

THE ALBERT SAYER COLLECTION

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The papers of Albert Sayer were deposited with the Labor History Archives in June 10, 1970 by Florence Sayer.

Albert H. Sayer, a teacher, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on October 20, 1907. He died June 17, 1965. Sayer received his bachelors from Harvard where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Later, he earned his Masters in economics at Columbia, and co-authored Economics in Our Democracy (1950), a high school text book.

For more than thirty years he worked to improve the quality of the New York school system. In 1950 he was vice president of the New York Teachers Guild. However, he left the Guild to help form Local 378 of the C.I.O., a New York teachers' union which was disbanded in 1954. Later Sayer worked in obtaining an A.F.L.-C.I.O. charter which became the United Federation of Teachers where he served as an officer and member of the executive board. At the same time he fought for and became vice president of the Union of School Supervisors.

Albert Sayer also worked to improve the quality of American life. He served as a member and then as chairman of the New York State chapter of Americans for Democratic Action. In the summer of 1964, he and his wife Florence went to Mississippi to help Negro children gain their civil rights.

The most significant series in the collection is "Albert Sayer, Personal." The remainder of the material is primarily secondary sources. However, it could prove useful to a researcher interested in educational finance.

The Albert Sayer Collection covers the period from 1936 to 1965.

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Important subjects are: The Constitution of the State of New York  
The Growth of Unions  
The Formation of the United Federation of Teachers  
The Educational Budget of the City of New York  
Civil Liberties and Human Rights

Among the correspondents are: Walter Reuther, President, CIO  
Milton Murry, Secretary Treasurer, Government  
and Civic Employees Organizing Committee, CIO  
Arthur Levitt, State Comptroller, New York  
Joyce Martin, Democratic State Committee, New York  
George S. Reuther, Jr., Research Director,  
American Federation of Teachers  
William Jansen, Superintendent of Schools,  
New York City  
Leo Weitz, Curriculum Coordinator, New York  
City High Schools  
Robert M. Haig, Political Science, Columbia  
University  
Frederick C. McLaughlin, Teachers College,  
Columbia University

Description of Series

Boxes

- 1        Albert Sayer, Personal: Correspondence, writings, and notes on financial aid for education, Americans for Democratic Action, and the Union of School Supervisors.
- 1        Albert Sayer, Teacher: High school classroom material on history, civil liberties, economics, and labor.
- 2        New York State: Booklets, proceedings and clippings on the State Constitution, budget, housing legislation, personal income, and public welfare.
- 3        New York State - Americans for Democratic Action: Platforms, press releases, letters, drafts, memorandums, and clippings.
- 3        New York State - New York City Relationships: Reports, papers, and clippings on taxes, aid for education, and the Public Education Association.
- 4-5     New York City: Reports, booklets, and clippings on the City Charter, findings of the State Commission on Governmental Operations, the budget, Citizens Budget Commission, Citizens Union, Union of School Supervisors, United Federation of Teachers, etc.

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- 6-10     Labor: Booklets, pamphlets, and clippings on the growth of the union movement in the United States, collective bargaining, strikes, factors affecting wages, job discrimination, migratory labor, foreign trade, etc.
- 11       Resources: Booklets, articles, and clippings on natural and human resources in the United States.
- 11-12    Civil Liberties: Booklets, articles, and clippings on human rights, the interpretation of democracy, and elections.

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Box 1 Albert Sayer, Personal:

1. Miscellaneous
- 2-4. Correspondence, 1950-1962 (3 folders)
5. Correspondence, undated
6. State Aid for Education
7. Fiscal Independence for the School System
8. Educational Budget of New York City, Summary
- 9-10. Financing the Educational Budget of New York City
11. Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
12. Notes on ADA
13. Notes on ADA, City-State Affairs Committee
14. Union of School Supervisors, New York City
15. Notes on Books
16. Miscellaneous Notes

Albert Sayer, Teacher:

17. History Papers
18. Civil Liberties
- 19-20. Economic Papers (2 folders)
21. Labor Relations Papers

Box 2 New York State:

1. Constitution, 1957-1958
- 2-6. Constitution, 1957-1961 (5 folders)
7. Budget, 1958-1961
8. Housing Legislation, 1958
9. Personal Income, 1958-1961
10. Public Welfare, 1960-1961
11. Clippings, 1960-1962
- 12-14. New York Times Clippings, 1956-1962 (3 folders)

Box 3 New York State, ADA:

1. Platforms, 1961
2. Press Releases, 1958-1961
3. Letters, 1960-1962
4. Drafts, 1958-1961
5. Memorandums, 1952-1963
6. Clippings, 1955-1960

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Box 3           New York State - New York City Relationships:

7. Budget
8. Budget, 1941-1962
- 9-13. State Aid for Education, 1947-1962 (5 folders)
14. State Aid for Education, Public Education Association
15. State Aid for Education, Clippings, 1949-1962
16. Clippings, 1956-1959
17. New York Times Clippings, 1960-1962

