

BRUCE KINGERY COLLECTION

1 manuscript box
1 scrapbook

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The papers of Bruce Kingery were deposited with the Labor History Archives in May and December 1965 by Mr. Kingery.

Bruce Kingery has been active in the labor movement in Kokomo, Indiana for several years. He has held many offices in Delco Radio Local 292, UAW. Mr. Kingery has been Recording Secretary, Shop Committeeman, Chairman of the Bargaining Committee and Editor of the Local 292 newspaper. He has also served as President of Sub Council 4 of, the UAW. In addition to his union duties, Mr. Kingery has been active politically. In 1959 he was elected to the Kokomo City Council.

The Bruce Kingery Collection covers the period from 1941 to 1964 and deals mainly with Mr. Kingery's political career. Important correspondents include: Senators Vance Hartke and Birch Bayh of Indiana.

Box 1, Correspondence, 1956 and 1958

1960

1961

1964

undated

Clippings, 1952-1960

1962-1963

1964-1965

undated

Strike Vote, May 19, 1955

Campaign Material, 1958-1962

Political, 1960's

Miscellaneous, undated

Special Minutes, Grievance Settlements, Statements of Policy and Agreement
Between Local 292 and Delco Radio Division, GM, 1941-1964

Part II

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THE BRUCE KINGERY-~~UAW LOCAL 292~~ COLLECTION

Papers, 1946-1974
(Predominantly, 1958-1974)

8 linear feet

Accession Number 149
L.C. Number _____

The papers of L. Bruce Kingery were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by Mr. Kingery in several installments between 1965 and 1976 and were opened for research in June, 1979.

L. Bruce Kingery has been a member of the Education Department of the United Autoworkers in Detroit since 1965. He has been responsible for the production of many UAW publications and educational programs. A planner of numerous seminars, summer schools and other training programs, Kingery is a strong advocate of continuing adult education, tuition refund programs, and the granting of college credit for experience gained on the job. Kingery has demonstrated his personal commitment to adult education in earning two degrees from Wayne State University (B.A. in History and an M.Ed. in Guidance and Counselling) and through his subsequent work toward a doctorate in the Wayne State University College of Education.

Lionel Bruce Kingery was born in New Albany, Indiana on June 13, 1921. He attended Indiana public schools and graduated from Kokomo High School in 1940. He was employed at Delco Radio Division in Kokomo following high school but joined the Army in World War II. He served as an enlisted infantryman in the Pacific. Kingery later joined the Army Reserves, received an officer commission, and rose to the rank of Captain.

After the war Kingery returned to Kokomo and his job at Delco Radio Division. He became an active member of UAW Local 292 and served the union in a wide variety of activities. He served as Recording Secretary, Shop Committeeman and Chairman of the Bargaining Committee. Kingery was a frequent delegate to local, regional, and national conventions on behalf of his local. Kingery also founded and was first editor of the shop newspaper, the Delco Antenna, which began publication in 1951.

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In addition to his union concerns Kingery was active in the politics and local affairs of his community. As a Democrat he served as precinct committeeman, poll worker, and delegate to several state conventions. He was also an active member of the local chapter of the NAACP in Kokomo. In 1959 Kingery was elected City Councilman at Large and served four years on the Kokomo City Council. He was active in the City Plan Commission and was particularly involved with the development and urban renewal of Kokomo, Indiana.

Kingery married the former Mary Margaret DeShon of Kokomo; they have three daughters and a son.

The Bruce Kingery-UAW Local 292 Collection represents Mr. Kingery's diverse activities in labor and civic affairs and is especially representative of his activities in the Education Department of the UAW from 1965 to 1974.

Important subjects covered in the collection are: (see pages 10-11 for location)

- Adult education programs
- College course credit for job experience
- College tuition refund programs
- Farm 'orkers' boycott
- Indiana politics, early 1960's
- Labor studies college curriculum
- Mental health for workers
- Strikes, 1960's
- UAW Bargaining Issues
- UAW History
- UAW leadership training
- UAW summer schools
- Women's rights in the UAW

Among the correspondents are: (an index to the location of these letters will be found on p. 10.)

