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Summary Information

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Abstract:	A captain with Northwest Airlines, Mr. Rockwell has held many important positions in the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA): central safety chairman of NWA; area safety chairman, Region HI; alternate of the Accident Investigation Committee; chairman of the Master Executive Council; member of the Local Executive Council I; and chairman of the Pilot Negotiating Committee. Official notices, newsletters, handwritten notes, legal dockets, correspondence, charts, and maps reflect his work on these committees. A large portion of the collection deals with contract negotiations, safety, and accident reports. Major correspondents are J.C. Christie, Robert A. Ebert, A.S. Monroney, Donald W. Nyrop, Charles H. Ruby, Clarence N. Sayen, and Henry Weiss.

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History

On September 15, 1942, Mr. Rockwell was employed by Northwest Airlines. He has been captain of the Boeing 720 and the 707-32- B Turbojet aircraft, and of Lockheed L-188 Electra Turboprop equipment. He has been actively involved in the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), holding various official positions. Included in these are the chairman of the NWA Local Executive Council #1 - MSP

(Minneapolis, 1959-1961), chairman of the NWA Master Executive Council, (1958-1960), Area Safety Chairman of ALPA, Region 3, (1960-1964), Central Safety Chairman of NWA (1963-1966), alternate of the Accident Investigation Committee of ALPA, Region 3, and Chairman of the Pilot Negotiation Committee (1963-1964).

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Scope and Content

A captain with Northwest Airlines, Mr. Rockwell has held many important positions in the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA): central safety chairman of NWA; area safety chairman, Region HI; alternate of the Accident Investigation Committee; chairman of the Master Executive Council; member of the Local Executive Council I; and chairman of the Pilot Negotiating Committee. Official notices, newsletters, handwritten notes, legal dockets, correspondence, charts, and maps reflect his work on these committees. A large portion of the collection deals with contract negotiations, safety, and accident reports. Major correspondents are J.C. Christie, Robert A. Ebert, A.S. Monroney, Donald W. Nyrop, Charles H. Ruby, Clarence N. Sayen, and Henry Weiss.

Series I - Executive Councils: Correspondence, meeting notices and minutes of the NWA, Minneapolis Local Executive Council #1 (1947, 1958-1963), and other LEC's, and the NWA Master Executive Council (1957-1961) constitute the major portion. One folder of personal correspondence (1960-1961) is also included.

Series II - Negotiations: Correspondence, notices, bulletins, working papers, proposals, and agreements for contracts from 1955-1967 are filed here. One subseries is concerned with various issues associated with contract negotiations and is arranged alphabetically; while other subjects covered are strikes and legal cases.

Series III - Safety: Papers concerning the Air Safety Forums (1958-1964), the FAA, and various ALPA safety councils; plus correspondence, notes, investigation reports, charts, and photographs of air craft accidents and incidents (1956-1966) are covered. Information on the February 12, 1963 accident near Miami, Florida is extensive. In addition, issues associated with air safety are filed alphabetically, according to the subject. Also, maps, charts, aerial photographs, and three notebooks of the investigation of the February 12, 1963 accident in Miami, Florida.

Series IV - Miscellaneous: This series consists of newsletters arranged chronologically. Also included are pamphlets, publications, charts, maps, and handwritten notes.

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Arrangement

Arranged in four series: Series 1 (Box 1), Series 2 (Boxes 2-9), Series 3 (Boxes 10-16, 22) and Series 4 (Boxes 17-22). Folders are arranged chronologically in Series 1 and 2 (except for contract negotiations arranged alphabetically). Folders are arranged alphabetically in Series 3 and 4 (except for charts, arranged alphabetically).

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Acquisition

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Processing History

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Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

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Controlled Access Headings

- Airlines
- Labor
- Air Line Pilots Association

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Executive Councils

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, meeting notices and minutes of the NWA, Minneapolis Local Executive Council #1 (1947, 1958-1963), and other LEC's, and the NWA Master Executive Council (1957-1961) constitute the major portion. These are arranged chronologically. One folder of personal correspondence (1960-1961) is also included.

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Local Executive Council (LEC), 1947, 1958-1963	box 1	folder 1-7
LEC - Material on Fair Labor Standards and Practices for Air Line Crews, 1960	box 1	folder 8
Master Executive Council (MEC), 1957-1961	box 1	folder 9-49
Miscellaneous	box 1	folder 50
Correspondence, Personal, 1960-1961	box 1	folder 51

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Series 2: Negotiations

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, notices, bulletins, working papers, Proposals, and agreements for contracts from 1955-1967 are filed here. One subseries is concerned with various issues associated with contract negotiations and is arranged alphabetically; while other subjects covered are strikes and legal cases.

