

The UAW Local 1444 Collection
Papers 1933-1969
(Predominantly 1945-1959)
1.5 Linear Feet
5 Bound Minute Books

Accession Number: 501

The papers of UAW Local 1444 were deposited in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January 1997. UAW Local 1444 represented the workers at the Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. in Anderson Indiana. Anaconda was a supplier of insulated electrical wire products to the auto industry. Originally chartered in 1937 as Federal Labor Union Local 18704, the local re-organized in 1966 as UAW Local 1444 and was defunct in 1977.

The papers of UAW Local 1444 reflect the importance of the early organization efforts by the UAW in the auto industry. The papers contain the minutes of the earliest meetings of the FLU Local 18704 before Anaconda Wire and Cable recognized the local as the representative for collective bargaining. The papers of UAW Local 1444 also contain the minute books of the Executive Committee for 1936 and 1937 during which time one of the earliest sit-down strikes occurred at the General Motors Guide Lamp Division.¹

Important subjects covered in this collection include:

Local Executive Committee Operations and Procedures
Collective bargaining
Administrative Relationships between the Local and
International Union

Contents

3 Manuscript boxes
5 bound volumes

Series I, Correspondence, Grievances, and Minutes, Boxes 1-3:

Daily correspondence, settled and void grievances, Minutes of Executive Committee.

¹ For an interesting account of this early sit-down strike see Hoffman, Claude E. *Sit-Down Anderson: UAW Local 663 Anderson, Indiana*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1968.

Series I
Correspondence, Grievances and Minutes
1933-1969
Boxes 1-3

Contains grievances, mostly from 1961-69, general correspondence, and the minute books for 1933-1955. Also contains the correspondence of UAW Local 1444 Grievance Committee and shop orders, 1950-59. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically within; minutes are arranged chronologically.

Box 1

- 1-1 Arbitration-1953-1960
- 1 -2 Contract Proposals-1959
- 1-3 Correspondence-1938, 1944, 1948
- 1-4 Correspondence-1948-1959, 1963-1969
- 1-5 Correspondence: National-1954
- 1-6 Correspondence: Operations and Procedures-1953-1966
- 1-7 Correspondence: Shop Orders-1952-1959
- 1-8 Grievances-1961-1964
- 1-9 Grievances-1965
- 1-10 Greivances-1966
- 1-11 Greivances-1967-1969
- 1-12 Grievance Committee Correspondence-1943, 1948, 1950-1955
- 1-13 Grievance Committee Correspondence-1956-1959
- 1-14 Insurance-1953-1959

Box 2

- 2-1 Minutes: 6-34-33 - 5-24-34 (Bound volume)
- 2-2 Minutes: 6-24-34 - 3-14-35 (Bound volume)
- 2-3 Minutes: 3-28-35 - 7-1 1-35 (Bound volume)
- 2-4 Minutes: 7-18-35 - 5-1 1-37 (Bound volume)
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- 2-6 Minutes: 5-25-37 - 7-28-38 (Bound volume)
- 2-7 Minutes: 1938
- 2-8 Minutes: 1939
- 2-9 Minutes: 1940
- 2-10 Minutes: 1941
- 2-11 Minutes: 1942
- 2-12 Minutes: 1943

Box 3

- 3-1 Minutes: 1944

3-2 Minutes: 1945
3-3 Minutes: 1946
3-4 Minutes: 1947
3-5 Minutes: 1948
3-6 Minutes: 1949
3-7 Minutes: 1950
3-8 Minutes: 1951
3-9 Minutes: 1952
3-10 Minutes: 1953
3-11 Minutes: 1954
3-12 Minutes: 1955