

# **Guide to the Workers' Defense League Records** LR000408

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# **Summary Information**

**Repository:** Walter P. Reuther Library

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**Physical Description:** 136.25 Linear Feet (274 MB, 1 OS), 19 reels

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**Abstract:** This collection of correspondence, press releases, newspaper clippings,

speeches, trial briefs and transcripts, and published pamphlets and leaflets, thoroughly documents the Worker's Defense League's efforts to obtain justice for labor organizers, government critics, victims of racial and economic discrimination, and conscientious objectors,

through established, legal processes.

## **Citation Style**

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# History

Founded on August 29, 1936, the WDL was rooted in a nucleus of prior groups, including various chapters of the Labor and Socialist Defense Committee. The suppression of the 1935 strike in Terre Haute, Indiana, the murder of Joseph Shoemaker, an organizer in Tampa, Florida, the cotton choppers' strike in Arkansas, the arrests in New Jersey of people handing out leaflets, and other such incidents, showed the need for an organization to champion the causes of workers in the interest of social and economic justice, and to give such assistance to workers without political cause or party label attached. The Workers Defense League became such an organization.

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Through the years the WDL expanded its activities; it was the legal arm and financial backer of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union; gave assistance on immigration and deportation cases, loyalty-security cases, passports, refugees, conscientious objectors, civil rights, union democracy, minority apprenticeship training, military and conscription cases, and many more.

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# **Scope and Content**

Important subjects: Academic Freedom Army Jim Crowism Attorney General's List J. R. Butler Civil Liberties Civil Rights David Clendenin Committee to Defend Civil Rights in Tampa Committee to Defend Franco's Labor Victims Committee of Inquiry into Forced Labor (UN) Conscientious Objection Conscription Tee Davis Case Deportations Discrimination Farm Workers Farm Unions FEPC Ferrero-Sallitto Defense Committee Carl Gilmore Case Groveland (Fla.) Cases Francis Heisler Albert Herling Immigration Clarence Jackson Case Joint Apprenticeship Program Ku Klux Klan Leaflet Distribution Fights Alton Levy Case Longshoremen's Jobs Defense Committee Loyalty and Security Frank McCallister Morris Milgram H. L. Mitchell Migrant Workers National Agricultural Workers Union National Farm Labor Union Peonage in America Police Brutality Poll Tax Race Hate as a Weapon Against Unionism Vera Rony Security (government) Sharecroppers Southern Tenant Farmers Union Strikes Terre Haute Defense Committee Norman Thomas Union Democracy Odell Waller Case Rowland Watts

The extensive correspondence in this collection includes many well-known and unknown people not included in the following list, or in the abbreviated correspondence index which is at the end of the guide. A cardfile has been made of nearly all correspondents, as well as sub- jects of the collection, which will be made available to researchers on request.

The correspondence index at the end of the guide directs researchers to the folders where letters may be found, excepting letters in the closed case files. This index includes correspondents of five or more letters.

The following is a listing of correspondents represented by at least ten letters; starred names are more frequent, and double-starred names are very frequent correspondents.

Arnold Aronson Bishop Henry G. Babcock Roger Baldwin \*\* Katrina McCormick Barnes John Beffel Fay Bennett \* Warren K. Billings John Boer \* Marilyn Brook John Russell Butler \*\* James B. Carey Paul Christopher J.E. Clayton David Clendenin \*\* George S. Counts \* Frank R. Crosswaith James T. Farrell John Finerty \*\* Harry Fleischman \*\* Mary Fox Mary E. Gallagher \* Aron Gilmartin \*\* Frank P. Graham William Green Donald Harrington \*\* Michael Harrington \* Francis Heisler \*\* Albert K. Herling \*\* Rachelle Horowitz \*\* Laurence Hosie Howard Kester \* Harry Laidler \* Layle Lane \* Frieda Langer Lazarus Alfred Baker Lewis \*\* Frank McCallister \*\* Bishop Francis J. McConnell Benjamin McLaurin \* Albon Man Thurgood Marshall Morris Milgram \*\* James W. Miller Nathaniel Minkoff \* H. L. Mitchell \*\* Von D. Mizell Felix Morrow \* Pauli Murray \*\* A. J. Muste \* Rev. James Myers \* Robin Myers Richard Niebuhr Joe Pierpont \* Moss A. Plunkett Carl Rachlin \* A. Philip Randolph \*\*

Joseph L. Rauh, Jr. Carl Raushenbush \* Winifred Raushenbush Victor Reuther Walter Reuther Laurence Rogin Samuel Romer \* Vera Rony \*\* Alfred Russell Bayard Rustin \*\* Bert Seidman \*\* Clarence Senior \* Brendan Sexton \* Boris Shishkin Evelyn Smith Lillian E. Smith Herbert Solow John Somers \* Gene Sutherland Norman Thomas \*\* Rowland Watts Walter White \* Roy Wilkins \* Pearl Willen Harriet Young \*

Series Description: Series I-Administrative Files, Boxes 1-40 I. Subseries A. Boards and Committees, Boxes 1-11 These boxes contain the minutes, agenda, reports, corres- pondence and other papers of the National Executive and Administrative Committees and Boards, and other committees of the organization. Over the years since 1936 the responsibilities of the various groups shifted from time to time, and names of the groups changed.

- I. Subseries B. Financial Records, Boxes 12-14 Financial reports, audits, etc., are from 1936 to 1971.
- I. Subseries C. Fund Appeals, Boxes 15-19 The apparata of various appeals to membership, the public, and foundations, for financial support for the organizations work, including correspondence, lists, responses, reports and fund-raising entertainment efforts.
- I. Subseries D. Correspondence Files, Boxes 20-40 General Correspondence, 1936-1971, is filed in several ways: a general file by year; alphabetically by person and occasionally group; regional correspondence, 1939-1946, from the years when the WDL had regional branches and districts; and branch correspondence, filed by state, which includes city branches, (found filed by appropriate state.) In addition to the box listings, the correspondence index should be checked. This index will be found at the back of the guide.