Box 4           New York City:

1. Charter, 1936
2. Charter, 1961
- 3-4. Charter Draft, 1961
5. Findings of the State Commission on Governmental, Oper.,  
Top Structure
6. Findings of the State Commission on Governmental, Oper.,  
The Mayor
7. Findings of the State Commission on Governmental, Oper.,  
Alternative Administration
8. Findings of the State Commission on Governmental, Oper.,  
Statistical Data
9. Findings of the State Commission on Governmental, Oper.,  
Legislative Functions
10. Findings of the State Commission on Governmental, Oper.,  
Borough
11. Findings of the State Commission on Governmental, Oper.,  
Board of Education
12. Findings of the State Commission on Governmental, Oper.,  
Comptroller

Box 5           New York City:

- 1-3. Budget, 1954-1962 (3 folders)
- 4-5. Budget, Clippings, 1949-1962 (2 folders)
6. Citizens Budget Commission
7. Citizens Union
8. Citizens' Committee on Children, and Citizens  
Housing and Planning Council
9. Union of School Supervisors, and Administrative  
Assistants Association
10. United Federation of Teachers. Teachers Guild.  
Board of Education
11. Statistical Guide
12. Arterial Progress

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Box 6 Labor:

- 1-3. Union Structure, June 1942-June 1963 (3 folders)
- 4-5. Union Growth, 1955-1964 (2 folders)
6. Union Growth, Booklets
7. Union Growth, Clippings, 1937-1964
- 8-9. Union Growth, New York Times Clippings, 1943-1964  
(2 folders)
- 10-12. Regulations of Unions, 1937-1963 (3 folders)
13. Regulations of Unions, Clippings
- 14-16. Union Contracts, 1939-1964 (3 folders)

Box 7 Labor:

- 1-4. Collective Bargaining, 1950-1964 (4 folders)
- 5-6. Collective Bargaining Report, 1956-1958 (2 folders)
7. Collective Bargaining, Clippings, 1957-1961
8. Collective Bargaining, New York Times Clippings, 1962-1964
- 9-11. Collective Bargaining and Strikes, 1937-1965 (3 folders)
- 12-13. Collective Bargaining and Strikes, Begins magazine (2 folders)
14. Collective Bargaining and Strikes, Clippings
- 15-18. Collective Bargaining and Strikes, New York Times,  
Clippings, 1947-1964 (4 folders)

Box 8 Labor:

- 1-2. Union Democracy and Corruption, 1951-1964 (2 folders)
3. Union Democracy and Corruption, Clippings, 1939-1962
4. Union Politics
5. Union Benefits, Housing
6. Union Benefits, Medical
7. Union Benefits, Retirees
8. Union Benefits, Miscellaneous Benefits
- 9-10. Union Public Relations, Booklets (2 folders)
- 11-13. Union Public Relations, Magazines (3 folders)
14. Union Public Relations, Miscellaneous
15. Union Labels, Leaflets

Box 9 Labor:

1. Factors Affecting Wages, Booklets
2. Factors Affecting Wages, Reports
3. Factors Affecting Wages, Articles
4. Factors Affecting Wages, Charts
5. Factors Affecting Wages, Clippings, 1933-1963
- 6-7. Wages and the Hour Day, 1956-1965 (2 folders)
8. Employee Fringe Benefits
9. Discrimination, Booklets
10. Discrimination, Articles
11. Discrimination, Clippings
12. Child Labor
13. Women Workers
- 14-18. Older Workers, Booklets, 1938-1960 (5 folders)
19. Older Workers, Articles

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Box 10 Labor:

- 1-2. Migratory, Booklets (2 folders)
3. Migratory, Reports
4. Migratory, Articles
5. Migratory, Clippings
- 6-7. And Business, 1960-1965 (2 folders)
8. And Business, Clippings
- 9-10. And Foreign Trade, 1957-1965 (2 folders)
11. And Foreign Trade, New York Times, Clippings

Box 11 Resources:

- 1-3. Natural Resources in the United States, Booklets, 1953-1961  
(3 folders)
4. Natural Resources in the United States, Articles
5. Human Resources, Poverty in the United States, 1958-1963
6. Human Resources, Poverty in the Winter, 1964
- 7-8. Human Resources, Poverty in the United States, March 1964-  
December, 1964 (2 folders)
9. Human Resources, Poverty in the United States, Clippings

Civil Liberties:

10. Human Rights, Booklets
11. Human Rights, Articles, 1941-1952
12. Human Rights, Articles, 1953-1961
13. Clippings

Box 12 Civil Liberties:

1. Interpretation of Democracy, Booklets
2. Interpretation of Democracy, Articles, 1940-1949
3. Interpretation of Democracy, Articles, 1950-1962
4. Interpretation of Democracy, Clippings
5. Elections, Articles
6. Elections, Clippings