

## THE ROBERT KANTER COLLECTION

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The papers of Robert Kanter were deposited with the Labor History Archives in August, 1966 by Mr. Kanter.

Robert Kanter was born August 5, 1906. After high school, he was employed at the Dodge Plant until 1932. From 1932 to 1936, Mr. Kanter worked at various jobs in the Detroit area. In 1936, he was hired by Cadillac, where he became interested in unionism. Kanter served as chairman of the Strike Committee during the Cadillac Sit-Downs of January, February, 1937.

Soon after the sit-down, Kanter began working for the UAW International Union. Shortly afterwards, however, he worked for Local 174, from 1937 to 1939. During this period, Kanter took part in the Battle of the Over-Pass.

In 1939, Kanter returned to the International Union, where he has been employed since. Among his duties was that of Director of the UAW Engineering Department from 1950 to 1956.

The Robert Kanter Collection covers the period from 1939 to 1941. The collection consists of two newspapers containing articles relating to the UAW. Workers Age for January 28, 1939, regarding the Homer Martin split of 1939. The Detroit Free Press for April 4, 1941, concerning the UAW strike against Ford Motor Company.