Series II-General File, Boxes 41 to 120 This file touches many subjects in varying years between 1935 and 1972, containing correspondence, memos, sometimes leaflets, clippings and other incidental material. Because of the size and extent of this file, the subjects are not each repeated in the index, so researchers looking for particular material should check both guide and index.

Series III-Special Projects, Campaigns and Committees, Boxes 121 to 146 Over the years the WDL took up a number of causes and projects. Some of them are put together in this series:

- III. Subseries A. Commission of Inquiry Into Forced Labor Boxes 121 to 128 Correspondence, reports, minutes, evidence, maps, manuscripts and other materials on the study of several aspects of forced labor, including slavery, peonage, compulsory work in prisons, concentration camps, conscientious objector camps, mental hospitals, and the like, but mostly on slavery and peonage.
- III. Subseries B. Norman Thomas and the Leaflet Campaign in Hague's New Jersey, 1937-40, Boxes 129-131 Statements, depositions, addresses, correspondence and other material on Thomas' and others' arrests for handing out leaflets in New Jersey, then under the rule of Frank Hague.
- III. Subseries C. The Terre Haute Defense Committee, 1935-1936, Box 132 Papers of this committee, as well as the Labor and Socialist Defense committee and the Chicago Labor Committee for Terre Haute Relief, concerning aid to arrested and imprisoned organizers, workers, speakers and strikers, include correspondence, legal documents, leaflets, affidavits, etc.

- III. Subseries D. Campaign for a Permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission, Mostly 1945-1946, Boxes 133 to 135 Correspondence, studies, reports, leaflets, conference proceedings, and the like.
- III. Subseries E. Longshoremen's Jobs Defense Committee, WDL, 1964-1971, Boxes 136-138 Correspondence and legal papers on several different court actions on longshoremen union democracy cases, including a suit against WDL brought by Harry Bridges.
- III. Subseries F. White Paper for Labor, 1958-1962, Boxes 139-141 The White Paper for Labor, 1958-1962, was a study by the WDL on the NLRB, and also on the rise of race hate as a weapon to fight unionism. Materials include proposals, research notes, correspondence, evidential materials and exhibits, drafts and reports.
- III. Subseries G. Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa (Florida), 1935-1939, Boxes 142 to 145 Correspondence, press releases, reports, legal documents, clippings, minutes, and appeals regarding the investigations into police, Ku Klux Klan and court actions taken in Tampa regarding the murder in 1935 of Joseph Shoemaker, and the terroizing of labor organizers.
- III. Subseries H. Committee to Defend Franco's Labor Victims, 1950-1953, and Ferrero-Sallitto Defense Conference, 1935-1938, Box 146. Material comprises papers of these two committees concerned with labor people in Fascist Spain.

Series IV-Workers Defense League Joint Apprenticeship Program, 1962-1971, 30xes 147 to 153. An effort to secure entrance into building trades unions for minorities, especially blacks, who have, historically, found it difficult to pass training requirements. Papers include correspondence, reports, legal cases, publicity material, and the like.

Series V-Farm Workers, Migrant Workers, Sharecroppers and their Unionization, Boxes 154 to 172

AVAILABLE ON MICROFILM ONLY. Each reel corresponds to each box in sequential order.

This series combines early efforts of the WDL to support and defend farm workers in various cases, with particularly large amounts of material on the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, to which the WDL gave legal and financial support. Material in all cases includes correspondence, legal papers, contracts, proposed legislation, affidavits, notes and publicity material:

- V. Subseries A. Farm Workers, 1936-1954, Box 154
- V. Subseries B. Farm Workers and Migrant Workers, 1940-1961, Boxes 155 to 158
- V. Subseries C. Farm Workers' and Farmers' Strikes, 1947-1955, Box 159
- V. Subseries D. Southern Tenant Farmers Union, 1942-1946, Boxes 160 to 165
- V. Subseries E. National Farm Labor Union and National Agricultural Workers Union, 1946-1960, Box 166
- V. Subseries F. National Sharecroppers Week and Fund, 1936-1969, Boxes 167-169

#### V. Subseries G. Peonage in America, Boxes 170-172

Series VI-Immigration and Deportation, Boxes 173-182 Cases in which WDL made legal defense. This series is closed at present.

Series VII-Special Cases, Boxes 183-192 The Odell Waller Case, 1940-1942, Boxes 183 to 188, defense of a black sharecropper; the Tee Davis Case, 1943-1949, effort to have a black sharecropper pardoned; the Clarence Jackson Case, 1949-1956, an extradition case; the Carl Gilmore Case, 1940-1946, a drive for clemency for an unfairly sentenced Teamster member in Binghamton, N.Y.; and the Groveland Cases, 1950-1952, which involved racial injustice in the Florida courts, are all represented by such material as legal documents, correspondence, fund appeals, publicity, and reports.

Series VIII-Academic Freedom Cases, 1936-1965, Boxes 193-195 These personal court cases are now closed.

Series IX-Civil Rights and Racial Discrimination Cases, 1936-1965, Boxes 196-199 These cases are now closed.

Series X-Strike Cases, Boxes 200-201 These strike cases, listed alphabetically, include varying material, some of it only partial, but overall including correspondence, notes, legal papers, clipping and the like. To use these papers requires signing a note of restriction of use.

Series XI-Union Democracy Cases, Boxes 202-204 Closed.

