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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Walter P. Reuther Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Koch, Lucien
<b>Title:</b>	Lucien Koch Papers
<b>ID:</b>	LP000543
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1938-1965
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1948-1952
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4 Linear Feet (7 MB, 1 OS)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Material entirely in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Mr. Koch, after serving as director of Commonwealth College from 1923 to 1935, held several positions in the labor movement and in government agencies concerned with labor. Among these were the NRA, the Department of Labor, the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, the NWLB, and the Air Line Pilots Association. Transcripts, affidavits, correspondence, and clippings cover such topics as Commonwealth College, activities of the Marine and Shipbuilders Union, Koch's federal security hearing, and ALPA negotiations. Correspondents include Roger Baldwin, James Carey, Edith Christenson, John Edelman, and Hilda Smith.

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## History

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Lucien Koch was born at Mt. Scott, a suburb of Portland, Oregon on June 29, 1907. His father was an immigrant from Germany, his mother, from Switzerland. Mr. Koch attended a one-room school and then high school in Oregon City, Oregon until his sophomore year. He then continued his education at Llano Cooperative Colony, Leesville, Louisiana and at Commonwealth College, both at Leesville and at Mena, Arkansas. Mr. Koch remained at Commonwealth as student, instructor and Director from

1923 to 1935. Commonwealth College was a co-operative labor college. The students earned their keep through agricultural labor and studied liberal arts and labor movement related subjects. Mr. Koch received a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1931. He also served as a faculty member there. From 1935 to 1937 he conducted research for the N.R.A. and U.S. Department of Labor. From 1937 to 1943 he worked for the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America. Mr. Koch served on the National War Labor Board from 1943 till 1946 when he returned to the I.U.M.S.W.A. From 1947 till the end of 1949 he served as an economist for the Federal Security Agency. In 1949 Mr. Koch joined the staff of Murray W. Latimer, Industrial Relations Consultant. From 1951 till his retirement he was on the staff of the Air Line Pilots Association. In 1948-49 Mr. Koch was the subject of a series of Federal Security investigations and hearings, stemming from his association with Commonwealth College. These investigations resulted in his dismissal from Federal service.

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## Scope and Content

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Series 1 - Commonwealth College and Union Activities: Autobiography, Commonwealth College, Articles by Lucien Koch, IUMSWA material, National War Labor Board, Massachusetts Communist Investigation 1938, Federal Security Investigation 1942.

Series 2 - Security Hearings: Federal Security Hearing 1948-50, Affidavits, Correspondence, Evidence, Transcripts.

Series 3 - ALPA: ALPA Security Investigation, ALPA Reports.

Series 4 - Clippings: IUMSWA Clippings, Time Bomb-book-largely concerned with Governor Orville Faubus of Arkansas and his connection with Commonwealth College. Numerous mentions of Lucien Koch.

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## Arrangement

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Arranged in four series – Series 1 (Box 1), Series 2 (Boxes 2-4), Series 3 (Boxes 5-6), and Series 4 (Boxes 7 and 1 OS). Folders are arranged in original order within each series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition

The papers of Mr. Lucien Koch were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs on April 10, 1972.

### Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Walter P. Reuther Library.

### Access

Collection is open for research.

### Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Labor movement
- Labor unions
- Air Line Pilots Association

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Commonwealth College and Union Activities

