

THE SAMUEL KRIEGER COLLECTION

Papers, 1926-1994
(Predominantly, 1974-1983)

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The papers of Samuel Krieger were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in March, 1995 and were opened for research in August, 1996.

Samuel Krieger was born in Russia on August 20, 1902. Mr. Krieger came to the United States at age two and grew up in New York and New Jersey. He graduated from grammar school and went to work in the aircraft industry. Mr. Krieger was a member and recruiter for the Industrial Workers of the World. He served as an international representative for the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. In 1953 he began work as an organizer and business agent for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, from which he retired in 1972. He resided in Rohnert Park, California until his death on April 9, 1981.

In retirement, Mr. Krieger participated in the Radical Elders Oral History Project and also appeared in two films; The Wobbliest and The Trials of Alger Hiss. In 1978 Mr. Krieger brought suit for libel against the author of Perjury. Allen Weinstein, publisher Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. and New Republic. At the time of his death he was writing his autobiography.

The papers of Mr. Krieger mainly concern his activities during his retirement reflecting his lifelong interests in human rights.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

Chambers, Whittaker
Communism
Hiss, Alger
Hunger strikes - Washington (D.C.)
Industrial Workers of the World
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National Hunger March, 1932
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Wobblies - film

Among the important correspondents are:

Sender Garlin	Jonah Raskin
Alger Hiss	William A. Reuben
Scott Nearing	Allen Weinstein
Victor Navasky	Alden Whitman

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Series II, Manuscript, 1977-1981, Boxes 3-4:

Agreements, receipts, financial statements, notes, manuscript chapters, correspondence, revisions, handwritten drafts, and reviews. All of the material concerns the writing of Mr. Krieger's autobiography and the people involved in revising his manuscript, especially Jonah Raskin.

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Non-manuscript Material:

Approximately 36 photographs related to Mr. Krieger have been placed in the Archives Audio Visual Collection. Numerous publicity postcards for The Wobblies film, two convention name tags from Atlantic City, New Jersey (1966) and Miami Beach, Florida (1971), a plaque "Mr. Union Man", and 21 tapes received with this collection are available in the Archives Collection.

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