

## THE UAW PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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This collection of the UAW President's Office was placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in April of 1989, and was opened for research in May of 1992.

The papers in this collection include correspondence from UAW presidents Walter P. Reuther, Leonard Woodcock, and Douglas A. Fraser; and transcripts of speeches from presidents Leonard Woodcock, and Douglas A. Fraser.

Walter P. Reuther was elected president of the UAW in March of 1946, and held the office for 24 years, until his death. Among the benefits gained for UAW members under Reuther were the guaranteed annual wage, health insurance for workers and their families, and supplemental unemployment benefits.

Leonard Woodcock was named president of the UAW in May 1970, following the death of Walter P. Reuther. Mr. Woodcock was elected to a full term at the union's 23rd Constitutional Convention in April 1972, and re-elected in 1974. He retired in May 1977. During his tenure as UAW President, Mr. Woodcock led the union in acquiring such contract gains as dental insurance, restrictions on overtime, and stronger health and safety provisions.

Douglas A. Fraser served as president of the UAW from May 1977 until he retired in 1984. Mr. Fraser became the first union leader elected to the board of an American Corporation (Chrysler), a seat he held from 1980 to 1984. As President of the UAW, Mr. Woodcock gained benefits for UAW Members, and maintained a vigorous involvement in community activities.

The papers in this collection include various correspondence from the offices of these three presidents, dealing briefly with many subjects. The papers also include speeches and transcripts from presidents Leonard Woodcock and Douglas A. Fraser.

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