

Sam Fishman Papers
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One folder of original correspondence with Hubert Humphrey, Walter Mondale and other important political figures was placed in the vault. Copies of these letters can be found in the collection. Audio-visual recordings (Box 15) were transferred to the AV Department.

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

Sam Fishman was born January 24, 1924 and spent the majority of his adult life involved with the labor movement in Michigan. He was originally an assembler and machinist for the Ford Motor Company and eventually became an official in UAW Local 400. He later was elected Vice-President of UAW Local 99 and then President of UAW Local 36 at the Ford Assembly Plant. Fishman would go on to serve as head of the UAW Community Action Program (CAP) for 12 years until his election as president of the Michigan State AFL-CIO in 1983. Fishman was heavily involved with the Democratic Party and was a dominant figure in not only Michigan, but also national politics during the late 1970s and 1980s. Fishman passed away in 1987.

The materials in the collection represent Fishman's time in the UAW and AFL-CIO. There are also materials related to the Democratic Party in local, state and national elections. The bulk of the materials range from 1980 to 1984, when Fishman headed the UAW CAP and the MI AFL-CIO, and correspond to the 1980, 1982 and 1984 elections. Additionally there are materials related to Fishman's interests in the Social Democrats and Israel.

Important Subjects:

AFL-CIO
Michigan AFL-CIO
UAW
UAW-AFL-CIO
Democratic Party—Michigan
Democratic Party
Worker's Compensation
Labor History—20th Century
Social Democrats USA
Democratic National Committee

Important Names:

Manatt, Charles T.
Reagan, Ronald
Fraser, Douglas
Bieber, Owen
Bluestone, Irving
Kennedy, Ted
Mondale, Walter F.
Blanchard, Jim
Levin, Carl
Levin, Sander
Kirkland, Lane
Ferency, Zoltan A. (1922-1993)
Riegle, Donald W. , 1938-
Milliken, William G., 1922-

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 collection.

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2. UAW Materials; internal memos and reports, 1982
3. Consumer; Social Services 1980
- 4-6. AFL-CIO Reports and correspondence; reports, 1982-1983
7. AFL-CIO Regional Conferences, 1983
8. Michigan Democratic Party, 1981-1982
- 9-10. Economic Reports, Reagan economic plans, 1982
11. Newsletters and Conferences, 1983
12. Michigan Economic Development and Taxes, 1982
- 13-14. UAW Materials, memos and correspondences, 1976, 1981
15. MI Politics; Correspondence and Elections, 1982
16. AFL-CIO; correspondence, 1982
17. Clippings, 1983
18. Social Democrats, 1981
19. PSC Leadership, 1984
20. AFL-CIO National Political Positions, 1982
21. AFL-CIO Internal Memos and Policies, 1982
- 22-23. State of Michigan Politics, 1983
24. UAW Materials; Memos and Communication, 1983
25. Correspondences, personal and UAW. 1983
- 26-28. New America Newspaper, 1970s-1980s

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1. Providence Hospital Advisory Board, 1981
2. Sam Fishman Honorary Dinner, 1984
3. Research Reports; finances, 1981
4. Michigan State Medical Society, 1983
5. Meeting Notes, 1980s
6. Asian Labor Articles, 1980s
7. Asian Labor Brochures and Programs, 1986
8. Asian American Free Labor Institute, 1986
9. UAW Materials; correspondence and reports, 1983-1986
- 10-12. Transcripts of Speeches by Fishman and Lane Kirkland, 1984-1986
13. Chinese Federation of Labor; Taiwan, 1986
- 14-16. Ratemaking, 1981
17. Clippings and Newsletters, 1980s
18. Polls and Surveys, 1984
19. Solicitations and Special Interests, 1982
20. UAW Materials, 1983
21. Michigan State AFL-CIO, 1982
22. State of Michigan Organizations, 1983

23. Clippings, 1980s
24. Fishman Correspondences, 1980s
25. Left-Wing Labor Organizations, 1983
26. Ballot Proposals 1982
27. AFL-CIO Conference on State Legislation, 1982
28. Library; Newsletters, 1980
29. Michigan AFL-CIO Convention; 1983

