

THE CARL SHIER COLLECTION

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The papers of Carl Shier were deposited in the Labor History Archives by Mr. Shier on 3 August 1967.

Carl Mark Shier worked in the Melrose Park Works of the International Harvester Corporation, Rockford, Illinois. Active in UAW, Local 6, by 1950 he was a member of the Shop Committee. In 1953 he was Financial Secretary of the Harvester Council, comprising Locals #6, 57, 98, 226, 305, 402, 710, 763, 817, 894, 916, 988, 1017, 1101, 1106, 1145. He served as a delegate from Local 6 to the 12th-16th Conventions of the UAW.

By 1958, he had become an International Representative for the Competitive Shop Department. He was engaged in the organization and servicing of UAW Locals in Region 4. Returning to the Melrose Park Works, he lost an election for Committee man. Turning to other fields, he took over the handling of garnishments and Workman Compensation cases, the Chairmanship of the Health and Welfare Committee, and wrote most of the shop paper, while assisting the Regional Organizing Staff with house calls and leaflets. About January of 1960, he took leave from the shop to join the organizing staff of the International Union once again.

He was principally active in organizing and servicing locals in the Rockford, Illinois area of region 4, although he did go as far afield as Cuzad, Nebraska. His activity centered around the agricultural implement industry, but there is present in the collection a scattering of related union and social reform projects, as well as a series devoted to conventions, councils, and conferences.

The collection covers the period from 1949-1966, with emphasis on the later 1950's and early 1960's.

Among the correspondents are:

William Allen	Joseph Mattson
Valerio Agostinone	Guy Nunn
Caroline Davis	Robert Johnston
Sen. Paul H. Douglas	Brenden Sexten
Duane Pat Greathouse	Gust Sjoblom
Carroll Hutton	G.W. Venstgnen
Alan Kistler	Leonard Woodcock
John Livingston	

Certain important subjects covered are:

The agricultural implement industry
The Aurora Catepillar organizing campaign
The Barber-Colman organizing campaign
International Harvester union relations
Factional fights: American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees
International Association of Machinists and Lodge 113

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Description of Series

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| Box I | Folders 1-22 | Local 6, International Harvester, Melrose Park Works. Union relations, politics, strike, and company wide arbitration. Leaflets, pamphlets, official documents, and some correspondence, for the period 1949-1960. Arranged chronologically by subject and by form. |
| | Folders 23-25 | International Association of Machinists. Faction fights, 1956-1961. Correspondence, clippings, leaflets, and legal documents arranged chronologically by subjects. |
| | Folders 26-28 | Aurora Caterpillar organization 1958. Principally UAW vs. IAM, which was engaged in factional fights. Leaflets, correspondence, clippings, arranged chronologically by subject. |
| Box 2 | Folders 1-36 | Barber-Colman Organization campaigns, 1955-1961. Clippings, correspondence, leaflets, newspapers, official documents arranged chronologically by form and by subject. |
| Box 3 | Folders 1-12 | Continuation of Box 2 |
| | Folders 13 | Ainsworth Precision Castings, organizing campaign, 1957-1959. Correspondence, arranged chronologically. |
| | Folders 14-15 | AFSCME Factional fights, concerning President Zander. 1962-1966. Carl Shier, UAW Rep. working with AFL, Local 172. Correspondence, clippings, and leaflets arranged chronologically by subject. |
| | Folders 16-17 | Organizing campaigns of: Paper Converting and Finishing Co., Sept., 1952; and John W. Hobbs Corp. 1962-1963. Reports, correspondence, and leaflets arranged chronologically by subject. |
| | Folders 18-19 | Campaign to organize Monroe Auto Equipment Co., Cuzad, Neb. 1961-1963. Correspondence, leaflets, clippings, reports, and forms arranged chronologically by subject and form. |
| Box 4 | Folders 1-16 | Union activity in which there is no evidence to establish Carl Shier's direct participation. Correspondence, leaflets, clippings, official documents, reports, arranged alphabetically and chronologically by subject. Ca. 1950-1966. |
| | Folders 17-31 | Various activities not directly related to union local business, in which there is little or no evidence to suggest Carl Shier's direct participation. Arranged documents alphabetically by subject. |
| | Folders 1-14 | Materials from conventions, councils, conferences, etc. in which Carl Shier seems to have participated. Especially concerning the agricultural implement industry and Region 4. Arranged from the board and general to the specific and particular, and within each file chronologically. |

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Folder Listing

Box 1 Local 6, UAW, Melrose Park Works, l-H. Financial statements, membership lists, l-H Pension Plan. 1949-1953.

