

THE EMIL L. MAZEY COLLECTION

Papers, 1933-1981

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2 oversize boxes

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The papers of Emil L. Mazey were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in October of 1983 and opened for research in August of 1987.

Emil Mazey was born in Regina, Saskatchewan on August 2, 1913. He moved to Detroit with his family at the age of two and received his education at Cass Technical High School. After leaving school, his early employment consisted of much involvement in labor organizations and he participated in some strikes. In 1936, Mr. Mazey was fired by the Briggs Manufacturing Company for leading an organizational campaign. His union activity began in earnest the next year when he became president of Briggs local. He held that position from 1937 until 1941 and then from 1943 to 1944.

Beginning in 1944, Mazey served in World War II and was assigned to the Philippines. He was a feature writer for the Army Tagalog Times publication in which he exposed government waste and slow postwar demobilization procedures. In fact, his organized demonstrations against the tardy demobilization earned him many followers.

Upon returning to the United States, Emil Mazey was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the United Auto Workers Union at the 1947 Convention. He held this position until he retired. Among his accomplishments was leading the UAW bargaining team which negotiated the first contract with Kohler Company. Emil Mazey supported UAW disaffiliation with the AFL/CIO in 1968 and opposed attempts at reaffiliation in the mid-1970's.

Emil Mazey gave frequent speeches and radio addresses and had many opinions on topics of contemporary interest such as Civil Rights, Watergate, and the emerging nuclear arms race. The papers of Mr. Mazey reflect his work within Local 212 and the UAW as a whole. His papers provide much background on his personal life and his opinions on the world around him.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Disaffiliation from AFL/CIO, 1966-1969 National  
Labor Leadership Assembly for Peace  
Reaffiliation Attempts, 1976-1977 UAW  
Factional Dispute, 1939 World War II  
Demobilization, 1946

Among the important correspondents are:

Homer Martin                      Walter Reuther  
George Meany

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Series I, Personal Files, 1940-1981, Boxes 1-4:

Speeches, clippings, awards, and other materials relating to the life of Emil Mazey. This series contains information describing Mazey's achievements throughout his life and most specifically his efforts towards demobilization after World War II.

Series II, Local 212 Files, 1933-1975, Boxes 4-6:

Clippings, agreements, election results and other materials relating to Emil Mazey's term as President of Local 212. Organizing attempts by Local 212 is also included.

Series III, UAW Files, 1937-1980, Boxes 6-11:

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Sub series B: UAW Reaffiliation Issue, 1976-1980, Box 9,

Clippings, meeting minutes and correspondence relating to the issue of reaffiliation with the AFL/CIO.

Sub series C: General UAW Material, 1937-1943, 1963 Boxes 10-11,

Two oversize boxes containing clippings and a scrapbook covering a tribute to Emil Mazey in 1963.

Non-Manuscript Material:

Approximately 20 photographs related to Emil Mazey have been placed in the Archives Audio Visual Collection, Numerous publications concerning government hearing related to labor matters and other publications received from this collection have been placed in the Archives Library

Series I  
 Personal Files, 1940-1981  
 Boxes 1-4

Clippings, awards, newsletters, police files, presidential inauguration invitations and other material describing the life of Mazey. Much of the series is made up of material relating to Mazey's wartime experiences, including radiograms and personal letters. Many speeches and radio addresses are in the series. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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Series II  
Local 212 Files, 1933-1975  
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Clippings, agreements, election campaigns and results, and information pertaining to Local 212. Most of the material covers the period from 1937 to 1941 and from 1943 to 1944, when Mazey was president of Local 212. Some later material is also included. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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