

## THE IRWIN L. DeSHETLER COLLECTION

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The papers of Irwin DeShetler were deposited with the Labor History Archives in July, 1968 by Mr. DeShetler.

Irwin L. DeShetler was born in Toledo, Ohio on April 13, 1906. In 1932 he was employed in Toledo, and following the enactment of the National Industrial Recovery Act in June, 1933, DeShetler participated in the organization of the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company in Toledo for the Window Glass Cutters League of the AFL. In December of 1933, he was elected president of the local union. In July 1935, while continuing to serve as president of the local union, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL Flat Glass Workers Union.

In November, 1937, John L. Lewis and other CIO leaders established the Glass Workers Organizing Committee. Paul W. Fuller, who had recently defeated Glen McCabe for president of the Flat Glass Workers Union, was chairman of the committee and DeShetler was Secretary-Treasurer. After a bitter internal jurisdictional struggle with the AFL forces led by McCabe, most of the glass workers were organized by the CIO, and in 1940, the name of the Flat Glass Workers Union was changed to the Federation of Glass, Ceramic and Sand Workers. DeShetler was elected president of this Union in 1939, and he served until December, 1942.

In 1943 he was appointed by Philip Murray and Allan Haywood as the first CIO Regional Director of Cleveland, Ohio. DeShetler later served as CIO Regional Director in Huntington, West Virginia, Cincinnati, Ohio, Kansas City, Missouri and as the Regional Director of Kansas and the western half of Missouri.

In 1946, DeShetler was transferred to Southern California as CIO Regional Director where he was a leader in the fight to remove the communists from power in the unions.

By 1952, the CIO was operating some 50 state or regional offices manned by a staff of directors whose responsibilities were divided between organizational activities and service work. In 1953, the decision was made to divide the country into thirteen regions, each region to be under the responsibility of a director. In June, 1953 Timothy Flynn was made Director of Region 13, which comprised the states of California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and Nevada, and DeShetler was appointed Assistant Director. In February, 1954, Flynn resigned, DeShetler was made Regional Director, and the regional headquarters was moved from San Francisco to Los Angeles. His duties as Regional Director were to assist and to service CIO Councils, especially in their political action activities, and to carry out a public relations program.

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Before the AFL and the CIO merged, the problems of establishing regional structure and of defining the duties of the Regional Directors were discussed. It was agreed to establish 22 geographical regions and it was further agreed that a director and an assistant director would be appointed in each region with the understanding that where a director came from one organization, then the assistant director would come from the other. Accordingly, Daniel Flanagan from the AFL was appointed Director of Region 22 which comprises the states of California and Nevada and DeShetler became his assistant.

It was found that the principle difference between the AFL set-up and that of the CIO was that the AFL Director had organization and other responsibilities, but no responsibility for political action, whereas the CIO Director had political action responsibilities but no organizing responsibility. After some discussion the AFL-CIO merger committee agreed that Regional Directors and their Assistant Directors would carry four major responsibilities - organizing, providing policy assistance and policy guidance to central bodies, servicing directly chartered local unions, and being the spokesman for, and representative of, the National Office in their regions.

It should be pointed out that the merger of State, Territorial and local central Bodies which were affiliated with the AFL and the CIO was not affected until 1958 - two years after the AFL-CIO merged at the national level. As a result between 1956 and 1958 there were, for example, two California State bodies, the California Industrial Union Council of the CIO and the California State Federation of Labor of the AFL. When they merged in 1958, they became the California Labor Federation. Likewise between 1956 and 1958 there were two California political action groups, the California CIO-COPE, and the California Labor League for Political Education of the AFL. Also between 1956 and 1958, each major city or county had two labor councils. In Los Angeles, there was the Greater Los Angeles CIO Council and the Los Angeles County Central Labor Council of the AFL.

In June 1968 DeShetler resigned as Assistant Regional Director to become the National AFL-CIO Coordinator for Farm Workers.

The collection covers the period from 1933 to 1968. However, the records from 1943-1946 are missing, and many of the records from 1946-1954 are missing.

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## Correspondents

Brophy, John	Livingston, John
Brown, Edmund G.	McCabe, Glen W.
Douglas, Helen Gahagan	McPeak, Carl
Engle, Clair	Meany, George
Flanagan, Daniel	Mitchell, James
Fuller, Paul W	Murray, Philip
Germer, Adolph	Potofsky, Jacob
Goldberg, Arthur J.	Reuther, Walter
Haywood, Allan	Riesel, Victor
Hillman, Sidney	Riffe, John V.
Kircher, William	Roosevelt, James
Knowland, William F	Schnitzler, William
Kuchel, Thomas	Scholle, August
Lewis, John L.	Spock, Benjamin

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Subjects

Glass Workers, Executive Board Meetings, 1935-1939  
 Glass Workers, Factionalism - Fuller vs. McCabe  
 Glass Workers, Organization of CIO and shift from AFL to CIO  
 Glass Workers, Organization of Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co., 1934-1940  
 Glass Workers, Organization of Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., 1933-1940  
 Glass Workers, Election campaigns of DeShetler, 1934-1951

