

THE PHILLIPS L. GARMAN COLLECTION

Papers, 1907-1946
(Predominantly, 1930-1946)

3 linear feet

Accession Number 537
L.C. Number

These materials were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in February, 1972 by the International Socialists.

Phillips Garman was with the A.F. of L. in 1934, and the Dept. of Economics at the University of Chicago in 1936. From 1938-41, he was the Director of Research for the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistant's Union in Pressmen's Home, Tenn. He entered government service in 1941, where he became chief of the War Production Board's industrial relations section. In June of 1945, he was appointed co-chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board, where he worked directly with W. Willard Wirtz who was chairman. Subsequently, he worked with the U.A.W. in their education department, and is now teaching at the University of Illinois.

The papers reveal the part played by the A.F. of L. in the organization of the unskilled industrial workers, particularly the auto workers, from 1934-1936. They reflect Mr. Garman's position as research director for the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistant's Union and his position in the government on the National Wage Stabilization Board.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- A.F. of L., its relation with the auto workers unions and strikes called in this early period, 1934-36 Auto Labor Board, 1934-35 Company Unions, 1934-36
- C.I.O. Formation, 1934-36
- Factionalism in Unions, 1934-36
- General Motors Strike, 1945-46
- Government Administration of the coal mines, 1946
- Labor-Management Conference called by President Truman, Nov. 1945
- Newspaper and publishing industries, unionization, 1907-42

Labor History and Labor Education

Among the correspondents are: (an index to the location of these
letters will be found on the last
page of the guide)

F.J. Dillon, General Organizer, A.F. of L. Vice-
Admiral Ben Moreel, Coal Mines Administrator
Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor Alfred P.
Sloan, Jr., President, General Motors Leo Wolman,
Chairman, Auto Labor Board

Contents

6 manuscript boxes
1 oversize folder

Series I, Boxes 1-4 The A.F. of L. in the Auto Industry

Covers period 1934-37. Contains correspondence, clippings, and other materials relating to the A.F. of L., its relations with the auto workers unions and information on the strikes staged by the Federal Labor Unions affiliated with the A.F. of L. Contains some information on the formation of the C.I.O. and numerous clippings on the Flint Sit-Downs. There is much material on the Auto Labor Board, various auto industry studies, and background information on company sponsored unions and samples of company newspapers.

Series II, Box 5 International Printing Pressmen's and Assistant's Union

Covers period 1907-41. Contains correspondence and other material reflecting Garman's position as research director of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistant's Union. Contains background and statistical information on the newspaper and publishing industries, and the paper box industries. Contains specific information on the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistant's Union, its history and its status until 1941.

Series III, Boxes 5-6 Post War Period and Labor

Covers period 1943-46. Contains correspondence, clippings, and other materials relating to the Krug-Lewis Agreement and the government administration of the coal mines in 1946. Contains clippings, press releases, pamphlets, flyers, published findings of a "Fact-Finding" board on the General Motors Strike, 1945-46. Clippings, press releases and verbatim reports on the Labor-Management Conference called by President Truman in Nov. 1945. There is a series of studies of industry done by the War Production Board on Labor Management Production Committees covering the years 1943-45.

Non-manuscript material

Approximately 15 labor oriented newspapers have been placed in the Archives Library.

Series I
Boxes 1-4

Correspondence, clippings and other materials relating to the A.F. of L., its relations with the auto workers unions and information on the strikes staged by the Federal Labor Unions affiliated with the A.F. of L. Includes membership statements of the old Federal Labor Unions affiliated with the A.F. of L. giving the local numbers, the name of the union, its location, its charter date and its paid membership for 1934 and 1935. Contains some information on the formation of the C.I.O. and numerous clippings on the Flint Sit-Downs. There is much material on the Auto Labor Board, various auto industry studies, and background information on company sponsored unions and samples on company newspapers. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic or by name of person and covers the period of 1934-1937.

