

THE UAW LOCAL 57 COLLECTION

8 Manuscript Boxes
2 Scrapbooks

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The papers of UAW Local 57 were deposited with the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in 1969, by James Lewis, president of Local 57. Additional papers were added in April, 1987 relating to the International Harvester Strike, 1979-1980.

Formed in 1933 as AFL Federal Union 18776, Local 57 received its charter from the UAW in October, 1935. Servicing the Ft. Wayne Works of the International Harvester Company in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Local 57 achieved recognition as sole bargaining agent for Harvester employees in 1940, after a long struggle with management, the company union, and an independent union.

The UAW Local 57 Collection covers the period from 1933 to 1969, and 1978 to 1982.

Important Subjects are:

NLRB Cases	War Effort
Representation Elections	Harvester Council
Factional Struggles	Seniority
Agreements	Pensions
Grievances	Local 57 Organization and History
	International Harvester Strike, 1979-1980

Among the Correspondents are:

F.J. Dillon	Phillip Murray	Charlton Ogburn
Homer Martin	Frank Morrison	Robert Cowdrill
R.J.Thomas	Merlin D. Bishop	G.L. Patterson
Walter Reuther	William Green	M.H. McIntyre
George F. Addes	Arnold Attwood	Jacob J. Blair
Wyndham Mortimer	Raymond H. Berndt	James McGahey
Adolph Germer	LeRoy L. Roberts	S.G. McAllister
John Brophy	Russel J. Merrill	John L. McCaffrey
Ed Hall	Joseph H. Picanke	Hugo A. Weissbrodt
	Harvey Kitzman	L.E. Davis

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Description of Series

The UAW Local 57 Collection is arranged in 7 series:

1. Minutes
2. Correspondence
3. Labor-Management Relations
4. General Office File
5. Publications
6. International Harvester Strike, 1979-1980
7. Clippings and Scrapbooks

The minutes are arranged Chronologically and are most complete for the period of the thirties and early fourties. Some sets are fairly complete for parts of the fifties. The Correspondence which is most complete for the thirties and early fourties is likewise arranged chronologically with incoming and outgoing correspondence separated. The Labor-Management Relations series contains minutes of grievance meetings arranged chronologically, labor-managements agreements, NLRB cases, and other pertinent documents. Included in the General Office File series is company and union handouts, International union material such as convention proceedings, and Local 57 materials such as draft speeches by the president. The other two series are self-explanatory. There are two scrapbooks of clippings not in the Manuscript boxes.

Minutes-Series 1

The minutes cover the years 1933-1963.

- Box 1
- 1.-12. Executive Board - 1943-1963 (12 folders)
 - 13.-14. Special Meetings - 1940-1952 (2 folders)
 - 15.-20. General Membership - 1933-1942 (6 folders)
- Box 2
- 1.-8. General Membership - 1942-1962 (8 folders)
 9. Second Shift Meetings - 1943, 1944
 10. Third Shift Meetings - 1943
 11. Harvester Industrial Council - 1931, 1935-37
 - 12.-13. UAW Harvester Council - 1961-1963 (2 folders)
 14. District Council 10, Region 3 - Feb. 1943
 15. Plant Safety Committee - 1961, 1962

Correspondence-Series 2

Correspondence from the years 1934 through 1963 is contained in the collection.

- 16.-18. to: Office of Price Administration
about: Rationing 1943-1945 (3 folders)
- 19.-22. Incoming Correspondence - 1934-1936 (4 folders)

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- Box 3
- 1.-12. Incoming Correspondence - 1937-1963 (12 folders)
 13. All Outgoing Correspondence
 14. Miscellaneous Undated Correspondence

Labor-Management Relations-Series 3

All Labor Management meetings and disputes are included in this series.