Series XII-Workers Defense Cases (Defense of Workers), Boxes 205-215 Closed, except Box 205, Special Defense Campaigns, which includes diverse materials on the Fargo, N. Dakota General Drivers Case, 1935 the Christ Popoff Case, 1941, and the Okey O'Dell Defense, 1935.

Series XIII-General Cases, Boxes 216 to 222. Closed.

Series XIV-Loyalty and Security Cases, and Conscientious Objection, Boxes 225-234 Closed, except Boxes 225-229, which are non-personal in nature.

XIV. Subseries A. Conscientious Objection, Boxes 223-225 Box 225 concerns the Conscientious Objectors' Strike at Big Flats, N.Y., in 1946.

XIV. Subseries B. Loyalty and Security, Boxes 226-234 Boxes 226 to 229 are general materials on loyalty and security, civil rights, the Attorney General's subversive list, and the Independent Socialist League. To see these materials, a note of restricted use must be signed. Boxes 230-234 are closed.

Series XV-Military and Conscription Cases, Boxes 235 to 245. Closed except Box 235 and 237. Box 235 is general material on loyalty and security in the military forces. Box 237 is material on the Alton Levy case, a World War II case in which a soldier was court-martialed for objecting to Jim Crow practices in the Army.

Series XVI-Publicity, Boxes 246 to 271 Material includes manuscripts, articles, news releases, bulletins, newsletters, clipping files, and scrapbooks.

Series XVII-Miscellaneous, Boxes 272-275 Membership cards, sample bank statements, miscellaneous items and the outsized materials box are included here. Box 274 is comprised of various articles and items, many duplicates of material found elsewhere in the collection, but all of them giving some kind of historical information on the Workers Defense League itself.

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# Arrangement

Arranged in 17 series – Series 1 (Boxes 1-40, Series 2 (Boxes 41-120), Series 3 (Boxes 121-146), Series 4 (Boxes (147-153), Series 5 (Boxes 154-172), Series 6 (Boxes 173-182), Series 7 (Boxes 183-192), Series 8 (Boxes 193-195), Series 9 (Boxes 196-199), Series 10 (Boxes 200-201), Series 11 (Boxes 202-204), Series 12 (Boxes 205-215), Series 13 (Boxes 216-222), Series 14 (Boxes 225-234), Series 15 (Boxes 235-237), Series 16 (Boxes 246-271), and Series 17 (Boxes 272-275). Folders are predominately arranged alphabetically, see individual series and subseries for specific arrangement.

Series 1 is divided into 3 subseries. Series 3 is divided into 8 subseries. Series 5 is divided into 7 subseries. Series 14 is divided into 2 subseries.

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## **Administrative Information**

#### **Publication Statement**

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### Acquisition

The Workers Defense League placed its historic papers in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in August, 1970, and further additions have been received since then.

# **Processing History**

Processed and finding aid written by Walter P. Reuther Library.

#### Access

Collection is open for research with the exception of the following boxes: 173-182, 238-245, and pamphlet boxes 1-11.

Series V: Farm Workers, Migrant Workers, Sharecroppers and their Unionization, Boxes 154 to 172 available only on microfilm.

#### Use

The following boxes require a signed Restricted Use Statement before they can be seen: 1-19, 20-145,146-172, 183-229, 230-237, 246-275.

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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# **Controlled Access Headings**

- Agricultural laborers
- Civil rights
- Labor
- Labor movement
- Migrant workers
- Beffel, John Nicholas

# **Collection Inventory**

Series 1: Administrative files			
Subseries A: Boards and committees			
Title/Description	Instances		
National Executive Committee, 1936-1970	Box 1	Folder 1-21	

Mississippi slavery memorandum

National Executive Board, 1937-1958	Box 2	Folder 1-39
National Executive Board, 1959-1963	Box 3	Folder 1-23
Scope and Contents		
John Boer file; resolution, TU Democracy		
National Executive Board, 1964-1967	Box 4	Folder 1-19
Scope and Contents		
Article on Horace Sheffield; evaluation of WDL by Robin Myers		
National Executive Board, 1968-1970	Box 5	Folder 1-19
National Administrative Committee, 1940-1944 and National Action Committee, 1945-1963	Box 6	Folder 1-38
National Administrative Committee, 1963-1971	Box 7	Folder 1-16
Scope and Contents		
Other committees material		
Awards, personnel, and nominations, 1948	Box 8	Folder 1
Church Committee, Odell Waller case, FEPC campaign, 1941-1945 and undated	Box 8	Folder 2-16
Discrimination Committee and Conference Against Race Discrimination, 1944-1945 and undated	Box 8	Folder 17-18
Education Committee, 1940-1941	Box 8	Folder 19
Elections Committee, 1943	Box 8	Folder 20
Evaluations Committee, 1966	Box 8	Folder 21-23
Finance Committee, 1940-1965	Box 8	Folder 24-35
Free Labor Committee, 1943-1944	Box 9	Folder 1-17
Scope and Contents		
Austin-Wadsworth Bill, radio forum script, Rollin T. Campbell statement, NAM, leaflets		
International Labor Committee, 1943-1946	Box 9	Folder 18-23
Lawyers Committee and Later Labor Committee code of conduct outline 1964	Box 9	Folder 24

Legal Committee, 1942-1945	Box 10	Folder 2-4
Lawyers - applications	Box 10	Folder 5-7
Legal Committee, 1943-1969	Box 10	Folder 8-24
Membership Drive Committee, 1944	Box 10	Folder 25
Minorities Committee, 1964-1966	Box 11	Folder 1
Nominations and personnel, 1943-1968	Box 11	Folder 2-4
Office Committee, 1943	Box 11	Folder 5
Personnel Committee, 1944	Box 11	Folder 6
Scope and Contents		
Also see Box 6		
Policy Committee, 1943	Box 11	Folder 7
Prisoners Aid Committee, 1945-1952	Box 11	Folder 8-11
Program Committee, 1962 and 1965	Box 11	Folder 12-13
Publications Committee, 1946	Box 11	Folder 14
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Workers Rights Committee and Labor Rights Committee,	Box 11	Folder 17

Papers on union democracy

## **Subseries B: Financial records**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Material includes reports, accounts, budgets, audits, correspondence.

