

THE ALFRED AND ROSE ANDERSON COLLECTION

Papers, 1905-1936
(Predominantly, 1924-1925)

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The papers of Alfred and Rose Anderson were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in May 1973 by Rose Anderson and her son, Eugene Anderson. They were opened for research in July of 1984.

Alfred Anderson was born in Bralanda, Sweden, on January 23, 1899, and came to the United States in 1916. His wife, Rose, whom he married in 1923, was born on January 31, 1897, in Austria. She emigrated to the U.S. in 1911 and was a member of the Socialist Party and the IWW. Although this collection is jointly titled, the papers here are almost exclusively those of Mr. Anderson.

In 1919, three years after his arrival in the U.S., Anderson was working as a machinist in Cleveland, Ohio, and was a member of the IWW Industrial Union (I.U.) 573, Manufacturing and Metal Machinery Workers. He moved to Rockford, Illinois, in early 1920, and during the next three years he joined I.U. 410, Textile Workers, I.U. 300, Metal and Machinery Workers, I.U. 310, General Construction Workers, and I.U. 440, another Metal and Machinery Worker Industrial Union based in Chicago. By 1923 he had apparently moved to Chicago where he became a very active member of I.U. 440.

In August 1924 Anderson was named as a "special organizer" for I.U. 440, although he claimed that he was actually its Chicago Branch Secretary-Treasurer. This dispute was resolved by his election to that post in February 1925.

Anderson continued a membership in I.U. 330, Construction Workers, into the 1920s. However, the bitter controversies which arose within the IWW both locally and nationally caused him to withdraw from an active role in the union after completion of his term as Secretary-Treasurer of I.U. 440.

Nevertheless, he maintained his interest in the IWW, Marxism and syndicalism and, as a result, subscribed to many journals and bulletins and collected a considerable quantity of pamphlets which had to do with these subjects. He also wrote some articles, a few of which were published in the I.U. 440 Bulletin. Anderson died in January 1973 in Elmhurst, Illinois, where his widow, Rose, continued to live.

The documents in this collection center principally on the controversies at both the national level and within I.U. 440 during 1924-1925. The larger portion of the collection consists of pamphlets, booklets and bulletins which span a far longer period of time and wider spectrum of interests.

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Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Industrial Union 440, 1922-1931
IWW conventions, 1921-1934
IWW factionalism, 1924-1925

IWW "Unity Convention", 1924
Mooney, Tom, 1931-1933
Sacco-Vanzetti case, 1927

Among the important correspondents are:

Doyle, Tom
Fisher, Joe

Flynn, Elizabeth Gurley

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Series I, The IWW and General Files, 1905-1936; Boxes 1-3:

Correspondence, articles, dues receipts, financial statements, minutes, bulletins and flyers, convention materials, constitutions, reports, ballots and delinquent lists relating to Alfred Anderson, from 1919-1936, several Industrial Unions, especially I.U. 440, and the IWW generally, from 1905-1934.

Series II, Publications, c. 1900-1935; Boxes 4-8:

Pamphlets, booklets, leaflets, manifestos, newspapers, clippings and bulletins concerning the IWW, radical, socialist and anarchist matters and international syndicalism. Numerous IWW publications, including some oversize Industrial Union bulletins.

Non-manuscript material:

One poster, "Buried Alive by the Lumber Trust", has been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection.

Additionally, incomplete runs of the following journals and newspapers have been transferred to the Archives Library:

Federation News (Chicago AFL), 16 Aug 1924

Industrial Pioneer, Feb 1921-Jul 1924

Industrial Solidarity (Chicago), 6 issues, Jul 1915-Aug 1927 (IWW)

Industrial Unionist (Portland, Oregon), 4 issues, Apr 1925-Jan 1926 (IWW)

Industrial Worker (Seattle), 4 issues, Apr 1923-Mar 1925 (IWW)

Labor Herald, 3 issues, Jan 1923-Sep/Oct 1924

New Unionist (Los Angeles), Aug 1927-Jan 1932 (IWW)

One Big Union, Apr 1919-Dec 1921

Road to Freedom and Freedom, Oct 1925-Nov 1933

Books given to the Library:

Bergegren, Hinke. Strejkledaren. Stockholm: Axel Holmstroms Forlag, 1907.

Hunt, Henry. The Case of Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings. New York City: National Mooney-Billings Committee, 1929.

Smith, Walker C. The Everett Massacre. Chicago: IWW Publishing Bureau, n.d.

