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## INTRODUCTION

The Minutes of the Executive Board of the CIO<sup>1</sup> provide an unusually clear lens through which to view critical issues in the public life of the United States in the period 1935 to 1955. These years were characterized by mass organizing, nationwide strikes, and bitter ideological and partisan political conflict that had a far-reaching impact on the nation as a whole. An assertive labor movement claimed front-page attention as it intruded into every area of public life.

The CIO was at the center of labor activism. It played a key role in the expansion of collective bargaining and the establishment of basic entitlements such as health insurance, pensions, and grievance machinery. It exerted a powerful working-class voice in the great debates over taxation, social welfare, and economic policy of the New Deal-World War II era. During this same period, pioneering CIO political initiatives helped forge the New Deal coalition that dominated American politics for forty years. Unprecedented recruitment of African American workers by the CIO and its alliances with civil rights organizations made organized labor a major factor in the revolution in race relations launched in this era.

The ideological conflicts that raged in the CIO, involving as they did the role of communism in both the world arena and in domestic affairs, were at the center of national politics for more than a decade. The industrial mobilization of American workers, millions of whom were CIO members, during World War II raised enduring questions about the character of state power in the modern world. And no aspect of American life was more significant in postwar anticommunism, international and domestic, than the industrial unions of the CIO.

The Minutes' verbatim record of the lengthy, free-wheeling discussions of CIO leaders provides a vivid firsthand record of the deliberations of some of the outstanding figures in American labor history. The Board, which consisted of the leader of each of the thirty or so unions in the federation as well as top-ranking officers of the CIO itself, met at least three times each year and often as many as six. The articulate and ambitious leaders of the industrial union movement embraced a variety of progressive perspectives. Social Catholics, reformist Protestants, secular liberals, Communists, social democrats, and Trotskyists debated and sought to put into action diverse agendas for labor.

The initials "CIO" stand for both the Committee for Industrial Organization (1935-38) and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (1938-). Originally launched as an adjunct to the American Federation of Labor for the promotion of mass organizing, the CIO by 1936 had in effect become an autonomous entity. However, its members did not formalize this status until its first constitutional convention in November 1938, at which time they adopted the name Congress of Industrial Organizations, which continues today as part of the name of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

Early meetings of CIO leaders reflect the crusading spirit that characterized the creation of modern industrial unionism. Records of these gatherings reveal the inner workings of the CIO's bold organizing campaigns of the mid-1930s. They document the epic struggle of Akron's rubber workers, the dramatic Flint sit-down strike of 1936-37, the violent response to efforts to organize a half-million steelworkers, and the unprecedented union involvement in the 1936 election.

At early meetings of the Board, CIO founder John L. Lewis articulated far-reaching ambitions for the new industrial union movement. Lewis's reports on his complex and shifting relations with Franklin D. Roosevelt vividly reveal the political dimensions of the industrial union crusade. Lewis's successor, Philip Murray, combined an encyclopedic knowledge of economic conditions with an immersion in Roman Catholic social ideology. Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers brought with him the legacy of his vast experience in the disputatious New York immigrant socialist environment as well as a shrewd understanding of the new politics of the Roosevelt era. Harry Bridges, the fiery head of the influential West Coast Longshoremen's Union, personified the crosscurrents of the vigorous left-wing political culture that characterized the dockyards milieu of California. Walter Reuther and other leaders in the increasingly influential United Automobile Workers (UAW) advanced far-reaching progressive political and ideological programs.

Of course, much of the material in the Minutes of the Executive Board is of special interest to students of the labor movement per se. The split between the AFL and the CIO (and twenty years later, the merger of the two organizations) occupied much of the attention of CIO leaders. These Minutes also contain detailed discussions of collective bargaining goals and strategies, the great strike waves of 1935-37, 1940-41, 1944, and 1945-46, inter-union relations, organizing efforts such as the postwar Operation Dixie, and political initiatives. Internal conflicts often loomed large. The Minutes' extensive transcripts document John L. Lewis's bitter break with his erstwhile colleagues in the period 1940-42. The ongoing conflict between pro-Soviet and anti-Communist unionists, which culminated in the "trials" that led to the ouster of eleven unions from the CIO in 1950, brought even fiercer conflict and more extensive debate.

In the CIO's later years, meetings of its Executive Committee, which consisted of presidents of the largest unions and the federation's central officers, reflect the changing political and economic environment of the 1950s. Board minutes chronicle their efforts to come to grips with perplexing postwar problems of antiunion legislation, economic growth, unemployment, civil rights, and foreign policy. CIO leaders were critical supporters of the government's anti-Communist foreign policies and pioneers in modern political action initiatives. Extensive debates over merger with the AFL reflect competing visions of labor's future.

But as revealing as the Executive Board minutes are of labor's inner developments, they are just as compelling as a record of the broader public arenas in which the industrial union movement operated. Thus, for example, the debate that wracked the Board during World War II over wartime strikes and over the government's economic policies raised basic questions about the nature of the emerging national

security state. Similarly, the CIO's postwar internal debate over political action, particularly during the key 1948 presidential election, was fundamental in the forging of anti-Communist liberalism.

Perhaps the most significant arena of debate revealed in these Minutes is the CIO's protracted effort to come to terms with the issue of communism. Some of the CIO's most effective leaders openly expressed their admiration for the Soviet Union. At any given time before the ouster of allegedly pro-Soviet unions in 1949 and 1950, as many as a third of the CIO's thirty-odd affiliates were led by Communists or their pro-Soviet allies. For almost a decade, and especially during World War II, these men played an influential and legitimate role in the CIO and, through it, in the broader political arena.

But vigorous anticommunism was also a central part of the CIO heritage. How could men and women who defended Stalin's bloody purges, his alliance with Hitler, and the Soviet Union's systematic repression of its own workers be good trade unionists? During the war, a common enemy prevented open conflict, but postwar tensions quickly injected the Communist issue into every facet of the CIO.

The struggle over communism within the CIO was part of a profound worldwide conflict among people on the left as to the nature and meaning of the Soviet experiment. Through the 1930s and 1940s, Board meetings echoed the sharply different understandings held by this generation of ideologically sophisticated laborites as they attempted to come to terms with totalitarianism and global conflict. In no other American arena did such epochal events as the Soviet purge trials, the Nazi-Soviet Pact, the German attack on the USSR, and the postwar maneuverings of the World War II allies in Germany, Poland, and Eastern Europe reverberate more powerfully or have such a profound impact.

In addition, however, the Communist controversy in the CIO was also crucial along a broad range of key issues. Since Communists and their allies pioneered in advancing progressive racial policies, both in the labor movement and in society at large, the growing anti-Communist thrust of the CIO had powerful repercussions in the civil rights field. In view of the government's need to gain working-class support for anti-Soviet foreign policy initiatives such as the Marshall Plan, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Korean War, the reverberations of debates over these matters in CIO circles were loud. Moreover, repression by government agencies, notably the FBI and the House Committee on Un-American Activities, posed painful civil liberties dilemmas for industrial unionists, anti-Communist and pro-Soviet alike.

