

Hy Fish Papers
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1909-1966, bulk 1930s-50s

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Creator: Hy Fish

Acquisition: The papers of Hy Fish were accessioned in December 1983 and July 2005.

Language: Material mostly in English, with some German and Hebrew.

Access: Collection is open for research.

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PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are not necessarily arranged in any particular order. The box folder listing provides an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.

Abstract

Hy Fish was born June 11, 1913. He lived in Chicago and earned his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1960. Hy was a Socialist who was active in the Young Peoples Socialist League where he was the business manager of their monthly newspaper, "The Challenge." After the Flint sit-down strike began in 1936, Hy was sent to Flint to act as an organizer for the Socialist Party. Awhile later he became a labor education teacher at Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL., and traveled to India and Israel in the 1950s as an economic advisor for the International Labour Office. In the 1960s he left Roosevelt University to work as a self-employed consultant. Hy Fish died July 9, 1994.

The Hy Fish collection consists largely of Socialist publications covering topics such as labor, Socialism, Communism, post WWI housing issues in the United States, war, religion and specific labor unions of the 1920s and 1930s. The collection contains materials from the Young Peoples Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Party with correspondence from his years in the YPSL. Some material from the Flint sit-down strike, from his trip to India for a mission on productivity, and his independent consultant work are also included.

Important Subjects:

Cooperation and socialism
International Labour Office.
Industrial productivity--India.
Labor--United States--Periodicals.
Sit-down strikes--Michigan--Flint.
Socialism--Newspapers.
Socialism--United States--Periodicals.
Socialist Party (U.S.)
Young People's Socialist League

Important Names:

Kautsky, Karl, 1854-1938
Marx, Karl, 1818-1883.
Reuther, Fania Sankin
Reuther, Roy, 1909-1968

Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collections.

Box 1

1. Socialist publications, various publishers, 1920s-30s
2. Co-operative publications, 1930s
3. Socialist publications, German language, 1920s
4. Socialist education publications, 1920s-30s
5. Military training and war publications, 1920s-30s
6. Heresy, Bad Bishop Brown's quarterly lectures, 1931-32
7. The bankruptcy of Christian supernaturalism, v. 3 and 6, by William Montgomery Brown, 1931
8. Leaflets about African Americans, 1920s-40s
9. Karl Marx publications, 1910-20
10. Rand Press, socialist publications, 1930s
- 11-12. American Socialist Quarterly, 1932, 1934-35
13. American Socialist Monthly, 1936-37
14. Karl Kautsky publications, 1909-10
15. Soviet Union and FSU publications, 1930s-40s
16. Socialism and Germany publications, 1930s
17. Communism publications, 1920s-30s
18. Socialism and religion publications, 1920s-30s
19. Unemployment and social security, 1930s
20. Housing Authority and the housing problem, 1930s
21. Socialism and the government, 1910-1930s
22. Socialism and the government, 1912-1930s
23. Midwest Socialist groups publications, 1930s
24. New York Socialist groups and other location publications, 1930s
25. Current History and European affairs, 1930s
26. Socialist songbooks, 1920s-30s
27. Socialism in the Detroit Area
28. Socialist and labor leaflets and flyers, 1920s-30s

Box 2

1. Young Peoples Socialist League publications and leaflets, 1920s-30s
- 2-3. Socialist Party of America publications and leaflets, 1910-1930s
4. Government labor related bulletins, leaflets and publications, 1930s
5. Brookwood labor publications, 1920s-30s
6. AFL and CIO publications, 1930s
7. Textile and garment union leaflets, booklets and publications, 1920s-30s
8. Amalgamated clothing workers of America, 1930s
9. Agricultural union booklets and publications, 1920s-30s
10. Other labor union publications, 1930s
11. Labor and union publications, 1920s-30s
12. The labor spy racket by Leo Huberman and All's fair by Richard Wormser, 1937

13. League for Industrial Democracy, pamphlet series, 1936-38, 1945
14. League for Industrial Democracy (LID), 1930s
15. U.S. Department of Labor and related publications,
16. Disarmament publications, 1930s
17. LID "Unemployment" publications, 1930s
18. Socialist Review and related socialist publications, 1938
19. "Photo-History" war in Spain, 1938

Box 3

1. Young Peoples Socialist League, correspondence, 1929-33
2. Young Peoples Socialist League, convention booklets, flyers, songbooks, bulletins,
3. Young Peoples Socialist League, activities, mailings, and flyers, 1930s
4. Young Peoples Socialist League, souvenirs, 1930s
5. "Free Youth" semi-monthly of the Young Peoples Socialist League, 1930s
6. Brookwood statements, 1933
7. Political parties, 1930s
8. 27th convention of the Socialist Party, 1950
9. Challenge, newspaper, 1933-35
10. Socialist newspapers, 1935-50
11. Socialist clippings and articles, 1930s
- 12-15. New Leader: the American appeal, 1932
- 16-20. Labor Age, 1928-33
21. Labor and socialist serial publications and articles, 1920s-30s
22. A story from Pullmantown by Nico Bech-Meyer, 1894

Box 4

1. Socialist Party, Wayne Co., MI and Flint sit-down strike, 1930s
2. Sit-down strike souvenirs, 1930s
3. Flint sit-down strike and union clippings, 1930s
4. India, small scale industries, 1950s
5. India, industry and productivity, 1955
6. India, reports and clippings, 1954-55
7. Correspondence and reports, India, Ferney, Brooks, 1950s
8. India, information, 1955
9. India, Tata Locomotive and Engineering, 1955
10. ILO mission to India and London conference, 1954
11. India, history, 1950s
12. India, agreements with government and related documents, 1950s
13. India, Central Labor Institute
14. India, personnel, 1950s
15. India, ILO correspondence, 1954-55
16. India, community wide productivity projects, 1954-55
17. Productivity centers, Israel and India, 1950s
18. India, Baroda project, 1955
19. India, ILO, productivity mission correspondence, 1954-55

20. Indian Express, newspaper, Oct 7, 1954
21. India, reports to ILO, 1954-55
22. Ghana, Nigeria, productivity, 1963
23. School of Management, Development, and Productivity, 1965-66