

THE UAW LOCAL 239 COLLECTION

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Local 239 now services the General Motors Assembly Division plants in Baltimore, Maryland. Previously servicing the Fisher Body plant, Local 239 merged with Local 678, Chevrolet-Baltimore, in January of 1969, when General Motors united its Fisher Body and Chevrolet assembly operations. All materials in the collection are pre-merger.

The UAW Local 239 Collection covers the period from 1948 to 1969.

Important subjects are:

Political action	Relations with International Union
Local elections	Local 239 organization and history
New Union Hall	Alleged racial discrimination
Local bargaining	Local and regional labor councils
Retired workers	General Motors Council
Local minutes	Unemployment compensation cases
Employees welfare	Factional struggles
Grievances	

Among the correspondents are:

Thomas D. Alesandro, Jr.	Phillip H. Goodman	Madalyn Murray
J. Glenn Beall, Sr.	Richard Gosser	William H. Oliver
Irving Bluestone	Bob Hope	Roy L. Reuther
John Marshall Butler	Landam S. Huff	Walter Reuther
P.J. Ciampa	Frank James	Norman B. Seaton
Jay Cumba	John F. Kennedy	Louis G. Seaton
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Description of Series

The UAW Local 239 Collection is arranged in six series:

1. Minutes
2. President's File
3. Officers' Files
4. Committees and Administrative Units
5. General Office File
6. External Organizations

The Minutes are divided into membership meetings and Executive Board meetings, and are complete for the period 1948 to 1965. The President's File contains the president's incoming and outgoing correspondence, arranged chronologically. Correspondence of the recording secretary, financial secretary-treasurer, and the chairman of the Shop Committee make up the Officers' Files. In addition, all grievance material is included in the chairman's section of this series. Correspondence, notices, and other relevant materials of the committees are included in the Committees and Administrative Units series. Such branches of Local 239 as the Cafeteria Unit are also in this series. The General Office File contains the general and financial records of the local. Dues check-off material, general correspondence, welfare fund, seniority material, local contracts, and the credit union are in this series, along with NLRB and racial discrimination cases. Minutes and other materials of regional and local labor councils are contained in the External Organizations series. Also in this series are materials pertinent to the international UAW, all resolutions, and newsletters from various sources.

Folder Inventory

Minutes, Series I: The Minutes are complete for the years 1949 to 1965, with some minutes from 1948 and 1968.

Box 1 1-19 - Membership (1948-1965, 1968) (19 folders)
 20-38 - Executive Board (1948-1965, 1968) (19 folders)
 39 - Skilled Trades Unit, minutes

President's File, Series II: This series is made up mostly of the President's incoming and outgoing correspondence for the years 1952 through 1968.

Box 2 1-27 - President, incoming correspondence (1952-1959) (27 folders)

Box 3 1-21 - President, incoming correspondence (1960-1964) (21 folders)

- Box 4 1-12 - President, incoming correspondence (1965-1968) (12 folders)
 13-33 - President, outgoing correspondence (1952-1962) (21 folders)
- Box 5 1-18 - President, outgoing correspondence (1963-1969) (18 folders)
 19 - President, exoneration of dues (1952-1953), correspondence
 20 - President, exoneration of dues (1952-1953, International Executive Board
 21 - President, exoneration of dues (1952-1953), miscellaneous
 22 - President's file, oyster roasts (1950-1951)
 23 - President's notices
 24 - President, post-merger election agreement
 25 - President, report on blood donors

Officers' File, Series III: The Officers' File contains the correspondence of the three major officers and all the grievance material in the collection.

- Box 6 1-23 - Chairman, Shop Committee, incoming correspondence (1948-1968) (23 folders)
- Box 7 1-15 - Chairman, Shop Committee, outgoing correspondence (1952-1965) (15 folders)
 16 - Chairman, Shop Committee, Board of Review on umpire appeals (1954)
 17 - Chairman, Shop Committee, grievance appeal case K-460
18-24 - Chairman, Shop Committee, meetings with management (1948, 1950-1951, 1954, 1960, 1963-1964) (7 folders)
 25 - Chairman, Shop Committee, report on National Negotiating Committee meeting (1951)
 26 - Chairman, Shop Committee, settlement of open appeal cases and grievances (1958, 1960)
27-28 - Chairman, Shop Committee, umpire decisions (1959-1960) (2 folders)
29-35 - Chairman, Shop Committee, Unions' Statement of Unadjusted Grievances (7 folders)
- Box 8 1-20 - Financial secretary-treasurer, incoming correspondence (1952-1968) (20 folders)
 21-29 - Financial secretary-treasurer, outgoing correspondence (1952-1957) (9 folders)
- Box 9 1-10 - Financial secretary-treasurer, outgoing correspondence (1958-1968) (10 folders)
 11-24 - Recording secretary, incoming correspondence (1952-1968) (14 folders)