CIO leaders rarely conducted formal ideological debates but these matters often dominated Executive Board deliberations. The postwar transcripts crackle with debate. Harry Bridges' bitter indictment of postwar American foreign policy contrasts with Walter Reuther's slashing attacks on Stalinist repression. Angry confrontations over the character and implications of the government's restrictions of civil liberties and rancorous debates over Henry Wallace's 1948 presidential candidacy likewise fill these pages. These no-holds-barred confrontations laid bare the central dilemmas and competing visions of the industrial union project and indeed of the postwar American left.

The generation of labor activists who built and shaped the CIO were perforce involved in some of the twentieth century's most desperate struggles. The Executive Board Minutes of the CIO provide a fascinating, chronologically coherent record of crucial debates during the most ideologically charged period of American history. Essential for understanding the character and trajectory of the industrial union movement, the Minutes are equally critical in the understanding of the passions and dilemmas that confronted progressives during this decisive period.

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## SCOPE, CONTENT, AND SOURCE NOTE

This collection consists of all known minutes of meetings of the Executive Board of the Congress of Industrial Organizations between 1935 and 1955. In addition, the last half of Reel 18 contains minutes of meetings of CIO vice presidents from 1942 through 1952 and minutes of the CIO Executive Committee from 1953 through 1955. The vice presidents and Executive Committee met in the interim of Executive Board meetings. They often dealt with business discussed at Executive Board meetings, but they also took up issues that do not appear in the minutes of the latter body.

The Executive Board comprised the presidents of the CIO affiliates along with a handful of national office staff. Its duties include the establishment of CIO national policies on union organization and political action. It also settled jurisdiction disputes between CIO unions and mapped out strategy concerning the rival American Federation of Labor.

For the years before 1942, verbatim minutes were apparently the exception rather than the rule. Except for a few instances (see the meetings of June 13, 1939, June 3-5, 1940, and November 15-18, 1940), what survives are summary minutes along with handwritten notes taken by CIO administrative assistant Katherine Pollak Ellickson and sometimes by CIO Director John Brophy. There are full verbatim transcripts for several meetings.

Beginning with January 1942 and under the apparent direction of Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey, verbatim minutes were kept as a matter of course. From that point on the verbatim minutes of the Executive Board are an unbroken record up to the merger of the CIO and AFL.

The verbatim Executive Board minutes from 1942 through 1955 are held by the official Archives of the AFL-CIO at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies in Silver Spring, Maryland. In an effort to make this edition as complete as possible a national search was undertaken of archives thought to hold fugitive copies of Executive Board Minutes before 1942. The most significant depository of pre-1942 CIO materials is the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs at the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University. There, copies of minutes were found in the papers of James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO. Equally valuable from the Reuther Library are copies of handwritten notes from the papers of Katherine Pollak Ellickson. The Carey and Ellickson collections were systematically surveyed by the staff of the Reuther Library and Executive Board minutes, and related materials were copied and loaned to University Publications of America for microfilming.

In addition, the John Brophy papers and the CIO collection at the Archives of Catholic University of America yielded several minutes for the pre-1942 period that were not held by the Reuther Library. These were also generously copied and loaned for microfilming by the Catholic University Archives staff.

The Labor-Management Documentation Center at the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations also made an extensive search for CIO minutes in its Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America collection and in its International Ladies Garment Workers collection. Although numerous fugitive minutes between 1936 and 1941 were found, they did not add to the minutes already discovered at Wayne State and Catholic University.

All materials on the first two reels of the microfilm come from either the Reuther Library at Wayne State University or the Archives of the Catholic University of America. Those from CUA are clearly marked; documents without a mark on the first two reels derive from the Reuther Library.

In addition to supplying the project with Executive Board minutes, the staff of the Reuther Library also provided copies of minutes of the CIO vice presidents' meetings and of the CIO Executive Committee meetings. These appear on Reel 18 beginning at Frame 0642 for the vice presidents' meetings and at Frame 0919 for the Executive Committee meetings.

The remainder of the microfilm, Executive Board minutes from January 24, 1942 through December 1, 1955, were microfilmed at the Archives of the George Meany Center for Labor Studies, Silver Spring, Maryland.

#### **EDITORIAL NOTE**

The contents of this publication were identified and assembled under the direction of Professor Robert H. Zieger of the University of Florida.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

The following acronyms and initialisms are used in this guide and are listed here for the convenience of the researcher.

<b>AFL</b>	American Federation of Labor
<b>CIO</b>	Congress of Industrial Organizations
<b>FEPC</b>	Fair Employment Practices Committee
<b>HUAC</b>	House Un-American Activities Committee
<b>ICFTU</b>	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
<b>ILO</b>	International Labor Organization
<b>ILWU</b>	International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union
<b>IUE</b>	International Union of Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers
<b>MEBA</b>	National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association
<b>NATO</b>	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
<b>NLRB</b>	National Labor Relations Board
<b>OPA</b>	Office of Price Administration
<b>OPM</b>	Office of Program Management (Department of Labor)
<b>SWOC</b>	Steel Workers Organizing Committee
<b>UMWA</b>	International Union, United Mine Workers of America

## REEL INDEX

Entries in this index refer to specific folders within the *Executive Board Meeting Minutes of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, 1935-1955*. In the interest of accessing the materials within the folders, this index denotes significant issues, events, actions, and policy decisions under the heading *Major Topics*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame number at which the file folder begins.

### Reel 1

*Frame No.*

- 0001 **Meeting of November 9, 1935.** 7 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Industrial organization in mass production industries; network with established labor organizations.
- 0008 **Meeting of November 18, 1935.** 2 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Industrial organization in mass production industries; network with established labor organizations; publications campaign; federal labor unions.
- 0010 **Meeting of December 9, 1935.** 34 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Educational activities; publications campaign; requests for CIO organizers; auto workers; rubber workers; steel workers; radio workers; aluminum workers, utility workers, mechanic welders; die casters; John L. Lewis resignation from APL Executive Council; oil workers; AFL reprisals against CIO.
- 0044 **Report of the Director, Meeting of January 9, 1936.** 9 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Auto workers; rubber workers; radio workers; Gas and Coke Workers; requests for CIO organizers.
- 0053 **Meeting of February 21, 1936.** 39 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Radio workers; CIO Union News Service begun; publications campaign; requests for CIO organizers; auto workers; rubber workers; steel workers; relations with AFL Executive Council; Central Labor Unions; CIO appeals to International Unions.
- 0092 **Supplementary Report on Steel Situation, April 13, 1936.** 8 frames. Major Topic: Steel workers.
- 0100 **Meeting of April 14, 1936.** 14 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Meeting between CIO and AFL; Union News Service; publications campaign; rubber workers; auto workers; radio workers; steel workers; CIO finances.

