The papers of Stoyan M. Menton were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in the fall of 1976 by Mr. Menton himself, and were opened for research in June of 1988.

Stoyan Menton was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 5, 1915. He attended Wayne State University, where he was active in socialist organizations and was President of the Wayne University Chapter of the American Student Union. He was one of the UAW pioneers who participated in organizing drives during the 1930's and later specialized in worker's education, first as education director of UAW Local 400, and later as a staff member of the University of Michigan's Worker's Education Service. In that capacity he conducted labor classes and conferences for CIO and AFL unions all over Michigan, and also directed the educational programs at the Michigan CIO Summer Schools at Lakeport, Michigan. In 1953 he became labor consultant for Michigan State College's Continuing Education Service, and in 1956 was named program coordinator for the newly formed Labor and Industrial Relations Center, Michigan State University.

In addition, in 1944 Mr. Menton served as organization director of the Michigan Commission for the Farm Labor Party, which culminated in the formation of the Michigan Commonwealth Federation.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Lewis Corey Incident
- Labor and Industrial Relations Center, creation
- Worker's Education Service, demise
- Philosophy of Worker's Education

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- John Connors
- George Dean
- William Kemsley
- Charles Killingsworth
- Brendan Sexton
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