

THE DAVID S. SCHICK COLLECTION

1934-1969

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The papers of David S. Schick were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in May of 1972 by Mrs. Bessie Schick. The processing of the collection was completed during March 1978.

David S. Schick was born on July 18, 1906, in New York. In his teens he began his forty-eight year career in the newspaper business on the Brooklyn Times. During the early 1930's Mr. Schick became increasingly interested in the unionization of newspaper workers. This led to his involvement in organizing the Newspaper Guild of New York. Leaving New York for Philadelphia, Mr. Schick continued his union activities by becoming the founder and editor of the Philadelphia Labor Record, c. 1934.

In addition to his editorial duties, Mr. Schick served on the War Production Board in Washington during World War II, aided union locals in establishing their own newspapers, held the position of chairperson on Labor's Education Committee and spoke at seminars on collective bargaining. Local newspaper guilds would call upon Mr. Schick to serve as contract negotiator during the 1960's. All of these activities are reflected in the collection.

Mr. Schick died, May 17, 1970 at the age of 63.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

1948 Presidential election and Labor.
American Newspaper Guild Collective Bargaining, 1955-69.
Labor education, 1963-65.
Southern Tenant Farmers Union, 1944.
Sal B. Hoffman and the Upholsterer's International Union of
North America, 1937-62.

International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen
and Helpers of America- a brief compendium, c. 1964.

Among the correspondents is: (an index to the location of these letters
will be found on the last page of the guide)

Ronald A. Watts

Contents

5 manuscript boxes

Series I, Box 1 1948 Presidential Election and Labor.
Labor literature relating to political issues, 1948-49.

Series II, Boxes 2-3 Collective Bargaining in Newspaper Industry
Manuals, correspondence, agreements, proposals and reference mater-
ials for several contract negotiations, 1955-69.

Series III, Box 4 International Activities
International correspondence and tape transcription of Mr. Schick's
seminar on collective bargaining in Turkey, 1963-65.

Series IV, Box 5 General Subject Files
Personal-research files of Mr. Schick; containing manuscripts, cor-
respondence, biographies, pamphlets, and like materials on various
unions and their activities, 1934-64.

Non-manuscript materials

There are 84 photographs which relate to Mr. Schicks career and union
associations. These have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual
Collections. Various newspapers, including the Labor Record and Union
Reporter, both of which have editorial columns by Schick as well as
several union pamphlets have been placed in the Archives Library.

Series I
Box 1

Most of the material in this series concerns itself with the political issues that were of interest to labor in the 1948-49 period. This includes literature on the Presidential Election of 1948. There is literature for the Truman-Barkley ticket and anti-Dewey material. Several labor newspapers are also included. The political issues that concerned labor were the Taft-Hartley Act, Securities Exchange Act, the Halleck-Wood Bill and several others. These issues are reflected in the *League Reporter*, Associated Press releases and several other newsletters that Mr. Schick saved. They are arranged alphabetically by material covered and chronological within each folder.

Box 1

1. Anti-Dewey and John L. Lewis literature, 1948.
2. National Issues effecting labor, 1948-49.
- 3-5. Truman campaign literature, 1948.
- 6-8. Truman. Labor's newspaper campaign, 1948

Series II
Boxes 2 & 3

The first box of this series contains collective bargaining manuals. One is put out by the American Management Association and three others are put out by the American Newspaper Guild. Sections of the bargaining manuals can be found in box three of this series that pertain to particular contract negotiations. Mr. Schick was a member of negotiation teams for several ANG locals: Buffalo (1960 & 1967), Lehigh Valley (1969), Kingston (1968) and Tonawanda (1969). With the contract agreements and proposals are found correspondence, notes, survey returns and a summary. The series is arranged in alphabetical order and covers the period 1955-1969.

Box 2

1. AMA collective bargaining manual - a "kit" to accompany a motion picture film, 1955.
- 2-5. ANG collective bargaining manuals, 1966-68.

Box 3

- 1-3. Buffalo Newspaper Guild - contract negotiations; agreements, proposals, notes and correspondence, 1960.
- 4-6. Buffalo Newspaper Guild - contract negotiations, agreements, proposals, notes and correspondence and a survey, 1967.

Series II

Box 3 (cont'd)

- 7-8. Kingston- contract negotiations; contract, correspondence and contract reference materials, 1968.
9. Lehigh Valley- contract negotiations; confirmation of agreement, 1969.
- 10-12. Tonawanda- contract negotiations; correspondence, notes, newsclips and reference material, 1969.

Series III

Box 4

This series covers international interests of Mr. Schick. It contains a correspondence file, which deals with foreign union members coming into the United States to learn about American unionization. The remainder of the series is made of correspondence and tape transcriptions of a seminar trip made by Mr. Schick to Turkey. Mr. Schick gave a series of lectures on collective bargaining to Turkish newsmen. The series is arranged alphabetically by folder. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and covers the period 1956-65.

Box 4

1. International correspondence; Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, and Uruguay, 1956-65.
- 2-13. Turkey Seminar- correspondence, letters from wife, miscellaneous material, rough drafts and clear draft of transcription of the seminar, 1963-65.

Series IV

Box 5

This is a subject file series covering research materials on union and labor history and interests, which Mr. Schick used as a news editorial writer. There are manuscripts, correspondence, biographies of union leaders, newsletter-handouts, newsclips and notes. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject and covers the years 1943-64.

Box 5

- 1-2. Amalgamated Food and Allied Workers Union- Local 56; manuscript on union labor and southern tenant farmers, by Leon B. Schachter, a history of Local 56; biography of Leon B.

Series IV

Box 5 (cont'd)

- Schachter the locals president, correspondence and a newsclip, 1944-66.
3. American Arbitration Association- correspondence, data sheet of Mr. Schick, pamphlet and newsclips, 1969.
 4. American Trade Union Journals- an index- with notes by Mr. Schick, 1948.
 5. Education Committee- list of committee members (Mr. Schick was chairperson), correspondence and memo-handouts, 1956.
 6. Exchange for Advertising- Publicity; motel and hotel advertisements, 1954.
 7. The Guild Striker- two issues (one has photo-coverage of a strike Mr. Schick took part in, June 2 & July 19, 1958.
 - 8-9. Hoffman, Sal B. - "Twenty-five Years of Life and Labor", a biographical manuscript of the Upholsterer's International Union of North America and letter from Abe Klein--UIU Journal, 1961.
 10. Knitgoods Union- Letters to Mr. Joseph Schwartz concerning the unions Health Center project, Dec. 1946- April 1947.
 11. The Labor Record- correspondence and notes, 1934-47.
 12. Labor Record, Inc.- statement of income and expenses, 1947.
 13. Mc Divitt, James L. - a short biography, May 1949.
 - 14-15. Migrant Labor- pamphlet, memo-handouts, newsclip, questionnaire and summary, 1947-48.
 16. Miscellaneous- letters, union card and newclips, 1956.
 - 17-20. Teamsters- manuscript, by Miles Hoffman, with a rough draft, correspondence and note to Local 196 on how to start a newspaper and letter from Local 343, 1956-64.
 21. War Production Board- correspondence deuce and several issues of the newsletter, "Labor Relations", 1942.

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