*Frame No.*

- 0114 **Meeting of the Steelworkers Organizing Committee, June 17, 1936.** 8 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Steel workers; mine workers union support.
- 0122 **Meeting of July 2, 1936.** 66 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Steel Workers Organizing Committee; meeting with AFL Executive Council; political action; radio workers; rubber workers; auto workers; federal labor unions.
- 0188 **Meeting of July 21, 1936.** 7 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Expulsion of CIO unions from AFL; rubber workers; radio workers.
- 0195 **Meeting of August 10, 1936.** 39 frames.  
*Major Topics:* American Newspaper Guild; American Federation of Teachers; expulsion of CIO unions from AFL; Steel Workers Organizing Committee.
- 0234 **Report by Philip Murray to SWOC, September 29, 1936.** 9 frames. *Major Topic:* SWOC in Pennsylvania and Illinois.
- 0243 **Meeting of SWOC, September 29, 1936.** 4 frames.  
*Major Topic:* SWOC in Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Alabama.
- 0247 **Meetings of November 7-8, 1936.** 31 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Reprisals against CIO by AFL; CIO boycott of AFL convention; steel workers; auto workers; radio workers; federal labor unions; history of CIO; shipyard workers; maritime workers; aluminum workers; shoe and leather workers.
- 0278 **Meeting of March 9, 1937.** 42 frames.  
*Major Topics:* General Motors strike; SWOC; central labor unions as part of CIO organizing strategy; auto workers; electrical and radio workers; requests for CIO organizers; United Shoe Workers of America affiliate with CIO; American Radio Telegraphists Association affiliate with CIO; Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians affiliate with CIO; American Musicians Union affiliate with CIO; Building Service Employees affiliate with CIO; utility workers; aluminum workers; grain processing workers; cement workers; meat packing workers; wood workers; maritime workers; government employees.

*Frame No.*

0320 **Meeting of October 11, 1937.** 42 frames.

*Major Topics:* History and growth of CIO; SWOC; United Auto Workers of America; United Rubber Workers of America; Textile Workers Organizing Committee; United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America; Petroleum Workers Organizing Committee; coke, gas, and chemical workers; International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers; Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers; United Shoe and Leather Workers; American Radio Telegraphists Association; Aluminum Workers of America; Transport Workers Union; United Retail Employees of America; National Maritime Union; Marine Engineers Beneficial Union; International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union; American Newspaper Guild; United Office and Professional Workers Union of America; Federation of Architects, Engineers, and Chemists; United Federal Workers of America; State County and Municipal Workers of America; United Cannery Workers; CIO charters listed; CIO structure; publications campaign; Union News Service; CIO legal department; CIO relations with AFL; Federation of Flat Glass Workers.

0362 **Meeting of October 13, 1937.** 3 frames.

*Major Topic:* CIO rules for settling jurisdiction disputes.

0365 **Statement by Philip Murray, Chairman of CIO Committee, October 27, 1937.** 7 frames.

*Major Topic:* CIO rejection of AFL reconciliation terms.

0372 **Meeting between AFL and CIO, November 29, 1937.** 5 frames. *Major Topic:* Jurisdiction disputes between AFL and CIO.

0377 **Meeting of April 12, 1938.** 8 frames.

*Major Topics:* Purge of CIO unions from AFL; state industrial Union Councils (CIO) established; Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee; United Furniture Workers of America chartered; Quarry Workers International Union chartered; Inland Boatman's Union; Marine Cooks and Stewards Union chartered; Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee; unemployment relief; wage cuts; layoff of CIO organizers; The CIO News.

0385 **Meeting of November 18, 1938.** 6 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO standing committees on Legislation, Social Security, Unemployment, and Housing; Toy, Playthings, and Novelty Workers National Union affiliated.

Frame No.

0391 **Meetings of June 13-15, 1939.** 484 frames.

*Major Topics:* Depression conditions; CIO opposition to efforts to weaken National Labor Relations Act; AFL "raiding" of CIO unions; CIO finances; opposition to Wicks bill denying collective bargaining to New York City transit workers; reduction in CIO field staff; organizing southern states pulp and paper industry; aviation industry growth; shipbuilding industry; need for CIO in building trades; LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee; federal bills against unions and aliens; exemption of unions from antitrust legislation; lawsuits and boycotts against CIO; unemployment relief; Works Progress Administration; CIO publicity work; CIO housing committee; CIO Social Security committee; International Labor Office; AFL-CIO unity conferences; CIO organizing strategy; Industrial Union Councils; United Auto Workers Union report.

0875 **Meetings of October 5-6, 8, 1939.** 20 frames.

*Major Topics:* War Mobilization Program; Western Union company union case; proposed resignation of John L. Lewis as CIO president.

0895 **Meeting of October 14, 1939.** 8 frames.

*Major Topics:* Appointment of Harry Bridges as California director of CIO; appointment of Allen Haywood as national director of organization; appointment of Adolph Germer to New York area CIO director; appointment of John Brophy as director of the Industrial Union Department; textile industry; building trades.

## Reel 2

0001 **Meetings of June 3-5, 1940.** 66 frames. [Note: A full transcript of the meeting begins on frame 0512 of this reel.]

*Major Topics:* CIO national defense policy; CIO opposition to antiunion amendments to National Labor Relations Act; CIO legislative program; Works Progress Administration; maritime unemployment compensation; California State Relief Administration employees persecution; CIO financial assistance to Mrs. Samuel Gompers; Harry Bridges deportation case; meeting with U.S. Secretary of Labor regarding national defense program; Pan American Maritime Federation; unity negotiations between CIO and AFL; United Construction Workers Organizing Committee; CIO organizing drive in aircraft industry; unemployment; antilynching bill; anti-poll tax bill; union discrimination in naval bill; Social Security; CIO Declaration on National Defense.

0067 **Meetings of November 15, 17, 18, 23, 1940.** 270 frames.

*Major Topics:* International Woodworkers of America leadership change and conflict with national CIO policies; CIO finances; New York State Industrial Union Council; Washington State Industrial Union Council; procedures for suspension and expulsion of local industrial union councils; Retail and Wholesale Employees of America; CIO in Chicago area; United Paper, Novelty, and Toy Workers.