- ✓ Birch Bayh
- Vance Hartke
- ✓ Morris K. Udall

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Contents

16 manuscript boxes

Series I, Boxes 1-3, Personal Files

Personal files of Mr. Kingery which include his poetry, essays, articles, and his early union publications. Some personal correspondence is included. There are also clippings, correspondence and reference papers which document Mr. Kingery's term as Councilman in Kokomo, Indiana

Series II, Boxes 3, Kokomo, Ind. Civic Affairs

Correspondence, minutes, ordinances, reports, and reference material relating to the Kokomo City Council and the Kokomo City Plan Commission, 1958-1963.

Series III, Box 6, UAW Local 292

Minutes, bargaining agreements, and reference papers relating to UAW Local 292, Kokomo, Indiana. There is a nearly complete series of mimeographed Management-Local Meeting minutes from 1968 to 1973.

Series IV, Boxes 7-10, UAW Int'l Education Dept. - Correspondence

Office files of the UAW International Education Department. Files are mostly outgoing correspondence and internal memoranda describing education and publishing projects within the department.

Series V, Boxes 11-16, UAW Int'l Education Dept. - General Files

Special projects and publications of the UAW International Education Department. Files of drafts and finished final projects are included in this series. Reference documents of the Education Department are also included in the series.

Non-manuscript material

Several photographs relating to UAW Local 292 and Bruce Kingery have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collection. A significant number of pamphlets and other printed material have been removed from the collection and placed in the Archives Library. A listing of these items is available.

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Series I
Boxes 1-3
Personal Files

Correspondence, poetry, essays, articles, and early union publications produced by Mr. Kingery. While mainly personal in nature these papers document a wide variety of Mr. Kingery's activities including his political career in Kokomo, Indiana.

Box 1

1. Application to Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; 1961-1963
2. Military service (US Army Reserve)
3. Correspondence related to publishing Kingery's poetry; 1953-1964
4. Beside the Still Waters (manuscript poetry collection); 1972
5. Haikus in Concrete (manuscript poetry collection); 1972
6. Haikus in Concrete (manuscript poetry collection); 1974
7. Children's Verses (manuscript poetry collection); 1972
8. Published poetry (clippings)
9. "Karl Marx: Man and his Vision" (essay); 1972
10. Papers relating to Kingery's Schoolcraft College Labor Studies Course- Contract and Administrative Material
11. Papers relating to Kingery's Schoolcraft College Labor Studies Course- Course Materials
12. Papers relating to Kingery's Schoolcraft College Labor Studies Course- Examinations
13. Photocopied ID cards, convention badges, and political campaign buttons

Box 2

1. Correspondence: Early Labor Activities; 1946-1946
2. Newspaper clippings: UAW and Labor Issues; 1958-1963
3. Local Agreements UAW Local 292 and Delco Radio Division (Annotated Copy)
4. Constitution and Bylaws of Local 292 and other policy documents
5. Legal Contracts and Bargaining Language of Local 292 Shop Committee; 1961
6. Contract Language of Management and Local 292 Shop Committee; 1964
7. Local 292 Bargaining Demands; 1964
8. Union pamphlets, speeches and articles written by Kingery; 1950s-1960s

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Box 3

1. Political correspondence; 1959-1962
2. Political correspondence; 1963
3. Political convention material; 1958-1964
4. Newspaper clippings: Kokomo, Indiana
Politics; 1958-1964
5. Newspaper clippings: Indiana Politics;
1958-1962
6. Newspaper clippings: Assassination of
President Kennedy; 1963

Series II
Boxes 3
Kokomo, Ind. Civic Affairs

Correspondence, minutes, printed ordinances, reports, and reference materials of the Kokomo, Indiana City Council and City Plan Commission. A variety of local concerns are addressed in these papers, especially zoning, urban renewal, and city planning. In many cases Mr. Kingery annotated these papers to indicate the specific issues he supported or opposed as Councilman. Files are arranged chronologically.