Box 3

1. AFL-CIO; Correspondences, Reports, Newsletters, 1982
2. Reports: special committees on Oil and Gas use, 1982
3. Democratic Party; National Level, 1982
4. Providence Hospital Advisory Board 1982
5. AFL-CIO; Newsletters and Reports, 1978
6. Correspondences and Letters, 1981
- 7-8. Reports and Journals; democracy, industry subjects, 1982-1983
9. UAW; Correspondences and Newsletters, 1982
10. Cope Congressional Districts Organization Manual, 1980s
11. Democratic National Committee (DNC); Reports, 1980s
12. Fishman Correspondences; personal and handwritten notes, 1983
13. Future of UAW; Record, 1978
- 14-15. UAW Leadership Materials, 1977
- 16-20. AFL-CIO Materials, Memos, Reports, 1980-1983
21. Personal Correspondences, 1982
- 22-25. UAW Correspondences, 1978, 1980
- 26-28. Correspondences; Sam Fishman, Personal, 1980, 1983
29. Israeli Issues, 1982
30. UAW: Newsletters, 1982

Box 4

1. Correspondences; law firms and personal, 1983
2. Manufacturing reports in the state of MI, 1981
- 3-4. Michigan State AFL-CIO internal memos and reports, 1982
5. 1982 Candidates List for political office
6. Middle East newsletters and issues, 1982
7. AFL-CIO; Middle East, Israel issues, 1982
8. AFL-CIO; El Salvador, 1981
9. Economic Alliance of Michigan, 1983
10. Taxes and Budgets, 1983
11. AFL-CIO Materials; reports, internal memos, 1982
12. Court Cases, 1982
13. National Political issues, 1970s and 1980s
- 14-15. Democratic Party issues, 1982
16. Clippings and Newsletters, 1980s
17. State of Michigan; Court Briefs, Senate Reports, 1982
18. National Politics; Newsletters, Flyers, Democratic Party, 1982

19. Correspondences; personal, 1982
- 20-21. Clippings, Articles, Press Releases, 1980s
22. State of Michigan Politics, 1982
23. Democratic Party; Delegates and Ballots, 1980
24. UAW; Memos, Letters and Reports, 1982
- 25-26. Court Cases; Reports and Documents, 1982
27. Workers Compensation, 1982

Box 5

1. Citizen/Labor Energy Coalition
2. Civil Rights
3. Michigan State AFL-CIO, 9-24-1982
4. Michigan Democratic Party, speeches and directories
5. Providence Hospital Advisory Board, 1982
6. Democratic National Committee, 1982-83
7. Democratic National Committee, 2-25-1981
8. Democratic National Committee; Meeting Agenda and Correspondences, 1980s
9. Democratic National Committee Executive Committee; Minutes, 12-9-1980
10. Democratic National Committee Executive Committee; Minutes, 2-27-1981
- 11-12. Social Democrats newsletters and solicitations, 1981
- 13-15. Democratic National Committee correspondence and reports, 1981
16. Association of State Democratic Chairs, 1981
- 17-20. Political interests; clippings, transcripts, reports, 1960s-1980s
21. Newspaper Articles, 1981
- 22-23. Speech Notes and clippings related to speeches, 1981
24. 1980 Presidential Elections
25. US-USSR Defense Spending, 1980s
26. Michigan Campaign Finance and CAP, 1981
27. Democratic National Committee Dispute materials, 1981

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1. UAW Correspondences; reports and notes, 1982
- 2-6. Clippings and Newsletters, 1980s
7. AFL-CIO; Newsletters and Reports, 1981
8. Notes and Correspondences from and to Fishman, 1982
- 9-10. National Politics; Democratic Party, Newsletters, Letters, Reports, Correspondences, 1982-1983
11. UAW Court Briefs, Reports, 1981
12. Clippings, Articles, Newsletters, 1980s
13. State Democratic Party; Elections, Correspondences, Notes 1982
14. Politics, Elections, Special Interests, 1982
15. Transcripts of Speeches, 1976
16. AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention, 1982
17. Northeast-Midwest Labor Organizations and Conferences, 1982
- 18-19. Workers Compensation; Election Issues, 1982
20. Don Riegle, 1980s

21. AFL-CIO, 1983
22. AFL-CIO Court Decisions, 1983
23. Transcripts of Speeches, 1985
24. MI Frontlash Proposed Program
25. Biographies of Sam Fishman, 1985
26. Michigan Democratic Party, 1982
27. Clippings and Articles, 1980s
28. Court Cases involving lobbying, 1981
29. Other Unions not UAW, 1980
30. AFL-CIO Materials; internal memos and correspondence, 1983
- 31-32. UAW; Materials, Budgets and Releases, 1980
33. Transcripts of Speeches, 1985
34. AFL-CIO; News and Correspondences, 1983
35. Notes and Correspondences, 1980s
36. UAW Sempac Materials, 1980s
- 37-38. Clippings and Articles, 1980s
39. UAW Materials; internal memos and correspondence, 1975
40. 1982 Mid-Term Elections