*Frame No.*

- 0337 **Meeting of December 17, 1940.** 2 frames.  
*Major Topics:* International Woodworkers of America; national defense program.
- 0339 **Meeting of January 7, 1941.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* CIO race discrimination statement; International Woodworkers of America; contracts in war industries.
- 0342 **Meeting of January 8-9, 1941.** 11 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Housing shortage; Federal Works Agency discrimination against United Construction Workers Organizing Committee in Camden, N.J. housing project; collective bargaining in government contracts in national defense; wage policy; 1937 national income levels; Selective Service; International Woodworkers of America; Industrial Union Councils government; construction industry; CIO protest Dirksen bill for Naval Reserve control of maritime industry; Quarry Workers name change; Flat Glass Workers name change; jurisdiction dispute MEBA vs. Union of Fisherman; Retail and Wholesale Employees vs. ILWU; Federal Workers of America vs. Marine Shipbuilders.
- 0353 **Meeting of February 13-14, 1941.** 2 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Federal Workers of America vs. Marine Shipbuilders; federal legislation on national defense labor.
- 0355 **Meeting of CIO Department Heads, April 1, 1941.** 1 frame.  
*Major Topic:* James B. Carey as national office coordinator.
- 0356 **Meeting of Department Heads, April 9, 1941.** 1 frame.
- 0357 **Meeting of Department Heads, April 24, 1941.** 2 frames.  
*Major Topic:* Union contract with CIO staff.
- 0359 **Meeting of Department Heads, June 7, [1941].** 1 frame.  
*Major Topic:* Work rules of CIO headquarters employees.
- 0360 **Conference of CIO Staff Officials with SWOC Representatives also Participating, September 20, 1941.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* CIO convention in Detroit; foreign policy; national economic planning; postwar planning.
- 0363 **Meeting of November 16, 1941.** 44 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Coal miners negotiations regarding "captive mines"; Bethlehem Steel; Labor Advisory Board to the Office of Production Management; United Construction Workers Organizing Committee; criticism of Sidney Hillman of OPM for granting AFL building trades closed shop status in defense industries; antiunion practices in defense industries; CIO membership gains.
- 0407 **Meetings of November 16 and 22, 1941.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Captive coal mine situation; fascism in United States; Federal Concentration Camp (Hobbs) bill.

*Frame No.*

- 0410 **Summary of Executive Board Meetings Since the Fourth Annual Convention of the CIO, November 22, 1941 [meetings of November 22, December 13, 20, 1941; January 24, 26, March 24, June 3, September 1, 2, 1942].** 8 frames. *Major Topics:* CIO statement of support for National Defense Program; war  
labor policy; unity talks with AFL; federal tax policy; wartime rationing advocated by CIO; CIO condemnation of race discrimination; wage increase for soldiers; unemployment; Joint-Labor Victory Board; war manpower policy; affiliation of United Transport Service Employees of America; price controls; relations between CIO and United Mine Workers.
- 0418 **Meeting of December 13, 1941.** 61 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Antilabor legislation (Smith bill); price controls; CIO legislative program; national defense program; OPM lengthening of industrial employment hours beyond forty-hour week; federal tax policy; national war labor wage policy; Industry Council Plan; SWOC; unemployment in auto and rubber industry due to war production; Office of Production Management; defense housing legislation (Lanham).
- 0479 **Meetings of December 13 and 20, 1941.** 6 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Price Control bill; Office of Production Management request for lengthening industrial work week; unemployment caused by defense industrial conversion; meeting with President Roosevelt on Labor-Management Industry Conference.
- 0485 **Meeting of December 20, 1941.** 27 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Meeting with President Roosevelt on Labor-Management Industry Conference; Industry Council Plan; AFL and CIO agreement against federal labor mediation; antilabor (Smith) bill.
- 0512 **Meetings of June 3, 4, and 5, 1940.** 354 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Aircraft industry; CIO publicity; Apex antitrust case against labor unions; antipicketing ordinance case (California); Walsh-Healey Act minimum wage case (Bethlehem Steel Co.); Aluminum Workers treasury case; National Labor Relations Board decisions; federal antilabor bills; unemployment; Works Progress Administration; housing; social security; CIO finances; Harry Bridges deportation case; labor in national defense program; Pan American Maritime Federation; AFL and CIO unity negotiations; United Construction Workers Organizing Committee; New York City Industrial Union Council; International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Frame No.

**Reel 3**

0001 **Meeting of January 24, 1942.** 384 frames.

*Major Topics:* AFL-CIO unity negotiations; War Labor Board; wage policy; union security; impact of military service on family income; state, county, and municipal employees; insurance company employees; unemployment benefits; Works Progress Administration; social security; CIO finances; Kirland Lake gold strike; federal tax policy; wartime rationing; stabilization pact between OPM and AFL building trades unions; United Construction Workers Organizing Committee; Montgomery Ward organizing drive.

0385 **Meeting of March 24, 1942.** 281 frames.

*Major Topics:* Soldiers pay and dependency allowances; federal tax policy; race discrimination; unemployment related to war conversion; war manpower and wage policies of organized labor; premium pay; CIO publicity; CIO finances; Australian, British, and Latin American labor movements; General Douglas MacArthur; barbers and beauty culturists organizing campaign.

0666 **Meeting of June 3, 1942.** 264 frames.

*Major Topics:* United Transport Service Employees of America; War Production Board; CIO wartime economic policies; CIO relations with United Mine Workers of America; UMWA District 50; New York City Industrial Union Council; CIO legislative department operations; federal tax policy; anti-poll tax bill; antiracketeering bill as a threat to labor; soldiers' dependents' benefits.

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0001 **Meeting of June 3, 1942, continued.** 297 frames.

*Major Topics:* United Construction Workers Organizing Committee; CIO headquarters purchase; CIO finances; Western Hemisphere Labor Conference; British Trade Union proposal; international labor unity; CIO publicity; federal tax policy; unity conference between AFL and CIO; Harry Bridges deportation case; race discrimination; price controls; wartime rationing; Allied Marine Congress; overtime pay to federal employees; United Steelworkers of America.

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0298 **Meeting of November 5, 8, and 14, 1942.** 411 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO Allied War Relief Committee; CIO rules on amalgamation; unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; Barbers and Beauty Culturists Union; union security in stabilization agreements in the shipbuilding industry; labor education; United Seamen's Service; war risk insurance; consumers cooperatives; Aluminum Workers jurisdiction dispute; Federal Labor Extension Service; Farm Equipment Workers Union charter; Gas, Coke, and Chemical Workers charter; War Production Board policies of Labor Division; British Trade Union Congress; American-British-Russian labor union cooperation; War Labor Board complaints; Selective Service; Executive Order 9240 analyzed; Packinghouse Workers Union; Pan-American relations; Paper, Novelty, and Toy Workers jurisdiction dispute with International Longshoremen and Warehousemen.

0709 **Meetings of February 5, 6, 7, 1943.** 215 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO finances; War Labor Board wage policy; CIO per capita tax; CIO publicity work; National Maritime Union "Victory Tax"; Industrial Union Councils; right-wing congressional investigating committees proposed; federal antilabor legislation; local CIO legislative committees; CIO statement on political action; antilabor legislation in southern state legislatures; antiunion propaganda within U.S. military; organizing in gas, coke, and chemical industry; CIO jurisdiction disputes; CIO organizing drives; CIO public relations program for the south; CIO organizing in the south; racial equality in the CIO.

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0001 **Meetings of February 5, 6, 7, 1943, continued.** 494 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO wage policy; CIO policy on Executive Order 9240; CIO Pan American Committee; unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; federal tax policy; CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief; OPM; communications industry; absenteeism in industry; Selective Service; Transport Workers Union.

0495 **Meeting of May 14-15, 1943.** 273 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO wartime policies; CIO no-strike pledge; wage stabilization; CIO support for independent wartime National War Labor Board; price controls; federal tax policy; right to labor mobility; relations between CIO and United Mine Workers of America; federal antilabor (Connolly) bill; Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers; Radio and Machine Workers; Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

0768 **Meetings of July 7, 8, 1943.** 341 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO donation to British War Relief Society; amendment to National Labor Relations Act; CIO Political Action Committee; federal antilabor bills; United Farm Equipment workers dispute with United Mine Workers, District 50; postwar planning; race discrimination; CIO efforts to repeal Smith-Connally Act; Social Security; war economy.