Title/Description	Instances	
Issues - Agency Shop, 1963	box 2	folder 1
Issues - ALPA Stewards and Stewardesses Division, 1957-1961, undated	box 2	folder 2-4
Issues - ALPA Stewards and Stewardesses Division, Agreements, 1958	box 2	folder 5

Issues - Company - Pilot Relations, 1958	box 2	folder 6
Issues - Deadheading, 1958	box 2	folder 7
Issues - Flight Engineer Certificates, 1957-1960, undated	box 2	folder 8-10
Issues - Flight Time/Duty Time, 1960-1963, undated	box 2	folder 11-13
Issues - Fly DC 4	box 2	folder 14
Issues - Insurance	box 2	folder 15
Issues - Meals Policy	box 2	folder 16
Issues - Pilot Analysis, 1963-1964	box 2	folder 17
Issues - Pilot Compensation Rate	box 2	folder 18-20
Issues - Pilot Compensation Rate, Comparative Charts	box 2	folder 21
Issues - Pilot Scheduling, 1955-1965, undated	box 2	folder 22-26
Issues - Pilots' Pension Plan, 1956-1966	box 2	folder 27-29
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Issues - Policies and Procedures: Moving	box 2	folder 31
Issues - Policies and Procedures: Orient Region	box 2	folder 32-33
Issues - Policies and Procedures: Overseas	box 2	folder 34
Issues - Policies and Procedures: Transfers	box 2	folder 35
Issues - Retirement, 1959-1965, undated	box 2	folder 36-38
Issues - Seniority System, 1960-1966	box 2	folder 39-41
Issues - Seniority System, Lists	box 2	folder 42-43
Issues - 320 B Dispute: Summary, 1961-67	box 2	folder 44
Issues - Third Pilot	box 2	folder 45
Issues - Training Policy, 1959-1960, undated	box 2	folder 46-47
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Negotiations - 1967, Proposals	box 3	folder 1
Negotiations, 1966	box 3	folder 2
Negotiations - 1966, Proposals	box 3	folder 3
Negotiations - 1966, Proposed Agreements	box 3	folder 4
Negotiations, 1965	box 3	folder 5
Negotiations - 1965, Proposals	box 3	folder 6
Negotiations - 1965, Proposed Agreements	box 3	folder 7
Negotiations, 1961-1964	box 3	folder 8-13

Negotiations - 1964, Proposals	box 3	folder 14-17
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Negotiations - 1963 (July - Dec)	box 3	folder 20-24
Negotiations - 1963 (Feb.-June; undated)	box 4	folder 1-3
Negotiations, 1959-1963	box 4	folder 4
Negotiations - 1963, Miscellaneous	box 4	folder 5-6
Negotiations - 1963, Proposals	box 4	folder 7-21
Negotiations - 1963, Proposed Agreements	box 4	folder 22-23
Negotiations, 1962	box 5	folder 1
Negotiations - 1962, Proposals	box 5	folder 2
Negotiations - 1962, Proposed Agreements	box 5	folder 3
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Negotiations - 1961, Proposed Agreements	box 5	folder 7
Negotiations - 1961, Report	box 5	folder 8
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Negotiations, 1960	box 5	folder 11-14
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Series 3: Safety

Scope and Contents

Papers concerning the Air Safety Forums (1958-1964), the FAA, and various ALPA safety councils; plus correspondence, notes, investigation reports, charts, and photographs of air craft accidents and incidents (1956-1966) are covered. Information on the February 12, 1963 accident near Miami, Florida is extensive. In addition, issues associated with air safety are filed alphabetically, according to the subject.

Title/Description	Instances	
Air Safety Forum - Eleventh, 1964	box 10	folder 1-3
Air Safety Forum - Eighth, 1960	box 10	folder 4-5
Air Safety Forum - Seventh, 1959	box 10	folder 6
Air Safety Forum - Sixth, 1958	box 10	folder 7
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Airline Dispatchers Association International	box 11	folder 6
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Incidents, 1957-1964, undated	box 16	folder 13-14
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Series 4: Miscellaneous

Scope and Contents

This series consists of newsletters arranged chronologically. Also included are pamphlets, publications, charts, and maps. The charts are arranged alphabetically, according to subject. Handwritten notes arranged chronologically whenever possible, with those undated grouped together at the end.

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Air Scoop, 1958-1960	box 17	folder 9
Council News Notes, 1958	box 17	folder 10
FEIA News, 1960	box 17	folder 11
Flight Safety, 1963-1965	box 17	folder 12
Flight Information Release, 1956-1962	box 17	folder 13-17
Information Bulletin, 1964-1965	box 18	folder 1
Maintenance and Engineering Technical Release, 1962	box 18	folder 2
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Charts - Expenses	box 19	folder 5
Charts - Miscellaneous	box 19	folder 6
Charts - MSP Based Pilots and Flight Engineer Analysis, 1960-1963	box 19	folder 7
Charts - Operating Crew Pay Time Report, 1958-1959, undated	box 19	folder 8
Charts - Pilot Training Flight Schedule	box 19	folder 9
Charts - Pilots	box 19	folder 10
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Charts - Schedule Analysis, 1966	box 19	folder 12
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