

**UAW President's Office: Homer Martin
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Papers, 1934-1941

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The papers of Homer Martin were deposited in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in 1961 by Mr. Martin.

Homer Martin was born on September 16, 1901 in Illinois. After high school he attended Hewing College and received his AB from William Jewel College. Martin then attended the Kansas City Baptist Theological Seminary for two years.

After serving in Baptist churches in Goreville, Illinois and Kansas City, Missouri, Martin went to work in the auto plants of Kansas City. He soon became active in the union movement and was appointed a Vice-President of the UAW-AFL in 1935. In 1936 he was elected President of what came to be the UAW-CIO.

Martin served as UAW-CIO President until 1939, at which time he reorganized the UAW-AFL and became that body's President until 1941 when he left the auto union movement.

There is also a microfilm version of this collection.

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Among the important correspondents are:

William Collins
Rev. Charles Coughlin
Francis Dillon
Ed Hall
Frank Morrison

Non-manuscript material:

Some photographs received with the papers have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection.

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- 11-12. Newspaper clippings, 1934-35
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- 1. Radio addresses, Kansas City, Missouri, Jul 1935
- 2. Radio address by Sarraine Loewe, Chicago, 11 Nov 1936
- 3. Radio address, Racine, Wisconsin, 11 Dec 1936
- 4. Membership meeting, Anderson, Indiana, 22 Feb 1937
- 5. Membership meeting, Tarrytown, New York, 25 Feb 1937
- 6. Mass meeting, Newark, New Jersey, 26 Feb 1937
- 7. Women's World Congress, Chicago, 10 Mar 1937
- 8. Dodge Local 3, Detroit, 15 Mar 1937
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- 14. Ford Protest mass meeting, Baby Creek Park, Detroit, 5 Jun 1937
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- 16. Associated Press of Michigan, Flint, 7 Jun 1937
- 17. Membership meeting, Connersville, Indiana, 12 Jun 1937
- 18. Membership meeting, Muncie, Indiana, 12 Jun 1937
- 19. Protest mass meeting, Republic Steel Strike, Monroe, Michigan, 13 Jun 1937
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40. Membership meeting, Oshawa, 12 Mar 1938
41. Political rally, Pontiac, 17 Mar 1938
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43. Sermon, Rev. Morley's Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 27 Mar 1938
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45. Accusations by Bob Travis, answers by Martin, Lansing, Michigan, 30 Mar 1938
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47. Local 182 Special Meeting, Lansing, 1 Apr 1938
48. Article; "Success of UAWA" (*Technical American*), 26 Apr 1938
49. Article; "Union Responsibility" (*Commentator*), May 1938
50. Community Church, New York City, 29 May 1938
51. Church and Capital-Labor Controversy, Denver, 18 Oct 1938
52. Radio address, Flint, 7 Nov 1938
53. Retail Clerk's meeting, Flint, 7 Nov 1938
54. Wilksburg Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, 20 Nov 1938
55. Membership meeting, Anderson, Indiana, 2 Dec 1938
56. Radio address, Jackson, Michigan. 7 Dec 1938

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4. Radio address, Detroit, 24 Jan 1939
5. Local officers, Northern High Conference, Detroit, 29 Jan 1939
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7. Speech notes, Jan-Feb 1939
8. Article; "The CIO Viewpoint" (*Our Sunday Visitor*), 2 Feb 1939
9. Radio address, Detroit, 2 Feb 1939
10. Radio address, Detroit, 7 Feb 1939
11. Radio address, Detroit, 9 Feb 1939
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 39. Speeches, incomplete, c. 1939
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