- Box 9 (cont.)
- 25-29 - Recording secretary, outgoing correspondence (1953-1964) (5 folders)
 - 30-35 - Telegrams, incoming (1951-1965) (6 folders)
 - 36 - Telegrams, outgoing
 - 37 - Vice president, outgoing correspondence

Committees and Administrative Units, Series IV: The series is made up of material from the various local committees and units, including minutes, correspondence, and notices.

- Box 10
- 1 - Building Committee, advertising
 - 2 - Building Committee, bar
 - 3 - Building Committee, correspondence
 - 4 - Building Committee, hall rentals
 - 5 - Building Committee, improvements
 - 6 - Building Committee, office
 - 7 - Building Committee, sale of hall
 - 8 - Building Committee, taxes
 - 9 - By-laws Committee, correspondence
 - 10 - By-laws Committee, minutes
 - 11 - By-laws Committee, proposed by-laws (1960)
 - 12-16 - Cafeteria Unit, arbitration and agreements (1948-1962) (5 folders)
 - 17-26 - Cafeteria Unit, correspondence (1952-1965) (10 folders)
 - 27 - Cafeteria Unit, dispute notices
 - 28-35 - Cafeteria Unit, dues check-offs (1952-1966) (8 folders)
 - 36-37 - Cafeteria Unit, dues check-off authorizations (1952-1961) (2 folders)
 - 38 - Cafeteria Unit, employee grievances
 - 39 - Cafeteria Unit, employee discipline
 - 40 - Cafeteria Unit, meeting notices
 - 41 - Cafeteria Unit, minutes
 - 42 - Cafeteria Unit, severance and retirement
 - 43 - Committee on Political Education (COPE)

- Box 11
- 1 - Education Committee, correspondence
 - 2-3 - Education Committee, films (2 folders)
 - 4 - Election Committee
 - 5-7 - Election Committee, notices (1953-1966) (3 folders)
 - 8-16 - Executive Board notices (1953-1965) (9 folders)
 - 17 - Pension Committee
 - 18-24 - Political Action Committee (PAC) (1952-1954) (7 folders)
 - 25 - Political Action Committee (PAC), political literature

- Box 12
- 1 - Recreation Committee, Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks
 - 2 - Recreation Committee, minutes, Baltimore Area UAW-CIO Recreation Council
 - 3 - Recreation Committee, bowling and Softball
 - 4 - Recreation Committee, correspondence
 - 5 - Recreation Committee, notices
 - 6 - Recreation Committee, UAW Recreation Department
 - 7 - Recreation Committee, UAW Recreation Round-up (1952)
 - 8 - Retired Workers Chapter, Local 239, constitution
 - 9-10 - Retired Workers Chapter, Local 239, correspondence (1966-1968) (2 folders)
 - 11 - Retired Workers Chapter, Local 239, minutes
 - 12 - Shop Committee, minutes
 - 13 - Shop Committee, notices
 - 14 - Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (S.U.B.) Committee
 - 15 - Trial Committee, Goldsborough Case, November (1951)
 - 16 - Trial Committee, Kulinski vs. Rostek (1958-1959)
 - 17 - Trial Committee, Kulinski vs. Local 239 (1959)
 - 18 - Trial Committee, Kulinski vs. Local 239, International Appeals Committee (1960)
 - 19-20 - Trial Committee, Kulinski vs. Local 239, Public Review Board (1960)
 - 21 - Trial Committee, Kulinski vs. Warczynski (1960)
 - 22 - Trial Committee, Kulinski vs. Warczynski, International Appeals Committee (1960-1961)
 - 23 - Trial Committee, Kulinski vs. Warczynski, Public Review Board (1961-1962)
 - 24 - Trial Committee, Jones vs. Jacobs (1961)
 - 25 - UAW Locals Holding Company, bonding
 - 26-31 - UAW Locals Holding Company, cash reports (1960-1965) (6 folders)
 - 32 - UAW Locals Holding Company, correspondence
 - 33-34 - UAW Locals Holding Company, financial statements (1959-1962) (2 folders)
 - 35 - UAW Locals Holding Company, minutes
 - 36 - UAW Locals Holding Company, miscellaneous
 - 37 - Veterans Committee
 - 38 - Welfare Committee, notices