Title/Description	Instances	
Financial reports, 1936-1948	Box 12	Folder 1-32
Financial reports, 1949-1967	Box 13	Folder 1-26
Financial reports, 1967-1971	Box 14	Folder 1-11

# **Subseries C: Fund appeals**

Material includes correspondence, form letters, lists, responses, sample appeals of other organizations, financial statements, fund-raiser entertainment, foundation requests, and reports.

Title/Description	Instances
Fund appeals, 1937-1963	Box 15 Folder 1-13
Fund appeals, 1958-1965	Box 16 Folder 1-32
Fund appeals, 1965-1968	Box 17 Folder 1-17
Fund appeals, 1968-1972	Box 18 Folder 1-19

#### **Scope and Contents**

Some incidental correspondence and extraneous material are included in this box, possibly as support material for assistance in fund-raising. Such extraneous materials include: draft release on household workers (10); memos on George L. Rockwell's funeral and Koehl v. Resor (10); memo on Norman Thomas memorial (10); family assistance plans (11); LCCR and Jewish Labor Committee memos (11); B. Rustin and ad on school paraprofessionals (11); address of Iwing Stern, AMCRFSEU, 1969 (13); Socialist Party Convention minutes, 1970 (13); WDL proposal on military justice (13); Union labor life insurance protest (14); protest telegrams on Cesar Chavez jailing (14).

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# **Subseries D: Correspondence files**

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General correspondence, 1958-1969	Box 22	Folder 1-29
General correspondence, 1970-1971	Box 23	Folder 1-16
Alphabetical correspondence - B-G	Box 24	Folder 1-37

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes: Nora Bell, 1946-1947; Willie Sue Blagdon, 1937; Civil Rights, 1960-1961; J.E. Clayton, 1954; David Clendenin, 1937-1941; Max Delson, 1944; George Edwards, 1937-1938; James T. Farrell, 1944-1956; Joe Felmet, 1944-1947; Special field letter #3, 1941; John E. Finnerty, 1940-1949; Mary E. Gallagher, 1944-1945; Martin Gerber, 1944-1945; Aron S. Gilmartin, 1944

Alphabetical correspondence - G-L

Box 25

Folder 1-39

Includes: Carl Gilmore, 1946-1947; Frank P. Graham, 1948-1949; John C. Granbery, 1948-1949; Anna Graves-Bertrand Russell, 1950; William Green, 1945; M. Gregory, 1945; Nat Grey, 1944-1946; Alvaine Hamilton, 1944-1946; Charles G. Hamilton, 1945-1946; Donald Herrington, 1949-1953; Francis Heisler, 1940-1956 and 1970; Albert K. Herling, 1949-1954; Lawrence T. Hosie, 1941-1953; Paul E. Hunt, 1944-1946; Inquiries, 1956-1959; M. Jacobs, 1935; Mae Pearl Kelly, 1946-1947; Senator R.M. La Follette, 1945-1948; Harry W. Laidler, 1945; Layle Lane, 1944-1945; Frieda Lazarus, 1947; Herbert Leader, 1945; Aaron Levenstein, 1944; Albert K. Levine, 1944; Abe Levy, 1944-1947

Alphabetical correspondence - L-Mc

Box 26

Folder 1-41

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes: Alfred Baker Lewis, 1940-1956; Georgia Lloyd, 1941-1948; George London, 1944-1945; Robert Morss Lovett, 1936 and 1944; Eugene Lyons, 1948; Frank McCallister - audit, 1941-1942; Frank McCallister luncheons, 1942-1943; Frank McCallister, 1938-1939

Alphabetical correspondence file - Frank McCallister

Box 27

Folder 1-43

Alphabetical correspondence - Mc-O

Box 28

Folder 1-37

#### Scope and Contents

Includes: Bishop Francis J. McConnell, 1945-1948; John Meresky, 1944; Morris Milgram, 1943-1946; James W> Miller, 1936-1944; Nathaniel Minkoff, 1943-1948; H.L. Mitchell, 1936-1949; Felix Morrow, 1935-1936; Stanley Most, 1944-1945; Lillian Muniz, 1945; Dave Munro, 1947-1949; Irwing R. Murray, 1944; Willie May Murray, 1945; Rev. James Myers, 1941-1949; H. Richard Niebuhr, 1944; Dorothy Norman, 1943-1948; Vivian Odems, 1942-1944; Hugo Oehler, 1937; Harold Oram, 1941-1945; Jessie and J.D. Overholt, 1941-1949

Box 29

Folder 1-28

#### Alphabetical correspondence - P-R

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes: Lawrence Piercey, 1944-1945; Oliver plat, 1944-1945; Basil Pollitt, 1945; Christ Popoff, 1944-1945; Adam C. Powell, 1941-1945; Carl Rachlin, 1945; John G. Ramsay, 1944-1945; A. Philip Randolph, 1936; Carl Raushenbush, 1941-1942; Elizabeth Brandeis Raushenbush, 1942-1948; Winifred Raushenbush, 1943-1945; Margaret Rickert, 1945; Victor Riesel, 1944;

Lawrence Rogin, 1944-1945; Vera Rony, 1956-1961; Igal Roodenko, 1945-1946; Thomas Rossi, 1940