Title/Description	Instances	
Autobiography	box 1	folder 1
Commonwealth College material	box 1	folder 2
Commonwealth College, Bibliography and excerpts	box 1	folder 3
Commonwealth College, Fortnightly, 1 April 1929-15 Oct. 1935	box 1	folder 4
Commonwealth College, Commoner, March 1939	box 1	folder 5
Arkansas Gazette "Commonwealth" Series, 21 Nov. 1954-5 Dec. 1954	box 1	folder 6
"Utopia in Arkansas" by Vance Randolph, Esquire, January 1938	box 1	folder 7
Commonwealth College material, misc.	box 1	folder 8
Arkansas Supreme Court-Brief for Appellants #3821	box 1	folder 9
Proceedings-Trial of Claude C. Williams-Southern Tenant Farmers Union, 16-17 Sept. 1938	box 1	folder 10
Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America (IUMSWA) material	box 1	folder 11
National War Labor Board material	box 1	folder 12
Correspondence, misc. to Lucien Koch	box 1	folder 13
Articles by Lucien Koch	box 1	folder 14
"Liberty in Arkansas" by Lucien Koch	box 1	folder 15
Massachusetts Communist Investigation, 1938	box 1	folder 16
Federal Security Regulations	box 1	folder 17
Security Hearing, 1942	box 1	folder 18
Civil Service Material, 1948	box 1	folder 19

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<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Charges, findings, suspension, review, 1948-1949	box 2	folder 1
Charges and Answers	box 2	folder 2
Evidence	box 2	folder 3
F.B.I. Reports	box 2	folder 4
Correspondence with attorney	box 2	folder 5
Correspondence concerning financing of case	box 2	folder 6
Correspondence after hearing from Koch	box 2	folder 7
Correspondence after hearing to Koch	box 2	folder 8
Appeal-Brief for Appellant	box 2	folder 9
Transcript of Proceedings, 9 March 1950	box 2	folder 10
Letters asking for Affidavits, 1948	box 2	folder 11
Affidavits-A thru Ch.	box 2	folder 12
Affidavits Co thru E	box 2	folder 13
Affidavits F thru H	box 2	folder 14
Affidavits J thru M	box 2	folder 15
Affidavits N thru R	box 2	folder 16
Affidavits S thru W	box 2	folder 17
Affidavites marked "not to be used"	box 2	folder 18
Correspondence concerning affidavits - A thru F	box 2	folder 19
Correspondence concerning affidavits -G thru H	box 2	folder 20
Correspondence concerning affidavits - K thru P	box 2	folder 21
Correspondence concerning affidavits - R thru W	box 2	folder 22
List of affidavits and witnesses and notes	box 2	folder 23
Correspondence - Mrs. Lucien Koch	box 2	folder 24
Transcript - V. I	box 3	folder 1
Transcript - V. II	box 3	folder 2
Transcript - V. III	box 4	folder 1
Transcript - V. IV	box 4	folder 2

Book excerpts - "Un-American Propaganda Activities"	box 4	folder 3
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### Series 3: ALPA

Title/Description	Instances	
ALPA Security Case, 1951-1965	box 5	folder 1
"Brief Chronology of Pilot Rates of Compensation"	box 5	folder 2
"Report of Turbo Prop and Jet Study Committee"	box 5	folder 3
"Analysis of Compensation of Air Line Pilots"	box 6	folder 1
"Airlift Arbitration"	box 6	folder 2
"Airlift Arbitration"	box 6	folder 3
Southern Arbitration Exhibits	box 6	folder 4

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### Series 4: Clippings

Title/Description	Instances	
Clippings-I.U.M.S.W., 1937	box 7	folder 1
Clippings-I.U.M.S.W., 1938	box 7	folder 2
Clippings-I.U.M.S.W., 1938	box 7	folder 3
Clippings-I.U.M.S.W., 1938	box 7	folder 4
Clippings-I.U.M.S.W., 1938	box 7	folder 5
Clippings-I.U.M.S.W.-, 1938-39	box 7	folder 6
"Mr. Koch Comes to Town" by James A. Rowan Iron Age, 21 April 1938	box 7	folder 7
"Liberty" Case Clippings, 1939	box 7	folder 8
The Dreadnought-I.U.M.S.W., 18 April 1940, 20 June 1940, 19 July 1940	box 7	folder 9
Clippings-Baltimore Sun, 1943-44	box 7	folder 10
Time Bomb- (Book)-John F. Wills	box 7	folder 11
Clippings-IUMSW, 1938	box 8	folder 1
Clippings-IUMSW, 1938	box 8	folder 2



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