

THE SAM FANTOZY COLLECTION

Papers, 1941-1958
(Predominantly, 1941-1945)

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The papers of Sam Fantozy were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in November of 1971 by Mr. Guy Palazzola, the son-in-law of Mr. Fantozy, and were opened for research in February of 1984.

Sam Fantozy immigrated to the United States from Italy at the turn of the century. He had been a member of the AF of L for fifteen years when he joined UAW Local 157 as a toolmaker at Commonwealth Brass in Detroit in 1937. He held a number of offices in the local and served as a member of the bargaining committee, the Executive Board, and as a shop steward for the Commonwealth Brass unit of Local 157. He resigned these posts in 1941 to protest practices within the local.

The papers of Mr. Fantozy consist primarily of a typed manuscript written by him titled "Labor Union Justice" which sets forth Mr. Fantozy's concern with what he deemed to be undemocratic and irregular procedures within Local 157 during the years 1941 to 1945. During this time Mr. Fantozy entered a series of charges and suits against the union's officials whom he believed disregarded due process and legal procedures in conducting the affairs of the local. In addition to the manuscript, the papers include correspondence regarding these matters with UAW officials including R. J. Thomas, George Addes, Walter Reuther, and Douglas Fraser.