Political Action Campaigns in California, 1948-1968  
 Organization of Mexican farm workers in California, 1953-1968  
 Defense mobilization in California and Hawaii, 1953-1959  
 Plant Organization in California, 1949-1960  
 Jurisdictional raiding in California by unions expelled from the  
 AFL-CIO, 1958-1968 AFL-CIO  
 Unity, 1954-1955  
 AFL-CIO Merger of California State, County and City Councils, 1958 American Federation of  
 Teachers, first NLRB election, 1958 (see  
 Series 3F Studio Teachers Guide)  
 United Farm Workers, Di Giorgio Grape Strike, 1966-67  
 United Furniture Workers, Communism and Administration of Local 1010,  
 1954-1955  
 Welfare Campaigns, proposals, and legislation in Los Angeles  
 Metropolitan Area, 1947-1956  
 Employment of the Handicapped in California and in Los Angeles  
 1954-1968

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Series 1 Glass Workers, 1933-1967 - 19 Manuscript Boxes

Correspondence, minutes, reports, financial statements, agreements and proposed agreements, rate classifications, convention records, membership lists, Charter of Flat Glass Workers, newspaper clippings, newspapers and published material.

Most of the records of this series pertain to the early career of DeShetler with the Flat Glass Workers and the Federation of Glass Workers, 1933-1942. There are records pertaining to the election campaign of 1949 when he unsuccessfully ran for President of the Federation, and to the election campaign of 1957 when he considered running for President. In addition, there are records pertaining to the revision of the constitution, 1946, and to conventions, 1946-66.

The records of this series are arranged alphabetically. Some small published items such as pamphlets, agreements, reports or newspapers are interspersed with the records. The bulky published material is placed at the end of the series.

Box 1 Audit Reports, 1938-1940

Beard, Leland [President of Ottawa Local] 1934-1935  
(4 folders)  
Blunt, W.W. "Labor Problems and Industrial Relations in  
the Glass Industry, 1929-1938"  
CIO Conference, Oct. 11, 1937  
CIO Glass Workers Organizing Committee, 1937-1940  
(2 folders)  
"Collective Bargaining in the Glass Industry", 1940 Constitution, revisions of 1935-  
1938 and 1946 (3 folders) Conventions, 1946-1954 (7 folders)

Box 2 Conventions, 1954-1966 (12 folders)  
Correspondence, 1934-1937 (7 folders)

Box 3 [DeShetler, Reports of Activities, 1936-1940] (2 folders) Elections, 1934-1957 (11 folders)

Box 4 Executive Board, Minutes and Correspondence, 1935-39  
(18 folders)  
[Factionalism - McCabe vs Fuller, 1937-1938] (3 folders)

Box 5 Financial Statements, 1934-1940 (9 folders) [History of Flat Glass Workers]  
Labor's Non Partisan League of Ohio, 1938  
League of Women Shoppers, 1939  
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co., 1934-1941 (9 folders)

Box 6 Libby-Owens-Ford and Pittsburg Plate Glass Companies, 1933-1940 (7 folders and 3  
volumes of unpublished minutes of Wage Conference).

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- Box 7 Libby-Owens-Ford and Pittsburg Plate Glass Companies, 1940 (4 folders)  
Local Unions, 1937-1939 (14 folders) Miscellaneous Material (5 folders)
- Box 8 Newspaper Clippings  
Newspapers, 1936-37 (11 folders)  
Nicholas, John, 1938  
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., 1936-1942 (6 folders)
- Box 9 Printing of Union Pass Books, 1939  
Scochy Sheet Glass Co., 1938  
Stevenson et. al., "Labor Survey of Federation of Flat  
Glass Workers in Fourcalt Process Window Glass Plants", 1935 Thompson, M.C.  
Correspondence, 1934  
Toledo Local, 1934-1935 (8 folders)  
Vidmr, Peter J., 1942 [Secretary-Treasurer]  
Published Agreements and Constitutions
- Box 10 Published Material  
Agreements  
Convention Proceedings, 1932-1944
- Box 11 Published Material  
Convention Proceedings, 1948-1964  
Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions, 1958-1966  
Miscellaneous publications
- Box 12 Published Material  
Convention Reports, 1946-1950
- Box 13 Published Material  
Convention Reports, 1950-1960
- Box 14 Published Material  
Convention Reports, 1964-1966  
Libby-Owens-Ford and Pittsburg Plate Glass Companies
- Box 15 Published Material  
Libby-Owens-Ford and Pittsburg Plate Glass Companies Monthly Digests, 1944-1945
- Box 16 Published Material  
Monthly Digests, 1945-1946
- Box 17 Published Material Arbitration  
Cases
- Box 18 Published Material  
Grievance and Arbitration Cases
- Box 19 Published Material  
Miscellaneous Publications  
1 Oversize Box  
1 charter of Flat Glass Workers, 1934

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Series 2           Regional Director, Ohio, Kansas City, and Southern  
                          California, Assistant Director, Region 13, and Director, Region 13, 1942-1955

Most of the records in this series pertain to Region 13. There are only three folders of records pertaining to Ohio and Kansas City.