General Office File, Series V: All financial, dues check-off, and credit union records are contained in this series, along with general correspondence.

- Box 13
- 1-3 - Blue Cross, Blue Shield contracts (1961-1963) (3 folders)
 - 4-29 - General correspondence (1953-1963) (26 folders)

- Box 14 1-16 - General correspondence (1964-1968) (16 folders)
17-27 - Credit union, correspondence (1951-1955) (11 folders)
28 - Credit union, collection records (1951-1953)
29-30 - Credit union, financial reports (1950-1956) (2 folders)
31 - Credit union, miscellaneous
32 - Credit union, newsletters
33 - Credit union, notices
- Box 15 1-20 - Dues check-off authorizations (1951-1965) (20 folders)
21-22 - Dues check-off quit lists (1952-1955) (2 folders)
23-31 - Employment status reports (1956-1964) (9 folders)
- Box 16 1-3 - Finance, annual reports (1949-1964) (3 folders)
4 - Finance, financial report, U.S. Department of Labor
5 - Finance, miscellaneous
6-17 - Finance, monthly statements (1951-1968) (12 folders)
18-21 - Finance, trustees' quarterly audit reports (1951-1959) (4 folders)
22-23 - Finance, trustees' semi-annual audit reports (1960-1965) (2 folders)
24 - Handouts
25 - Insurance claims
26-32 - Local contract agreements and demands (1951-1968) (7 folders)
- Box 17 1-4 - Local notices (4 folders)
5 - Membership claims
6 - Local 239, alleged racial discrimination
7 - "Local 239 News"
8 - NLRB cases involving Local 239
9-18 - New hires listing (1952-1957) (10 folders)
19 - Press releases, Local 239
20 - Seniority status list (1956)
21 - Strike (1961)
22 - Welfare and Sick Benefit Fund, correspondence (1953-1954)
23-27 - Welfare and Sick Benefit Fund, applications (5 folders)

External Organizations, Series VI: This series contains both the Baltimore and Maryland CIO and AFL-CIO Council files. The International UAW and various bureaus of the State of Maryland are also represented.

- Box 18 1 - AFL-CIO correspondence
2 - Baltimore City UAW-CIO News
3 - Baltimore AFL-CIO merger agreement
4-20 - Baltimore AFL-CIO, minutes (1960-1968) (17 folders)
21 - Baltimore AFL-CIO, Civil Rights Committee
22 - Baltimore AFL-CIO, COPE correspondence
23 - Baltimore AFL-CIO, endorsements (COPE)

- Box 18
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- 24-30 - Baltimore AFL-CIO, COPE minutes (1962-1968) (7 folders)
- Box 19
- 1 - Baltimore AFL-CIO correspondence
 - 2 - Baltimore AFL-CIO Council bulletin
 - 3 - Baltimore AFL-CIO local unions
 - 4 - Baltimore AFL-CIO roll call
 - 5 - Baltimore County Donable Food Program
 - 6 - Baltimore Industrial Union Council (BIUC), constitution
 - 7 - BIUC, correspondence
 - 8-9 - BIUC, financial reports (1951-1954) (2 folders)
 - 10-11 - BIUC, minutes (1952-1954) (2 folders)
 - 12 - BIUC, Political Action Committee (PAC)
 - 13 - BIUC, PAC Executive Board minutes (1953-1956)
 - 14-18 - BIUC, PAC minutes (1953-1956) (5 folders)
 - 19 - CIO, convention calls
 - 20 - CIO, Education Department
 - 21 - CIO, PAC
 - 22 - CIO, publicity releases
 - 23 - CIO, World Affairs Bulletin
 - 24 - East Point Medical Center, Board of Directors minutes
 - 25 - East Point Medical Center, Board of Directors resolutions
 - 26 - East Point Medical Center, by-laws
 - 27 - East Point Medical Center, incoming correspondence
 - 28 - East Point Medical Center, outgoing correspondence
 - 29 - East Point Medical Center, financial reports
 - 30 - East Point Medical Center, selection of public members
 - 31 - Labor-Management Advisory Committee on Automation
 - 32 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO COPE, bulletins and reports
 - 33 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO COPE, by-laws
 - 34 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO COPE, endorsements and political information
- Box 20
- 1-2 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO COPE, financial reports (1961-1967) (2 folders)
 - 3 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO COPE, regional meetings
 - 4 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO COPE, State Board meetings
 - 5 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO COPE, state-wide meetings
 - 6 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO COPE, trustees' audits
 - 7 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO, constitution
 - 8 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO, convention calls
 - 9 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO, correspondence

