

The Floyd M. Bueno Collection

Papers, 1937-1987

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Floyd M. Bueno's seniority with GM began on March 8, 1935 when he went to work for Fisher Body in Oakland California. In 1936, Mr. Bueno was the first Fisher Body employee to join the Union. He was one of the original charter members when both Fisher Body and Chevrolet Assembly became UAW Local 76 on May 31, 1938. Mr. Bueno was a pioneer in many of the early struggles of a fledgling UAW in northern California. Since 1946, he held official local union elected positions, first as a Shop Committee member and till his retirement in 1970 was concurrently serving as Financial Secretary and Benefits Representative.

In 1948, Chevrolet Assembly became Local 1031. In 1954, Fisher Body received it's own UAW Charter and became Local 333. In 1963, GM closed both plants and combined their operation under BOP (Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac), at a newly constructed assembly facility in Fremont California. Locals 333 and 1031 were merged to form the new UAW Local 1364.

Mr. Bueno continued to make important contributions while Financial Secretary at 333 and 1364. At Local 333 his fiscal measures brought the cash balance from \$14,000 to over \$100,000. More significant, was Mr. Bueno's foresight in persuading Local 333 to purchase a 5 acre plot in Fremont, when it was ascertained GM would build a plant in the area. In 1963 the new BOP plant began operations across the street. On May 29, 1965 a long time dream of Financial Secretary Bueno was realized when the new 'Labor Temple' Union Hall was dedicated on the 5 acre tract. By 1969, The 'Labor Temple' mortgage was paid off and Local 1364 owned property valued at more than \$500,000. In addition, their cash balance was in excess of \$125,000.

After Mr. Bueno retired, many unfortunate events began to plague Local 1364 and BOP. Economic conditions, international competition and the 'energy crisis' of the late 70's, were contributing factors that led to the permanent suspension of operations on March 5, 1982. At it's peak, BOP Assembly employed in excess of 6,800 people.

The papers of Mr. Bueno reflect the history of Locals 333 and 1364 and to a lesser degree Mr. Bueno's involvement in a variety of union related endeavors.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Burglary; 'Labor Temple', 1969 & 1970
Dedication; 'Labor Temple', 1965
Election protests, 1963 & 1965
Minutes; Membership & Executive Board meeting, 1968 & 1970
Misuse of Local 1364 funds, 1970
Resignation; Mr. Bueno, 1970

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Non-manuscript Material:

48 b&w photographs of various UAW International Officers, Local 1364 meetings, California Gov. Brown rally, and other photographs. Memorabilia materials include pins, badges and key rings
Oversize materials include Local 76 Charter (copy), blueprints and artist's concept drawing of 'Labor Temple', as well as numerous Local 1364 newsletters that contain much information about Local 1364.



Series I
Mr. Bueno's union duties and activities, 1937-1986
Boxes 1-3

This series is divided into the following three subseries:

Subseries A: Office texts, 1949-1971, Boxes 1-2

Handbooks, leaflets, supplements, Charters, By-Laws, wage and seniority lists and other materials needed in the performance of duties of Financial Secretary and Benefits Representative, as well as other related duties. Arranged alphabetically, by subject or material title.

Subseries B: Office files, 1955-1985, Boxes 2-3

Correspondence, claims, minutes, and other records of Mr. Bueno's work as a union official. Includes records generated after Mr. Bueno retired.

Subseries C: Personal files, 1937-1985, Box 3

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