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**Reel 6**

0001 **Meetings of October 28, 29, November 2, 6, 1943.** 443 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO publicity work; Allied War Relief; CIO finances; United Mine Workers wage agreement; CIO race discrimination policies; wage stabilization women's auxiliaries of CIO; housing policy; CIO legislative program; Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union; CIO Political Action Committee; postwar economic planning; federal tax policy; anti-poll tax bill; soldiers' dependents' benefits; federal antilabor bills; Frey Amendment to National Labor Relations Board.

0444 **Meeting of January 27-28, 1944.** 390 frames.

*Major Topics:* Wage policy; National Service Act; banking industry; CIO finances; national health and welfare; National Service; National War Labor Board; CIO public relations among armed forces; CIO Political Action Committee; Smith Investigating Committee; soldier's voting rights; World Conference of Trade Unions.

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0001 **Meeting of June 16-18, 1944.** 252 frames.

*Major Topics:* Aluminum Workers amalgamation; Australian labor movement; Brewster Aircraft Corporation shutdown opposed by CIO; cost of living resolution; Kilgore reconversion bill supported by CIO; National War Labor Board wage stabilization policy; postwar reconversion plans; CIO Political Action Committee.

0253 **Meetings of November 16, 17, 19, and 25, 1944.** 404 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO finances; Canadian Congress of Labour; World Labor Congress; National Labor Relations Board; materials shortages; unemployment; War Production Board; War Manpower Commission; CIO reemployment plan; CIO Political Action Committee; wage stabilization policies; Southern Conference for Human Welfare; National Federation for the Blind; CIO no-strike pledge; CIO War Relief Committee; CIO War Memorial proposal; hydropower, dams, waterways, and irrigation projects; CIO standing committees.

0657 **Meetings of March 10-12, 1945.** 466 frames.

*Major Topics:* World Security Conference; CIO standing committees duties; National War Labor Board; jurisdictional questions within CIO; CIO finances; Southern Conference on Human Welfare; postwar reconversion; Harry Bridges Defense Fund; Puerto Rican workers.

**Reel 8**

0001 **Meeting of April 12, 1945.** 172 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO Political Action Committee; income maintenance; World Labor Congress; postwar conversion; reorganization of CIO structure; jurisdiction dispute in airline industry; National War Labor Board directive in Montgomery Ward case; foreman's unions; CIO legislative program; Bretton Woods agreement; Dumbarton Oaks proposals; social security bill; full-employment bill; minimum wage increase; Green-Johnson-Murray Pact.

0173 **Meetings of July 13-14, 1945.** 359 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO finances; full employment; Seaman's wages; Ball-Burton-Hatch Federal Industrial Relations Bill; CIO Department on International Affairs; permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee; unemployment; housing; Telephone Workers charter; jurisdiction disputes involving Cannery Workers, Air Line Mechanics, United Electrical Workers, United Auto Workers, United Farm Equipment Workers, Retail Wholesale, and Department Store Employees, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union; CIO Jurisdictional committee established; CIO Political Action Committee; agricultural workers legislation; merger of Die Casters and Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers.

0532 **Meetings of November 1-2, 1945.** 361 frames.

*Major Topics:* Anglo-American Trade Union Committee; Atomic Energy; CIO War Relief Committee; CIO finances; CIO International Relations Department; Italian-American Joint Committee; meeting of Philip Murray with President Harry S. Truman; federal unemployment bill; federal minimum wage; anti-poll tax bill; Ball-Burton-Hatch bill; antiunion bills; permanent FEPC; CIO Committee to Abolish Discrimination; CIO national wage policy; peacetime military conscription; National Labor Relations Board on peacetime strike votes; Southern Conference on Human Welfare; Soviet-American Trade Union Committee; United States Employment Service; unemployment compensation; veterans affairs; World Trade Union Conference; French Confederation of Labor; World Federation of Trade Unions; International Labor Committee.

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0001 **Meetings of March 15-16, 1946.** 350 frames.

*Major Topics:* Sidney Hillman visit to Germany; free trade unions in Germany; denazification in Germany; CIO delegation to USSR; CIO political action committee; Harry Bridges Defense Committee; CIO wage program; antilabor practices of U.S. companies; CIO southern organizing campaign (Operation Dixie); autoworkers strikes; Fair Labor Standards Act; price controls; anti-poll tax bill; antiunion legislation; social security; atomic weapons; atomic energy; California fruit industry.

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0351 **Meetings of July 18-19, 1946.** 368 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO Political Action Committee; United Brewery

Workers International Union application for CIO affiliation; brewery workers jurisdiction conflicts with Teamsters Union; CIO southern organizing drive; Office of Price Administration; National Wage Stabilization Board; lapse of federal price controls; inflation; Wagner-Ellender-Taft federal housing bill; NLRB appropriation; World Federation of Trade Unions; CIO Committee on Jurisdiction; jurisdiction disputes in auto industry, steel industry.

0719 **Meetings of November 13, 15, 16, 17, 23, 1946.** 332 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO finances; CIO southern organizing drive; CIO

industrial union councils; CIO Declaration of Policy; CIO Jurisdiction Committee; representations from British Labor Government; CIO Committee to Abolish Discrimination; CIO Social Security Committee; CIO Health and Welfare Committee; CIO legislative program; CIO Political Action Committee; CIO Maritime Committee; CIO Cost of Living Committee; CIO White Collar Committee; CIO Veterans Committee; CIO Missouri Valley Committee; CIO Anglo-American Trade Union Committee; Italian-American Trade Union Committee; Soviet-American Trade Union Committee; guaranteed annual wage; CIO Housing Committee; CIO Communities Services Committee; International Union of Teamsters (CIO) established; Rubber Workers jurisdictional matters; Allis-Chalmers strike; J. J. Case strike.

## **Reel 10**

0001 **Meetings of March 13, 14, 15, 1947.** 540 frames.

*Major Topics:* Unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; CIO

Political Action Committee; CIO Cost of Living Committee; Americans for Democratic Action; CIO finances; guaranteed annual wage; CIO legislative program; Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union factional controversy; National Labor Relations Board; CIO affiliation with Americans for Democratic Action; Citizens' Political Action Committee; CIO southern organizing drive; CIO wage policy; federal antiunion bills; Taft-Hartley bill.

0541 **Meetings of May 16-17, 1947.** 368 frames.

*Major Topics:* Unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; CIO

finances; CIO Full Employment Committee; federal antilabor bills; Taft-Hartley bill; factional controversy in Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union.

0909 **Meeting of June 27, 1947.** 151 frames. *Major Topic:* Taft-Hartley bill.

