

THE DR. EUGENE SHAFARMAN COLLECTION

Papers, 1935-1978
(Predominantly, 1936-1940)

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The collection of papers and published materials of Eugene Shafarman was placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in September of 1982 and was opened for research in July, 1985.

Eugene Shafarman was a physician who started his practice during the early 1930's in Detroit at 5320 John R. In 1936 Dr. Shafarman became involved in the city's Anti-Tuberculosis Program, an effort to curtail that disease. In 1938 Dr. Shafarman was accused by the House Un-American Activities (Dies) Committee of recruiting men for the Spanish Loyalist Army. Immediately after, he was dismissed from the list of physicians participating in the Anti-TB Program by Mayor Reading and Henry F. Vaughan commissioner of the Detroit Department of Health. Dr. Shafarman was arrested in 1940 for violating the foreign recruitment law, but later charges were dropped. In 1955 he was called before another House Un-American Activities Committee.

In addition to his work with the Anti-TB Program, Dr. Shafarman was a member of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spain and a supporter of organized labor. As such he was actively involved with the Medical Research Institute of the UAW.

The papers of Dr. Eugene Shafarman reflect his work with the Anti-TB Program, his disputes with the Detroit Department of Health and the Dies Committee, and, to a lesser degree, his involvement with the UAW. The published materials collected by Dr. Shafarman reflect his political interests.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

Detroit Anti-TB Program
Dies Committee
Industrial Disease

Among the important correspondence are:

Frankenstein, Grace
Goodman, Ernest
Vaughan, Henry F.

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Series II, House Un-American Activities (Dies) Committee Investigation, 1938-1978, Box 1:

Affidavits, correspondence, clippings, defense materials such as patient invoices and examination inventories, and materials relating to the arrest and investigations, and Dr. Shafarman's FBI file.

Series III, Political Literature, 1933-1967, Box 1-2:

Collected pamphlets, articles, and other publications relating to industrial hygiene and political injustice.

Non-manuscript material:

Radical publications and transcripts of the 1938 House Un-American Activities Committee hearings have been placed in the Archives Library.

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Box 1

Correspondence, Anti-TB Program participation forms, TB case charts, case finding outline, patient TB exam invoices, 1936-1938. Also, industrial disease literature primarily from the 1930's. Files are arranged chronologically by subject.

Box 1

1. Correspondence, TB Report, 1936-1938
2. Correspondence, Apr-May 1938
3. TB Exam participation forms, 1936; TB case charts, 1936
4. TB case-finding outline, 1938; Frank Murphy address, 1938;
Wagner National Health Bill report
5. Patient TB exam invoices, 1930-1938
6. Discussion record: Industrial Hygiene Lab for UAW, n.d.
7. Industrial disease literature, 1936
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9. Medical Literature, 1935-1938
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Series II
House Un-American Activities (Dies) Committee Investigation, 1938-1978
Box I

Correspondence, statements, protests by the Professional League for Civil Rights, defense materials such as patient invoices and several affidavits supporting and against Shafarman, 1938-1939. Also included are Shafarman's FBI file, received in 1978, and his collected clippings which follow the Dies Committee investigations, 1938-1940. Files are arranged chronologically by subject.

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