Box 1

1. A.F.L.-C.I.O. Split, Press Releases & Clippings, 1936
2. A.F.L., Misc. material, 1934-35
3. A.F.L., Misc. material, 1935-36
4. A.F.L.-U.A.W. Conferences with General Motors; Atlanta, Cleveland, Jaynesville, 1935
5. A.F.L.-U.A.W. Conferences with General Motors; Kansas City, Norwood, Toledo, 1935
6. A.F.L.-U.A.W. Detroit District Council, 1934
7. A.F.L.-U.A.W. First National Conference, Newsletters, June, 1934.
8. A.F.L.-U.A.W. First National Conference, Newsletters, June 1934
9. A.F.L.-U.A.W., Formation of First International, 1935
10. A.F.L.-U.A.W. Formation, Clippings, 1935
11. A.F.L.-U.A.W. Membership Statements of Federal Labor Unions, 1934
12. A.F.L.-U.A.W. Membership Statements of Federal Labor Unions, 1935
13. A.F.L.-U.A.W., National Exec. 2nd Council Meeting, Aug. 1934
14. A.F.L.-U.A.W., National Exec. 3rd Council Meeting, 1935
15. American Manufacturers Association, 1935
16. Auto Code - Newspaper Clippings, 1935
17. Auto Industry, Misc. Notes and Clippings, 1935
18. Auto Industry - Studies, 1934
19. Auto Industry - Studies, 1934
20. Auto Industry - Studies, 1934
21. Auto Industry - Studies, 1934

Series I

Box 2

1. Auto Industry Studies - 1935
2. Auto Industry Studies - 1936
3. Auto Labor Board & A.F. of L., Correspondence, 1934
4. Auto Labor Board & A.F. of L., Correspondence, 1934-35
5. Auto Labor Board, Bargaining Agencies, 1934-35

Series 1

Box 2

(cont'd)

6. Auto Labor Board, Bargaining Agencies, 1935-36
7. Auto Labor Board, Member Biographies, 1934-35
8. Auto Labor Board, Disbandment, 1934
9. Auto Labor Board, Disbandment, 1935
10. Auto Labor Board, Grievance Cases, 1934
11. Auto Labor Board, Elections, Clippings and Notices, 1935 (some material in oversize folder)
12. Auto Labor Board, Election figures and correspondence, 1934-35
13. Auto Labor Board, Election figures and correspondence, 1935
14. Auto Labor Board, Misc. Clippings, 1934-35
15. Auto Labor Board, Misc., 1934-35
16. Blacks in unions, 1933-35
17. C.I.O. Misc., 1935-36
18. C.I.O. Steel Organizing, Clippings, 1935
19. C.I.O. Steel Organizing, Clippings, 1936
20. C.I.O. Steel Organizing, 1937 (Clippings)

Series 1

Box 3

1. W. Ellison Chalmers, Observations on Unionism, 1933-35
2. Company Unions, 1934
3. Company Unions, 1935-36
4. Company Union Newspapers, 1934-36
5. Company Union Pamphlets, 1919-34
6. Communism in Unions - Clippings, 1935
7. Father Coughlin & Auto Unions, Misc. Materials, 1935-36
8. F.J. Dillon, Newsletters, 1934
9. F.J. Dillon, Newsletters, 1935
10. F.J. Dillon, U.A.W.-A.F.L., 1935-36
11. Employer's Organizations, Statements & Clippings, 1928-36
12. Factional Literature, 1934-35
13. Ford Motor Organizing, 1934
14. Foreign Language Literature
15. Phillips L. Garman, Correspondence, 1934
16. General Motors, Memos & Letters, 1934-35
17. General Motors, Pamphlets, 1935
18. Industrial Control in the U.S. before N.R.A. - A Study, 1935

Series 1

Box 4

1. Labor Disputes, Clippings, 1934
2. Labor Disputes, Clippings, Jan., Feb., 1935
3. Labor Disputes, Clippings, Mar., Dec, 1935
4. Labor Disputes, Clippings, 1936-37
5. Labor Statistics, 1934-36
6. Left-Wing Literature, 1935
7. Motor Products Strike, Nov., 1935
8. N.L.R.B., 1934
9. N.L.R.B., Clippings, 1935-36
10. N.R.A., 1935
11. Roosevelt's Settlement, March, 1934-35