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**Reel 11**

0001 **Meetings of October 8, 10, 17, 1947.** 290 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO Political Action Committee; Missouri Valley Authority; CIO finances; unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; Taft-Hartley Act; litigation over Taft-Hartley Act; Citizens' Food Committee; strike by Marine Shipbuilders Union; strike by Packinghouse Workers Union; factional dispute in Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers; American Newspaper Guild; CIO southern organizing campaign; Communication Equipment Workers Union; Atomic Workers Union; Utility Workers Union; Great Lakes seamen's organizing work.

0291 **Meeting of January 22, 1948.** 390 frames.

*Major Topics:* American Veterans Committee; strike of Communications Workers Union; CIO finances; striker death penalties in Greece; inflation; European Recovery Program; proposed repeal of Taft-Hartley; President's Report on Civil Rights; permanent federal FEPC bill; antilynching bill; anti-poll tax bill; proposed abolition of House Un-American Activities Committee; CIO legislative program; strike by African American workers at Government Services, Inc.; CIO southern organizing drive; "third party" initiatives in national elections; NLRB proceedings regarding the Typographical Union.

0681 **Meetings of August 30, 31, and September 1, 1948.** 335 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO southern organizing drive; CIO legislative program; anti-labor legislation; federal housing bill (Taft-Ellender-Wagner); rent control; equal rights amendment; Mundt-Nixon bill; equal pay for women; Labor Department appropriations; anti-poll tax bill; universal military training; President's Committee on Civil Rights; antilynching bill; elimination of segregation in armed services; inflation; meat hoarding by packing industry; CIO finances; vigilante violence against Henry Wallace; CIO Political Action Committee in 1948 elections; jurisdiction disputes involving United Electrical Workers Union, Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union, United Office and Professional Workers Union, Farm Equipment Workers Union, Furniture Workers Union, Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers Union, United Auto Workers Union, and Public and Utility Workers Union; Panama Canal Zone workers; Packinghouse Workers; Walter Reuther.

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## **Reel 12**

0001 **Meetings of November 17,20, and 27, 1948.** 418 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO finances; increase in CIO per capita tax;

Communist influence in the New York CIO Council; packinghouse workers strike; jurisdictional dispute between United Auto Workers and Farm and Equipment Workers; CIO constitutional change regarding local industrial unions' dues; Federal loyalty-security program condemned; abolition of HUAC resolution; Textile Workers Union strike, Rome, Ga.; International Woodworkers of America problems with Communists; American Communications Association; National Maritime Union request for draft exemptions for seamen; CIO legislative program; CIO organizing in New York City retail industry.

0419 **Meetings of May 17 and 18, 1949.** 583 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO resolutions on Farm Equipment Workers; CIO

withdrawal from World Federation of Trade Unions; Los Angeles CIO Union Council; Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers jurisdictional dispute with United Steel Workers in Bessemer, Ala.; Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union strike at American Zinc Company; NATO; repeal of Taft-Hartley; unemployment; Communications Workers of America affiliate with CIO; CIO revocation of Farm Equipment Workers charter; Communist activity in Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union.

## **Reel 13**

0001 **Meeting of May 19, 1949.** 361 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO resolutions on air carriers; North Atlantic Pact;

duties and obligations of Executive Board members; national economic policy; Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers strike at American Zinc Company; jurisdiction dispute between United Office and Professional Workers and United Public Workers; CIO Full-Employment Committee; CIO finances; secession movement in International Woodworkers of America; Communist activity in Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union; John Santo Defense Committee; Missouri Valley CIO Committee.

0362 **Meetings of October 25, November 2, and November 5, 1949.** 200 frames.

*Major Topics:* Steelworkers strike; United Electrical Workers Union

attack on CIO; charter application of International Union of Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers; CIO resolution on repeal of Taft-Hartley Act; deportation charges against Harry Bridges; Communist activity in American Communication Association and other CIO affiliates; CIO rules governing councils; CIO standing committees; affiliation of Confederation General de Trabajadores (Puerto Rico); maritime industry; Harry Bridges charges against National Maritime Union and American Radio Association; lockout of Lithographers Union; Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

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0562 **Meetings of February 14, 15, and 16, 1950.** 583 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO resolutions on injunctions; United Mine Workers of America; National Labor Relations Board; United Auto Workers; organization of Bell Telephone System; FEPC bill; legislative program; federal minimum wage; repeal of Taft-Harley Act; social security, taxation; union hiring practices in the maritime industry; CIO delegation to International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; CIO international interests; Israel; Spain; unemployment benefits; CIO Political Action Committee; Latin America; Communist activity in California State Council; expulsion of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union for Communist activity; expulsion of United Office and Professional Workers of America for Communist activity; expulsion of Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America for Communist activity; expulsion of United Public Workers of America for Communist activity; *CIO News*.

#### Reel 14

0001 **Meeting of June 15, 1949.** 172 frames.

*Major Topics:* Expulsion of American Communications Association from CIO for Communist activity; charges against United Furniture Workers of America dismissed; expulsion of International Fur and Leather Workers Union from CIO for Communist activity; unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; social security; rent control; strike by Newspaper Guild; CIO resolution in support of permanent federal FEPC; CIO resolution on Ruhr, Germany, Industrial Authority; Textile Workers Union strike in Tennessee; Oil Workers Union strike against Texas Oil Company; International Union of Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers; CIO Political Action Committee.

0173 **Meeting of August 29, 1950.** 202 frames.

*Major Topics:* Expulsion of International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards from CIO for Communist activity; Resume of History of Trials of Left-wing Unions; labor unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; foreign policy; Stockholm Peace Petition; CIO finances; CIO economic policy; CIO Political Action Committee; Steelworkers walk-out protest of Senator Robert Taft; CIO resolution of Defense Production Act; organizational report of International Union of Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers.

0375 **Meetings of November 16 and 24, 1950.** 123 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO finances; CIO 1950 Convention; CIO Political Action Committee; CIO National Health Committee; AFL-CIO Committee on Mobilization Matters; Communication Workers of America strike against Western Electric Company; International Confederation of Trade Unions; National Security Resources Board; CIO standing committees; CIO publicity work.

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0498 **Meeting of March 15, 1951.** 183 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO organizing drives against Communist-influenced unions; CIO Political Action Committee; United Labor Policy Committee; CIO resolutions on wage stabilization policy, price controls, war manpower policies, taxation, war production, and housing; foreign policy; CIO Committee on Latin-American Affairs; suppression of the press in Argentina; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; International Labor Organization; Packinghouse Workers wage increase; Defense Production Act; CIO Department Store Organizing Committee; CIO industrial union councils; conference.

0681 **Meetings of October 31, November 9, 1951.** 230 frames.

*Major Topics:* National labor newspaper; CIO 1951 Convention; CIO per capita tax; CIO rules governing organizational disputes; Utility Workers Union and Tennessee Valley Authority; CIO standing committees; Gas, Coke, and Chemical Workers Union affiliation with Canadian Congress of Labour; Florsheim Shoe strike; Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers strike in Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans.

0911 **Meeting of August 14, 1952.** 131 frames.

*Major Topics:* Steelworkers strike; CIO finances; jurisdiction disputes within CIO; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; secession movement in Textile Workers Union; Wage Stabilization Board; CIO Political Action Committee.