Local 6. "Report to Membership" 1952

Local 6. Changes in Contract. March, 1952

l-H Open Letters to employees and other company communications, 1952-1956

Local 6. 1953 Election for Union Offices.

Local 6. Newspaper The Union Voice. 3 Dec. 1954-29 Jan. 1960

East Moline Works, l-H, Local 1304. Letter re: time spent by union officials. 10 Jan. 1955

Local 6. The Committee for Positive Action. Letter re: Bob Stack
2 Feb. 1955

UAW Harvester Negotiations Committee Report. 17 Sept. 1955. Letter from L. Woodcock to all l-H Locals, 26 Sept. 1955

l-H Revised Health-Welfare and Pension Plans. 1955 Carl Shier reports to Competitive Shops Dept. Sept., 1958. l-H Campaign and other contemporary campaigns

UAW strike against l-H, McCormick Reaper, Nov., 1958

Local 6. Election for local offices. 1959

Local 6. Election of delegates to 17th UAW Convention. 1959

Local 6. Contract, 1959

Local 6. Layoff procedure education

Arbitration between l-H Plants and Locals: 6, 988, 1106, 98, 402, 226, 1012, 1336, 57, 1306.

Local 6. Operation data sheets.

Company letter re: Inter-Plant truck racing. 23 Nov. 1959

Anonymous Propaganda sent to Local 6. 1959

Local 6. Misc.

International Association of Machinists. Executive Council material; Machinists Leadership School (1959); Machinists Non-Partisan Political League, general.

1AM Lodge 113. "Food for Thought." 8 June 1956, and various items re: suspension and trial of Marion Ciepley, Leland William, Irwin Rappaport, 1958; and 1961 factional fights.

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Lodge 113, IAM, vs. Marion Ciepley and Irwin Rappaport; transcript, briefs, and evidence, n.d.

Aurora Catepillar Organizing Election. May-Aug. 1958. IAM election material.

Aurora Cat. Election. Election material of Boiler Makers Union, Local 23628, and United Steel Workers of America, and Federal Labor Union - 1958

Aurora Cat. Election. UAW material before election of 14 May 1958, and preparation for run-off election against IAM.

Box 2 Barber-Colman information pamphlets; inc. Constitution of the Barber-Colman Association.

Historical "Statement of Policy" re: B-C campaigns

B-C campaign of 1955-1956 - Petition, election notice

Company propaganda. 8 Dec. 1955-Feb. 13, 1956

B-C Employee's Trust. Annual Report, 1956.

UAW organizing publication. B-C Worker, Dec. 1958 - 5 July 1959.

Employee feedback. 1 Dec. 1958 - 22 Jan. 1959

B-C "Supervisory Information Bulletin" 11 Dec. 1958 - 10 Feb. 1959
B-C anti-union propaganda, 1961.

1958-59 campaign. "Confidential Report for Members Only." Nos. 1-4.

UAW Organizing Committee. Assorted handbills 1959 and n.d.

B-C Welfare and Pension Plan Data. Jan.-Dec. 1959

NLRB Investigation of discharge. Feb. 1959

NLRB Election Petition. July 1959.

UAW Organizing Committee Publications and leaflets. Feb. 1960 - 24 May 1960.

Correspondence. 3 Feb. 1960 - 26 Feb. 1960

Correspondence. 1 March 1960 - 30 March 1960

Visit to Rockford of Valerio Agostinone. 11 March 1960

Visit to Rockford of Gust Sjoblom. 8 April 1960 - 14 May 1960

Clipping from Rockford Advocator. 16 March 1960

Correspondence. April 1-30, 1960

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Correspondence. May 5-31, 1960

UAW Organizing Committee Publications. June 1960 - Dec. 1960

Correspondence. June 1960

Correspondence. July 1960

Correspondence. Aug. 1960

NLRB Charges against employer. 18 Aug. 1960

Correspondence. Sept. 1960

Correspondence. Oct. 1960

Correspondence. Nov. 1960

Correspondence. Dec. 1960

UAW Organizing Committee Publications, and leaflets. 5 Jan. 1961 - 11 March, 1961

Correspondence. Jan. 1961

Correspondence. Feb. 1961

UAW Organizing Committee Publications, and leaflets, n.d.

Letters from workers. n.d.

Questionnaire (No. 1)

Box 3 Questionnaire (No. 2) July, 1960

Skilled Trade Agreements, previously requested by Carl Shier

Lists of Card Signers, employees; mailing and attendance lists. (4 folders)

B-C Advertising. Clippings. 1960

B-C Advertising. Clippings. 1963

NLRB. Briefs and hearing, 8 Sept. 1960

NLRB. Decision and Direction of Election. 17 Feb. 1961

NLRB. Election Notice. 15 March 1961

Miscellaneous

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Ainsworth Precision Castings Co. Organizing campaign. 2 Nov. 1957 - Feb. 1959

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. General Information pamphlets.

