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Guide to the Walker Cisler Papers UP001643

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Cisler, Walker L. (Walker Lee), 1897-1994
Title:	Walker Cisler Papers
ID:	UP001643
Date [inclusive]:	1952-1981
Date [bulk]:	1967-1977
Physical Description:	4 Linear Feet (1 SB, 1 OS)
Language of the Material:	Material primarily in English. Limited materials in French, German, and [Russian].
Abstract:	Walker Lee Cisler was a mechanical engineer who served as Chief Engineer of Power Plants, Executive Vice President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board at the Detroit Edison Company (later DTE Energy) between 1943 and 1975. The Walker Cisler Papers contain documentation of Cisler's board membership and service to numerous national and Detroit area organizations and causes during his post-war tenure at Detroit Edison and after his retirement. Minutes, reports, membership rosters, and correspondence for organizations and causes including United Service Organization (USO), International Union of Producers and Distributors of Electrical Energy (UNIPEDE), Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and Urban Detroit Area Research Foundation are included.

Citation Style

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History

Walker Lee Cisler was an engineer who held several leadership roles during his tenure at the Detroit Edison Company between 1943 and 1975. Trained as a mechanical engineer at Cornell University, Cisler spent the first two decades of his career at the Public Service Electric and Gas Company of New Jersey.

In 1941, Cisler was appointed to the War Production Board's Office of Production Management where he was responsible for managing demand for electrical services between civilians and allied forces. Cisler was named Chief Engineer of Power Plants at Detroit Edison in 1943. He took an immediate leave of absence to serve on General Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff as Chief of the Public Utilities Section, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces (SHAEF), charged with restoring electrical services to disrupted areas of Europe during the war. He returned to assume his role as Chief Engineer at Detroit Edison in 1945, ascending to Executive Vice President of the company in 1948, Chief Executive Officer in 1954, and Chairman of the Board in 1964, the role from which he retired from the company in 1975. Serving as Executive Secretary to the Atomic Energy Commission's Industrial Advisory Group from 1947-1948 and the first president of the Atomic Industrial Forum's first president, Cisler was an important contributor to the development of nuclear power.

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Arrangement

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Access

Collection is open for research.

Acquisition

The Walker Cisler Papers were donated to the Walter P. Reuther Library in December 1995 by Kenneth Hartwell.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Leah Minadeo on January 4, 2022.

Use

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

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Related Materials

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WSR000341: Wayne State University Walker and Gertrude Cisler Library Records

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Controlled Access Headings

- Urban development

Collection Inventory

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U.S. urban policy, 1979	Box 1	Folder 2
USA Republic of China Economic Council, 1979-1980	Box 1	folder 3
Volunteers for International Technical Assistance, 1965-1974	Box 1	folder 4
White House Conference on Natural Beauty, 1965	Box 1	folder 5
United Nations Organization, 1975-1976, 1981	Box 1	folder 6
Anthony Wayne Society, 1969-1974	Box 1	folder 7
International Union of Producers and Distributors of Electrical Energy (UNIPEDE), 1970-1976	Box 1	folder 8
United Negro College Fund Inc., 1975	Box 1	folder 9
Urban Detroit Area Research Foundation, 1968, 1971-1973	Box 1	folder 10
United Service Organization of Metro Detroit, 1978-1979	Box 1	folder 11
Université Internacional, 1975	Box 1	folder 12
International Union of Producers and Distributors of Electrical Energy (UNIPEDE) Vienna Congress Papers, 1976	Box 1	folder 13
Utilities Council on Community Development, 1970-1974	Box 1	folder 14
United Service Organization (National), 1966-1967, 1971-1977	Box 1	folder 15
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