

THE UAW LOCAL 506 COLLECTION

Papers, 1942-1967
(Predominantly 1945-1965)

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The papers of UAW Local 506 were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in June of 1972 by the President of the Local , Frank J. Marino. They were opened for research in March of 1984.

UAW Local 506, the bargaining agent for Ryan Aeronautical Company in San Diego, California, was established on July 1, 1937 and was one of the first West Coast locals representing workers in the aeronautical industry. In 1942 the United Automobile Workers of America changed their name to the United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Workers of America to reflect union growth in this area. With approximately 90 percent of employment in aircraft and missiles dependent on government contracts, the confrontations between Local 506 and Ryan serve as an example of the special nature of the relationship between the aerospace industry and the Federal government. Ryan Aeronautical, well known for the construction of "The Spirit of S. Louis" flown by Charles Lindbergh on his historic flight, was an innovative contributor to aviation. Navigational equipment, engine designs and the Vertical Take-off and Landing aircraft are among the company's contributions.

Other Collections in the Archives that describe UAW Local 506 strikes against the Ryan Aeronautical Company in January 1941 and June 1947 to May 1958 can be found in the Richard T. Frankenstein Collection, the UAW Washington Office, Donald Montgomery, Legislative Department Collection and the John W. Livingston Collection.

Important subjects covered in the collection *are*:

Civil Rights	Spirit of St. Louis
Contract Negotiations	Taft-Hartley Law
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