

Michael J. Manning Collection

**Papers, 1925-1942
(Predominantly, 1934-1942)**

**.75 linear feet
1 1/2 manuscript boxes**

Accession #18
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The papers of Michael J. Manning were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by Mr. Manning in 1961 and were opened for research in 1970. Additional papers were placed in the Archives by Professor Jack Skeels in 1979 and were opened for research in November of 2004.

Michael J. Manning was born in Lynn, Massachusetts and came to Detroit in 1929. In the early 1930's he was active in drives to organize workers at Detroit's Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co., serving as chair man of the Detroit District Council and member of the National Council of the UAW-AFL, trustee and president of UAW Federal Labor Union No. 18677 and International UAWA executive board member(1935), eventually becoming president of Local 174, the amalgamated West Side local representing workers at the Kelsey-Hayes plant. He died in Detroit on January 27, 1973.

The papers of Michael J. Manning consist of correspondence, reports, minutes, leaflets and notices documenting his activities with the UAW-AFL at Kelsey-Hayes. In 1979 Professor Jack Skeels of Northern Illinois University gave the Archives a number of labor spy reports that had been given to him by Michael Manning in the late fifties. Manning didn't want them made public during his lifetime, because he was afraid the company might interfere with his pension. The reports had been found, torn into little pieces, in a wastebasket at the Local 174 union hall, and various attempts at reconstructing the documents had been made prior to their acquisition by the Archives.

Important subjects in the collection:

Automobile Labor Board
Labor spies
NLRB elections, Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co.

UAW Local 174
UAWA convention, 1935

Important correspondents in the collection:

Francis Biddle
Francis Dillon
William Green

Frank Martel
Frank Morrison
Louis Rabaut

Arthur Vandenberg

Box 1

1. Correspondence, etc., n.d.
- 2-5. Correspondence, etc., 1933-35
6. Correspondence, etc., 1936, 1940-42
- 7-17. Labor spy reports on Local 174, 1933, 1937-Mar 1941

Box 2

1. Labor spy reports, Apr 1941
2. Labor spy reports on Local 174; company communications, 1936-39
3. Labor spy reports on Local 174; Greater Detroit District Council minutes, Nov 1938
4. Labor spy reports on Local 174; Joint Council minutes, Dec 1938-Aug 1940
5. Scrapbook; clippings, memorabilia, 1925-35