Alphabetical correspondence - R-S

Box 30

Folder 1-33

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes: Bayard Rustin, 1964; Sam Safronoff, 1944-1945; Irving Salert, 1944; John B. Salterini, 1946; Adelaide Schulkind, 1945; Ben Segal, 1944-1945; Bert Seidman, 1947-1948; Clarence Senior, 1935; Brendan Sexton, 1944; Jerry and Zira Siegel, 1949; Leon Samis, 1944-1945; David Schick, 1944-1945; Joseph Schlossberg, 1936-1948; Mary R. Schneider, 1941-1944; S. Fanny Simon, 1946; Evelyn Smith, 1939-1940; Katherine K. Smith, 1945; Lillian E. Smith, 1941-1947; Tucker P. Smith, 1936 and 1943-1945

Box 31

Folder 1-34

Alphabetical correspondence - S-W

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes: Thank you letters, 1959-1961; Herbert Solow, 1935; Dorothea Spieth, 1944-1945; Ben Stahl, 1944-1945; Mark Starr, 1938 and 1944; William W. Steel, 1944-1945; Sol Stetin, 1944-1945; Eugene B. Sutherland, 1960-1963; K.T. Sutton, 1944-1945; Monroe Sweetland, 1940-1948; Imre Temesvary, 1950; Ashley Totten, 1944; Norman Thomas, 1935-1957; R.J. Thomas, 1944-1945; Ida Toepfert, 1945; Frank N. Trager, 1941-1945; Russel W> Tucker, 1944-1945; Oswald Garrison Villard, 1945; Noah Walter, 1944; Jack Wasserman, 1945; Marie Wathen, 1944; Carl Walz, 1943-1945

Box 32

Folder 1-25

## Alphabetical correspondence - W-Z

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes: Rowland Watts, 1946-1971; George L.P. Weaver; James Wechsler, 1943-1955; Samuel S. White, 1941-1945; Walter White, 1943 and 1947; Pearl Willen, 1944-1949 and 1955; N. John Willner, 1955; Leonard T. Wolcott, 1944-1945; Victor and Alice Wolfson, 1943-1944; William Worthy, 1943, 1946, and 1951; James E. Youngdahl, 1958; Milton Zatinsky, 1945-1946; Oliver K. Zipp, 1949-1950; Elizabeth Zutt, 1944-1946

Regional correspondence

Box 33

Folder 1-20

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes: Branches in general, 1939-194; Metropolitan district (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut), 1939-1941; Midwest branches, 1940-1946

Regional correspondence

Box 34

Folder 1-34

Includes: Southern Workers Defense League, 1940-1942 (F. McCallister correspondence and case work reports included); West Coast District, 1937-1938 (Mary Gallagher correspondence and notebook; reports on farm worker agitation; Philippine workers and FALA - Filipino Agricultural Laborers Association included)

Branch correspondence by State - Alabama to Illinois	Box 35	Folder 1-29	
Scope and Contents			
Farmworker organizing (3-4); Dies Committee (5-9); Farm-Labor Party (11); F. Heisler and M. Gallagher correspondence (19-29)			
Branch correspondence by state - Indiana to Massachusetts	Box 36	Folder 1-42	
Scope and Contents			
Terre Haute problems (1-5); Iowa organizing (14-17), SWOC report (30-33); leaflet distribution brief (34-42)			
Branch correspondence by state - Michigan to New Mexico	Box 37	Folder 1-44	
Scope and Contents			
Sit-down strikes (1-5); V. Reuther broadcast on poll tax (1-5); Sam Reed case (6); Kelly Postal case (7-8); Labor's Non-Partisan League (10-12); leaflet case (17-43)			
Branch correspondence by state - New York to Ohio	Box 38	Folder 1-32	
Scope and Contents			
Nathan Hines dinner (3-9); strike action (26); steel workers (27)			
Branch correspondence by state - Oklahoma to Tennessee, and Puerto Rico	Box 39	Folder 1-28	
Scope and Contents			
Associated Farmers, Oregon Commonwealth Federation (3-6); steelworkers (8); textile organizing, KKK vs. CIO (13-14); CIO (15); URW organizing, Crump machine, Bass case, UAW beating (16-28)			
Branch correspondence by state - Texas to Wisconsin, and Washington D.C.	Box 40	Folder 1-31	

## **Scope and Contents**

Beatings of organizers (1); George Edwards correspondence (2-6); N. Thomas letter to Henry Ford

(2-6); Southern Electoral Reform League (12-13); Pauli Murray arrest (14-16); night-riders, subversion (27-31)

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#### **Series 2: General files**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Most folders span from 1935 to 1972 and contain correspondence, memos, sometimes leaflets, clippings and other incidental material. Not every single correspondent is listed in the index. Some subjects were filed under various headings, and therefore a thorough check of possibilities is advised. For instance, there is a much on "Discrimination" but also further material under "Civil Rights," "Anti-Semitism," "Race relations" and many other headings. Changes over the years, in fashionable wording and in personnel, as well as name changes of organizations, occasioned this multiple filing, so that a scanning of the entire file may be necessary.

