

THE ERNEST J. MORAN COLLECTION
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The papers of Ernest Moran were deposited into the Archives of Labor History in June, 1974 by Mr. Moran. Part two of the collection was deposited in April, 1977 and opened for research in May, 1995.

Ernest J. Moran was a negotiator for the United Automobile Workers, and Administrative Assistant to UAW President Leonard Woodcock.

Born in Cloquet, Minnesota in 1911, Moran embarked on his long union career in 1928, and joined Local 1 of the Metal Polishers Union in Detroit. Later he took a job at the General Motors Truck and Coach Plant in Pontiac, Michigan. Here, in the mid-1930's Moran joined the newly organized United Auto Workers as a member of what is now Local 594.

Active in his local union, he was appointed UAW International Representative in 1941, and assigned to the Baltimore, Maryland area. At Hagerstown, he headed the organization of the Fairchild Aircraft workers into the UAW. His success led to his reassignment in 1943, as assistant director for the union's southeastern Region 8. While in this post he gained valuable experience in dealing with the aircraft industry.

Moran was sent to Detroit in 1952 as a staff member of the union's GM Department. In 1955, John W. Livingston, the director of the GM Department and a UAW vice-president, appointed him as the department's assistant director. Moran served in this position until 1959, when he was named Administrative Assistant to Leonard Woodcock, Livingston's successor. In addition to his responsibilities in the GM Department, Moran was given assignments in the UAW's Aerospace Department in 1961.

When Woodcock succeeded Walter P. Reuther as president of the UAW in 1970, Moran was appointed Woodcock's Principal Administrative Assistant. In that position Moran handled many bargaining and administrative assignments covering all aspects of UAW work until his retirement in 1974.

As one of the UAW's top negotiators, Moran participated in the union's major contract negotiations in 1970 and 1973, particularly with the auto industry. In addition to his involvement with GM contracts, he was involved in negotiations with agricultural implement and aerospace corporations.

Important subjects include:

Leonard Woodcock
Organization of the aircraft industry
UAW Aerospace negotiations
UAW Factionalism
UAW-GM negotiations
UAW Special Convention

Correspondents includes:

Ken Bannon	Walter P. Reuther
Irving Bluestone	Paul Schrade
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