

THE FRANCIS J. DILLON COLLECTION

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The papers of Francis J. Dillon were deposited with the Labor History Archives in January, 1971 by Mr. Dillon.

Francis J. Dillon was born in Ohio on January 1, 1887. After serving his apprenticeship as a pattern maker, he worked at several pattern shops in Springfield, Ohio and Indianapolis. From 1914 to 1934, Mr. Dillon served the Pattern Makers League (formerly the Patternmakers Association) as business agent in Indianapolis and Cleveland, and as a member of the General Executive Board. In February, 1934 he was assigned as an AFL organizer in the automobile industry, first in Flint and later in Detroit, where he was General Organizer in charge of the Detroit office of the AFL. From 1935 to 1936 Mr. Dillon was the first President of the United Automobile Workers of America, appointed to the post by AFL President William Green. During the period 1936-1941, he served as National Representative and organizer for the AFL, working in various areas of the country including Toledo, Newark, Georgia, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Louisville. In 1941, Mr. Dillon resigned from the AFL to accept a position as Counselor of Industrial Relations with Seagrams Distillers in Louisville.

The Collection covers the period from 1934 to 1943.

Important subjects are:

- AFL and CIO organizing in the automobile, aluminum, distillery, rubber, and other industries
- Automobile Labor Board
- Collective bargaining with General Motors, 1935
- Communists in unions
- Dillon/Martin/Hall controversy
- Investigations of the Auto Industry
- Labor Advisory Board
- Labor Legislation
- Strikes in the Automobile Industry, 1934-1936
- Thirty-hour week---Proposal, 1935
- Union Dues and Finances
- Wagner Act

Among the correspondents are:

- Collins, William
- Green, William
- Hall, Ed
- Kleinert, Otto

Among the correspondents are: (cont.)

Manning, Michael  
Martin, Homer  
Roosevelt, Franklin D.  
Wagner, Robert  
Woods, Forrest

Description of Series

BOXES

DESCRIPTION

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Correspondence and Official Communications of the United Automobile Workers of America and UAW Federal Labor unions, AFL (1934-1936); minutes and proceedings of the National Council of the United Automobile Workers Federal Labor Unions (1934-1935); press releases; newsletters; clippings; and UAW resolutions. The materials, covering the period 1934 to 1943, relate primarily to AFL organizing in the automobile industry and to the formation of the UAW.

SCRAPBOOKS

Newspaper clippings, 1934-1941. Included are clippings about the Fisher Body strike (1934), Chevrolet Motor Ohio Co. strike (1935), Hupp Motor Car strike (1935), Dillon's appointment as President of the UAW, AFL and CIO organizing disputes, Georgia Federation of Labor, UAW internal disputes, Alcoa strike in Tennessee (1937), and AFL organizing in West Virginia.

Box 1

- 1-1 AFL Detroit office - Weekly Newsletter to AFL auto workers, 1934
- 1-2 Automobile Labor Board - statements, 1934
- 1-3 Clippings, 1934-43
- 1-4 Correspondence, March-June, 1934
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- 1-7 Correspondence, May-December, 1935
- 1-8 Correspondence, 1936
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- 1-10 Correspondence, 1938
- 1-11 Dillon, Francis - Address and statements, 1935-1939
- 1-12 Labor Advisory Board - "Labor Proposals For Revision of Code for Automobile Manufacturing Industry", 1935.
- 1-13 Memorabilia and miscellaneous
- 1-14 Memorandum of negotiations - Chevrolet Motor Ohio Co., 1935
- 1-15 Press Releases, October-December, 1934
- 1-16-1-17 Press Releases, 1935 (2 folders)
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- 1-25 Press Releases, 1938-1941

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- 2-1 Proposed Program for Federal Labor Unions of United Auto Workers, 1934
- 2-2 Resolutions, 1934-1935
- 2-3 UAW Federal Labor Unions - 1st National Conference, June 23-24, 1934
- 2-4 UAW Federal Labor Unions - strike and Collective Bargaining authorization form.
- 2-5 UAW Federal Labor Unions National Council - By-Laws and basis of representation
- 2-6 UAW Federal Labor Unions National Council-1st session, Proceedings, July 9-14, 1934
- 2-7 UAW Federal Labor Unions National Council - 2nd session Proceedings, Aug. 28-31. 1934
- 2-8 UAW Federal Labor Unions National Council - 3rd session, Minutes, Feb. 23 - March 2, 1935
- 2-9 UAW Federal Labor Unions National Council - Official Communication nos. 1-23, 1934-35
- 2-10 UAW - 2nd Convention, 1936
- 2-11 UAW General Executive Board - Official Communications, Nos. 1-32, 1935-36
- 2-12 W. Va. State Federation of Labor - Special Convention Call, Jan. 24, 1938

Scrapbook 1 1934-1936

Chevrolet Motor Ohio Co. strike, 1935  
Dillon's Appointment as President of UAW  
Fisher Body strike, Flint, 1934  
Hupp Motor Car Co. strike, 1935

Scrapbook 2 1935-1937

Chevrolet Motor Ohio Co. strike, 1935  
UAW Convention, 1936  
UAW internal disputes

Scrapbook 3 April, 1937

Georgia Federation of Labor

Scrapbook 4 1937-1938

CIO and AFL organizing disputes  
Contract between Willys - Overland and UAW, April, 1937

Scrapbook 5 1937-1938

AFL organizing in West Virginia

Scrapbook 6 1937-1941

AFL vs. CIO  
Alcoa strike, Tennessee, 1937