Tolstoy, Leo N. Kreutzer-Sonaten. Stockholm: Albert Bonniers Forlag, 1909.

Tridon, Andre. The New Unionism. New York: B.W. Huebsch, 1917. 2 copies.

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Series I
The IWW and General Files, 1905-1936
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Correspondence and articles, dues receipts and membership books from Alfred Anderson, 1919-1936; correspondence, financial statements, delinquent lists, bulletins and flyers, minutes and convention materials from several Industrial unions, especially the Chicago Branch of I.U. 440, 1916-1931; and correspondence, official statements, delinquent lists, financial statements, convention minutes and reports, constitutions and bulletins from General Headquarters of the IWW, 1905-1934. These materials relate particularly to the factional dispute at the national level, 1924-1925, and local controversies within I.U. 440. The papers have been organized alphabetically and then chronologically. The Industrial Unions included are arranged by I.U. number. Oversize bulletins for individual Industrial Unions have been placed in box 8 at the end of the collection.

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1. Anderson, Alfred; Correspondence and articles, 1925-29
2. Anderson, Alfred; Correspondence and articles, letter to Rose Anderson, 1934-36 & n.d.
- 3-6. Anderson, Alfred; Dues and other receipts, 1924-25 & n.d.
7. Anderson, Alfred; Membership and dues books clippings & miscellany, 1919-33 & n.d.
8. I.U. 110; Bulletins and, financial statements, 1919-25
9. I.U. 110; Delinquent lists, minutes, etc., 1917-25, 1932
10. I.U. 120; By-laws, minutes, flyer, 1916-25 & n.d.
11. I.U. 310; Ballot, convention minutes, financial statements, 1924-25
12. I.U. 310; Minutes, miscellaneous materials, 1924-30 & n.d.
13. I.U. 410; Minutes, statement and miscellany, 1924 & n.d.
- 14-18. I.U. 440; And the IWW, Jul 1924-Jan 1931

Box 2

- 1-2. I.U. 440; Committee and conference minutes and materials, Jul 1922-May 1925
3. I.U. 440; Convention materials, Nov 1923 & Sep 1924
- 4-7. I.U. 440; Correspondence, Jan 1922-Dec 1925 & n.d.
8. I.U. 440; Financial statements, 1925 & 1930
9. I.U. 440; Flyers and miscellany, Jun 1923-1924 & n.d.
10. I.U. 520; Bulletins and flyer, May-Sep 1924 & n.d.
11. Industrial Unions; Joint Investigation Committee, 6 Sep 1924
12. IWW; Blossom, Fred, materials from Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, 1922-23
13. IWW; Centralia Publicity Committee, 1925-30
14. IWW; Constitutions and preambles, 1905, 1922, 1933 & n.d.
15. IWW; Conventions, 8th, report, 1913
16. IWW; Conventions, 10th, report, 1916
17. IWW; Conventions, 13th, minutes, 1921
18. IWW; Conventions, 14th, minutes, 1922
19. IWW; Conventions, 15th, minutes, 1923

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1. IWW; Conventions, 16th, materials, 1924
2. IWW; Conventions, 16th, minutes and report, 1924
3. IWW; Conventions, 20th, minutes, 1932
4. IWW; Conventions, 21.st, minutes and report, 1934
5. IWW; Flyers, n.d.
6. IWW; General Executive Board (GEB), financial statements, Feb-Aug 1925
7. IWW; GEB, minutes, Jul 1924-Jan 1925
8. IWW; GEB, statements and other materials, 1923-24 & n.d.
- 9-12. IWW; General Office Bulletin, Nov 1921-Mar 1925
13. IWW; General referendum ballots, 1924-25 & n.d.
14. IWW; List of delinquents, Jan 1922
15. IWW; Miscellaneous materials, 1921-25 & n.d.

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Pamphlets, booklets, leaflets, manifestos, newspapers, clippings and bulletins, all relating to the IWW and individual Industrial Unions, Marxist-socialist philosophy, radical and anarchist issues, One Big Union and international syndicalism. Some of these materials are in Swedish. Oversize publications have been placed in box 8. These materials are arranged alphabetically by title, except for bulletins from the Industrial Unions, which are listed by I.U. number. IWW publications are indicated in parentheses.

