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Guide to the Detroit Newspaper Strike Collection LR002748

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Title:	Detroit Newspaper Strike Collection
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History

The Detroit Newspaper Strike started on July 13, 1995 with six labor unions and around 2,500 workers striking against the Detroit's two primary newspapers, the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press. The strike ended on February 14, 1997 and was finally resolved in court three years later with the federal courts reversing the NLRB ruling that the newspapers had engaged in unfair labor practices. During the strike, there were local boycotts, legal charges of unfair labor practices and violence. The newspapers continued to print papers while the strikers created their own newspaper called the Detroit Sunday Journal. By the end of 1995 those on strike started to cross the picket line and return to work, the newspapers hired replacement workers and began to print their papers in Toledo, away from strikers blocking the printing facilities. After the strike was called off by the unions, management for the papers said they would not fire the replacement workers and only hired back strikers a few at a time.

This collection contains materials from three different strikers who deposited their materials during an oral history project about the strike. They are Esther Ingber and Kate DeSmet both writers and Randy

Karpinen a Teamster. The collection contains meeting minutes, organizing material, various articles and ephemera from the strike.

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Scope and Content

Series 1: Kate DeSmet Records, 1995-1999 Series 2: Esther Ingber Records, 1995-1996 Series 3: Randy Karpinen Records, 1997-1998 Series 4: Ephemera/AV, 1995-1999

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Arrangement

Arranged in four series - Series 1 (Boxes 1-2), Series 2 (Box 2), Series 3 (Box 2), and Series 3 (Boxes 2-5), Folders are arranged alphabetically, Series 4 organized by type and size.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Materials came to the Reuther Library from 2013-2015.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Dan Golodner on February 21, 2017.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

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Related Materials

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Newspaper Guild Local 22: Detroit Records Ellen Creager Papers Thomas Bernick Papers Action Coalition of Strikers Records Nancy E. Dunn Papers

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Controlled Access Headings

- Detroit (Mich.)
- Human rights workers
- Labor unions
- Newspaper strike, Detroit, Michigan, 1995-2000
- Strikes and lockouts
- Detroit news
- Newspapers
- Newspaper Strike, Detroit, Michigan, 1995-2000

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Kate DeSmet Records, 1995-1999

Title/Description	Instances	
Actions/Posters/Leaflets	Box 1	Folder 1-2

Address Phone Lists	Box 1	Folder 3
Alliance, 1995-1999	Box 1	Folder 4
Boston/New York City	Box 1	Folder 5
Gang Bang	Box 1	Folder 6
General Strike Material	Box 1	Folder 7-9
Guild Reporter	Box 1	Folder 10
Guild Resignation Letters	Box 1	Folder 11
Harvard Giles	Box 1	Folder 12
Justice Committee	Box 1	Folder 13
Kate Correspondence	Box 1	Folder 14
Kate Writings	Box 1	Folder 15
Newspaper Guild Local 22	Box 1	Folder 16
Newspaper Guild Local 22	Box 2	Folder 1
Religious Coalition	Box 2	Folder 2
Speakers Bureau	Box 2	Folder 3
Unted Steelworkers of America Convention, August 1996; DeSmet Speech	Box 2	Folder 4
We're Back newsletter, 1999	Box 2	Folder 5

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Series 2: Esther Ingber Records, 1995-1996

Title/Description	Instances	
The Alliance 1995-1996	Box 2	Folder 6
Chron Files, 1995-1998	Box 2	Folder 7
Clippings	Box 2	Folder 8
Flyers	Box 2	Folder 9

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Series 3: Randy Karpinen Records, 1997-1998

Title/Description	Instances	
Action Motown Bus Arrivals and other	Box 2	Folder 10
Action Motown Materials	Box 2	Folder 11

Action Pack	Box 2	Folder 12
Brochures	Box 2	Folder 13
Business Advertising Pulls	Box 2	Folder 14
Clippings	Box 2	Folder 15
Correspondence	Box 2	Folder 16
Flyers	Box 2	Folder 17-18
Maps	Box 2	Folder 19
Publications	Box 2	Folder 20
Teamsters for a Democratic Union Convention, 1997	Box 2	Folder 21
Teamster Correspondence and Materials	Box 2	Folder 22

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Series 4: Ephemera/AV, 1995-1999

Title/Description	Instances
National Association of Broadcast Employees, COLT/IP Rally	Box 3
Bill Bonds, November 3	Box 3
Stand Up for Americas Jobs: The Detroit Newspaper Strike, November 15, 1995. 3 copies	Box 3
A Struggle for Justice: Action! Motwon '97 and the Detroit Newspaper Strike	Box 3
MI Laborfest 1998 in Detroit with Billy Bragg	Box 3
WXYZ-TV Detroit, Detroit News, November 24, 1995	Box 3
Saturday Nights in Detroit: A Small Piece of the DNA Strike, September 16 - October 1, 1995	Box 3
1995-1996 Detroit Strike	Box 3
Mayor Archer on Strike, State of the City Address, January 1997	Box 3
Marchin' in the Street Action! Motown '97	Box 3
Bureau Actions, October 16, 1996	Box 3
Strike	Box 3
Lords of the Press: The DNS	Box 3
Showdown in Motown: DNS - Battle of Sterling Heights	Box 3
Irish Pub Night, February 2, 1996	Box 3
Labor Notes - Rally for Detroit Lockout, May 19, 1997	Box 3

National United Students Against Sweatshops At University of Michigan Rally January 7, 2000 and Takin it to 'em: The Fight for Justice in Detroit	Box 3
The Great Detroit Newspaper Strike of 1995	Box 3
Labor Notes 1999, Detroit Strike Force workshop with Dennis Nazelli and Paul Kulka	Box 3
Detroit Motown: Unconditional Offer 2 year anniversary	Box 3
CBS Sunday Morning: Newspaper Strike with Albom	Box 3
Labor Day 1995: A day to Remember Part I	Box 3
One More Day; Songs from the Detroit Newspaper Strike by Stephen Jones	Box 3
500 Days: The Paper Boys, Detroit Cultural Workers and Artists Caucus, Finland Station and Anne Feeney	Box 3
Buttons	Box 4
Arm Bands	Box 4
Nail Stars	Box 4
Jammers	Box 4
T-Shirts	Box 4
Stickers and Bumper Stickers	Box 4
Calendar	Box 4
Detroit News and Free Press Sunday July 22, 1995	Box 5
Detroit News July 13, 1995	Box 5
Detroit Free Press July 13, 1995	Box 5
Strike Signs and Over Sized Flyers	Box 5
Orange Boycott Jump Suit	Box 5

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