- Box 20
- 10-19 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO, Executive Board minutes (1957-1968) (10 folders)
 - 20-24 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO, financial reports (1957-1967) (5 folders)
 - 25-27 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO, Industrial Safety and Health Committee minutes (1960-1968) (3 folders)
 - 28 - Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO, trustees' audits
 - 29 - Maryland Industrial Union Council (MIUC), constitution
 - 30 - MIUC, convention calls
 - 31-34 - MIUC, correspondence (1952-1955) (4 folders)
 - 35-36 - MIUC, Executive Board meetings (1952-1953) (2 folders)
- Box 21
- 1-3 - MIUC, Executive Board meetings (1954-1956) (3 folders)
 - 4-6 - MIUC, financial reports (1952-1957) (3 folders)
 - 7 - MIUC, Political Action Committee (PAC)
 - 8 - MIUC, PAC Executive Board minutes
 - 9 - MIUC, PAC financial reports
 - 10-11 - MIUC, PAC state-wide meetings (1954-1956) (2 folders)
 - 12-13 - MIUC, recommendations to legislature, unemployment and workmen's compensation
 - 14 - MIUC, Safety Council
 - 15 - MIUC, Unemployment Compensation Committee
 - 16 - State of Maryland, Advisory Committee on Minimum Wage Law
 - 17 - State of Maryland, Department of Employment Security, claims
 - 18 - State of Maryland, Department of Employment Security, 1st step decisions
 - 19 - State of Maryland, Department of Employment Security, 2nd step notices of hearings
 - 20 - State of Maryland, Department of Employment Security, 2nd step decisions
 - 21 - State of Maryland, Department of Employment Security, 2nd step decisions and right of appeal
 - 22 - State of Maryland, Department of Employment Security, appeals
 - 23 - State of Maryland, Industrial Accident Commission
 - 24 - State of Maryland, Workmen's Compensation Commission
 - 25 - Newsletters
 - 26-28 - Resolutions, various sources
- Box 22
- 1 - UAW, Baltimore Area Fair Practices Council
 - 2 - UAW, convention calls
 - 3 - UAW, correspondence
 - 4 - UAW, Education Department
 - 5 - UAW, Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department
 - 6 - UAW, General Motors Council by-laws
 - 7 - UAW, General Motors Department conference (1955)
 - 8 - UAW, General Motors overtime dispute (1961-1962)

- Box 22
- 9 - UAW, General Motors Sub-Council 2
 - 10 - UAW, General Motors Sub-Council 6 by-laws
 - 11-12 - UAW, General Motors Sub-Council 6 minutes (1952-1955)
(2 folders)
 - 13-14 - UAW, General Motors S.U.B. Plan (2 folders)
 - 15-18 - UAW, International Executive Board minutes (1952-
1968) (4 folders)
 - 19 - UAW, Maryland State Citizenship Education Council
 - 20 - UAW, program for financing of federal elections
 - 21 - UAW, miscellaneous
 - 22-31 - UAW, publicity releases (1952-1968) (10 folders)
 - 32 - UAW, Region 8 Retired Workers Council
 - 33 - UAW, skilled trades, minutes, Region 8
 - 34 - UAW, wage stabilization manual
 - 35 - United Labor Policy Committee of Maryland (ULPC)
 - 36 - ULPC, minutes (1952-1954)