Series 2A   Correspondence, 1942-1954 (14 folders)

Letters received, copies of letters sent, telegrams, newspaper clippings, and proceedings of Kansas State Industrial Union Council Convention, 1944.

Most of the records in this sub-series pertain to Southern California and Region 13. There are three folders of records pertaining to Ohio and Kansas City.

Box 20   Correspondence, 1942-1954 (14 folders)

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## Series 2B CIO, Office File, 1947-1955 - 3 Manuscript Boxes

Correspondence, reports, press releases, and published newsletters.

The records of this sub-series pertain to the committees, the departments and the officers of the Congress of Industrial Organization. Most of the records are dated 1954-1955, and they are arranged alphabetically.

## Box 20 cont'd.

AFL-CIO Unity and Merger, 19 55 (7 folders and 4 pamphlets) Allen, Carlin (Auto Rental Co., health plan)  
Auxiliaries, 1955

## Box 21

Carey, James B., 1954-55 (2 folders) Civil Rights  
Committee, 195 4  
Community Relations Committee, 1954-1955 (2 folders) Conservation  
Committee, 1954 (2 folders)  
Convention, 1955  
Economic Policy Committee, 1954  
Education and Research Department, 1954-1955  
Ethical Practices Committee, 1955  
Executive Board, 1955 (2 folders)  
Full Employment Conferences, May, 1954 (3 folders) Garrison, Oral L., 1955  
Housing Committee, 1953-54 (2 folders)  
International Affairs Department, 1954  
Industrial Union Department, 1954-1955  
Kroll, Jack, 1955

## Box 22

McPeak, Carl, 1955 [Director of CIO Councils] (5 folders) Murray, Philip, 1947  
Oliver, Robert, 1954-1955 (7 folders) Organization  
Department, 1947-1954 Political Action Committee,  
1952-1955 Press Releases, 1955  
Pressman Lee, 1947 [Testimony on Ball Bill] Publicity  
Department, 1954-1955  
Regional Conferences, 1954-1955

## Box 23

Regional Offices 1-12, 1954-1955 Reuther, Walter,  
1954-1955  
Riffe, John V., 1954-1955  
Safety and Occupational Health Committee, 1954 Taft-Hartley, CIO  
position on, 1953-1954  
Tax Program, 1947  
Thomas, R.J., 1955  
Union Label Committee, 1954-1955  
Veterans Affairs Committee, 1954-1955 (3 folders)

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Series 2C Southern California and Region 13, Office File, 1946-55  
8 1/2 Manuscript Boxes

Correspondence, minutes, reports, press releases, notices, financial records, newspaper clippings, newspapers and published material.

The records of this sub-series pertain to the councils, committees and staff of the Southern California Region and to Region 13. Most of the records pertain to Region 13 and are dated, 1954-1955. The published material is placed at the end of the sub-series.

Box 23 cont'd.

Arizona Industrial Union Council, 1955 (2 folders)  
Arizona Political Action Committee, 1954-1955 (3 folders)  
Alaska, 1955

Box 24 Brost, John, 1955  
California Industrial Union Council, 1947-1955 (7 folders and 1 unpublished volume of proceedings)

Box 25 California Industrial Union Council, 1954-1955 (16 folders)

Box 26 California Industrial Union Council, 1955 (5 folders)  
California Political Action Committee, 1948-1953 (9 folders)  
Contra Costa County Industrial Union Council, 1954-1955 (2 folders)  
[DeShetler] Appointment as Director of Region 13, 1954 (2 folders)  
[DeShetler] Articles, 1955 (2 folders)  
[DeShetler] Membership Cards, 1947-1954  
[DeShetler] Semi-Monthly Reports, 1955  
[DeShetler] Speech, 1954  
[DeShetler] Reinstatement as Regional Director of Southern California, 1949  
Dragon, Nicholas C., 1955 [CIO Representative] (2 folders) Drury, James, 1955 [CIO Representative] (2 folders)

Box 27 Dusten, Chester C, 1955 [Assistant Director] (2 folders) Engelking, R.E., 1955 [CIO Representative] (2 folders) Gillie, Ken, 1955 [CIO Representative]  
Glenn, John M., 1955 [CIO Representative] (3 folders) Grays Harbor, Industrial Union Council, Washington, 1955 (2 folders)  
Greater Alameda County Industrial Union Council, 1954-1955 (2 folders)  
Greater Los Angeles CIO Council, 1950-1954 (8 folders)

Box 28 Greater Los Angeles CIO Council, 1954-1955 (16 folders)

Box 29 Greater Los Angeles CIO Council, 1955 (2 folders) Industrial Union Councils, 1954  
Local Industrial Unions, 1953-1954 (2 folders)

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## Box 29 cont'd.