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- 1-2. Economic Forecast and Policies for Michigan, 1980
- 3-4. Election Report after 1972 election, 1973
- 5-6. UAW International Report for 1974
7. Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Report, 1982
8. Union Songbooks, 1950s
9. Meeting Notes, circa 1980s
10. Michigan Tax and Financial Reports, 1983
11. Industrialization Studies and Reports, 1982
12. UAW Reports and Newsletters, 1979
13. AFL-CIO Materials; Correspondence, Internal Memos, 1982
14. Michigan Government and Democratic Party, 1982
15. Clippings, 1982
16. Urban Resources, 1983
17. Election, 1980
18. UAW Severance Pay, 1980
19. Workers Compensation Claims, 1982
20. UAW Research Department, 1979
21. Severance Fund and Layoffs, 1980
22. Burroughs Closing, 1981
- 23-24. Michigan Politics; issues and taxes, 1980
25. Special Interests Groups, 1980
26. UAW; Newsletters and Memos, 1982
- 27-29. 1983 Budget Expenditure Committee
30. AFL-CIO Materials; memos and correspondence, 1985
31. Michigan House and Senate Reports, 1982

32-33. Comparisons of State Economics, 1972-73

Box 8

- 1-3. Democratic Party; reports and internal memos, 1982
4. UAW Materials; handwritten notes and internal memos, 1982
5. Democratic National Committee materials and correspondences, 1982
6. Michigan Labor Unity Conference, 1982
7. UAW Memos and Correspondences, 1977
8. Clippings, Articles, Newsletters, 1980s
- 9-10. Elections and Candidates; 1976, 1980
- 11-13. Transcripts of Speeches by Fishman and other union officials; 1982, 1983, 1985
14. UAW Reports by CAP and internal memos, 1982
15. Notebook
16. UAW Correspondences; 1978, 1982
17. Duke University talks and materials 1981
18. Apportionment Committee Materials, 1982
19. Michigan State Politics, 1982
20. Democratic Party; Constitutions and Articles, 1980s
- 21-22. Reports and Testimonies, Democratic politics, 1980-81
23. AFL-CIO internal memos and reports, 1982
24. Democratic Party memos and reports, 1983
25. Citizen Labor Energy Coalition, 1983
26. Clippings, 1983
27. Nuclear Power issues and concerns, 1982
28. UAW Memos and Correspondence, 1977
29. Economic Alliance of Michigan, 1982
30. Zoltan Ferency For Governor
31. Fishman Personal Correspondences, 1982
32. Correspondence, UAW and personal, 1972
33. Grant Proposal, OSHA, 1974

Box 9

1. Economics and Reaganomics, 1982
- 2-3. Correspondences and Letters personal and political; 1980, 1978
4. Clippings and Articles, 1978
5. Michigan Democratic Coalitions, 1979
6. Meeting Notes, 1980s
7. Hand Written Drafts, 1980s
8. Draft Resolutions on political issues, 1980s
9. Clippings and Articles, 1981
10. UAW Communication; internal memos, 1978
- 11-12. Democratic Party; correspondences and reports, 1980
13. Jewish Issues and newsletters, 1981
14. AFL-CIO Correspondence, 1980

15. Article Clippings, 1981
16. UAW Materials; correspondence and internal memos, 1980
- 17-18. AFL-CIO Materials; internal memos and correspondence
19. State and National Government political issues, 1981
20. Kiwanis, 1981
21. Personal correspondences and notes, 1980
22. Political Resolutions for election, 1983
23. Draft Resolutions for election, 1983
24. Michigan Democratic Party materials, 1977
25. Special Interest Groups, 1978
26. Newsletters, Reports, 1985
27. Newspaper Clippings, 1980
- 28-31. UAW Materials; 1979, 1980, 1981
- 32-33. Handwritten Correspondences, 1978, 1981
34. Young People's Socialist League, 1972
- 35-36. Clippings and Articles, 1982
37. Socialism reports, 1980s
38. Politics; transcripts of speeches, 1982
- 39-40. Draft Resolutions AFL-CIO; 3-5-1983
41. Michigan Chamber of Commerce Report, 1984

