

RAYMOND. KAY COLLECTION

Papers, 1944-1960  
(Predominantly, 1950-1958)

2.7 linear feet

Accession Number 852

The papers of Raymond Kay were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban, Affairs in November of 1977 by Mr. Raymond Kay and were opened for research in December of 1978.

Raymond Kay (ne Casimir Kozekowski) was born in Detroit, Michigan, on January 30, 1917. Mr. Kay received his education in the Detroit parochial school system. Mr. Kay. was employed by the DeSoto Motor Co. until 1942, at which time he entered the Navy Seabees. Following his discharge from the Navy in 1946, Mr. Kay returned to the DeSoto Motor Co. While at DeSoto, Mr. Kay became involved with union affairs at the local level. He served as shop steward, chairman of the Shop Plant Committee, and Skilled Trades writer for Local 227's newspaper. In 1953, Mr. Kay was fired by Chrysler for his union activities. Following his termination at Chrysler, Mr. Kay was elected President of the Greater Detroit Construction, Maintenance, and Powerhouse Worker's Council. In 1959 Mr. Kay served briefly as President of the UAW Skilled Trades Council until its dissolution by the International in February of 1959.

In addition to his union activities, Mr. Kay was active in the Knights of Columbus, the Moose, and the Wayne County Civic League. Mr.. Kay also ran for State Representative in 1959 and for State Senator in 1954 and 1958,

The papers of Mr. Kay deal primarily with his union activities, and to a lesser extent with his involvement in state politics.

Contents

7 manuscript boxes

Series I, Boxes 1-2

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, campaign materials of a non-union nature.

Series II, Boxes 2-7

A subject file of materials pertaining to Local 227, the DeSoto plant, The Greater Detroit Construction, Maintenance, and Powerhouse Worker's Council, the Skilled Trades Council and the UAW.

Non-Manuscript material

Approximately 100 photographs of various union meetings and conventions of the Greater Detroit Construction, Maintenance, and Powerhouse Worker's Council, and the Skilled Trades Council. They have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collection. Numerous pamphlets and newspapers have been placed in the Archives' library.

Series I  
Boxes 1-2

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, photocopies of material dealing with the Society of Skilled Trades and the American Federation of Skilled Crafts. Included in this series are materials pertaining to Mr. Kay's campaigns for public office. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and they cover the period July 11, 1947 to March 7, 1959.

Box 1

1. Benefit appeal before MESAC; Sept. 27, 1957-Oct. 7, 1957
2. Delegates credential; December, 1948
- 3-9. General correspondence; July 11, 1947-March 7, 1959
10. Misc. file; Aug. 23, 1953 - Oct. 20, 1958

11. Newspaper clippings; August, 1951 - April, 1958
- 12-15. Personal book; September, 1955-1957.

Box 2

- 1-3. Personal book; September, 1955
4. State Representative campaign, Feb 16, 1959 - March 3, 1959.
- 5-7. State Senate campaign, March 22, 1954 - Aug. 5, 1958.

Series II  
Boxes 2-7

Subject files dealing with Local 227, the Greater Detroit Construction, Maintenance, and Powerhouse Worker's Council, the Skilled Trades Council, and the UAW. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material and they cover the period May 5, 1944 to Sept. 10, 1959.

Box 2

8. DeSoto Plant - Seniority lists
9. DeSoto Plant Shop Committee minutes; Aug. 11, 1949 - March 28, 1952
10. Detroit-Wayne County Tool & Die Council - abstract of study; Jan. 14, 1959
11. Employment classification and wage structure; Feb. 9, 1958
12. Greater Detroit Construction, Maintenance, and Powerhouse Worker's Council - correspondence; May 5, 1944 - Oct. 16, 1958

Box 3

1. Greater Detroit Construction, Maintenance, and Powerhouse Worker's Council - lists of officers, delegates, and members
- 2-6. Greater Detroit Construction, Maintenance, and Powerhouse Worker's Council - minutes; July 22, 1946 - July 26, 1954.
- 7-11. Greater Detroit Construction, Maintenance, and Powerhouse Worker's Council - minutes of delegate meetings; Nov. 24, 1954 - Oct. 27, 1958

12. Greater Detroit Skilled Trades' Council - creation; July 25, 1956 - Oct. 18, 1957
13. Job descriptions; June 14, 1945
14. Labor, rates and classifications; Jan. 28, 1946
15. Local 227 - bulletins; 1950 - 1951
16. Local 227 - editorials
17. Local 227 - education file; Dec. 1, 1951
18. Local 227 - election material; Feb. 11, 1947 - June 20, 1950
19. Local 227 - election material; March 8, 1951 - May 27, 1953

Box 4

1. Local 227 - election material; May 26, 1959 - Sept. 10, 1959
2. Local 227 - election material; undated
3. Local 227 - grievances; Oct. 26, 1951 - Nov. 5, 1951
4. Local 227 - insurance
5. Local 227 - line speed/jobs per hour
6. Milwaukee Skilled Trades Council - bylaws
7. News release; Jan. 19, 1959
8. Skilled Trades - agreement
9. Skilled Trades Bylaws of International Skilled Trades Council; May 5, 1956
- 10-15. Skilled Trades - correspondence; Aug. 12, 1953 - Jan. 23, 1959
- 16-18. Skilled Trades - membership list

Box 5

1. Skilled Trades - minutes; April 30, 1954 - Aug. 25, 1954
2. Skilled Trades - minutes of special meeting
3. Skilled Trades - minutes of Unemployed Skilled Trades Workers; Oct. 18, 1958
4. Skilled Trades - miscellaneous; 1957 - 1959
5. Skilled Trades - publicity; Oct. 24, 1955 - Feb. 26, 1958
6. Skilled Trades - reorganization of councils; Feb. 10, 1959 - July 23, 1959
- 7-9. Skilled Trades - resolutions; Dec. 10, 1953 - Dec. 10, 1960
- 10-13. Society of Skilled Trades - miscellaneous; Aug. 22, 1955 - Feb. 11, 1957

14. Southern Michigan Trades Council; 1950
15. Tool & Die Maintenance Council - bulletins; June 1, 1950 - Oct. 23, 1955
16. UAW - agreements; June 4, 1946 - Jan. 3, 1951

Box 6

1. UAW - agreements; June 3, 1952 - March 1, 1959
- 2-3. UAW - Chrysler apprenticeship meetings; April 20, 1948 - June 5, 1952
4. UAW - Chrysler Conference meetings
5. UAW - Committee for a Democratic UAW-CIO; July 12, 1949
6. UAW - election material; 1959
7. UAW - Eleventh Convention; Nov. 9-15, 1947
8. UAW - journeyman card policy; May 18, 1953
9. UAW - journeyman upgrader policy; March 30, 1948
10. UAW - newsletters; Jan. 31, 1948-July 12, 1957
11. UAW - press releases; March 15, 1950 - April 11, 1950
12. UAW - Progressive Group; March 27, 1948
13. UAW - Region 1-A Special Convention; Dec. 9, 1958 -Feb. 9, 1959
14. UAW - resolutions; Nov. 7, 1948
15. UAW - skilled trades policy; Sept. 26, 1952 -Sept. 17, 1956

Box 7

1. UAW - Special Constitutional Convention; Jan. 22 -24, 1958
2. UAW - Tool & Die Study Committee; Oct. 1, 1951
3. UAW - Veterans Department; March 6, 1948 - July 13, 1951
4. Wayne County CIO Council - miscellaneous; July, 1947 - Sept., , 1948
5. Wayne County CIO Council - resolutions; Feb. 17, 1948 - Sept. 2, 1948