

SEIU  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
MICROFILM COLLECTION

1921-1955

2 linear feet  
2 storage boxes  
134 microfilm reels (16mm)

Accession Number 1542

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) deposited the microfilm collection in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in 1994. They were opened for research in 1996.

These 134 rolls of microfilm are the only extant records which document SEIU's (then BSEIU-Building Service Employees International Union) first 34 years. The location of the paper records which were filmed to create this collection is unknown; the papers are presumed to have been destroyed.

For a brief history of the Union, please consult *A Need for Valor: The roots of the Service Employees International Union 1902-1992*.

**Organization of the microfilm:**

The individual boxes of microfilm are numbered 1 to 134 in the upper right hand corner of each label on each box. These are the box numbers which are the reference numbers in this guide. The best way to search for information in this collection is to know the year the material was produced, and then look at the reel(s) for that year.

On the broadest level, the film is organized chronologically; each box contains film for a specific year or years. In the guide, each box number has a general contents guide:

the topic is underlined, and underneath the topic one finds the first subject on that reel, subjects "in the middle" of the reel, and the last subject on the reel. Subjects on a reel are usually found alphabetically, then chronologically.

EXAMPLE: Box 82

Correspondence  
Local #312-Local #363  
A, B, C Representative Correspondence  
Burke, Thomas

Box 82 contains records from 1949. The general topic is correspondence. The first item on the film relates to Local #312. Materials about Locals 312 through 363 will be the next items found on the film. Following the Local information on the film are materials from Representatives with names beginning with A, B, and C. Representative Anderson's materials will be first, followed by representative Ball's materials, and then Representative Carroll's items will appear. All of Representative Anderson's materials will be in chronological order, then all of Representative Ball's materials will be in chronological order, and so on. The last item on the roll of film is material from Thomas Burke.

Also, there are more items on the reel than are listed in the guide. For example, in Box 109, for the year 1952, the names listed are Carmell, Kriegbaum, McCarty, and Shortman. If you are looking for a letter from 1952 from Joe Johnson, it might have been placed between the letters from Carmell and Kriegbaum.

Occasionally, interrelated material from several years will be found on a reel listing only one year.

The following page contains a general breakdown of years and box numbers. A more detailed box inventory follows.

## SEIU MICROFILM

1921-1932	Box 1-2	
1928-1936	Box 3	
1932-1936	Box 4-5	
1937	Box 6-8	
1937-1940	Box 9-18	
1941-1944	Box 19	
1941-1947	Box 20-23	
1941	Box 24-28	
1942	Box 29-33	
1943	Box 34-40	
1944	Box 41-47	
1945	Box 48-54	
1946	Box 55-62	
1947	Box 63-69	
1948	Box 70-76	
1949	Box 77-83	
1950	Box 84-91	
1951	Box 92-99	
1952	Box 100-109	
1953	Box 110-117	Box 118 is mostly 1953
1954	Box 119-126	

1955            Box 127-134

**1921-1932**

**Box 1**            Correspondence-Miscellaneous  
Local #1-Local #25  
New York Correspondence

**Box 2**            Correspondence-Miscellaneous  
Charter AP PS  
Morrison, Frank, Secretary  
Local #6  
Krat, Paul, 5th Vice President  
Horan, J.J., President  
Appendix: Krohn, Sol J.

**1928-1936**

**Box 3**            Locals-Discontinued  
Local #3-Local #110  
Qesse 1928  
Resolution, 1935 Convention

**1932-1936**

**Box 4**            Correspondence  
Local #1, American Federation of Labor  
Local #7-Local #131

**Box 5**            Correspondence  
Local #133-Local #171

**1937**

**Box 6**            Scalise Correspondence

Greater New York Council  
Local #2 (Window Cleaners, NY)  
Local #32A  
Local #32K  
Local #50-139-153-153B Detroit

**Box 7**      Scalise Correspondence  
Local #50B  
Local #32B Bronx  
Local #115 Bronx & New York  
Local #156 Brooklyn & Queens  
Local #176 New York City