Los Angeles CIO Council, 1947  
 Miscellaneous Material  
 Mobile Film Unit Operation, 1954  
 Nevada State Legislative and Political Action Committee,  
 1954-1955 (3 folders)  
 Oregon Industrial Union Council, 1954-1955 (2 folders  
 and 1 volume of unpublished officers reports and  
 resolutions)  
 Political election statistics - Arizona, California,  
 Washington - 1948-1954  
 Political Endorsements, 1954 (3 folders) Portland Industrial Union  
 Council, 1954-1955 Rose, Syd, 1955  
 San Diego Industrial Union Council, 1954-1955 (2 folders) San Francisco Industrial  
 Union Council, 1954 (2 folders)

Box 30 San Francisco Industrial Union Council, 1954-1955  
(4 folders)

San Joaquin Industrial Union Council, 1954  
 San Joaquin, Santa Clara, San Benito and Thurston  
 Counties Industrial Union Councils, 1954 [Revocation  
 of Charters]  
 Santiestevan, Henry, 1953-1955 [CIO Representative] Seattle-King Counties  
 CIO Council, Washington, 1955 Spangler, James R, 1955 [CIO  
 Representative]  
 Spokane County Industrial Union Council, Washington,  
 1955 (2 folders)  
 Staff Information, 1955 [proposed AFL-CIO Constitution]  
 Staff Memos, 1955 (3 folders)  
 Tacoma Industrial Union Council, Washington, 1955 Thurston County Industrial  
 Union Council, Washington, 1954 Tucker, Harry I, 1955 [CIO Representative]  
 Union Counseling Class, 1946  
 Washington State CIO Council, 1955 (5 folders)

Box 31 Washington State CIO Council, 1953-1955 (3 unpublished  
volumes of Convention proceedings)  
Yuster, Sylvia, 1952-1955 (2 folders)  
Published Material

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Series 2D Plant Organization, 1949-1954 - 1 1/4 Manuscript boxes

Correspondence, leaflets, legal briefs, petitions, lists, notes, and agreements.

The records of this sub-series pertain to the organization of plants. The records are arranged alphabetically by name of company. Most of the records are dated 1952-53.

- Box 32 American Potash and Chemical Corporation, 1954 Ampex Corporation  
 Benjamin C. Betner Company, 1952-1953 (3 folders) California Hardware  
 Company, 1953  
 Continental Can Company, 1952  
 Coronet Manufacturing Company, 1953  
 Dixie Cup Company, 1953 (2 folders)  
 Frito Company, 1953 (2 folders)  
 Glasspar Company (2 folders)  
 John-Mansville Corporation - Chemical Workers Local 255 Kiechafer Container  
 Company, 1949  
 Kraft Foods  
 Los Angeles Examiner  
 Mattell Incorporated, 1953  
 Metlax Manufacturing Co., 1953 (2 folders) Milprint  
 Incorporated, 1952  
 Miscellaneous Leaflets (2 folders)
- Box 33 Miscellaneous Leaflets  
 Unorganized Companies, lists  
 Westvago Strike, 1952 (United Paperworkers)  
 Zellerback Paper Co., 1952-53 (3 folders)

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Series 2E CIO Unions - 5 1/2 Manuscript Boxes

Correspondence, agreements, reports, press releases, news bulletins, financial reports, election reports, newspaper clippings and published material.

The records of this sub-series are arranged alphabetically. The bulky published material is placed at the end of the sub-series.

Box 33 cont'd.

Amalgamated Clothing Workers, 1954-1955

Amalgamated Lithographers

American Newspaper Guild, 1953-1955 (2 folders)

Barber and Beauty Culturists

Bellingham, Washington, Cannery Workers, Local 1756

Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink, and Distillery Workers,  
1948-1955

Cannery Packing and Food Workers, Local 5 (Seattle Wash.) Columbia River Cannery  
and Allied Workers, Local 1747

(Astoria, Oregon)

Communican Workers of America, 1954-1955

Community and Social Agency Employees, Local 800, 1948 Culinary Workers and  
Bartenders, Local 636 (Portland, Oregon) Department State Employees

[Federation of] Glass, Ceramic and Silicia Sand Workers,  
1948-1955 (7 folders) Fishermen's

Union of Alaska

Box 34 Government and Civic Employees Organizing Committee,  
1953-1955 (8 folders)

Grays Harbor Cannery Workers, Local 1754 (Aberdeen, Wash.) Insurance Workers of  
America, 1954-1955

International Union of Electrical Workers, 1954-55 International Woodworkers of  
America, 19 54

Jurisdictional Disputes, Furniture Workers vs Textile  
Workers, 1947-1948 (2 folders) Jurisdictional Disputes

[Miscellaneous]

Leather Workers Organizing Committee, 1954-1955 (4 folders) Leather Workers, Local  
213, 1953 (2 folders)

Licensed Marine Deck Officers, Local 988 (Portland, Oregon) Marine Engineers Beneficial  
Association, 1954

Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, 1954-1955

National Association of Broadcast Employees, 1954-1955

News Vendors, Local 75 (Los Angeles)

News Vendors, Local 786 (Oakland)

Office Employees Union, Local 30, 1957

Office Employees Union, Local 1729, 1952-1953 (3 folders)

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- Box 35 Office Employees Union, Local 1729, 1953-1955 (8 folders) Oil Workers International Union, 1954-1955  
 Orcas Island, Washington, Cannery Workers, Local 1767 Retail Clerks Union, Local 770, 1959  
 Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union, 1954-1955 Telephone Workers Organizing Committee, 1948  
 Textile Workers Union, 1955  
 Textile Workers Local 156  
 Tillamook, Oregon, Local 1361  
 Tillamook Bay, Oregon, Fishermen's Local 1766  
 Transport Workers Union, 1953-1955 (2 folders)  
 United Automobile Workers, 1950-1955 (3 folders)  
 United Bakery Workers, Local 1807 (Seattle)  
 United Furniture Workers, 1948-1955  
 United Furniture Workers, Local 1010, 1952-1955 (2 folders)
- Box 36 United Furniture Workers, Local 1010, 1954-1955 (16 folders)
- Box 37 United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers, 1954 United Packinghouse Workers, 1954-1955  
 United Packinghouse Workers, Local 78, 1953-1955 (5 folders) United Packinghouse Workers, Local 1400, 1954 (3 folders) United Paperworkers, 1952-1955 (6 folders)  
 United Processing Workers, Local 1799 (Garfield, Wash.) United Rubber Workers  
 United Shoe Service Employees, 1954  
 United Shoe Workers  
 United Steel Workers, 1954-1955 (3 folders)
- Box 38 Published Material  
 International Woodworkers of America, Convention Proceedings, 1949-1953  
 Playthings, Jewelry and Novelty Workers, Convention Proceedings, 1953  
 Transport Workers Union, Convention Proceedings, 1954 United Paperworkers, Agreements, 1947-1953  
 United Steel Workers, Local 38, Proceedings, 1947-48 Miscellaneous Agreements and Publications

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Series 2F Non CIO Organizations and Office File - 11 Manuscript Boxes

Correspondence, reports, press releases, notices, speeches, agreements, minutes, newspaper clippings, newspapers, and published material.

The records in this sub-series are arranged alphabetically, and the bulky published material is placed at the end of the sub-series.

- Box 39 Affiliated Teachers Organization of Los Angeles, 1954 American Arbitration Association, 1954  
 American Federation of Labor, 195 5  
 American Federation of the Physically Handicapped, 1954 American Friends Services Committee, 1954-1955  
 American Red Cross (Los Angeles Chapter) 1949-1951  
 (14 folders)  
 Americans for Democratic Action, 1947-1948 Associated-In-Group Donors, 1954
- Box 40 Automation, 1954-1955 (2 folders)  
 Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, 1939  
 Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, 1955  
 Catholic Labor Institute, 1949-1954  
 California Conference of Social Work, 1954  
 California Department of Industrial Relations, 1953-1955  
 California Department of Mental Hygiene, 1954-1955  
 (5 folders) California Federation of Labor [AFL], 1954 California Industrial Welfare Commission, 1949-1952 California, State [Miscellaneous Departments], 1954-1955  
 (3 folders)  
 California Walnut Growers Association [A.F.L.] 1953  
 (2 folders)  
 Hope, City of - 1952-1955 Community Chest of Los Angeles, 1948-1949
- Box 41 Community Chest of Los Angeles, 1950-1955 (4 folders) Congressmen, 1954 [Correspondence and Newsletters]  
 Democratic Party, 1948-1955 (4 folders)  
 Foreign Visitors, 1954  
 Governor's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped, 1954-1955 (3 folders)  
 Governor's Industrial Safety Conference, 1950 Health Plans [Miscellaneous, not CIO] 1951-1955  
 (4 folders)