Title/Description	Instances	
A - miscellaneous	Box 41	Folder 1-4
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Activities report - WDL, 1938, 1941, 1943, 1946	Box 41	Folder 6
Activities in support of workers' rights, 1940-1941	Box 41	Folder 7
Actors Equity Strike, 1960	Box 41	Folder 8
Ad hoc Committees: on Human Rights and Genocide, 1965; and on SW Africa, 1950	Box 41	Folder 9
Adoption papers - forms, 1965	Box 41	Folder 10
Addressplate Co., 1967	Box 41	Folder 11
Advertising, 1943-1958	Box 41	Folder 12
Advisory Committee - white paper on labor luncheon, 1959	Box 41	Folder 13
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Norman Thomas and the Leaflet Campaign in Hague's New Jersey, 1938-1939

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#### **Subseries C: The Terre Haute Defense Committee, 1935-1936**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Some of these papers were created before the Workers Defense League was officially formed. The Labor and Socialist Defense Committee and the Terre Haute Defense Committee, as well as the Chicago Labor Committee for Terre Haute Relief and Defense, were formed to aid arrested and imprisoned organizers, workers, and strikers in 1935 and 1936. Paul McNutt and the Terre Haute political machine were the targets of these committees which cooperated in giving legal and other aid. Papers include posters, leaflets, legal documents, press releases, correspondence, financial reports, affidavits; persons featured here include Aron Gilmartin, Helen Gilmartin, Lois Condon, Joseph Jacobs, Eldon Johnson and Leo Vernon.

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#### **Scope and Contents**

Title/Description

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The Workers Defense League, in 1964, entered the lawsuit of a group of longshoremen who had been deregistered from the union. A sponsoring committee was set up to spearhead the defense in this "union democracy" case, the chairmen being Michael Harrington and Bayard Rustin. (See also Box 136, Folders 1 and 9). The case was against not only the Pacific Maritime Association, but against International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, local 10. A libel suit was started by Harry Bridges, against the WDL - sponsored Longshoremen's Jobs Defense Committee. Papers of the committee are from 1964 to 1971, and are included in Boxes 136-138 of this sub-series. Several different court actions and various concerns are intertwined.		
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Longshoremen's Jobs Defense Committee, WDL - Legal papers

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#### Subseries F: White Paper for Labor, 1958-1962

#### **Scope and Contents**

In 1958 the Workers Defense League mounted a study of the state of Labor in America. This study included an in-depth look at the NLRB, and a study of the use of race hate as a weapon to flight unionism, especially in the South. The study was promulgated and coordinated by Vera Rony, WDL's national Executive Secretary, who also edited and wrote some of the final work. Al Blumenthal wrote the NLRB section, and John Schulter investigated and wrote parts of the race study. Many national unions assisted in this work, also by sending materials, evidence and suggestions.

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# Subseries G: Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa (Florida), 1935-1939

#### **Scope and Contents**

The murder in 1935 of Joseph Shoemaker, political activist, and the kidnapping and beating of Eugene Poulnot, labor organizer, were the focus of activity of the Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa, formed in 1936, the Ku Klux Klan and various police and officials of the city and state were implicated in these and other acts taking place in Tampa and in Florida. Members of the WDL and affiliated groups, Norman Thomas, David Clendenin, Aron Gilmartin, Mary Fox, Frank McCallister, Walter Metcalf, and many others, pursued the problems of defense and investigation for several years.

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Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa, 1936-1939

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#### **Scope and Contents**

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Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa, 1937-1938

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# Subseries H: Committee to Defend Franco's Labor Victims, 1950-1953 and the Ferrerro-Sallitto Defense Conference, 1935-1938

#### **Scope and Contents**

The CDFLV was formed in the hope of defending political prisoners in Fascist Spain, who faced death sentences. Many of them were labor leaders and activists. The Workers Defense League joined in this effort. Material includes correspondence, reports, minutes, memos, leaflets, etc. An earlier effort is included in this series, the Ferrero-Sallitto Defense Conference, 1935-1938. These papers concern deportation of two anti-Fascist Italians to Fascist Italy, which cause the organization of a strong defense committee to fight the deportation. Material includes correspondence, posters, newsletters, press releases, etc.

Title/Description	Instances		
Committee to Defend Franco's Labor Victims and the Ferrerro-	Box 146	Folder 1-36	
Sallitto Defense Conference			

#### **Scope and Contents**

Chicago committee material; bulletins.

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## Series IV: Workers Defense League Joint Apprenticeship Program, 1962-1971

The Joint Apprenticeship Program was launched by the WDL in 1962, as an effort to secure entrance into skilled trades for minorities who historically have found it difficult to pass the training requirements needed for membership in building trades unions. The Joint Apprenticeship Program recruited black and Puerto Rican youth, counseled, placed them, and continued the interest in their progress and training until they were able to pass into the skilled trades workforce, qualifying for union membership. The program, still in progress, is coordinated with state and federal agencies, academic institutions, unions and employers. Boxes 147-153 include correspondence, reports, including financial reports, legal cases, press releases and publicity material.

Title/Description	Instances		
Joint Apprenticeship Program	Box 147	Folder 1-20	
Scope and Contents			
Correspondence, 1964-1966			
Joint Apprenticeship Program	Box 148	Folder 1-24	
Scope and Contents			
Correspondence, mailing, finances, 1963-1969			
Joint Apprenticeship Program	Box 149	Folder 1-23	
Scope and Contents			
Committee and Board meetings; Brennan Committee; minorities committee; meetings.			
Joint Apprenticeship Program	Box 150	Folder 1-16	
Scope and Contents			
Reports, proposals, examinations, regulations, lists and wages.			
Joint Apprenticeship Program	Box 151	Folder 1-11	
Scope and Contents			
Government contract, proposals, guidelines, reports, publicity.			
Joint Apprenticeship Program	Box 152	Folder 1-10	
Scope and Contents			
Studies, drafts, reports, conference material			
Joint Apprenticeship Program records and cases	Box 153	Folder 1-14	

Personnel, cases, Locals 2, 3, 25, and 28.

