The Robert Halbeisen Collection

Papers, 1937-1959
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The papers of Robert Halbeisen were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in August 1963 by Mr. Halbeisen and were opened for research in February 1974.

In 1937 Robert Halbeisen served as a representative of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee during the Horner Brothers Woolen Mills strike in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. From 1946 through 1948 he was vice-president of United Public Workers Local 191, and in 1952 he became president of Local 52, Government and Civic Employees Organizing Committee, a CIO affiliate.

In addition, in the 1940's and 1950's, Halbeisen was involved with United Public Workers factional disputes, the Schoolcraft Gardens Cooperative Housing Project, reorganization of Michigan state government, Michigan Civil Service Commission collective bargaining, and welfare reform.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Homer Brothers Woolen Mills Strike, 1937
- Michigan Civil Service Commission, 1950-1957
- Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, 1947-1951
- Public Service Employee Unions
- Retirement
- Schoolcraft Gardens Cooperative Housing Project, 1949-1950
- Tennessee Valley Authority, 1947-1948
- United Public Workers Factionalism, 1947-1948
- Welfare Reform

Among the Important correspondents are:

- Irwin DeShetler
- George Edwards
- John Hannah
- Barney Hopkins
- Hilton Murray
- Jacob Potofsky
- Fank Rosenblum
- H. Schneid
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Series II: Salary Survey Reports, 1954-1957; Box 8:
This series contains 5 official publications by the Michigan Civil Service Commission.
Correspondence, clippings, reports, union publications, minutes, and other materials relating to Halbeisen's public service union activities and relating to the Horner Brothers Woolen Mills strike. Folders are arranged alphabetically by names of organizations or subject. Files for locals which over the years changed their union affiliation will be found under the union name most appropriate for the period covered in the papers.

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1. AFSCME: Local 52: Miscellaneous, 1956-1958
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11. Local 191: Notes and Correspondence, 1945-1950
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3. Employee Handbooks, Sections for Draft Copy, Grievance Procedures, 1949
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17. Plant Protection Agreements: GM, Chrysler, 1950's
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18. Retirement Act, 1954

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13. Social Security, July-October 1955
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3. Local 191: Notes and Correspondence, 1938-1945
5. Local 191: Organizing Committee Materials, 1943-1947
7. Minutes of Meeting, 8 July 1945
8. State Employment, Union Data on, 1954-1956

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1. UGW: Local 191: Publications, 1949-1950
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These five reports are official publications of the Michigan Civil Service Commission. They are arranged chronologically.