Box 4

1. The Advancing Proletariat, 1919 (IWW)
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, 4th biennial convention, report of the General Executive Board, 1920
2. American Socialist Quarterly, Autum 1934
An Appeal by the Central Executive Committee of the Communist International to the IWW, Jan 1920
3. Before the Court, Nearing--Debs, 1917-19
Bolsheviks and Soviets, by A.R. Williams, 1919
The Burning Question of Trades Unionism, Daniel DeLeon, 1904 California: the Beautiful and Damned, n.d (IWW)
4. Centralia Conspiracy, by Ralph Chaplin, 1924 (IWW)
The Communist Manifesto, 2 copies
Craft Unionism: Why It Fails, n.d. (IWW)
The Crisis in the Communist Party, by James Casey, n.d.
5. Decentralization vs. Centralization, n.d. (IWW)
Defense of Erling H. Lunde, Conscientious Objector to War, 1918
Democracy in Ireland Since 1913, n.d.
An Economic Interpretation of the Job, 1922 (IWW)
Effective Thinking, by Samuel W. Ball, n.d.
Evolution of American Agriculture, by Abner E. Woodruff, with an introduction by William Haywood, n.d. (IWW)
Industrial Democracy, by Abner E. Woodruff, n.d. (IWW)

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5. (cont'd.) Exposed, n.d. (IWW)
6. The Farm Laborer and the City Worker, by Edward McDonald, n.d. (IWW) The First Congress of the Red Trades Union International at Moscow, 1921
Folkbevapning eller awapning, n.d.
Free Francesco Ghezzi from Bolshevist Inferno, n.d. General Construction Workers, Builders of America, n.d. (IWW) Generalstrajken och revolutionen, by Albert Jensen, 1910
The General Strike, by William D. Haywood, 1911 (IWW)
God and the State, by Michael Bakunin, n.d.
Going to the Harvest? Then Join the IWW, n.d.
7. Has Life any Meaning?, n.d.
Hotel, Restaurant and Domestic Workers, by L.S. Chumley, n.d. (IWW) Industrial Communism -- the IWW, by Harold Lord Varney, n.d. Industriell Organisation, by Joseph J. Ettor, n.d. (IWW) Industrial Socialism, by William D. Haywood and Frank Bonn, n.d. Industrial Unionism in the American Labor Movement, by Theresa Wolfson and Abraham Weiss, 1937
8. The IWW as Reorganized under the Emergency Program, (1925), (IWW)
The IWW in Theory and Practice, by Justus Ebert, n.d. (IWW)
The IWW: Its History, Structure and Methods, by Vincent St. John, 1919 (IWW) (2 copies)
IWW Literature List, 1922 (IWW)
The IWW Reply to the Red Trade Union International, 1922 (IWW)

Box 5

1. IWW Songs, 15th, 17th & 21st editions, 1919-25 (IWW) The IWW Trial, by Harrison George, n.d. (IWW)
2. The International Socialist Review, 1917
Justice and the IWW, by Paul F. Brissenden, n.d. (IWW)
3. Pet Kbmmunistiska Manifestet, n.d.
The Kronstadt Rebellion, by Alexander Berkman, 1922 Lessons in Economics, by C.H. Chapman, n.d. (IWW) The Lumber Industry and Its Workers, n.d. (IWW)
4. Manifesto on the Russian Revolution, 1922
Medel mot for stor barnskara, by Hinke Bergegren, 1912
Merrie England: Letters to John Smith, Wbrkingman, by Robert Blatchford, with an introduction by Eugene V. Debs, n.d. Mr. Block and the Profiteers, 1919
The Modern School, with an article at the end by John Edelman, n.d.
5. Mooney, Tom; Materials, 1931-33
6. More Truth about the IWW, n.d. (IWW) Mother Earth, Aug 1917
The Nation, 27 Aug 1924
One Big Industrial Union in the Textile Industry, n.d. (IWW)
The One Big Key That Unlocks All Jail Doors, n.d. (IWW)
One Big Union, n.d. (IWW)
One Big Union of All the Workers, n.d. (IWW)
One Big Union of All the workers: the Greatest Thing on Earth, n.d. (IWW)
The Onward Sweep of the Machine Process, by Nils H. Hanson, n.d. (IWW)
Opening Statement of George F. Vanderveer, William Haywood case, 1918 (IWW)
An Open Letter to President Harding, n.d. (IWW)