## Reel 15

0001 **Meetings of November 14 and December 5, 1952.** 102 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO 1952 Convention; death of Philip Murray; Philip Murray Memorial Fund; CIO finances; CIO standing committees; inflation.

0103 **Meetings of February 5-6, 1953.** 299 frames.

*Major Topics:* Anti-Semitism; atomic energy; unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; CIO rules governing Industrial Union Councils; CIO Committee on Civil Rights; U.S. Department of Labor; President Eisenhower's State of the Union Message; CIO finances; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; *National Labor Reporter*; CIO Political Action Committee; Canadian Congress of Labor per capita tax; Philip Murray Memorial Foundation; CIO publicity work; proposed amendments to Taft-Hartley Act; Wage Stabilization Board wage controls; jurisdictional dispute between International Woodworkers and United Paperworkers Union.

0402 **Meeting of April 6, 1953.** 73 frames.

*Major Topics:* Local industrial unions; CIO finances; National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians name change; CIO financial relief to United Paperworkers of America; Philip Murray Memorial Foundation; CIO Committee on International Affairs; labor unity meetings between AFL and CIO; CIO arbitrator.

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**0475 Meeting of June 4, 1953.** 254 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO arbitrator; CIO Civil Rights Committee; CIO Community Services Committee; CIO Economic Policy Committee; CIO finances; CIO Housing Committee; exoneration of loan to Insurance and Allied Workers; CIO Committee on International Affairs; U.S. support for United Nations; Bricker Amendment; European recovery program; Israel; Free World Labor Fund; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; report on labor unity negotiations; CIO legislative program; Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Workers merger with Office Workers of America; Milwaukee brewery strike; Philip Murray Foundation; CIO Political Action Committee; CIO public relations; CIO Special Finance Committee; CIO Social Security Committee; CIO field work reorganization; CIO support for public housing program.

**0729 Meeting of August 20, 1953.** 195 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO public relations; CIO finances; Philip Murray Memorial Foundation; "no-raiding" agreement between AFL and CIO; CIO 1953 Convention; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; CIO Political Action Committee; Hearn department store strike by Distributive, Processing, and Office Workers of America; Communication Workers of America strike in Indiana; Newspaper Guild strike in Seattle; CIO Committee on Safety and Occupational Health; CIO Housing Committee; rent control, public housing; legislative developments; international labor movement.

## **Reel 16**

**0001 Meetings of November 12 and 20, 1953.** 199 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO public relations; CIO International Affairs Committee; CIO finances; CIO staff pension plan; organizing in the wholesale and retail field; "no-raiding" agreement between AFL and CIO; jurisdiction problems within CIO; CIO Political Action Committee; Philip Murray Foundation; international affairs; ICFTU; Moral Rearmament movement; CIO Committee on Fair Labor Standards; Canadian Congress of Labour; CIO charter to Optical Workers Union.

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0200 **Meetings of March 22 and 23, 1954.** 350 frames.

*Major Topics:* Canadian Congress of Labour; CIO standing committees; "no-raiding" agreement between AFL and CIO; Mechanics Educational Society of America; CIO Special Committee on Jurisdictional Problems; administration of Taft-Hartley Act; NLRB developments; CIO Housing Committee; CIO legislative program; CIO economic policy; CIO Political Action Committee; CIO Community Services Committee; social security; CIO Safety and Occupational Health Committee; CIO Civil Rights Committee; veterans affairs; Philip Murray Memorial Foundation; local industrial unions; Transport Service Employees merger with Transport Workers Union; CIO staff pension plan; Canadian Congress of Labour per capita tax; revocation of charter of United Optical Workers Union; termination of affiliation of Distributive, Processing, and Office Workers Union; Gas, Coke, and Chemical Workers affiliation with Canadian Congress of Labour; CIO 1954 Convention; CIO public relations, radio program; anti-Communist policy of the CIO; CIO opposition to Goldwater anti-Communist labor bill; Subversive Activities Control Board.

0550 **Meeting of May 10, 1954.** 100 frames.

*Major Topics:* Full employment conference; "no-raiding" agreement between AFL and CIO; federal bill to permit wiretapping; CIO opposition to wiretapping.

0650 **Meeting of June 29, 1954.** 120 frames.

*Major Topics:* Unemployment in manufacturing; Walter Reuther meeting with President Eisenhower; CIO finances; anti-public housing bills; anti-Communist and antilabor bills; "no-raiding" agreement between AFL and CIO; CIO Community Services Committee; CIO Political Action Committee; CIO International Affairs Committee; resolution on Guatemala; Civil Rights Committee; Health and Safety Committee; CIO public relations program.

0770 **Meeting of October 5, 1954.** 244 frames.

*Major Topics:* Mechanics Educational Society of America; Transport Workers Union; Oil Workers Union; Gas, Coke, and Chemical Workers Union; CIO-AFL unity committee; CIO policy on welfare funds; school integration; U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*; CIO finances; Philip Murray Memorial Foundation; Community Service Committee; CIO Committee on Economic Policy; Committee on Housing; social security; Fair Labor Standards Committee; CIO Civil Rights Committee; Veterans Affairs Committee; Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

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## Reel 17

0001 **Meeting of December 1, 1954.** 144 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO jurisdictional arbitration policy; CIO 1954 Convention; CIO Ethical Practices Committee report; CIO finances; Labor Unity Committee; "no-raiding" agreement between AFL and CIO; Philip Murray Memorial Foundation; CIO Political Action Committee; CIO legislative program; Senate censure of Senator McCarthy.

0145 **Meeting of December 10, 1954.** 42 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO 1955 Convention; unity negotiations between AFL and CIO.

0187 **Meeting of February 2, 1955.** 233 frames.

*Major Topics:* Resolution for congressional investigation of strike situations in defense industries at Kohler Company and Buffalo Arms; Social Security Committee; Leather Workers Organizing Committee; United Department Store Organizing committee; Labor Advisory Committee to U.S. Department of Labor.

0420 **Meeting of February 24, 1955.** 171 frames.

*Major Topics:* AFL-CIO Unity Committee report; agreement on the merger of the AFL and CIO; Port Arthur, Texas, strike.

0591 **Meeting of May 7, 1955.** 124 frames.

*Major Topics:* Communication Workers of America strike; constitution of AFL-CIO; ethical practices in union management of welfare funds; state industrial union councils; CIO finances.

## Reel 18

0001 **Meeting of July 20, 1955.** 178 frames.

*Major Topics:* "Big Four" meeting; Israel; Committee on Community Relations; organized labor relations with organized agriculture; federal minimum wage; federal public housing legislation; CIO finances; Government and Civic Employees Organizing Committee; establishment of Industrial Unions Department; Committee on International Affairs; merger between AFL and CIO; CIO Legislative Committee; strike at Miami Beach hotels; Middle East politics; extension of "no-raiding" agreement; CIO charter to Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers International Union; CIO Political Action Committee; atomic energy; CIO radio program; southern sugar strike by packinghouse workers; Teamsters Union raiding tactics; indictment against United Auto Workers regarding purchase of radio time; veterans affairs.

