

THE JOHN ALLARD COLLECTION

Papers, 1943-1978

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The papers of John Allard were deposited into the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in 1980 and opened for research in October of 1984.

John Allard was born in 1913 in Kansas and by the time he was 18 years old, his family had settled in California. Mr. Allard went to work, for Chrysler in 1936 and joined the UAW Local 230 in 1937. This was the time of the original recognition of the Union at Chrysler following the historic sit down strikes in the East.

Mr. Allard was first elected to union office as secretary of UAW Local 230 in 1939 and by 1942 he was appointed to the staff of the International Union to help get war work into the auto plants and to get employment for displaced auto workers where their skills were needed in aircraft and ship production. It was also during this time that Ryan Local 506, North American Local 887 and Douglas Local 148 were born on the West coast. Mr. Allard was active in organizing and servicing these new local unions.

In early 1945, Mr. Allard was drafted into the Army and served until 1946. He returned to the Chrysler Plant and was elected President of the Local Union. He was instrumental in guiding the Local Union 230 through a tough strike in 1950 and represented the Local on the National Negotiating Committee in 1948 and 1950.

During the 1950's, Mr. Allard served as Coordinator in the National Aircraft Department in which he headed national negotiations in all three major aircraft companies whose home offices were on the West coast: Douglas, North American and Ryan.

During the 1960's Mr. Allard coordinated organizing for the UAW on the east coast within the general framework of the AFL/CIO Organizing Drive. Under Mr. Allard's leadership, many plants were brought under the UAW banner. In 1966, Allard and his workers led the International Union in organizing with over 6600 workers joining the UAW ranks in Region 6 through new plant organization.

In 1970, Mr. Allard transferred to the Retired Workers Department where he worked for the International Union until his retirement at age 60 in 1974. During this time he helped organize and service UAW Retiree Councils in Phoenix and Tuscon, Arizona as well as organizing and servicing UAW retired members attached to local unions in Region 6. Shortly after retirement, Mr. Allard was elected as UAW Region 6 Representative on the Advisory Council of the International Retired Workers, until 1978.

From 1974 through 1978, he served with the following agencies: National Council of Senior Citizens, Founder and Chairman of the California Congress of Senior Citizens, Board Member of the Affiliated Committees on Aging in Los Angeles County, 2-term president of the 5 Cities Commission on Aging and secretary to UAW Local retirees, and an active participant in the White House Conference on Aging.

The papers of Mr. Allard reflect his work with the UAW and, to a lesser degree, his involvement in community activities for retirees.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Douglas Aircraft Co. strike, 1951-1952
- Local 230
- North American Aviation strike, 1953
- White House Conference on Aging, 1970-1972

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Organizing, Locals 148, 230, 506 and 887. There are a few items concerning Mr. Allard's work with the war industry in relation with some of the leading aircraft companies on the west coast.

Series II, Retirement, 1967-1978, Boxes 5-10:

Correspondence, meeting minutes, articles, clippings and expense reports relating to UAW retirees and UAW Staff Pension plans. There is also considerable information on The White House Conference on Aging, and the retiree's work with the UAW's Community Action Program

Non-manuscript Material:

Approximately 150 photographs relating to UAW conventions, meetings, group activities, and organizing campaigns. These photos have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection. Numerous pamphlets concerning labor education and UAW Newspapers received with this collection are available in the Archives Library.

Series I
Office Files, 1943-1966
Boxes 1-5

Correspondence, clippings, reports, and other items concerning Mr. Allard's work with the UAW during 1943 through 1966. There is considerable material relating to Mr. Allard's work with the AFL/CIO and UAW organizing drive. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material. [Boxes 2 through 4 contain information relating to the following companies.]

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American Electric	Kwikset Lock Corp.
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B&H Precision Tool & Die	Maremont Corp.
Basic Industries	McCullough Corp.
Boles Aero Travels Trailers	Mica Corp.
Borg Warner Controls	National Screw
Cadillac Gage	Networks Electronics
Chrysler Portland	Norris Thermadore
Claval Co.	Peerless Engineering
Crown Coach	Pioneer Aluminum
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Douglas PBX	Stainless Steel
Douglas Torrance	Sun Valley Mobile Products
Dynamic Enterprises	Tection, Inc.
Edgecraft Co.	Toal Specialities
Ford Aeronutronic	Traveleze Trailers
Ford Tractor Parts	Universal Cast Iron Mfg. Co.
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Correspondence, clippings, articles, expense reports and meeting minutes relating to UAW retirees and UAW staff pension plans. There is considerable material on the White House Conference on Aging, retirees' work with the UAW's Community Action Program and the Phoenix and Tuscon Retiree Councils. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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