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7. Politikens orimlighet, by Albert Jansen, 1910
The Principles of Anarchism, by Lucy E. Parsons, n.d. Program of the Coimiunists (Bolshevists), by N. Bukharin, 1918 Proletarian and Petit-Bourgeois, by Austin Lewis, n.d. (IWW) Public Opinion: Where Does It Stand on the Question of Amnesty of Political Prisoners?, n.d. (IWW)
8. Rebellion Made Up of Dreams and Dynamite, May 1916
Red Labor International: Resolutions and Decisions, 1921 The Revolutionary IWW, n.d. (IWW)
A Review of Arrests and Trials Last Quarter of 1924 (IWW) The Right to Strike, by Mary E. Marcy, n.d. Riksdan som lurar oss!, 1914
Robert Owen, by B.L. Hutchins, 1919
The Russian Revolution and the Communist Party, with a preface by Alexander Berkman, 1922

Box 6

1. Sacco-Vanzetti case; Materials, 1920-36 and n.d.
2. Sacco-Vanzetti case; Newspaper clippings, Aug 1927
3. Samhalls-utvecklingen och revolutionen, by Gottfrid Ljungdal, 1910 Shall Unionism Die?: Report on "Red" Union International Congress, Moscow, by Gordon Cascaden, 1921 The Shame That Is Kentucky's!, by E.J. Costello, n.d. (IWW) Shop Talks on Economics, by Mary E. Marcy, 1911 The Silent Defenders, Courts and Capitalism in California, by Harvey Duff, n.d. (IWW) The Silent Defense, n.d. (IWW)
4. Sjätte budets lagstiftning, by Hinke Bergegren, 1914
Skandinavist IWW sang bok, n.d. (IWW)
Skulls and Ghosts, by Robert G. Ingersoll, n.d. Socialism Made Easy, by James Connolly, 1909
5. Songs, 23rd edition, 1927 (IWW)
Starving Amidst Too Much, by T-Bone Slim, n.d. (IWW)
The State and Revolution, by Lenin, n.d.
Statement Submitted to the Attorney General...Concerning the Present Legal Status of the IWW Cases, prepared by Otto Christensen, n.d. (IWW) Steel and Slag, by Louis Melis, n.d.
Stop the Split in the IWW! Let the Rank and File Decide!, n.d. The Structure of Societ Russia, by Wilfred R. Humphries, 1920
6. Syndikalismen, 5 issues, 1929
7. A Talk between Two Workers, by Enrico Malatesta, n.d. Technocracy, n.d.
Testimony of William D. Haywood before the Industrial Relations Committee, n.d. (IWW) Theses and Statutes of the Third (Coirmunist) International, 1920 Tolstoi's Essays, n.d.
The Truth about the IWW, 1918
Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Eleventh of November Memorial Edition, 1912

Box 7

1. Uncle Sam: Jailer, by Winthrop D. Lane, n.d. (IWW)
The Unemployment Problem: Cause and Cure, by "Analyticus", 1916
Unity in Action, 1932
Utopian and Scientific Socialism, 1908
2. Value, Price and Profit, by Karl Marx, edited by his daughter,
Eleanor Marx Aveling, n.d. Pet Vita
skrack-valdet i Finland, n.d. Was It Murder?, by
Walker C. Smith, 1922 (IWW) What Is the IWW?, 2nd and 3rd
editions, n.d. (IWW) What Means This Strike?, by Daniel DeLeon, 1898
3. Why and What Is the IWW?, n.d.
Why Things Happen to Happen, by John M. Work, n.d.
The Workers Opposition in Russia, by A. Kolontay, 1921 (IWW)
Working Class Justice, by Maurice Sugar, 1916
4. Fragments and unidentified publications, n.d.

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1. American Guardian, published by Oscar Ameringer, 3 Jul 1931 &
7 Jul 1933
2. Industri-Arbataren, 21 Mar 1925 (IWW)
3. Bulletins; Foreign and miscellaneous, 1923-38
4. I.U. 120 Bulletin, Apr 1924-Apr 1925
5. I.U. 310 Bulletin, Chicago, Dec 1920, Jun 1924-Feb 1925
6. I.U. 310 Bulletin, Ogden, Utah, Mar-Apr 1925
7. I.U. 310 Bulletin, Stockton, California, Apr-Jul 1925
8. I.U. 330 Bulletin", 1 Jul 1924 & 1 Sep 1924
- 9-10. I.U. 440 Bulletin, Jan 1923-Sep 1925
11. I.U. 510 Bulletin, 9 Oct 1924
12. IWW; General Executive Board, Weekly Bulletin, 28 Aug 1924

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