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- Box 42 Health Conference, Santa Monica Bay Area, n.d.  
 Industrial Development in Los Angeles County, 1950  
 Israel Histadrut, 1954-1955  
 Jewish organizations, 1949-1954  
 Jewish Labor Committee, 1946-1950  
 Labor Legislation and Trade Unionism, 19 53  
 Labor's Scrapbook  
 Los Angeles Central Labor Council [AFL] Newspapers,  
 1947 (3 folders)  
 Los Angeles Citizens Committee for Public Schools,  
 1953-54  
 Los Angeles, City and County, 1953-1955  
 Los Angeles Committee for the Foreign Born, 1954-55  
 Los Angeles Community Affairs, 1947-1949 (7 folders)  
 Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association, 1954 [Los Angeles Public  
 Schools] Skilled Manpower Conference, 1955
- Box 43 Lumber and Sawmill Local 2288 [AFL], 1952 Mental Hygiene, 1955  
 Mexican Migrant Labor, 1953 (7 folders)  
 Mexican Workers, 1953-1954 (7 folders)  
 Miscellaneous Material (2 folders)  
 Mount Sinai Hospital and Clinic  
 National Association for the Advancement of Colored  
 People, 1955  
 National Issues Committee  
 National Farm Labor Union [AFL], 1949  
 National Planning Association, 1954 (2 folders)
- Box 44 National Religion and Labor Foundation, 1954-1955 National Safety Council  
 of Los Angeles, 1948-1950  
 (5 folders)  
 Newspaper clippings, 1946-1955 (8 folders) Newspapers, Information About,  
 1952  
 Religion and Labor Council of Los Angeles, 1947-1955  
 (4 folders)  
 Religious Organizations, 1946-1950 (4 folders)
- Box 45 Religious Organizations, 1950-1955 (2 folders) Salvation Army, 1954-  
 1955 (2 folders)  
 [Shop Stewards, Report ca., 1946]  
 Socialist Workers Party of Los Angeles, 1949-1950 Speeches, 1946  
 Town Hall Luncheon Meetings, 1954  
 United Nations, 1954-1955  
 U.S. Government [Miscellaneous]  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1954-1955  
 U.S. Department of Labor, 1948-1953 (3 folders)  
 U.S. Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics,  
 1950-1954 (5 folders)  
 U.S. Department of Labor: Defense Mobilization Committee,  
 1953 (3 folders)

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- Box 46 U.S. Department of Labor: Defense Mobilization Committee,  
1953-1955 (9 folders)  
U.S. Department of Labor: Employment Security, 1953-1955  
(8 folders)
- Box 47 U.S. Department of Labor: Labor-Management Committee,  
1954-1955 (5 folders)  
U.S. Mediation and Conciliation Service, 1955  
U.S. Office of Defense Mobilization, 1953 (3 folders)  
U.S. - Mexican Trade Union Committee, 1953-1955  
(8 folders)  
Universities, 1954-1955 [Miscellaneous]  
Wallace China Co. [AFL Plant Organization, 1952]  
Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles, 1947-1949  
(2 folders)
- Box 48 Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles, 1949-1950  
(11 folders)  
Welfare Federation of Los Angeles Area, 1949-1950 (5 folders)
- Box 49 Welfare Federation of Los Angeles Area, 1950-1955  
(5 folders)  
Welfare Planning Council, Los Angeles Region, 1955  
(6 folders)  
Young Mens Christian Association  
Published Material

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Series 3 Assistant Regional Director, Region 22, 1955-1968 Series 3A Correspondence - 3  
Manuscript Boxes

Letters received, Copies of letters sent, telegrams and notes. Box 50 Correspondence,  
December, 1955-1958

Box 51 Correspondence, 1958-1963

Box 52 Correspondence, 1963-1968

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Series 3B AFL-CIO, Office File - 6 Manuscript Boxes

Correspondence, reports, press releases, testimony, speeches, and newsletters.

The records of this sub-series pertain to the committees, the departments, the conventions the officers and to the regions, other than region twenty-two, of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations. The records are arranged alphabetically.

- Box 53 Affiliated Local Unions, directives to, 1955-1956 Arizona: Tucson Central Labor Council, 1964 Auxiliaries, 1967  
Civil Rights Department, 1967 Colorado Labor Council, 1962-1966  
Committee on Political Education, 1956-1967 (8 folders) Community Services Department, 1957-1967 (6 folders) Conventions, 1955-1965 (5 folders)
- Box 54 Department of Organization, 1955-1964 (20 folders)
- Box 55 Education Department, 1956-1967 (6 folders)  
Executive Council, statements and press releases, 1957-1967 (15 folders)
- Box 56 Executive Council, statements and press releases,  
1967-1968 (3 folders)  
Field Representatives Federation, 1957-1964 (7 folders) Industrial Union Department, 1955-1965 (2 folders) International Affairs Department, 1957-1967  
Gottlieb, Bertram, 1968  
Kircher, William, 1966-1968 (7 folders) Legislative Department, 1960-1962 Livingston, John, 1955-1961 (4 folders)
- Box 57 Livingston, John, 1962-1965 (5 folders) Maritime Trades Department, 1962-1967 Meany, George, 1956-1966 (7 folders) Metal Trades Department, 1966 Miscellaneous Material  
Public Relations Department, 1959-1962 (2 folders) Publications Department, 1956-1964  
Regional Directors, 1956-1961 (3 folders)
- Box 58 Regional Directors, 1961-1967 (5 folders) Religious Relations Office, 1961  
Research Department, 1956-1966  
Right-To-Work-Committee, 1959-1962 (2 folders) Schnitzler, William, 1955-1967 (7 folders)  
Smith, Stanton E., 1962-1967  
Social Security Department, 1959-1968 (2 folders)  
Union Label Department, 1958-1966  
Union Labor Life Insurance Co., 1956-1968

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## Series 3C Region 22, Office File - 19 Manuscript Boxes

Correspondence, reports, monthly reports, newsletters, press releases, minutes, rosters, newspaper clippings and published material.

