grace and Co., discuss the activity of ultra-conservative organizations. The records of the Citizens Exchange Corps to the U.S. cultural exchange program with the Soviet Union. The recollections of Alan Strachan on his activities with the UAW in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's are in this subseries. The records of this subseries are arranged alphabetically.


Correspondence, reports, press releases, minutes, speeches, notes and other items relating to the federal government. Some of these records document the activity of the CIA. Other files relate to the activity of the Labor and State Departments. The records of this subseries are arranged alphabetically.


Correspondence, reports, press releases, testimony, clippings and other items relating to legislative lobbying activity. Particularly well documented are the proposals to provide economic and technical assistance to underdeveloped countries. Also, there is a large amount of documentation concerning the McClellan Committee hearings on improper activity in the management or labor field, especially to the alleged communist background of Walter Reuther. Some of these files are correspondence sent to Robert Kennedy discussing the relationship of the UAW with Melvin Bishop, the Brotherhood of Teamsters and other subjects. Some items presented to this Committee are dated earlier than most of the other records in this subseries, which are dated 1956-1971. The records are arranged alphabetically.

Correspondence reports press releases, mailing lists, appointment schedules and other items relating to the UAW. There is a large amount of correspondence with Walter Reuther as well as mailing lists and appointment schedules of Victor and Walter Reuther. The schedules of Walter Reuther are not entirely identified, but the titles of the original folders indicated that they belonged to him. Some of these schedules are marked "VGR" but this identification indicates that they were copies which Walter Reuther sent to Victor. Many of these schedules are in regular folders, but there are eleven bound appointment schedules of Victor Reuther dated 1961-1971 which are in a records box which is placed at the end of the collection. Also, there is documentation about the death of Walter Reuther and about his memorial trust fund. There are some records relating to the Black Lake Education Center. The files of the departments and local unions are arranged alphabetically. At the end of this subseries, there are seven folders of records relating to regional offices which are arranged numerically.


Correspondence, reports, press releases, notes, clippings and other items relating to the AFL-CIO. There is a large amount of documentation concerning the conflict between the UAW and the AFL-CIO, especially about differences of trade union policy. Some of the files discuss the work of Jay Lovestone with the AFL-CIO International Affairs Department. There are some records relating to the Alliance for Labor Action, there is correspondence of Walter Reuther as president of the Industrial Union Department, and there are notes which Walter Reuther tools about some of his meetings with George Meany. Some of the reports about Jay Lovestone are dated earlier than the other records of this subseries which are dated 1956-1971. The records of this subseries are divided into two sections. The material of the first section, which is arranged alphabetically relates to departments. At the end of this section, there are several folders of data, mostly clippings, labeled UAW conflict with AFL-CIO, which are arranged alphabetically by topic. The material of the second section relates to unions and is also arranged alphabetically.
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Correspondence, reports, press releases, clippings and other items relating to foreign countries. These records describe economic, political and trade union conditions throughout the world. The philosophical differences between the UAW and the AFL-CIO toward trade union policies is particularly well documented. Some of these records are transcriptions of oral notes which Victor Reuther originally put on tape relating to his visits in January and February, 1969 to various countries. The purpose of these trips was to persuade delegates to vote in favor keeping the UAW in the ICFTU. The files of this subseries are arranged geographically, and they are divided into the following eleven sections: Western Europe and Canada; Eastern Europe and Soviet Union; Middle East; Africa; South Asia; East Asia; Southeast Asia; Pacific Ocean Islands; Central American and Mexico; South America; and Atlantic Ocean Islands.


Correspondence, reports, and other items relating to the IMF. Most of these records consist of correspondence with general secretaries. There are some transcripts of oral notes which Victor Reuther originally put on tape relating to the Central Committee Meeting, September, 1969. The records of this subseries are arranged alphabetically.


Correspondence, reports, minutes, clippings and other items relating to the ICFTU. These records are divided into two sections. The files of the first section relate to departments and committees and they are arranged alphabetically. The records of the second section consist of fifteen folders of material relating to the conflict of the UAW with the AFL-CIO about the policies and governance of the ICFTU. In January and February 1969, Mr. Reuther visited many of the ICFTU affiliates. These records are located in Subseries A: Non UAW Individuals and Organizations, 1957-1972.

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12-22. Industrial Union Department, Reuther, Walter, Correspondence 1956-1962.
33. International Affairs Department, Lovestone, Jay, Published Article, Hamburg, 1925.
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8. International Affairs Department: Resolutions on Foreign Policy, 1956.

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33. Chile: Star in Ascent, pamphlet, [c. 1962].

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Correspondence, minutes, speeches, notes, clippings and other items relating to federal government elections. These files are divided into two sections. The records of the first part relate to the campaign activities of Victor and Walter Reuther, 1950-1954. The records of the second part relate to the campaign activities of the UAW Citizenship Department, 1960-1968. The records of both sections are arranged chronologically.

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The records of this series relate to the activities of Victor Reuther after he retired from the UAW on May 1, 1972. As such, these records reflect his personal interests.