AFSCME. Election of George Zander, 1962. Lillian Roberts and V. Gotbaum factions. Carl Shier working with Local 172, AFL.

Paper Converting and Finishing Co. Carl Shier Progress Report. 22 Sept., '62

John W. Hobbs Corp. Organizing campaign, 7 Dec. 1962 - 31 Jan. 1963.

Monroe Auto Equipment Co. Organizing campaign at Cuzad, Neb. plant, 23 Oct. 1961 - 3 June 1963.

MAECO Campaign. Clippings, Cuzad Local, 13 May 1963

Box 4 Fragmentary documentation of (union activity in which there is no evidence to establish Carl Shier's direct participation.)

Airline Stewards and Stewardesses Association. Hearings, arbitration, and trials, 2k July 1959 - 2 March 1964.

American Brakeshoe. UAW, Local 1011 Pension and Insurance Program, n.d.

Benjamin Electric. Benjamin Electric Employees Independent Union vs. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1031. 10 July 1958 - 11 Sept. 1958.

Borg-Warner. Local 825, UAW - Arbitration. 23, July 1958, 29 Feb. 1960.

Chicago Symphony Labor Crisis. Clippings, 4 Sept. 1962 - 29 Feb. 1960

Company Letters to employees: Electric Wheel Co. - 9 Jan. 1958 Int'l.

Resistance Co. 6 Jan., 1958 - J.P. Gits. 17 Nov. 1959 - Hawley Products Co. 25 May 1961.

John Doherty. International Rep. for Steel Workers on Chicago Board of Education. Clippings and correspondence.

C.J. Glasgow Company vs. UAW. NLRB Arbitration. 20 May 1963-

Kohler Strike. Speech Outline. Emil Mazey speech, 7 March 1958.

The Liquid Carbonic Corp. Local 757, re: Abbate Suspension 8 March 1954.

National Lock Co. Local 449, UAW. Arbitration Award. 30 Aug. 1960

Sangamo Electric. UAW Organizing Campaign.

United Industrial Workers of America. Amalgamated Local 300.

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Box 4 (Cond't.)

1959 Steel Strike.

Wales-Beech Corp. NLRB. Notice of Election. 29 June 1960. Settlement Agreement, 26, Sept. 1960.

"Report of Local 1309" UAW

(Various activities not directly related to union local business, in which there is little or no evidence to suggest Carl Shier's direct participation.)

Adult Education. Shier School Forum, 1963, 1964.

Adult Education. University of Chicago

Bureau of Labor. Wage Survey. Rockford, 111. 1960. NLRB Annual Report, 1960.

Independent's Day Book. 1966.

Publicity forms for local use.

Ohio Right to Work Vote analysis. 1958.

C. Shier. Rep. for 35th District. Election card.

"The (SWP) Political Committee's Principal Mistake In Trade Union Policy during the Strike Wave." Felix Morrow. n.d.

"The Truth About The Auto Crisis." George Clarke. 4 March 1940.

"The Workers Party and The UAW." Anon. n.d.

Miscellaneous Leaflets, notices.

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Box 5 Councils, Conventions, Conferences

UAW 14th Annual Constitutional Convention. General materials, International Agricultural Implement Workers Wage and Hour Council Report.

UAW 16th Annual Convention. General Materials.

UAW 17th Annual Convention. General Materials.

Press releases, W. Reuther and Conventions. 31 Jan. 1956 - 6 June.

Outline of Proposed Guaranteed Employment Plan. CIO. n.d.

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Box 5 cont.

AFL-CIO Executive Statements. 22-24 Feb., 1959.

AFL-CIO CONSTITUTIONAL Conventions. 2d, 4th. Proceedings; Disputes Plan.

Illinois State Federation of Labor and CIO. Second Annual Convention.
Sept. 8, 1959. Resolutions.

Chicago Trade Union Discussions. 1963 - Outline

Analysis of the State of Agriculture by Agricultural Implement Dept.,
UAW, and others.

International Agricultural Workers Wage and Hour Council. July 19, 20,
21, 1953. Agenda.

Collective Bargaining Resolution. UAW Agricultural Conference. 21 May 1964

Region 4, UAW. Statements and Publications. General.

Region 4, Fair Practices Committee. Civil Rights and related social
reforms. Statements, leaflets, resolutions.