

THE IWW MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH COLLECTION

Papers, 1905-1971 (Predominantly, 1920-1940)

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The papers of the IWW Minneapolis Branch were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January of 1973 by Mrs. Sylvina Hoyer and opened for research in February of 1984.

This collection consists of materials that belonged to Mr. John Hoyer, who first joined the IWW in 1917 as a lumberjack. Later he worked as a carpenter until his retirement in the early 1960's. The Minneapolis branch was composed primarily of workers in the agricultural, mining, lumbering and construction industries, many of whom were of Scandinavian descent. Publications printed in both Swedish and Finnish are included in this collection. The Minneapolis office was subjected to a series of raids in September and November of 1917 by the United States Department of Justice which resulted in the confiscation of nearly all financial records, correspondence and political literature.

The papers of the IWW Minneapolis branch reflect Mr. Hoyer's interest in radical politics as well as the financial transactions of the group's members.

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5 manuscript boxes

Series I, Financial Records and Correspondence, 1917-1971, Boxes 1-2: Account ledgers, receipts and some correspondence relating to the financial transactions of the Minneapolis branch of the IWW. Included in this series are meeting minutes of the membership from the 1930's.

Series II, Pamphlets and Publications, 1905-1943, Boxes 2-5:
Pamphlets, booklets, leaflets and flyers published by the IWW plus other printed materials dealing with radical politics.

Non-manuscript material:

Some IWW buttons and lapel pins received with this collection have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collections.

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Series I
Financial Records and Correspondence, 1917-1971
Boxes 1-2

Account ledgers, receipts, receipt books and some correspondence concerning the financial transactions of the Minneapolis office. Included in this series are meeting minutes of the membership. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or name.

Box 1

- 1-3. Account ledgers, 1930-70
4. Correspondence re: dues and finances, 1949,1968-71
5. Delinquent lists, industrial unions,1927-45
6. Educational and procedural materials,1938
7. General Defense Committee; financial reports,1937-68
8. General Defense Committee; membership cards,1940-67
9. General Defense Committee; receipts,1938-68
10. Membership cards, John Hoyer,1917-20,1949-67
11. Membership meeting minutes,1931,1935-38
12. Receipts, 1937-70
- 13-14. Receipt books, 1923-39

Box 2

- 1-2. Receipt books, 1937-64

Series II
Pamphlets and Publications, 1905-1943
Boxes 2-5

Pamphlets, booklets, leaflets and flyers published by the IWW as well as other printed materials dealing with radical politics. Included in this series are Swedish and Finnish editions of IWW publications. Files are arranged alphabetically by title.

Box 2

3. ABC of Communism, N. Bucharin, 1921
4. The Aims of Freethought, Marshall J. Gauvin, 1920
5. Album of water-color paintings re: Spanish Civil War,(N.D.)
6. Amalgamation, Jay Fox
7. An Appeal to the Young, P. Kropotkin
8. An Open Letter to President Harding, 1922
9. The Apostate, Jack London
10. The Ballad of Reading Gaol, Oscar Wilde, 1916
11. The Bible a Dangerous Moral Guide, Marshall J. Gauvin, 1919
12. The Bloodstained Trail, Ed Delaney and M.T. Rice, 1927
13. British Labor Bids for Power, Scott Nearing, 1926
14. Bumped
15. Christianity, The World's Fastest Fading Faith, Marshall J. Gauvin,1917
16. The Church and The Workingman, Marshall J. Gauvin, 1917
17. CIO - Promise or Menace?
18. Coal Mines and Coal Miners
19. Communist Manifesto,Marx and Engels
20. Consumers' Cooperation in the US in 1941, US Department of Labor, 1943
21. Crime and Criminals, Clarence Darrow, 1919
22. Crimes of the Bolsheviki, Ernest Riebe
23. Earnings in Eastern and Midwestern Airframe Plants,1942 US Department of Labor,1943

Box 3

1. Earnings in Ship Construction Yards of 1942, US Department of Labor,1943
2. Eight Men Buried Alive, 1924
3. The Ethics of Evolution, Marshall J. Gauvin
- 4-8. Evolution, 1928-32
9. Evolution of American Agriculture
10. Evolution of Industrial Democracy
11. First Convention of the IWW, 1905
12. General Construction Workers
13. The General Strike for Industrial Freedom, 1933
14. Glimpses of the Soviet Republic, Scott Nearing, 1926
15. Heresy, Rev. William Brown, 1932
16. Hourly Earnings in Private Shipyards, 1942, US Department of Labor,1943
17. The Immediate Demands of the IWW
18. Industrial Autocracy, Mary Marcy, 1919
19. Is There Life After Death?, Marshall J. Gauvin, 1919

20. The IWW - A Plain Statement , 1934
21. The IWW in Theory and Practice
22. The IWW - Its History, Structure and Methods, 1919
23. IWW Songs
24. The IWW - What It Is and What It Is Not
25. Justice Is Waiting, 1930
26. Klan Kriminals

Box 4

1. Labor Leaders Betray Tom Mooney, 1931
2. Labor Power, 1939
3. Leaflets and flyers
4. The Louise Olivereau Case
5. Lumber Industry
6. Machinery and Social Progress , E.H.H. Holman, 1930
7. Marxist Study Courses
8. Minnesota's Industrial Development, 1939
9. The New Soviet Constitution , 1936
10. One Big Union
11. One Big Union of All Workers , 1944
12. One Big Union of all the Workers, 1933
13. The Plan of Plenty
14. Preamble and Constitution of the IWW, 1905
15. Proceedings of the 19th Convention , 1931
16. Producers and Parasites, John Keracher
17. Proletariatets Frihetskamp, Nils Swenson, 1919 (Swedish ed.)
18. Questions and Answers on the WPA, 1939
19. The Red Labor International , 1921
20. The Right to be Lazy, Paul Lafargue
21. The Right to Strike, Mary Marcy
22. Shall Unionism Die? , George Cascaden, 1921
23. The Shame of California, Henry George Weiss
24. The Shame That Is Kentucky's , E.J. Costello
25. Shipyards Injuries and their Causes, 1941, US Department of Labor, 1943
26. Social Reconstruction in Spain, Gaston Leval, 1938
27. Stopping a War, Scott Nearing, 1926
28. Technocracy Inc., By-laws and General Regulations, 1935
29. Technocracy - Some Questions Answered , 1934
30. Tie Vaupateen, 1931 (Finnish ed.)
31. These Are the Facts
32. To the Beasts
33. The Triumph of Evolution, Joseph McCabe, 1925

Box 5

1. The Truth About the American Legion
2. The Truth About Spain, Rudolf Rocker
3. Twenty-Five Years of Industrial Unionism

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4. Unemployment and the Machine
5. Upton Sinclair - Critical and Biographical Opinions
6. Vad Ar IWW?, (Swedish ed.)
7. Value, Price and Profit, Karl Marx
8. Verbatim Report of the 16th Convention , 1924
9. Wage, Labor and Capital , Karl Marx
10. We, People of America, Upton Sinclair
11. What Is the IWW Preamble?
12. What It's All About
13. Why Building Workers Must Organize
14. World Labor Unity , Scott Nearing, 1926