The papers of Victor Reuther, the Assistant Coordinator of the UAW War Policy Division, were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs on November 17, 1967 by the UAW.

The UAW War Policy Division grew out of the Defense Employment Committee, whose name was changed at the entry of the United States into World War II in 1941. Its main purpose was to coordinate all of the Union's war efforts and to represent the Union in its dealings with such governmental agencies as the War Manpower Commission, the War Production Board, the Office of Price Administration and the branches of the armed forces. George Addes, Richard Frankensteen, Richard Reisinger and Walter Reuther were members of the original Committee. With the change of name, Richard Leonard was added.

**Important subjects are:**

- Employment stabilization
- Utilization of labor
- Protection of seniority
- Allied relief
- Postwar planning
- Reconversion
- Education
- Discrimination
- Rationing of goods
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- Gas and tire rationing for transportation
- Job transfers
- Job training programs
- Alien workers
- Fair employment
- Veterans
- Housing
- Counseling
- Child care
- Price and rent control
- Protection of seniority

**Among the important correspondents are:**

- George Addes
- Claude Bland
- Kenneth Cole
- Nelson Cruikshank
- John Edelman
- Arthur Elder
- Clayton Fountain
- Catherine Gelles
- David Henry
- Lewis B. Hershey
- Sidney Hillman
- Mildred Jeffrey
- William H. Levitt
- Paul V. McNutt
- Ben Probe
- Walter Reuther
- George Romney
- Dorothy K. Roosevelt
- August Scholle
- Maurice Sugar
- R.J. Thomas
- James Wishart
- Leonard Woodcock

**Description of Series**

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