Box 10

1. Democratic National Committee (DNC); 10-27 to 10-28-1983
2. Michigan House and Senate Plans, 1982
3. UAW; Letters, Memos, Reports, 1983
4. National Politics; GOP, Transcripts of Speeches, 1980s
5. Reports; staff member costs for US house, 1982
6. Democratic National Committee (DNC) Budget and Audit, 1983
7. UAW, AFL-CIO Merger, 1982
8. Democratic National Committee correspondence, 1983
9. Foreign Affairs; Israel and Central America, 1978
10. Democratic Party reports and correspondence, 1974
11. Reports on taxes, 1982
12. Michigan AFL-CIO Reports, 1983
- 13-14. Clippings, Articles, News Releases, Press Releases, 1974, 1976
15. Fishman personal letters
16. UAW; Statements, Constitution, 1983
17. UAW CAP (community action program) internal memos, 1983
18. Reports; work life, 1979
19. Democratic Party reports and memos, 1982
20. Resolutions and Speeches from Democrats, 1982
21. Foreign Affairs newsletters and correspondence, 1983
- 22-23. AFL-CIO; Reports, Brochures, Correspondence; 1980, 1983
24. Fishman Biography, 1978
25. State of Michigan Politics; newsletters and correspondences, 1982
26. Arab-Israeli Conflict newsletters, 1984

27. Citizen Labor Energy Coalition, 1982
28. Taxes and Budgets on Reaganomics, 1982
29. AFL-CIO internal memos and correspondence, 1975
30. Handwritten correspondence, 1967-68
31. Democratic National Committee Midterm Conference, 1982
32. Press Releases; University of Michigan, 1981
33. Budgets for Democratic National Committee, 1982
34. Bailus Walker; issues and correspondence relating to Bailus Walker, 1981
35. UAW Materials; internal memos and budgets, 1982
36. Election Results

Box 11

1. AFL-CIO Great Lakes Regional Council, 1982
2. AFL-CIO Health and Safety, 1980s
3. Clippings, 1980s
4. Economic Alliance of Michigan, 1983
5. Michigan Chamber of Commerce, 1982
6. State of Michigan Letters and Reports, 1982
7. AFL-CIO, Labor Unions; internal memos, 1982
8. Court Cases, 1982
9. State House, 1982
10. Citizen Labor Council (CLC) Meetings and Mailings
11. Labor PAC Donations, 1980s
12. Labor PAC summaries, 1982
13. Ohio Workman's Compensation, 1981
14. AFL-CIO Reports and newsletters, 1980s
- 15-16. National and State Democrats; 1984, 1979
17. Handwritten Notes, 1980s
18. Workers Compensation, 1981
19. State of Michigan Democratic Party, 1981
20. State Summaries and Reports, 1980
21. Michigan Workers Compensation, 1981
22. Michigan Sesquicentennial, 1987
23. Social Democratic materials; newsletters, 1983
24. Newspaper Clippings, 1982
25. Transcript of Speeches, 1980s
26. Anti-Defamation League newsletters, 1984
27. Middle East issues, newsletter, 1980s
28. Personal Correspondences, 1978
29. AFL-CIO Correspondence, 1983
- 30-31. Clippings and Articles, 1980s, 1970s
32. Democratic Party correspondences, 1982
33. UAW Correspondences, 1981
34. Socialism; Newsletters, Leaflets, Letters, 1973
35. UAW Reports, Donations, 1979
36. Clippings and Articles, 1970s

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1. Personal get-well cards, 1980s
2. Michigan State AFL-CIO Legislative Year, 1982-1983
3. Reports and Surveys; 1978, 1982
4. Cleveland AFL-CIO, 1981
5. Democratic Party Materials, 1982
6. AFL-CIO Directories, 1983
7. Contact Info; AFL-CIO, 1982
8. Debs-Thomas Dinner program, 1980
9. UAW CAP Conference; 1982
10. UAW Employees, 1978
11. Pioneer Women certificate, 1977
12. National Political Leaders Correspondence, 1979
13. State Political Leaders Correspondence, 1980s
14. Democratic Party Reports, 1982
15. State and National Political Leaders, 1960s-1980s
- 16-22. Newspapers, Reports, Newsletters, 1970s-1980s

Box 13

- 1-5. Photographs; Personal and work photographs.

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2. One Photo Album
3. Solidarnosc bumper stickers and license plate
4. Posters and awards
5. Chinese labor ephemerae
6. Buttons

Box 15

1. 15 Audio Tapes
2. 2 Video Cassette Tapes
3. 1 box of slides