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# Series V: Farm workers, migrant workers, sharecroppers and their unionization Scope and Contents

Note: Boxes 154-172 are available on microfilm only. Each reel corresponds to each box in sequential order. This series combines early farm worker material and cases where WDL came to the legal aid of farm workers; a great deal of material on the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, of which the WDL was strong financial and legal support; the National Farm Labor Union; the National Agricultural Workers Union; National Sharecroppers Week and Fund; and peonage cases in the South as well as campaigns against peonage. (See also Box 128).

#### Subseries A: Farm Workers, 1936-1954

Title/Description	Instances	
Farm workers	Box 154	Folder 1-37

#### **Scope and Contents**

California farm workers; foreign farm labor; foreign contracts; Florida; proposed legislation; National Citizens' Council for Migrant Labor (c. 1947-1948); Cotton pickers' agreement; Texas Workers Committee (F.A. Cortez), 1939; President's Commission on Migratory Labor, 1950; Southwest Council on the Education of Spanish-Speaking People, 1950 (15); Cranbury (NJ) farm worker race cases, 1939-1942 (23-37); and featuring material by H.L. Mitchell; F. Berdecia; Ernesto Galarza; F.A. Cortez; Liston Oak; Harry Fleischman; Walter Reuther; A. William Saar, Norman Thomas and Jean Yatrofsky.

## Subseries B: Farm workers and migrant workers, 1940-1961

Title/Description	Instances	
Farm workers and migrant workers, 1940-1960	Box 155	Folder 1-27
Scope and Contents		

Hearings, testimony; British West Indies migrants. Lakehurst Farms, NJ; New Jersey organizing campaign, 1959-1960 (10); Consumers League of New York; National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor; National Catholic Welfare Conference; Migrants in Indiana, New York, New Jersey; Helen Gahagan Douglas, 1950 (25); Joads in New York.

Migrant workers, 1945-1961 Box 156

Folder 1-21

Hearings, President's Commission recommendations; Louisiana Strawberry pickers; Conference on Migratory Labor, 1957 (10-12); Ad Hoc Conference on Migrant Labor, 1958; clippings, resolutions, correspondence.

Migrant workers, 1958-1964

Box 157

Folder 1-26

#### **Scope and Contents**

Bahamian migrants; foreign migrants; British West Indies; Williams Committee (Senate) hearings; 1959-1963; legislative proposals; Herbert Hill report; other reports.

Mexican migrants, 1948-1961

Box 158

Folder 1-17

#### **Scope and Contents**

Bibliographies, historical review; reports, correspondence, contracts, NFLU reports; press releases, clippings on legal and illegal Mexican migrants.

#### Subseries C: Farm workers' and farmers' strikes, 1947-1955

#### **Scope and Contents**

These files are comprised of papers on four farm workers strikes: the DiGiorgio Strike (California), 1947-1948; the New Jersey Dairy Strike, 1951; the Imperial Valley Strike (California), 1950-1951; and the Louisiana Sugar Cane Strike, 1953-1955. Material includes correspondence, reports, press releases, legal papers, posters, clippings, etc. Many are the papers of the Citizens Committee on the Diiorio Strike, a group formed on January 1948. See also Box 161.

Title/Description	Instances	
Farm workers and strikes	Box 159	Folder 1-34

#### **Scope and Contents**

Farm workers and strikes

DiGiorgio Strike, 1947-1948 (20 folders). Dairy Farmers' strike: Ideal Farms v. Local #277, 1950-1951 (4 folders). NFLU Strike, Imperial Valley, Calif., 1951 (Wetback contract controversy) (3 folders). Sugar cane strike, 1953-1955, Claisson v. Southeast Corp; Godchaux Sugars, Inc. v Chaisson; Southdown Sugars v. Picou et al. (7 folders).

## **Subseries D: Southern Tenant Farmers Union (STFU)**

#### **Scope and Contents**

In July 1934, the Southern Tenant Farmers Union was organized, near Tyronza, Arkansas by a group of sharecroppers including both black and white members. H.L. Mitchell, J.R. Butler, Ward Rodgers, and Alvin Nunally were among the organizers of this group, which gained support of the AFL. The Workers Defense League

le/Description	Instances	
Report of the first session (convention) and constitution	Box 160	Folder 1
Convention program, August 1936	Box 160	Folder 2
Scope and Contents		
Second annual convention report		
Ceremony of the Land (several versions)	Box 160	Folder 3
Early convention minutes, undated	Box 160	Folder 4
Third convention, constitution and by-laws	Box 160	Folder 5
Calendars of STFU history	Box 160	Folder 6
Correspondence, June-December 1934	Box 160	Folder 7-8
Financial statements, 1934	Box 160	Folder 9
Other papers, 1934	Box 160	Folder 10
Scope and Contents		
Executive Secretary report, September 15, 1934; street poster; organizers' commission form; instructions to organizers; list of demands of STFU; membership card; minutes, NEC of STFU, December 1935.		
Correspondence, 1935	Box 160	Folder 11-17
Other papers, 1935	Box 160	Folder 18
Scope and Contents		
AFL endorsement; appeal; strike bulletins #1 and #2 (cotton-pickers); share crop contract, Marked Tree unit's Sharecroppers, and Truman Singer Machine Co., bulletins		
Correspondence, 1936	Box 160	Folder 19-30
Scope and Contents		
Includes some minutes		
Posters, 1936	Box 160	Folder 31
Γenant farmers' letters, 1936	Box 160	Folder 32
Oklahoma Farm Land Tenantry Conference, proceedings, 1936	Box 160	Folder 33

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National Defense Committee for the STFU, 1936

Minutes of Arkansas Committee meetings, March-April 1936

H.L Mitchell notarized statement on STFU, 1936	Box 160	Folder 35
Scope and Contents		
Account of violence met by STFU workers, up to April 1936		
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Norman Thomas radio speech on Tampa and Arkansas and "President Roosevelt and the Sharecroppers," 1936 and undated	Box 161	Folder 10
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Scope and Contents		
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Anti-war news service, December 1940-January 1941	Box 164	Folder 18
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# Subseries E: National Farm Labor Union and National Agricultural Workers Union, 1945-1960

Title/Description	Instances	
NFLU, 1945-1952 and NAWU, 1951-1960	Box 166	Folder 1-24

#### **Scope and Contents**

National Federation of Labor Unions (NFLU): (17 folders) Correspondence on cases and drives; posters, constitutions; H. Hasivar report on California organizing; 16th convention proceedings (1950); reports, newsletters. National Agricultural Workers' Union (NAWU): (6 folders) Agreement on Mexican workers, 1951; Galarza statement; releases, minutes. Also included, UFW vs. Dispoto case, and Consumer v. Coop (24).

