

THE UAW LOCAL 6 COLLECTION

Papers, 1947-69  
(Predominantly, 1948-1960)

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The papers of UAW Local 6 were deposited in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in March of 1970 and were opened for research in August of 1984.

UAW Local 6 represents the workers at the International Harvester Company diesel engine plant in Melrose Park, Illinois. Originally, the plant was operated by Buick Aviation from 1941 to 1945.

UAW Local 6 was chartered in 1941 and won an NLRB election in May of 1942 which gave it the right to represent the workers at Melrose Park until Buick Aviation ceased operation at the close of World War II. International Harvester company purchased the plant from the United States government and re-opened it in 1946. Local 6 remained active throughout this period and resisted the powerful campaign of the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America to gain the right to represent the International Harvester workers. An NLRB election in November of 1946 gave Local 6 the right to represent the workers at Melrose Park for the second time.

The papers of UAW Local 6 reflect the daily functioning of the Local, including its negotiations with International Harvester company, and it's political and social activities.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

Health Care	UAW - Agricultural Implement Division
Strikes	UAW - Harvester Council
Political Action	

Among the important correspondents are:

Carlstrom, Lawrence	Moredock, George
Cluts, Ray	Shier, Carl
Henney, Westray	Shy, Arthur
Kahan, Seymour	

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newsbulletins, policy statements and agreements and other items concerning  
UAW Local 6 from 1948 to 1969.

Non-manuscript Material:

Issues of the Local 6 newsletters, The Union Voice,  
from 1952 to 1969, IHC and UAW-CIO contracts, and  
other UAW bulletins, newspapers, and pamphlets  
received with this collection are available in the  
Archives Library. Also received and placed in the  
Archives Library are various labor related  
newspapers, and journals.

Series I  
Grievances and Arbitration, 1948-58  
Boxes 1-6

Grievances and related correspondence from UAW Local 6. Files are arranged by department and year. Within the files, material is arranged chronologically. Boxes 1 through 5 are storage boxes.

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Series II  
 General Office Files, 1946-69  
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Committee minutes and reports, local correspondence, negotiation notes, newsclippings, policy statements and agreements and other items concerning UAW Local 6 from 1948-69. Most of the materials are concerned with Local 6 activities with some items pertaining to UAW - International Harvester relations. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

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