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Abstract

The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) was founded in 1921 as a union of flat janitors. Over the years it has grown in size and scope, now comprising three divisions: healthcare, property services, and public services. While most of SEIU's members reside in the United States, the SEIU is an international union with members and affiliates in countries all over the world. The records of SEIU's International Affairs Department document the SEIU's relationships with companies, unions, organizations, and labor activists in other countries, as well as detail departmental operations. Document formats found within the records primarily include correspondence, meeting minutes and agenda, booklets, and reports.

Important Subjects:

AFL-CIO	Janitors
Africa	Japan
African National Congress	Labor disputes
Agricultural laborers	Labor unions – Organizing
Anti-apartheid movements	Labor unions – Records and correspondence
Apartheid	Mexico
Brazil	NAFTA
Canada	Nigeria
China	Pay equity
Collective bargaining	Poland
Collective bargaining—Service industries	Privatization
Collective labor agreements – Service industries	Public Services International
Human rights	Service Employees International Union
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions	South Africa
International Federation of Industrial Organizations and General Workers Unions (FTUI)	Strike votes
International labor activities	Strikes and lockouts
International Labour Office	Unfair labor practices
International Labour Organization	United States—Foreign Relations— Cuba
International Monetary Fund	Women
International trade	Women employees
Israel	Women in the labor movement
	Women's rights
	World Bank

Important Names:

Burger, Anna	Forrester, Martin	Medina, Eliseo
Chavez, Cesar	Henry, Mary Kay	Stern, Andy
Clinton, Bill	Howley, John	Sweeney, John
Cordtz, Richard	Lauer, Carolyn	

Arrangement

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7. American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD); ILO/Canada Complaint
8. AIFLD; International Monetary Fund (IMF)
9. AIFLD; Ireland
10. AIFLD; International Monitoring
11. AIFLD; Israel and the Middle East
12. Angola, 1990-1999
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16. Australia; Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees Union of Australia (MEU), 1993
17. Australia; Public Sector Union (PSI), 1991-1992
18. Australian Council of Trade Unions
19. Australian Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union, 1992-1993
20. Australian Services Union, 1992-1995
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27. Brazil; General Strike, 1996
28. Brazil; InterAmerican Trade Union Conference for Racial Equality, 1994 November
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31. Cambodia, 1990-1999
32. Campaigns; Disney
33. Campaigns and Organizing; Beverly Enterprises, 1996
34. Campaigns and Organizing; Gap, 1996
35. Campaigns and Organizing; Hewlett-Packard, 1995-1996
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37. Campaigns and Organizing; Justice for Janitors (J4J), 1992-1995
38. Campaigns and Organizing; Lego, 1994-1997
39. Campaigns and Organizing; Shuwa, 1994
40. Campaigns and Organizing; World Bank, 1996

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42. Canada; Canadian Labor Congress, 1990-1999
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44. Canadian Atlantic, Central, and Western Conference, 1994 February
45. Caribbean Public Services Association (CPSA)
46. Children's Lives: Child and Youth Labor in North America, 1997 February
47. China, 1992-1998
48. China; Cruel Money, 1993 May
49. China; The Meaning of Useless, circa 1994
50. Croatia; Croatian Democracy Project, 1990-1992
51. Croatia; Trade Union of Workers in Health Service, Social Protection Service and Disability – Pension Insurance of Croatia, 1994
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6. Free Trade Union Institute (FTUI); Haiti Medical
7. FTUI; Hewlett-Packard
8. FTUI; Homework ILO
9. FTUI; International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions (ICEM)
10. FTUI; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), Email, 1997
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12. Germany; GDB, 1996
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17. Hong Kong; Clippings, 1996
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19. Indonesia, 1990-1999
20. International Affairs Committee (IAC), 1990-1999
21. IAC; Caribbean Union-to-Union Program, 1985
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23. IAC; Incoming Correspondence, 1993
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25. IAC; Mailings, 1992
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30. IAC; Meeting 1993 November 29
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34. IAC; Meeting, 1994 June-August
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37. International Affairs Committee IAC; Report, 1989 June
38. IAC; Report, 1989 December
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41. IAC; Report, 1991 December
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43. IAC; Report at International Executive Board Meeting, 1993 June 22
44. IAC; Report 1993, December
45. IAC; Report, 1994 June 6
46. IAC; Report, 1994 December
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48. IAC; SEIU/AFL-CIO Solidarity Tour of Central America, 1985
49. IAC; SEIU Headquarters Meeting, 1993 November 29
50. IAC; SEIU South Africa Solidarity Program, circa 1986
51. IAC; South Africa Union-to-Union Program, 1986
52. IAC; Union-to-Union Program, 1985
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10. IEB; Meeting, 1996 December
11. International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, Professional and Technical Employees (FIET), 1990-1999
12. International Labor Office (ILO); Correspondence, 1995
13. ILO; Standing Technical Committee for Health and Medical Services, 1992
14. International Relief and Development Inc. (IRD)
15. International Rescue Center
16. International Travel
17. International Travel List, 1992-1998
18. International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF), 1995
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32. Korea; Korean Federation of Hospital Workers' Unions, 1994-1996
33. Japan, 1996
34. Japan; Earthquake Relief, 1995
35. Japan; Institute of Labor Study Program, 1995 May
- 36-37. Japan; National Federation of General Workers' Union (IPPAN DOMEI)
38. Japan; IPPAN DOMEI, RENGO, 1992-1994
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40. Jinka, Prince
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7. Mexico; Mexico NAFTA Meeting, 1993 November

8. Mexico; Tijuana Maquiladora Tour, 1993
9. Middle East; Gulf War, 1991
10. Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAO)
11. National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE)
- 29-30. National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union (NHAWU), 1990-1999
14. NEWAHU; Congress, South Africa, 1998 April
15. NEWAHU; Public Service Restructuring Program
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36. Public Service International (PSI), 1996
37. Public Service International (PSI), Aruba, 1997 April
38. PSI, 1997
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40. PSI, 1999
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42. Representation Appointments (Committees/Meetings), 1995-1996
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6. SEIU 75th Anniversary Convention, 1996
7. SEIU Civil and Human Rights Conference, 1996
8. SEIU Education and Support Fund
9. SEIU Education and Support Fund, 1995
10. Slovak Republic, 1990-1999
11. Solidarity Letters and Responses, 1992-1996
12. South Africa, 1990-1999
13. South Africa; HOSPERA
14. South Africa; Pensions
15. Sweden, 1995
16. Switzerland; World Health Organization, 1994
17. Tanzania, 1990-1999
18. UNISON National Lesbian and Gay Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, 1994 November
19. United Kingdom; Stern, Andy and Henry, Mar Kay
20. United Nations (U.N) Resolution
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22. Visitors; Biographies
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- 25-26. Visitors; International Visitors, 1994
- 27-28. Visitors; International Visitors, 1995
29. Visitors; Korean Unionists
30. Visitors; National Federation of General Workers' Unions (FGU) (IPPAN DOMEI) 5th Study Team, 1993 October 25
31. Visitors; National Federation of General Workers' Unions (FGU) (IPPAN DOMEI) 6th Study Team, 1995
32. Visitors; Service Workers Union of New Zealand
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