

THE JOHN M. EKLUND COLLECTION

Papers, 1945-1953

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The papers of John M. Eklund were deposited in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in December of 1970 and 1973 by Mr. Eklund and were opened for research in May of 1984.

Mr. Eklund, a former president of the American Federation of Teachers, was a graduate of Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas with degrees from the University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology, Denver. He became a vocational advisor in the Veteran's Administration Opportunity School Guidance Center, operated jointly by the VA and the Denver public school system and in April of 1946 was elected chairman of the executive board of the newly formed Denver Federation of Teachers. In August of the same year he was elected one of the vice-presidents of the American Federation of Teachers and represented the organization in the Rocky Mountain Region. He was re-elected vice-president in 1947 and the state of California was added to his region. In July of 1948, representing the liberal wing of the organization, Mr. Eklund was elected president of the AFT and held that position until 1951. In June and July of 1951, Mr. Eklund attended the Sixth General Conference of UNESCO in Paris as a member of the United States delegation.

The papers of John Eklund reflect his work as a concerned educator and President of the AFT.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Academic freedom	Loyalty oaths
Federal Aid to education	Teachers wages

Non-manuscript Material:

One photograph relating to Mr. Eklund and the AFT has been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection. A copy of The Federationist, received with this collection is available in the Archives Library.

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Series I
Personal Files - 1945-1953
Box 1

Correspondence, reports, clippings and other materials relating to Mr. Eklund's work as an educator and official of the AFT. There are speeches and articles written by Mr. Eklund representing views on such issues as academic freedom, funding education and improving teaching conditions. There is information on the UNESCO Conference attended by Mr. Eklund in Paris, President Reports from AFT National Conventions and numerous clippings recording his many activities. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

Box 1

- 1-2. Academic Freedom, 1945-53
3. AFT Conference, Federal Aid to Education, 17 Feb 1951
4. AFT National Conventions, President's Report, 1949-52
- 5-6. Articles by John Eklund, 1946-52
- 7-9. Clippings, 1947-53
10. Correspondence, 1950-53
11. General Information, 1950-53
12. Minutes, American Council on Education, 30-31 Oct 1952
- 13-14. Speeches, Notes, 1946-51
15. UNESCO General Conference, U.S. Delegate, 1951