

THE BERNARD HOFFMAN COLLECTION

Papers, 1940-1968

2 linear feet

Accession Number 445

The papers of Bernard Hoffman were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in 1971 by Mr. Hoffman and were opened for research in June of 1974.

Bernard Hoffman was employed at the Briggs Manufacturing Company and was elected Steward of Die Design in 1940 continuing through 1967. During these years he also served as a member of the Briggs Joint Apprenticeship Committee and the Joint Apprenticeship Committee once Briggs became the Automotive Body Division of Chrysler's in 1954. He served as the committee's secretary and as chairman of the union members. Mr. Hoffman was the delegate to numerous UAW, Engineers, Skilled Trades and Chrysler conferences and conventions.

The papers of Mr. Hoffman contain the minutes of these apprenticeship committees and reflect the apprenticeship program.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Apprentice, Journeymen, Upgraders positions
Historical material on the Federation of Architects, Engineers,
Chemists and Technicians and the Society of Designing Engineers.
International Skilled Trades Council Minutes Joint
Apprenticeship Committee Program

Contents

4 manuscript boxes

Series I, Boxes 1-3 General File

Minutes interspersed with a small amount of inter-company correspondence, mainly dealing with apprentice programs and standards. Also included are some clippings, published contracts and apprentice standards.

Series II, Box 4 Diaries

Diaries of Mr. Hoffman which at his request will be closed to researchers until 1981.

Non-manuscript material

One photograph and one delegate button have been placed in the Archives Photographic Collection. A small collection of pamphlets have been placed in the Archives Library.

Series I
Boxes 1-3
General File

Minutes, contracts and inter-company correspondence dealing with apprentice standards and programs at Briggs and continuing with Chrysler as Briggs became the Automotive Body Division of Chrysler. Also included are clippings dealing with the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians as well as some dealing with the Society of Designing Engineers.

Box 1 General File

1. Apprentices-Shop-All Trades, 1951-1959
2. Apprentice Standards, 1944-1956
3. Contracts-GM 1937, Briggs and Chrysler, 1944-1954
4. Contracts-Engineering Seniority, Briggs and Chrysler, 1945-1961
5. Contracts-Published, Briggs and Chrysler, 1937, 1941-1944, 1950
6. Dann, Sol A. Outline of Remarks, 1960
Chrysler's Annual Stockholders Meeting
7. Inter-Company Correspondence to Briggs Employees on the Sale to Chrysler, October-December, 1953
- 8-11. Minutes- International Skilled Trades Council
UAW-CIO, 1940-1946
- 12-16. Minutes- Briggs Joint Apprenticeship Committee, 1946-1950

Box 2 General File

- 1-2. Minutes- Briggs Joint Apprenticeship Committee, 1951-1953
- 4-7. Automotive Body Division, Chrysler Corporation- Joint Apprenticeship Committee, 1954-1956.
- 8-10. Chrysler Stamping Division- Joint Apprenticeship Committee, 1957-1960
- 11-12. Chrysler- National Joint Apprentice Committee, 1957-1964
13. Minutes- Chrysler- National Joint Apprentice Committee-
Work Processes: Die Design, Tool Design
14. Chrysler- National Joint Apprentice Committee, Correspondence, 1965
15. Chrysler- National Joint Apprentice Committee, September 1965- April 1966

Box 3 General File

- 1-3. Memorandums- Chrysler- Joint Apprentice Committee Member, 1956-1966
4. Chrysler- Joint Apprentice Committee Member, January 1968- New Committee
5. Chrysler- Joint Apprentice Committee Member- Signed Agreements- Apprenticeship, 1960
6. Miscellaneous
7. Miscellaneous Publications, 1940-1964
8. News Flash, 1940-1941

Box 3 General File (continued)

9. News Flash, Blue Print, FAEOT (Federation of Architects,
Engineers, Chemists and Technicians)
10. Newsgram, 1962-1963
11. Society of Designing Engineers, 1942-1952
12. Upgraders
13. Wage Rates- Briggs, Chrysler, 1941-1960

Series II

Box 4

Diaries

Closed Until 1981

Mr. Hoffman's diaries reflect his work as Steward and as a member of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee and contain biographical sketches of various people with whom he dealt. They also reflect the problems of his department and how they were handled. At points in the Steward diaries, lists of problems are presented as they might have been presented to management.

Box 4 Diaries

- 1-10. Diaries, Notes, 1940-1967
- 11-12. Diaries- Personal Notes on Apprenticeship, 1948-1960