**1937 con't**

**Box 8**      Scalise Correspondence  
Local #177  
American Federation of Labor, 3-15-40  
Ads, Tickets, etc. for Testimonial Dinners  
Postal Telegraph  
Exterminators & Fumigat #155 NY

**1937-1940**

**Box 9**      Correspondence  
Local #2-Local #160, Charters issued  
Hardy, Charles, Organizer & SNT Rep

**Box 10** Correspondence  
Horan, Jerry J.  
Local #1-Local #82

**Box 11** Correspondence  
Local #83-Local #158A

**Box 12** Correspondence  
Burke, Thomas, 3rd Vice-President  
Local #1-Local #64

**Box 13** Correspondence

Local #65-Local #159

**Box 14** Correspondence

Local #161  
Bowles, D.G.  
Receipts for 1939  
Flat Janitors  
School Janitors Files #21

**Box 15** Correspondence

File #22 BSEU, Sacramento , CA  
File #44 Window Cleaners, San Francisco, CA  
File #72 Theatrical Janitors, Los Angeles, CA  
File #101 Window Cleaners, Los Angeles, CA  
File #119 BSEU Urbana, IL

**Box 16** Correspondence

File #120 BSEU Everett, WA  
File #144 Taunton, MA (Revoked)  
File #165 BSEU Philadelphia, PA  
File #189 Bowling Alley Pin Setters, Kansas City, MO  
File #199 BSEU Oshkosh, WI

**1937-1940 con't**

**Box 17** Correspondence

File #200 Hotel Services, San Francisco, CA  
File #219 BSEU, Eureka, CA  
Cooper, Wm. Int. Rep., Milwaukee, WI  
General Correspondence

**Box 18** Scalise Correspondence-Chicago

Local #32C  
Local #95  
Local #51B-Now 32K

**1941-1944**

**Box 19** Form Letters

1940 Form Letters  
1944 Death Certificates Form 12-14-44

**1941-1947**

**Box 20** Correspondence from New York Office

A.F. of L. National  
Cornell University  
International Correspondence  
Building Service Council  
Local 190-New Jersey

**Box 21** Correspondence from New York Office

Out of State Locals  
Local 32J  
Local 61  
32-E, BSEU  
Local 32H

**Box 22** Correspondence from New York Office

BSEIU Charters  
Bowling Alley Contracts  
Local 219  
Local 136  
Local 164

**Box 23** Correspondence from New York Office

Local 175  
Building Service Lists  
Miscellaneous  
Wage and Hour Division

**1941**

**Box 24** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #40

**Box 25** Correspondence

Local #42-Local #101

**Box 26** Correspondence

Local #102-Local #209

**Box 27** Correspondence

Local #210-Local #234  
Officer's Correspondence  
Christman, C.J.  
Lamothe, George

**Box 28** Correspondence

Levey, Charles C.  
Pierce, Thomas  
Annis, Frank E.  
Young, Martin

**1942**

**Box 29** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #65

**Box 30** Correspondence

Local #66-Local #125

**Box 31** Correspondence

Local #126-Local #231

**Box 32** Correspondence

Local #232  
Local #254  
General Correspondence "A"  
General Correspondence "Z"

**Box 33** Officer's Correspondence

Sullivan, David  
Schwartz, Alexander  
Zander, Arnold

**1943**

**Box 34** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #32B

**Box 35** Correspondence

Local #32F-Local #93

**Box 36** Correspondence

Local #94-Local #155

**Box 37** Correspondence

Local #156-Local #233

**Box 38** Correspondence

Local #234-Local #264

American Air Lines

Young Office Equipment Co.

**Box 39** International Union Representative's Correspondence

Green, William (A.F. of L.)

Connell, Joseph

Federated Trades Council

Kavanagh, Owen J.

McFetridge, Wm. L.

**Box 40** International Union Representative's Correspondence

Memphis Office Building

Social Security Board

War Labor Board

Woll, Matthew

**1944**

**Box 41** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #32B

Local #32B (Sullivan Court Case)

**Box 42** Correspondence

Local #32B (Sullivan Charges)

Local #43-Local #88

**Box 43** Correspondence

Local #89-Local #164

**Box 44** Correspondence

Local #165-Local #231

**Box 45** Correspondence

Local #232-Local #255

General Correspondence "A"

General Correspondence "W"

**1944 con't**

**Box 46** International Union Representative's Correspondence

American Federation of Labor

Burke, Thomas

Cooper, William H.

