

The Robert Halbeisen Collection

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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:

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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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This series contains 5 official publications by the Michigan Civil Service Commission.

Series I
General Files, 1937-1959
Boxes 1-8

Correspondence, clippings, reports, union publications, minutes, and other materials relating to Halbeisen's public service union activities and relating to the Homer 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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12. Cost of Living Wage, Cost Estimates for Raising State Employee's, 1953
13. Cushman Study Commission, February 1947
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15. Michigan Employment Security Commission, (MESC): Commission Meeting Minutes, 1951

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- 1-2. Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC): Employee Handbooks, 1952, 1955-1957
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