This material is divided into the following six subseries:


Correspondence, reports, press releases, minutes, drafts of monographs, clippings, newsletters and other items relating to private individuals and organizations. Some of these records concern multinational corporations. Others, relate to democratic socialist groups. There is a draft of the book, Labor Wars by Sidney Lens, and there are drafts of monographs relating to multinational corporations, especially, "The International Metalworkers and the Multinational Automobile Companies: A Study in Transnational Unionism" by Everett Kassalow. The records of this subseries are arranged alphabetically.


Correspondence, reports, clippings and other items relating to the federal government. Some of these records discuss the CIA and others, documents the attempts of Victor Reuther, using the Freedom of Information Act, to obtain data from the FBI concerning the shootings of 1948-1949. The records of this subseries are arranged alphabetically.

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Correspondence, reports, financial statements, press releases, clippings and other items relating to the UAW. There are several files relating to the Memorial Trust Fund of Walter Reuther, and there are some records concerning the Black Lake Education Center. Most of these records are dated 1972-1980; there is one document dated 1981. The files relating to the Departments and Local Unions are arranged alphabetically. At the end of this subseries, there are twelve folders of records relating to Regional Offices which are arranged numerically.
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Correspondence, reports, press releases, newsletters, clippings and other items relating to foreign countries or the IMF. These files describe economic, political and trade union conditions. There is a large amount of documentation on human rights violations. Because this subseries does not contain a large amount of material, the records are not arranged geographically; they are arranged alphabetically. At the end of the subseries, there are three folders of data relating to the IMF which is arranged chronologically.

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24. Education Department, Black Lake Center, Zodiak Room, 1981.
25. Education Department, Victor Reuther, Promotion of Brothers Reuther to UAW members, 1975-1978.
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8. Local Unions, 1173 Gilbert Davenport Memorial Award, March 1977.
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17. Venezuela: Reuther, Victor, visit, (Dec), 1978
Drafts of manuscripts, correspondence, notes and clippings. The records of this series consist mainly of drafts of manuscripts written about the Reuther family by various authors. In 1964 Lorena Hickok started a biography of Walter Reuther which was completed in 1972 as Walter Reuther: Labor is Rugged Individualist. It was co-authored by Jean Gould. The correspondence indicates that the manuscripts in this collection were written by Lorena Hickok in c. 1964. In 1970 Frank Cormier and William J. Eaton published a biography titled Reuther. The manuscripts of chapters 17-31 are in this collection. In 1959, Paul Douglass started a book about the Reuther family. He worked on it for many years, but it was never published. In 1972, he sent a final draft to Victor Reuther. The records of this series are arranged as follows: the manuscript and correspondence of Paul Douglass is placed first, followed by the manuscripts, research notes and correspondence of Lorena Hickok, followed by the manuscript and correspondence of Cormier and Eaton.

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8-23. Hickok, Lorena, Biography of Walter Reuther, draft of ms. chapters 1-16 [c. 1964].

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1-4. Hickok, Lorena, Biography of Walter Reuther, draft of ms. chapters 17-20 [c. 1964].
5. Hickok, Lorena, Biography of Walter Reuther, draft of ms. chapter Rank and File Rebels [c. 1964].
6. Hickok, Lorena, Biography of Walter Reuther, draft of ms. chapter Minority President [c. 1964].
Drafts of manuscripts, insertions and notes. Soon after he retired in May, 1972, Victor Reuther began to write his book. He completed three major drafts of the manuscript. The first, has thirty-three chapters. (Chapters 15-18 are missing) After reading it, he made Xerox copies and make corrections in ink or pencil, placed insertions into the manuscript, and he rewrote some of the chapters. Chapters 6, 7 and 14 of the revised draft are quite different from those of the original. Mr. Reuther then wrote a second draft which has twenty-nine chapters. (Chapter 21 is missing). After reading these chapters, he made corrections and produced a revised draft for Chapters 1-17, part of Chapter 18, and Chapter 20. There is no revised draft for part of Chapter 18, for Chapter 19 are for Chapters 21-29. Before writing a third draft, he re-read the second draft again and made more corrections. For most of the second draft there are three versions - second draft, second revised draft (for most of the chapters), and second corrected draft. In December, 1975 Victor Reuther began to write a third and final draft of twenty-nine chapters.

Most of the notes for The Brothers Reuther are on 5x8 inch index cards. Most of these notes are typed; some are handwritten. They are placed in a special oversized box and are organized into twenty-eight topics which are arranged in geneal chronological order. A description of these notes is listed at the end of this series.

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1-5 Reuther, Victor, Brothers Reuther: First Revised Draft of ms., Chapters 29-33.