The records of this sub-series pertain to the Councils committees, and staff of region 22. The records are arranged alphabetically, and the bulky published material is placed at the end of the sub-series.

- Box 59 Alameda County AFL-CIO Council, 19 56-57  
California AFL-CIO Merger Agreements, 1958 (4 folders) California CIO-COPE,  
1956 (9 folders)
- Box 60 California CIO-COPE, 1956-1958 (18 folders)
- Box 61 California CIO-COPE, 1958 (2 folders)  
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The second installment of the papers of Irwin L. DeShetler was placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in August of 1971 by Mr. DeShetler and were opened for research in June of 1973.

The second part covers all phases of Mr. DeShetler's career, from his presidency of the Toledo local of the Flat Glass Workers in 1935, to his work as the National AFL-CIO Coordinator for Farm Workers, which concluded in 1971.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Glass worker factional fights, 1937-1940                      CIO organizational efforts in  
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Cesar Chavez	Glen W. McCabe
Lewis J. Clark	James Francis McIntyre
Daniel Flanagan	James P. Mitchell
Timothy Flynn	Wyndham Mortimer
Delmond Garst	Philip Murray
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Nearly 100 photographs relating to Mr. DeShetler's career (chiefly from the years 1935-1952), several award certificates and other memorabilia once displayed in his office have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collections. Numerous AFL-CIO pamphlets and newspapers have been placed in the Archives Library.

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Subseries A, Correspondence, speeches, clippings and other materials, 1943-1944. Information on a CIO organization drive among the Shipyard Workers in Portland, Oregon.

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A portrait of Philip Murray, 11 photographs of DeShetler and an award from the City of Los Angeles were moved to the Reuther’s Audio-Visual Department. Guides and inventories are available.

## **History**

Irwin L. DeShetler was a lifelong activist for organized labor after joining his first union at the age of seventeen. A year after losing a job for organizing and participating in a strike, DeShetler, following the passage of the federal government's National Industrial Recovery Act, was prominent in the initial organization of the American Federation of Labor Glass Cutters' League, Toledo branch at the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company in June, 1933. In December of that year, he was elected to the presidency of that union, and in 1935, he was elected secretary-treasurer of the AFL Flat Glass Union.

In 1937, the CIO formed the Glass Workers Organizing Committee with DeShetler serving as secretary-treasurer. Following internal strife amongst the glass workers over whether their union should be affiliated with the AFL or the CIO, many, including DeShetler, opted for membership in the CIO. He then served from 1939 to 1942 as president of what became the Federation of Glass, Ceramic and Sand Workers, after which he was appointed by Philip Murray and Allan Haywood as the CIO's first Regional Director of Cleveland Ohio.

Following stints as regional director in Huntington, West Virginia, Cincinnati, Ohio, and finally Kansas City, Missouri, DeShetler was relocated to the Los Angeles area in 1946 to serve as Regional Director of Southern California. He served in this position until 1953 until the CIO's national leadership made the decision to consolidate its more than fifty regional offices and directorships into only thirteen. Timothy Flynn was appointed Director of Region Thirteen, which in addition to California, included the states of Oregon, Washington, Nevada, and Arizona, with DeShetler serving under him as assistant-director. In February of 1954, following Flynn's resignation DeShetler was promoted to the directorship.

In this position, DeShetler assisted and served CIO councils and led public relations and political activities programs. DeShetler also participated in a larger nationwide effort that included advocates such as Walter Reuther of the United Auto Workers, to purge the organized labor movement of communists and those with communist sympathies. This made DeShetler unpopular among many rank-and-file members of Region Thirteen, who felt he was more interested in pleasing the union's national leadership than in securing victories for local interests. Among these members' complaints of DeShetler and other national CIO was their support for President Harry S Truman, whom they felt was unresponsive to union demands.

In 1967, DeShetler resigned his position and began serving as the AFL-CIO's coordinator for the United Farm Workers, a nationwide union for agricultural primarily active in the region to which he had served as director. He retired in 1971 at the age of sixty-five.

During his retirement, DeShetler was active in the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus and participated in its bowling league.

In 1973, DeShetler lobbied unsuccessfully to become a member of the American Arbitration Association. Despite his years of experience and the recommendations of prominent associates, DeShetler's application was denied on the grounds that his history of union activity would make him unacceptable to management. Also that year, he lobbied for a position with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, for which he was found to be unqualified.

In 1976, DeShetler was nominated by California Governor Edmund Brown to serve on the Agricultural Labor Relations Board. However, as of 1979, DeShetler had not been assigned to any cases and saw no activity in this position.

DeShetler eventually was elected chairman of the United Farm Workers' three-member Public Review Board. Their purpose was to provide a body within the UFW organizations that individual farm workers could turn to appeal decisions made by the organization's Executive Board. Prior to the establishment of the Public Review Board, the Executive Board had final say in all matters.