Grady, Elizabeth

National Planning Ass'n

**Box 47** International Union Representative's Correspondence

OPA

Sullivan, David

Union Guardian

Workers Education Bureau of America

**1945**

**Box 48** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #32B

**Box 49** Correspondence

Local #32B-Local #65

**Box 50** Correspondence

Local #66-Local #142

**Box 51** Correspondence

Local #143-Local #219

**Box 52** Correspondence

Local #220-Local #259

General Correspondence "A"

Form Letters

**Box 53** Representative's Correspondence

A.F. of L.  
Connell, Joseph  
Denton, A.A.  
Goodman, John  
Magazine

**Box 54** Representative's Correspondence

McFetridge, Wm. L.  
State Federation of Labor, Milwaukee, WI  
Local #217 BSEU Revoked

**1946**

**Box 55** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #32B

**Box 56** Correspondence

Local #32B-Local #60

**Box 57** Correspondence

Local #61-Local #126

**Box 58** Correspondence

Local #127-Local #204

**Box 59** Correspondence

Local #205-Local #277

**Box 60** Correspondence

Local #278-Local #300  
General Correspondence "A"  
Form Letters

**Box 61** Representative's Correspondence

A.F. of L.  
Conference-Delegates, 10-21-1946  
Dreyer, Russell  
Fox West Coast Agreements

Hardy, George

**Box 62** Representative's Correspondence

Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union  
Magazine  
State Federation of Labor  
Workers Education Bureau of America

**1947**

**Box 63** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #32B

**Box 64** Correspondence

Local #32B-Local #68

**Box 65** Correspondence

Local #69, Philadelphia, PA

**Box 66** Correspondence

Local #141-Local #209

**Box 67** Correspondence

Local #210-Local #267

**1947 con't**

**Box 68** Correspondence

Local #268-Local #321  
Form Letters

**Box 69** General Correspondence

"A"  
A.F. of L. (Union Label Trades Dept.)  
Denton, A.A.  
Harckham, Arthur L.  
Levey, Charles

**Box 70** General Correspondence

Levine, Samuel  
Smedberg, Walfred E.  
Taft Hartley Act  
United States Government: Dept. of Labor

Conferences re: Taft-Hartley Law

**1948**

**Box 71** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #32J

**Box 72** Correspondence

Local #32K-Local #87

**Box 73** Correspondence

Local #88-Local #165

**Box 74** Correspondence

Local #166-Local #219

**Box 75** Correspondence

Local #220-Local #301

**Box 76** Correspondence

Local #302-Local #341

Representative correspondence "A"

Charter Inquiries

**Box 77** Correspondence

Collins, Walter

Grady, Elizabeth A.

Kelley, Fred Jr.

Richardson, E.B.

West, Molly

**1949**

**Box 78** Correspondence

Local # 1-Local #32J

**Box 79** Correspondence

Local #32K-Local #93

**Box 80** Correspondence

Local #96-Local #214

**Box 81** Correspondence

Local #215-Local #311

**Box 82** Correspondence

Local #312-Local #363

A, B, C Representative Correspondence

Burke, Thomas

**Box 83** Representative's Correspondence

Carmell, D.D.

Hardy, George

Kriegbaum, Leo

McFetridge, Wm. L.

Sucher, Robert L.

**Box 84** Representative's Correspondence

Sullivan, David

Joseph Athain, Canada

W, X, Y, Z

**1950**

**Box 85** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #32K

**Box 86** Correspondence

Local #34-Local #102

**Box 87** Correspondence

Local #103-Local #189

**Box 88** Correspondence

Local #190-Local #250

**Box 89** Correspondence

Local #251-Local #336

**Box 90** Correspondence and Representative's Correspondence

Local #338-Local #376

A, B, C

A.F.L.