Box 3

7. Correspondence and Reports: Kokomo City
Council; 1959-1963
8. Reference papers: Kokomo, Indiana Building Codes

Box 4

1. Kokomo City Council Minutes; 1960
2. Kokomo City Council Minutes; 1961
3. Kokomo City Council Minutes; 1962
4. Kokomo City Council Minutes; 1963
5. Kokomo City Ordinances #3388-3638; 1958?-1960
6. Kokomo City Ordinances #3640-3659; 1960-1961
7. Kokomo City Ordinances #3674-3682; 1961
8. Kokomo City Ordinances #3695-3718; 1962
9. Kokomo City Ordinances #3719-3736; 1962-1963
10. Reference papers: Job classification forms
11. Reference Papers: maps and graphs

Box 5

1. Correspondence: Kokomo City Plan Commission;
1960-1963
2. Kokomo City Plan Commission Minutes; 1960-March 1961
3. Kokomo City Plan Commission Minutes; Apr 1961-Dec 1961
4. Kokomo City Plan Commission Minutes; 1962
5. Kokomo City Plan Commission Minutes; 1963
6. Reference papers; 1949-1963

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7. Kokomo City Plan Commission Annual Report; 1960
8. Kokomo City Plan Commission Urban Renewal Report; 1962
9. Kokomo City Plan Commission City Development Plan; 1963

Series III
Box 6
UAW Local 292

Minutes, bargaining, and reference papers relating to UAW Local 292, Kokomo, Indiana. Most of the papers in this series were accumulated after Mr. Kingery left Kokomo (in 1965) to join the UAW International Education Department in Detroit. The bulk of the material is minutes of meetings between the management of Delco Radio Division and Local 292. These minutes typically contain discussions of benefits, grievances, bargaining and contract negotiations.

Box 6

1. Management-Local Meeting Minutes; 1968
2. Management-Local Meeting Minutes; 1969
3. Management-Local Meeting Minutes; 1970
4. Management-Local Meeting Minutes; 1971
5. Management-Local Meeting Minutes; 1972
6. Management-Local Meeting Minutes; 1973
7. Local 292 Constitution and Bylaws
8. Local 292-Management Contract Agreements; 1961
9. Local 292 14th Annual Educational School Packet; 1963
10. Local 292 Grievance Committee Training Packet; 1963
11. Reference papers: Delco Wage Scale; March 1971

Series IV
Boxes 7-10
UAW Int'l Education Dept. - Correspondence

Office files of the UAW International Education Department, 1963-1974, collected by Bruce Kingery. These files, arranged chronologically, consist chiefly of outgoing correspondence and departmental memoranda dealing with a myriad of publication and educational programs for the UAW. A number of subjects are covered but among the most important are union leadership training, mental health, industrial psychology, college tuition refund programs, college course credit for on-the-job experiences, and continuing adult education.

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Box 7

1. Correspondence; 1963
2. Correspondence; 1964
3. Correspondence; Jan-Feb 1965
4. Correspondence; Mar-May 1965
5. Correspondence; Jun-Jul 1965
6. Correspondence; Aug-Sep 1965
7. Correspondence; Oct-Dec 1965

Box 8

1. Correspondence; Jan-Jul 1966
2. Correspondence; Aug-Oct 1966
3. Correspondence; Nov-Dec 1966
4. Correspondence; Jan-Feb 1967
5. Correspondence; Mar-Jun 1967
6. Correspondence; Jul-Dec 1967

Box 9

1. Correspondence; 1968
2. Correspondence; Jan-Aug 1969
3. Correspondence; Sep-Dec 1969
4. Correspondence; 1970
5. Correspondence; 1971
6. Correspondence; Jan-Mar 1972
7. Correspondence; Apr-Dec 1972

Box 10

1. Correspondence; Jan-Jul 1973
2. Correspondence; Aug-Dec 1973
3. Correspondence; Jan-Feb 1974
4. Correspondence; Mar-Apr 1974
5. Correspondence; May-Jun 1974
6. Correspondence; Jul-Sep 1974
7. Correspondence; Oct 1974
8. Correspondence; Nov-Dec 1974

Series V
Boxes 11-16

UAW Int'l Education Dept. - General Files

Draft publications and education projects, and reference files of the UAW International Education Department. Files are arranged by topic or specific publication title. A number of completed projects in printed form are included. These packets have been used in numerous discussion and training programs throughout the UAW. The subject matter of these publications/projects tends to be related to labor subjects such as UAW history, bargaining, and agreements, but a number of non-union areas are also covered including auto safety devices, beautification programs, funeral expenses, and Medicare.

