

**UAW Local 887 Collection**  
**Records, 1938-1972**  
**(Predominantly, 1941-1967)**

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The records of UAW Local 887 were deposited in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in June of 1973 and were opened for research in August of 1985.

Local 887 succeeded UAW-CIO Local 683 as the bargaining agent for North American Aviation workers. Local 683 had been formed in May of 1941 as an amalgamated local to represent aircraft workers in the Los Angeles area. In June of the same year 11,000 North American Aviation workers staged an unauthorized strike. In order to maintain defense production, the army seized the plant, and the International Union revoked the charter of Local 683. After the workers returned to their jobs, the National Defense Mediation Board recommended the workers' demands be met and subsequently, the National War Labor Board granted the union's request and a new charter was issued establishing UAW Local 887. Local 887, covering many of North American Aviation's branches in California, became the largest local in Region 6.

In 1952, determined to bring wages in line with other basic industries, UAW Local 887 prepared for a strike. Because this would have stopped production of F-86 Sabre jets needed for the war in Korea, the federal government intervened. President Truman appointed a panel to arbitrate the dispute, and the decision handed down was favorable to the union.

The papers of UAW Local 887, beginning with the strike of 1941, reflect the union's long struggle with management over such issues as wages and union rights. There is also information relating to cases with the National War Labor Board, the National Labor Relations Board and the Wage Stabilization Board.

**Important subjects covered in the collection are:**

Dues increase  
Grievances  
Labor during World War II  
Negotiations  
1941 strike

**Among the important correspondents are:**

Hank Lacayo  
John Livingston  
Emil Mazey  
C. V. O'Halloran  
Victor Reuther  
Walter Reuther  
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