**1950 con't**

**Box 91** Correspondence and Representative's Correspondence

A.F.L.  
Constitution Changes  
Goodman, John  
Henderson, Robert M.  
Levey, Charles

**Box 92** Correspondence and Representative's Correspondence

Lonergan, Robert  
McManus, Peter  
Taft-Hartley Law Matters  
"A" General correspondence  
W, X, Y, Z

**1951**

**Box 93** Correspondence

Local #1-Local #32J

**Box 94** Correspondence

Local #32K-Local #78

**Box 95** Correspondence

Local #79-Local #143

**Box 96** Correspondence

Local #144-Local #320

**Box 97** Correspondence

Local #231-Local #294

**Box 98** Correspondence

Local #295-Local #381  
Form letters

**Box 99** Representative's Correspondence

A, B, C  
Chubb, Herchel  
Gehan, Robert  
Kass Realty Company, Inc.  
Mac Donald, Roderick F.

**Box 100**      Representative's Correspondence  
McFetridge, W.L.  
Pierce, Thomas  
Van Heck, Gus  
Local #212  
Local #229

**1952**

**Box 101**      Correspondence  
Local #1-Local #38

**Box 102**      Correspondence  
Local #39-Local #96

**Box 103**      Correspondence  
Local #97-Local #149

**Box 104**      Correspondence  
Local #150-Local #216

**Box 105**      Correspondence  
Local #217-Local #283

**Box 106**      Correspondence  
Local #284-Local #350  
Form letters

**Box 107**      Correspondence  
Local #390-Local #1143

**Box 108**      Representative's Correspondence  
A.  
A. F. L.  
Coakley, Joseph  
Hardy, George

**Box 109**      Representative's Correspondence  
Carmell, D.D.  
Kriegbaum, Leo  
McCarty, Francis  
Shortman, Thomas  
Form letters

**1953**

**Box 110**      Correspondence  
Local #1-Local #32J

**Box 111**      Correspondence  
Local #32K-Local #82

**Box 112**      Correspondence  
Local #83-Local #150B

**Box 113**      Correspondence  
Local #151-Local 239

**1953 con't**

**Box 114**      Correspondence  
Local #240-Local #327

**Box 115**      Correspondence  
Local #329-Local #400  
Form letters

**Box 116**      Representative's Correspondence  
A.  
A. F. L.  
Collins, Walter D.  
Harkins, Michael F.  
Legislative Lobby Matters

**Box 117**      Representative's Correspondence  
Lonergan, Robert P.  
McCabe, Patrick  
Shortman, Thomas  
Form letters

**1953 (mostly)**

**Box 118**      Detroit Matters

Carroll, Ray P.  
Local #79 Detroit Theatre & Amusement  
Local #79 State of Michigan, Circuit Court Decree  
Miscellaneous  
Local #32B

**1954**

- Box 119**      Correspondence  
Local #1-Local #32B
- Box 120**      Correspondence  
Local #32E-Local #66A
- Box 121**      Correspondence  
Local #69-Local #118
- Box 122**      Correspondence  
Local #119-Local #207
- Box 123**      Correspondence  
Local #208-Local #308
- Box 124**      Correspondence  
Local #310-Local #1143

**1954 con't**

- Box 125**      Representative's Correspondence  
A.F. of L. Label Trades Department  
Cleary, Tom  
Hearn, Albert G.  
Levey, Charles C.  
McGrath, Matthew
- Box 126**      Representative's Correspondence  
Magazine  
Sullivan, David  
Union Labor Life Inc. Company  
Form letters

**1955**

- Box 127**      Correspondence  
Local #1-Local #32J
- Box 128**      Correspondence  
Local #32K-Local #76
- Box 129**      Correspondence  
Local #77-Local #176
- Box 130**      Correspondence  
Local #177-Local #284
- Box 131**      Correspondence  
Local #286-Local #1143
- Box 132**      Correspondence  
Burke, Thomas  
Hare, Arthur T.  
Kriegbaum, Leo  
Matthews, George W.  
Moats, Eugene P.
- Box 133**      Correspondence  
Mueller, H.R.  
Tully, James F.
- Box 134**      Correspondence  
A B C Milwaukee  
Convention, miscellaneous  
Insurance Program  
Local Unions affiliated with BSEIU  
Union Labor Life Ins. Co.