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0179 **Meeting of November 2, 1955.** 157 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO 1955 Convention; labor unity negotiations; "no-raiding" agreement; AFL-CIO constitution; constitution of Industrial Union Department; strike by International Union of Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers at Westinghouse Company; Transport Workers Union; charter for Leather Workers Organizing Committee; Government and Civic Workers Organizing Committee.

0336 **Meetings of November 29 and 30, 1955.** 276 frames.

*Major Topics:* CIO staff problems; Legal Department; Constitution of Industrial Union Department; "no-raiding" pact; rules on CIO organizational disputes; organizing drive for AFL-CIO; Government Civic Organizing Committee; CIO Political Action Committee.

0612 **Meeting of December 1, 1955.** 30 frames.

*Major Topics:* Westinghouse strike fund; "no-raiding" agreement; CIO representation on AFL-CIO Executive Council.

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0642 **Meetings of April 21, 27, 28, 1942.** 7 frames.

*Major Topics:* United Mine Workers financial claims on CIO; social security tax; maritime industry; price controls; rationing; tax policy; Committee on Mobilization of Manpower.

0649 **Meeting of August 20, 1942.** 11 frames.

*Major Topics:* Labor unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; taxes; anti-poll tax campaign; CIO legislative program; CIO policy on political endorsements.

0660 **Meeting of September 24, 1942.** 6 frames.  
CIO 1942 Convention.

*Major Topic:*

0666 **Meeting of November 30, 1942.** 11 frames.

*Major Topics:* Labor unity; War Labor Board; taxation; arbitration machinery during war emergency; wage policy; industry-wide collective bargaining.

0677 **Meeting of April 8, 1943.** 6 frames.

*Major Topic:* War Labor Board.

0683 **Meeting of September 9, 1943.** 1 frame.

*Major Topic:* CIO Political Action Committee.

0684 **Meeting of April 4, 1944.** 1 frame.

*Major Topic:* World labor conference.

0685 **Meeting of May 20, 1944.** 4 frames.

*Major Topic:* CIO resolution on National War Labor Board.

0689 **Meeting of September 21, 1944.** 4 frames.

*Major Topic:* War Labor Board.

693 **Meeting of November 15, 1944.** 1 frame.

*Major Topic:* CIO 1944 Convention.

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- 0694 **Meeting of January 12, 1945.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Wage policy; London Conference.
- 0697 **Meeting of June 13, 1945.** 4 frames. *Major Topic:*  
Postwar conversion.
- 0701 **Meeting of August 11, 1945.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* World Federation of Trade Unions; CIO relations with Soviet labor movement.
- 0704 **Meeting of August 16, 1945.** 13 frames.  
*Major Topics:* No-strike pledges of CIO unions; Executive Order 9250; National War Labor Board; Paris Conference with Soviet Labor Delegation; postwar conversion; War Labor Disputes Act; price controls.
- 0717 **Meeting of March 28, 1946.** 1 frame.  
*Major Topic:* General Motors strike.
- 0718 **Meetings of August 14 and 15, 1946.** 28 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Shortages; price controls; OPA; inflation; CIO criticism of wage stabilization policies.
- 0746 **Meeting of March 29, 1947.** 2 frames.  
*Major Topic:* AFL craft union raids on CIO.
- 0748 **Meeting of April 12, 1947.** 4 frames.  
*Major Topics:* CIO delegations meetings with congressmen; taxation; antilabor legislation; minimum wage; rent control; FEPC; antilynching bill; social security; national health care.
- 0752 **Meeting of April 30, 1947.** 6 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Wage rates; seniority in industry; cooperation between AFL and CIO against antilabor legislation; labor unity negotiations.
- 0758 **Meeting of May 15, 1947.** 5 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Unity negotiations between AFL and CIO; investigations of Mine, Mill, and Shipbuilders unions; CIO pressure to uphold Truman veto of Taft-Hartley bill.
- 0763 **Meeting of September 4, 1947.** 2 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Taft-Hartley Act; World Federation of Trade Unions.
- 0765 **Meeting of July 14, 1947** [inadvertently filmed out of order]. 3 frames. *Major Topics:* Maritime strike; CIO compliance with Taft-Hartley Act.
- 0768 **Meeting of October 7, 1947.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* 1947 CIO Convention; federal investigation of labor unions' role in 1946 elections.
- 0771 **Meeting of December 2, 1947.** 4 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Department of Justice list of subversive organizations; CIO wage policy; antiunion policies of NLRB; attacks on Fair Labor Standards Act; maritime unions and American postwar aid to Europe and Japan.
- 0775 **Meeting of January 21, 1948.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* CIO legislative program; international affairs.

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- 0778 **Meeting of April 22, 1948.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Assassination attempt on Walter Reuther; United Mine Workers Supreme Court case; raiding problems within CIO; Henry Wallace candidacy; anticommunism; Packinghouse Workers strike.
- 0781 **Meeting of June 3, 1948.** 1 frame.  
*Major Topic:* CIO southern organizing drive.
- 0782 **Meeting of August 19, 1948.** 9 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Henry Wallace candidacy; Truman attitude toward CIO legislative objectives.
- 0791 **Meeting of August 30, 1948.** 1 frame.  
*Major Topics:* CIO southern organizing drive; inflation; minimum wage; Truman civil rights position.
- 0792 **Meeting of December 14, 1948.** 3 frames.  
*Major Topics:* CIO legislative program; labor unity negotiations; CIO organizing in retail and department stores.
- 0795 **Meeting of March 3, 1949.** 1 frame.  
*Major Topic:* Proposed repeal of Taft-Hartley Act.
- 0796 **Meeting of May 16, 1949.** 2 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Controversy with Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers in Birmingham, Ala.; CIO Political Action Committee.
- 0798 **Meeting of April 4, 1950.** 1 frame.  
*Major Topics:* Unemployment; Kerr natural gas bill; secession from Office and Professional Workers, United Public Workers, and Food and Tobacco Workers unions; Communist activity; jurisdiction dispute between steelworkers and mine mill; application of Taft-Hartley to maritime hiring practices; organization of IUE.
- 0799 **Meeting of June 6, 1950.** 1 frame.  
*Major Topics:* Organization of IUE; organizing in white collar and government employee fields.
- 0800 **Meeting of July 11, 1950.** 1 frame.  
*Major Topics:* CIO statement of support for Point Four Program.
- 0801 **Meeting of August 28, 1950.** 6 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Investigation of Communist influence in International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union; organization of IUE.
- 0807 **Meeting of November 16, 1950.** 20 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Labor newsletter; IUE organizing; CIO Political Action Committee voter registration; wage and price controls; CIO resolution on foreign policy; Korea; United Nations; disarmament; European economic recovery; Spain; CIO resolution on economic mobilization.
- 0827 **Meeting of January 8, 1951.** 2 frames.  
*Major Topics:* Wage stabilization meeting; CIO organizing on west coast; IUE organizing.

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- 0829 **Meeting of January 24, 1951.** 4 frames.  
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