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1-10. Reuther, Victor, Brothers Reuther: Final Draft of ms. Chapters 21-29 and Appendices
11-16. Reuther, Victor, Brothers Reuther: Drafts of Index
25. Reuther, Victor, Brothers Reuther: Notes on Data from WSU Archives

Transfile - Notes on 5x8 index cards

1. Reuther Family History & Early years in Wheeling, W. Va., 1881-1932, includes high school activity of VGR & WPR; their early years in Detroit, and their activity with the Socialist Party.
2-3. Early years with UAW, 1934-1941, includes factionalism and attempts of John L. Lewis to mediate disputes; Flint Sit-down Strike, 1937; Ford Motor Co. organizing campaign, 1937-1941, and notes from Jett Lauck Collection about Jay Lawestone.
4. Wartime Activity, 1940-1945, includes WPR 500 planes a day plan; warproduction problems; wartime conditions in Europe; and VGR speech notes.
5. Postwar Activity, 1946-1950, includes dismantlement of German steel plants; and activity of VGR in Civic Affairs in Detroit and Washington.
6. Shootings, notes dated 1948-1951, includes attempts of VGR to persuade FBI to investigate the cases.
7. CIO Foreign Policy, notes dated 1949-1952, only 9 index cards.
8. Speech notes about Policies of Eisenhower Administration, (1950's) primarily relating to corporate foreign investments and they effected underdeveloped countries.
10. Speech notes (c.1958), probably used for speeches delivered during Congressional elections. Notes discuss activities of prominent national persons.
11. Research notes about Eisenhower Administration, (c. 1950's), probably used for speeches delivered during 1960 elections; topics include, education, health, attitude of Republicans toward trade unions, and aid to underdeveloped countries.
13. Speech notes (c. 1960), probably used for speeches delivered during 1960 elections, topics include disarmament, Civil Rights, and the influence of ultraconservative organization on American Politics.
16. Speech notes about Aid to Underdeveloped Countries (c. 1960's).
17. Speech notes on Federal Aid to Higher Education, used for speeches delivered to celebrate 100th Anniversary of the Land Grant College Act (c. 1969's).
18. Speech notes on President Johnson's Poverty Program (late 1960's).
19. Research notes about organizations Reported as Recipients of CIA Funds (1960's).
20. Research notes about Individuals working for Organizations associated with CIA (1960's).
22. Quotation from the Bible on various subjects, u.d.
23. Anecdotes about WPR, 1941-1957 & n.d.
25. Handwritten notes, not on index cards, about Japan, n.d.
28. Handwritten notes in notebook labeled "Israel, Greece, Italy", n.d.
Series X
Boxes 78-82
Correspondence, poems, biographical data, school certificates, passports, and other items relating to the personal friends and family of Victor Reuther. The records of this series are divided into two sections - personal correspondence of friends and records of the Reuther family. The personal friends and records of the Reuther family. The personal correspondence of friends consists of handwritten and typed letters and cards. Most of this correspondence is arranged chronologically. Since there are many letters from Clarence Rodgers, his correspondence has been reported. The correspondence from Germany, 1914-1948 has also been separated. Most of the letters are dated 1957-1980. The cards are in a special folder at the end of the section. Most of the family records is correspondence which consists of handwritten and typed letters and cards. Most of these letters are dated 1955-1980. Much of this correspondence is from Theodore Reuther, Valentine Reuther and from Victor Reuther to friends which discuss the activities of his children; many of these letters concern Eric Reuther. There are other letters from Roy and Fonia Reuther, from Christine Rickey, from Alan Reuther and from Eric, John and Carol Reuther. There are limited letters from Sophie Reuther and only one letter from Walter Reuther. These letters are arranged chronologically. The cards are in a special folder which is placed after the letters. Next, there are subject files, consisting mostly, but not entirely, of correspondence. These records relate to the Reuther family origins from Germany; to special activity of Valentine Reuther; to the European visits of Anna and Valentine Reuther, 1954; to death of Valentine Reuther, 1967; to the old age problems of Anna Reuther after the death of her husband; and the death of Anna Reuther, 1972. There is one folder of records concerning the activities of May Wolf, including some undated letters to Walter Reuther. At the end of the series are some passports which are in a special folder.

Correspondence from Friends

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1. Personal Correspondence, 1953, 1955-57
2-12. Personal Correspondence, 1958-80
13. Personal Correspondence, n. d.

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1. Personal Correspondence; Germany, 1947-49
2. Personal Correspondence; Clarence Rodgers, n. d., 1972-79
3. Family Correspondence, 1927-31
4. Family Correspondence, 1942-44, 1950, 1952
5-20. Family Correspondence, 1955-80
21. Family Correspondence; Anna Reuther's draft letters, n.d.
22-23. Family Correspondence, n. d.
24. Family Papers; clippings, etc., n. d., 1951, 1970s
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1. Family Origins from Germany: Reuther, Jacob, poems, n.d.
2. Family Origins from Germany: Stocker, Anna, 1902-1929
3. Family Origins from Germany: Stocker, Jacob, et. al, 1890-1929
5. Reuther, Valentine: International Correspondence Schools, cert., 1909-1911
6-7. Reuther, Anna & Valentine: visits to Germany, July-Aug 1952 and Aug-Sep, 1961
8-10. Reuther, Anna & Valentine: 50th Wedding Anniversary, Jun, 1954, corres. & cards

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5-6. Reuther, Anna Stoker: Death, Oct 1972

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Family Date Book
Family Prayer Book in German, Stuttgart, 1901
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