- 15.-20. Labor-management Meetings - 1941-1946

- Box 4
- 1.-5. Labor-Management Meetings - 1946-1947 (5 folders)
 - 6.-9. Reprimands - 1953-1961 (4 folders)
 10. Interplant Memos - Grievances & Reprimands - 1959, 1960
 11. Suspension and Discharge Notices - 1959, 1960
 12. Company Union Case NLRB - 1936
 13. Consent Election NLRB - 1938
 14. Die Sinkers Case NLRB - 1938
 15. Consent Election NLRB - March 1940
 16. First Contract - June 1941
 17. Letters and Agreements Relating to the War Effort - 1941, 42, 43

- Box 5
1. 1943 Case before the War Labor Board
 2. 1944 Case before the War Labor Board
 3. David Hellen Case - 1958-1960
 4. Service Parts Plant #2 Dispute - 1961, 1962
 5. Miscellaneous Agreements

General Office File-Series 4

This series contains the routine items in the life of the local.

6. Ft. Wayne Industrial Union Council
7. Independent Truck Employees Association
8. Indiana State Industrial Union Council - 1943 Convention
9. Indiana State Industrial Union Council - List of Unorganized Shops
10. International Harvester Co. - Daily Labor Turnover - 1962-1963
- 11.-14. International Harvester Co. Handouts - 1946-1950 (4 folders)
15. International Harvester Co. Handouts - Miscellaneous
16. International Harvester Co. Inventory of Machines Idle 4-2-42
- 17.-18. International Harvester Co. Pension Records (2 folders)
- 19.-20. International Harvester Co. Retroactive Payments (2 folders)
21. Local 57 Dues Record
22. Local 57 - Miscellaneous Handouts

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- Box 6
1. Local 57 NLRB Election Handouts - 1940
 2. Local 57 Membership List - 1933
 - 3.-4. Local 57 President's Office-Speeches - 1938,'41 (2 folders)
 5. Local 57 President's Office - Speech Notes
 6. Local 57 Schedule of Wage Rates 4-5-45
 7. Local 57 Trustees' Quarterly Audit Report
 8. Steel Workers Organizing Committee
 9. UAW Auto Council, District #8 Constitution
 - 10.-12. UAW Convention - 1942 (3 folders)
 13. UAW Education Committee
 14. UAW Harvester Council - By-Laws
 15. UAW Harvester Council - Directory
 16. UAW Harvester Council - Health, Security Program
 17. UAW Harvester Council - Pension Plans
 18. UAW Proposed Merger FEWU - June 1947
 19. UAW Woman's Auxiliaries - Convention 1941 (2 folders)

Publications-Series 5

Magazines of the Company, the Independent, and the Local make up the series.

- Box 7
- 1.-2. Independent Truck Employees Assoc. (I.T.E.A.) Independent News - 1937-1940 (2 folders)
 - 3.-7. Ft. Wayne Works IHC Tower Talk - 1938-1944 (5 folders)
 - 8.-9. Local 57 Newsletter- 1956-1962 (2 folders)
 10. UAW Harvester Dept. Newsletter - 1956-63
 11. UAW Woman's Auxiliary News
 12. Miscellaneous Publications

International Harvester Strike, 1979-1980-Series 6

- Box 8
- 1.-2. Cartoons, (n.d.)
 - 3.-6. Clippings, 1978-1982
 7. Correspondence, (n.d.)
 8. News Releases, 1979-1980
 9. Newsletters, 1979-1980
 10. Reports, 1980
 11. Strike Schedule, (n.d.)

Non-manuscript Material:

Two cassette tapes of International Harvester Council meetings, March 20, 1980 have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection and three issues of Solidarity received with this collection are available in the Archives Library.

Clippings and Scrapbooks-Series 7

There are two scrapbooks of Clippings which go with this series.

- 13.-14. Clippings-General (2 folders)
- 15.-17. Clippings-UAW Convention, Milwaukee, August 1937
(3 folders)
- 18. Clippings-CIO Convention, Detroit, November, 1941.