Box 4 (cont'd)

12. Sit-Down Strikes (includes Flint), Clippings, 1937
13. Sit-Down Strikes (includes Flint), Clippings, 1937
14. Sit-Down Strikes (includes Flint), Clippings, 1937
15. Toledo Chevrolet Strike, 1935
16. Toledo Chevrolet Strike, Negotiations, 1935

Series II

Box 5

Contains background and statistical information on the newspaper and publishing industries, and the paper box industries, reflecting Garman's position as research director of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistant's Union (I.P.P. & A.U.). Contains specific information on the I.P.P. & A.U., its history and its status until 1941. Contains articles and correspondence written by Phillips Garman and copies of speeches given by him. Covers the period 1907-1941. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic or name of person and type of material.

Box 5

1. Arbitration Agreements, 1907-42
2. Arbitration Cases, Statistics, 1907-39
3. P.L. Garman, articles, 1939-41
4. P.L. Garman, Correspondence, 1938-41
5. P.L. Garman, Speeches, 1939-40
6. I.P.P. & A.U., President Berry's Newsletters, 1937-40
7. I.P.P. & A.U., Background, 1930-41
8. I.P.P. & A.U., Contract Forms, 1923-42
9. I.P.P. & A.U., Labor Disputes, 1930-39
10. I.P.P. & A.U., Published Information
11. Labor Statistics, 1940
12. Newspaper Industry, Statistics & Problems, 1929-40

Series III

Boxes 5 - 6

Includes correspondence, memos, press releases and clippings about the Krug-Lewis Agreement and the Coal Dispute of 1946, including background information on the government administration of the coal mines.

Has handwritten notes, press releases and newspaper clippings on the General Motors Strike of 1945-46. Samples of pamphlets, flyers and posters printed by General Motors to publicize their position are included. Published findings of a government "Fact Finding" board are included.

There is material on the Labor-Management Conference called by President Truman in November, 1945 to allow representatives of these two groups to discuss common problems and to settle differences. Included are clippings, press releases and verbatim reports. There is also a series of studies of industry done by the War Production Board on Labor Management Production Committees covering the years 1943-45. The Files are arranged alphabetically by topic and type of material and cover the years 1943-1946.

Box 5 (cont'd)

13. Coal Dispute, Clippings, 1946
14. Coal Dispute, Clippings, 1946
15. Coal Dispute, Clippings, 1946

Box 6

1. Coal Dispute, Government Administration, 1946
2. Coal Dispute, National Wage Stabilization Board, Press Releases, 1946
3. General Motors Strike, Background Notes, 1945-46
4. General Motors Strike, Clippings, 1945-46
5. General Motors Strike, Company Propaganda, 1945-46 (Other material in oversize folder)
6. General Motors Strike, Company Pamphlets, 1945-46
7. General Motors Strike, Fact Finding Board, 1945-46
8. General Motors Strike, Press Releases, 1945-46
9. General Motors Strike, Press Releases, 1945-46
10. General Motors Strike, Press Releases, 1945-46
11. General Motors Strike, Press Releases, 1945-46
12. Labor-Management Conference, Agenda and Press Releases, 1945
13. Labor-Management Conference, Addresses, 1945
14. Labor-Management Conference, Clippings, 1945
15. Labor-Management Conference, Directory of Delegates and Committees
16. Labor-Management Conference, Verbatim Report, Nov., 1945
17. Labor-Management Conference, Verbatim Report, Nov., 1945
18. War Production Board, Studies of Labor-Management Production Committees, 1943-45

Index to Correspondence

Dillon, F.J., 2-3, 2-4
Moreel, Ben, 6-1
Perkins, Frances, 2-3, 2-4
Sloan, Jr., Alfred P., 3-16
Wolman, Leo, 2-3