

UAW Vice President's Office: Douglas A. Fraser Collection

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Douglas Fraser was born in a working class district of Glasgow, Scotland on December 18, 1916. Six years later, his father, an electrician and trade union activist, brought the family to Detroit. After going to work as a metal finisher in Chrysler's DeSoto plant at the age of eighteen, Mr. Fraser became active in UAW Local 227, and was elected president of the local in 1943.

In 1947, Mr. Fraser was appointed an international representative, assigned to the union's Chrysler Department, and four years later answered Walter Reuther's call to join the president's administrative staff, where he remained for eight years. During those years, he was involved in a number of major negotiations with Chrysler, Allis-Chalmers and Studebaker-Packard.

Douglas Fraser was elected co-director of UAW Region 1A in 1959, succeeding the late Ed Cote. UAW convention delegates elected him board member-at-large in 1962, and following the convention, he was appointed director of the Chrysler, Skilled Trades and Technical, Office and Professional Departments. Over the next two decades, he and Presidents Reuther and Woodcock negotiated a number of historic contract gains for UAW members in bargaining with Chrysler Corporation, among which were the early retirement program, U. S.-Canada wage parity, restrictions on compulsory overtime, a comprehensive health and safety program, dental care, accelerated arbitration, pension benefit increases, and cost-of-living allowance improvements.

He was elected a vice president of the UAW in 1970 and president in 1977. After his retirement from the UAW in 1983, Mr. Fraser joined the faculty of Wayne State University as University Professor of Labor Studies. He has been active throughout his career in Democratic Party politics and a number of labor, economic development, and social reform groups.

The UAW Vice president Douglas A. Fraser Collection consists of correspondence, reports, minutes, speeches, publications and other material related to his responsibilities as UAW vice president and director of the Chrysler Department and to his activities as an officer or member of numerous civic, political and governmental organizations.

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Automobile safety
Chrysler Corporation
Collective bargaining—Automobile industry
Detroit—Economic development
International trade

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Newspaper Guild—Local 22 (Detroit, Mich.)
Retired workers
Skilled labor
Strikes and lockouts--Automobile industry--Michigan
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UAW Community Action Program
UAW Chrysler Department
United States—Economic policy

Important correspondents in the collection:

Charles Brooks
Richard Gosser
Pat Greathouse
Odessa Komer
Olga Madar
Andrew Marocko
Emil Mazey
Victor Reuther
Walter Reuther
Leonard Woodcock

Non-manuscript material:

A few photographs received with the collection have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection.

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