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Box 11

1. Working papers: Applied Psychology for Local Leaders
2. Working papers: Speech- UAW's Bargaining Pattern and Gains
3. Working papers: Discussion Leader's Outline- Applied Psychology for Local Union Leaders (1)
4. Working papers: Discussion Leader's Outline- Applied Psychology for Local Union Leaders (2)
5. Working papers: Discussion Leader's Outline- Basic Leadership Skills
6. Working papers: Discussion Leader's Outline for UAW Issue Discussion on Community Colleges

Box 12

1. Working papers: BBLS Outline
2. Working papers: 1964 Bargaining Progress
3. Working papers: Farm Workers' Boycott; 1966-1969
4. Working papers: "Keep the Union Singing" songbook
5. Working papers: "In Memoriam, Departed Members and Friends"; 1972
6. Working papers: 1973 Negotiations and the Economy
7. Working papers: Organizing Department Report; 1972
8. Working papers: "Organizing the Unorganized"
9. Working papers: "Pass It On" labor history slide/tape script

Box 13

1. Working papers: Resolutions Committee Resolution; 1972
2. Working papers: "Sex and the Shop: Title VII"
3. Working papers: Steward's and Committeeman's Pocket Guide (revision; 1966)
4. Working papers: "What's in a Typical UAW Contract"
5. Working papers: "You and the Bargaining Table"
6. Working papers: "You and Your Union"
7. Working papers: "Your UAW Dues"
8. Working papers: Youth Workshop (UAW); 1972

Box 14

(Printed, completed projects)

1. Discussion Leader's Outline for Basic Leadership Skills
2. Discussion Leader's Outline for Steward and Committeeman Training
3. Discussion Leader's Outline for New Local Unions
4. Discussion Leader's Outline for New UAW Technical, Office and Professional (TOP) Leaders
5. Discussion Leader's Outline on Applying Psychology to Local Union Leadership

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6. Discussion Outline on Mental Health Care Benefits

Box 15

(Printed, completed projects)

1. Local Union Discussion Leader's Guide: Family, Friends, Living Arrangements
2. Local Union Executive Board Discussion Outline
3. Local Union Membership Meeting Education Program (Vol 1, Numbers 1-10, complete)
4. Training Voluntary UAW Organizers
5. Revised Strike Information Program, April 1969: A Handbook for Discussion Leaders

Box 16

1. Reference documents: "Current Strikes"; 1967
2. Reference documents: "Current Strikes"; Jan-Jun 1968
3. Reference documents: "Current Strikes"; Jul-Dec 1968
4. Reference documents: "Current Strikes"; Jan-Jun 1969
5. Reference documents: "Current Strikes"; Jul-Dec 1969
6. Reference papers: newspaper clippings; 1960-1970
7. Reference papers: speeches, addresses; 1960-1975
8. Reference papers: membership lists, directories
9. Reference papers: Joint Unity-Grassroots meetings; 1966-1968

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Index to Correspondence

Correspondents

Most of the correspondence in Boxes 7 through 10 (the bulk of correspondence in the collection) is internal correspondence of the UAW Education Department. Besides Kingery's, the following names appear frequently:

Mal Evans
 Carroll M. Hutton
 Odessa Komer
 Olga Mader
 Brendon Sexton

There are also scattered letters from several well known figures:

Bayh, Birch (3-1, 8-4, 9-2)
 Hartke, Vance (3-1, 7-3, 8-4, 9-1)
 Lessin, Ed (MSU SDS Leader) (8-1)
 Udall, Morris K. (7-6)

There is also one Walter Reuther letter (1-8) commenting on Kingery's poetry.

Important Subjects

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 ✓ Drug and Alcohol abuse
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1967 UAW salary reduction
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Pensions and insurance
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Right to Work Legislation
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UAW volunteer organizers
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