## Subseries F: National Sharecroppers Week and Fund, 1936-1969

Title/Description	Instances	
National Sharecroppers Week and Fund	Box 167	Folder 1-29

#### **Scope and Contents**

Bibliographies, clippings, posters; Howard Kester's "Ceremony of the Land" (4); manuscripts, Sharecroppers

Film Committee, 1936-1937 (6-7); lynching report; NSW college contest and entries, 1940; correspondence

National Sharecroppers Week and Fund, 1941-1949	Box 168	Folder 1-26	
Scope and Contents			
Policy Committee reports, minutes; correspondence; manuscript auction catalog; radio address, publicity			
National Sharecroppers Fund, 1950-1969	Box 169	Folder 1-20	

#### **Scope and Contents**

"A Sober Tale" by Dick Weber; migrant labor - NSF dinner; correspondence, etc.

Fitle/Description	Instances	
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Scope and Contents		
Correspondence, clippings; movie "Boy Slaves"; Abolish Peonage Committee of America; Florida cases; Ft. Lauderdale cases, 1944-1945; peonage leaflets; Florida vagrancy cases, 1945		
Peonage, 1936-1956	Box 171	Folder 1-21
Scope and Contents		
Florida peonage campaign, 1947-1951; LeRoy Hacker investigations, FBI investigation; Lake County, FL cases; memo on Sheriff Willis McCall; Georgia peonage, 1936-1938; Mississippi peonage, 1955-1956.		
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George Mayberry case, 1939-1940 (Mississippi, STFU)	Box 172	Folder 30
Isaac Mosley case, 1940-1941 (Missouri, STFU)	Box 172	Folder 31
Paul D. Peacher case, 1936 (Arkansas forced labor, STFU)	Box 172	Folder 32-33
Penal Farm (J.C. Cherry), 1938 (Arkansas)	Box 172	Folder 34
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Carl Gilmore case, 1940-1946

Title/Description	Instances	
Odell Waller case, 1940-1942	Box 183	Folder 1-28
Scope and Contents		
Odell Waller case, 1940-1942: A campaign was mounted in 1939, for the defense of Odell Waller, a Virginia sharecropper who shot his white landlord in self-defense. After his conviction a stay of execution was won, but despite nationwide efforts of the WDL, working with the NAACP, Waller was eventually executed. The material in these boxes includes legal papers, correspondence, press releases, reports, etc. See also Boxes 256-260		
Odell Waller case, 1940-1942	Box 184	Folder 1-33
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Tee Davis case, 1943-1949	Box 189	Folder 1-36
Scope and Contents		
A campaign to have Tee Davis pardoned was started in 1943. Tee Davis, a black Arkansas sharecropper who shot back (but hurt no one) during an assault in his home by a white landlord, was given a lengthy sentence by an Arkansas judge. He had been an active member of STFU and NFLU, and it was felt that both racial and anti-union prejudice were involved. Materials include correspondence, releases, petitions, legal papers, publicity, etc. See also Box 275.		
Clarence Jackson case, 1949-1956	Box 190	Folder 1-25
Scope and Contents		
The Jackson case was an attempt to save Clarence Jackson from extradition to a Georgia prison camp, where his life had been threatened during a beating before his escape.  Material includes correspondence, petitions, press releases, clippings and legal papers.		

Box 191

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During a 1940 strike of local 693, International Brotherhood of Teamsters of Binghamton, NY - Gilmore, a black union member, was arrested for assault on a non-union employee. The extreme sentence imposed on Gilmore led to a drive for clemency and reduced prison time. Material includes correspondence, reports, clippings, and legal papers on the case and appeals.

The Groveland cases, 1950-1952

Box 192

Folder 1-16

#### **Scope and Contents**

The famous Groveland, Florida cases began when a 17-year old white girl accused four Negros of raping her. In an atmosphere of strong KKK activity, as well as WDL's peonage investigations, three of the suspects were indicted, the fourth being shot later by Sheriff Willis McCall. Riots caused the National Guard to be summoned, and black citizens had to flee their homes. In the subsequent trial, two of the defendants were sentenced to death. An Appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court failed. Walter Lee Irvin was sentenced to death, and Charles Greenlee to life in prison. Thurgood Marshall was one of the attorneys. Material comprises papers on the case, clippings, and correspondence.

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#### **Scope and Contents**

The involve two institutions (Commonwealth College and Highlander Fold School), and a number of individuals teaching at various academic institutions.

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## Series IX: Civil Rights and racial discrimination cases, 1936-1965

While civil rights are central in hundred of other cases in this collection, these are put together in study groups as particularly representing civil rights and discrimination. Material includes correspondence, reports, legal papers, clippings, memoranda, and the like.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Scope and Contents		
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Rosenberg and Sobell cases; Safety publications; Sharecroppers - Alabama, Arkansas, Flournoy case; Slave labor; Slavery; STFU; Norman Thomas; Unions; Robert Williams; William Worthy

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