

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS LOCAL 1700

Papers, 1962-1977  
(Predominantly, 1967-1975)

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The papers of the American Federation of Teachers Local 1700 were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January of 1982 and opened for research in October of 1993.

The Chicago Federation of Teachers was formed in 1897, with Catherine Goggin as its president and Margaret Haley as its driving force. On 15 April 1916, the American Federation of Teachers was formed in Willmette, IL. Charles Stillman was the AFT's first president, and Margaret Haley its national organizer.

The Archdiocesan Teachers Federation (ATF)--Local 1700, the American Federation of Teachers(AFT)--was an organization made up of grade and high school teachers employed at the schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The ATF included both lay and religious teachers. The main office was located at 21 West Superior, Chicago, IL. Important names in the Federation's history are James Keane, President, and Robert Keeley, Executive Secretary.

The files consist of correspondence, memos, reports, lists, and other printed material relating to the defunct Local 1700.

Important subjects covered in the collection are

Contract Writing and Revision  
Public Relations

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Among the correspondents are:

James Keane

Robert Keeley

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Series III, Public Relations, 1967-1977, Box 7:

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Non-manuscript material:

Approximately 100 photographs and other A-V material relating to AFT Local 1700, its members and activities, have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection.

Series I  
Contracts, 1962-75  
Boxes 1-5

Schedules, reports, lists of names, correspondence, rough drafts, final copies of contracts. Also, membership applications, handwritten notes, and articles relating to contract negotiation. Files arranged chronologically.

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10. Francis J. Brown statement, 16 Oct 1967
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7. Correspondence, bulletins, agendas, announcements, pamphlets, 1967
8. The Daily Defender. 21 Aug 1967
9. Literature for talks, 1967
10. Press memos, 1968-69; 1975
11. National Conference for Interracial Justice pamphlet, 1967
12. The National Catholic Reporter. Aug and Oct 1967
13. The New World. 22 Sep 1967
14. Pamphlet, "Why Teachers Need the AFL-CIO," 1965
15. Public Relations—Labor Friends. Aug 1967
16. "Reveille for Radicals," article by Saul Alinsky
17. Illinois Union Teacher. Oct 1967 - Mar 1969, Jan 1968, May 1968
18. "Teachers' Unions in Catholic Schools," article by Joseph Mooney
19. "Those Expensive Lay Teachers," article by Anthony Seidl, Commonweal. Apr 1967