In August of 1981, DeShetler voluntarily resigned his position as chairman of the Public Review Board because he felt all members of the board should be fluent in both English and Spanish, which he was not. Although there was no official rule at the time requiring that board members be bilingual, DeShetler proposed an amendment to the UFW Constitution that would make this mandatory. Despite his personal feelings that he was unqualified, DeShetler was reappointed to his position at the UFW Constitutional Convention the next month.

In addition to his union activities, DeShetler was also involved in other political and social organizations including the California Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, the San Gabriel Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, and the Welfare Board of Los Angeles.

### **Scope and Content**

Part III of the Irwin L. DeShetler Papers primarily document DeShetler's activities during the 1970s after his retirement as the AFL-CIO's coordinator for the United Farm Workers. The collection also contains some items from DeShetler's career before this date, including early union membership cards, newspaper clippings, and correspondence dating from his tenure in Ohio and Kansas City. Also included are certificates and documents from various state and federal government agencies including a certificate signed by then-California Governor Ronald Reagan in 1967 and an invitation to appear at the White House from 1950.

Items dating from 1971 onward include correspondence regarding DeShetler's attempts to join both the American Arbitration Association and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, AFL-CIO newsletters and correspondence, regional Knights of Columbus newsletters, documents from the California Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, and documents related to the United Farm Workers including information regarding the Constitutional conventions of 1973, 1979, 1981 and

1984, official UFW publications, and documents involving major cases concurrent with DeShetler's tenure on the Public Review Board, as well as his official letter of resignation from that body.

This collection also contains material from DeShetler's wife, Helen, including her own early union activities.

**Important Subjects Include:**

AFL-CIO  
Agricultural Labor Relations Board  
American Arbitration Association  
California Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped  
Communism  
Democratic Party  
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service  
Knights of Columbus  
Organized Labor  
United Farm Workers  
United Farm Workers Public Review Board

**Important Names:**

Arywitz, Sigmund  
Chavez, Cesar  
Levy, Jacques  
Padilla, Gilbert  
Reagan, Ronald

**Arrangement**

Material is arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically by year, if applicable, within each box.

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2. AFL-CIO Los Angeles; Orange Counties Organizing Committee Meetings, 1975-1976
3. AFL-CIO Rub Sheet, September 1979
4. Agricultural Labor Relations Board, 1975-1980
5. American Arbitration Association, 1973-1978 (Bulk: 1978)
6. Association of Labor Mediation Agencies Conference, 1973
7. Biographical Information, undated
8. California Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, 1957-1978
9. Certificates, 1959-1966
10. Contact Information, undated
11. Correspondence, 1941-1946 (Bulk: 1946)
12. Correspondence, 1947-1977, undated
13. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 1973, undated
14. Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner, October 20, 1952
15. Kansas City Organizations, c. 1946
16. Knights of Columbus; Bowling League, Other Activities, 1978-1981
17. Knights of Columbus Mission Hill San Gabriel Council; Newsletters, Rosters, 1975-1980, undated
18. Labor Day Breakfast, 1949
19. Los Angeles Organizations, 1950, 1975, undated
20. Membership, Business Cards, 1928-1942, undated
21. News Clippings, 1948-1955, 1963, 1981, undated
22. Political Items, 1946-1979
23. Printed Materials, 1955-1984, undated:
  - “Testimony of Edward G. Robinson: Hearing Before the Committee of Un-American Activity, House of Representatives,” 1950
  - CIO News*, August 29, 1955
  - United Farm Workers: *Basta! La Historia de Nuestra Lucha (Enough! The Tale of Our Struggle)* 1966
  - United Farm Workers Constitution, 1973
  - El Malcriado*, September 1984
  - United Farm Workers: Proposed Uniform Rules for Committees*, undated
24. United Farm Workers Constitutional Convention, September 1981
25. United Farm Workers Constitutional Convention, September 1984
26. United Farm Workers Public Review Board Annual Report 1980
27. United Farm Workers Public Review Board; Correspondence, Expense Reports, 1980-1981

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28. United Farm Workers Public Review Board; Gutierrez, Francisco Case, 1981

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29. United Farm Workers Public Review Board; Scarborough, Odis, 1980-1981

**Box 2**

1. California Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, 1976-78
2. Clippings and Personal, 1951-83
3. Correspondence, 1977
4. Los Angeles, Orange Counties Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO Minutes, 1981-4-29
5. Presidential Inauguration, 1965
6. Proposed Constitution for the United Farm Workers, 1973
7. Public Review Board Cases 1-2 PRB 1-14; Correspondence, Notes and Meeting Minutes, 1980-81

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8. Public Review Board Cases 1-2 PRB 1-14; Evidence and Exhibits, 1980

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23. United Farm Workers Financial Statements, 1968
24. United Farm Workers Constitution, 1977, 1979, 1981
25. United Farm Workers 1<sup>st</sup> Constitutional Convention, 1973
26. United Farm Workers Constitutional Convention, 1979
27. United Farm Workers Constitutional Convention, 1981