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## **Guide to the Victor Van Bourg Collection, 1965-1969**

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**Overview of the Collection**

**Collection Title:** Victor Van Bourg Collection

**Dates:** 1965-1969

**Identification:** URB/VVB

**Creator:** Van Bourg, Victor, 1931-1999

**Physical Description:** 1.47 linear feet

**Language of Materials:** English

**Repository:** Urban Archives

**Abstract:** Victor Van Bourg was a prominent labor lawyer in Southern California from the mid-1960s, until his death in 1999. He founded the firm Van Bourg, Allen, Weinberg, and Roger, in Orange County which represented over 400 unions and their members. The Van Bourg collection consists of files from legal cases brought to court by the law firm. The bulk of the materials consists of correspondence with union representatives and court pleadings. Of particular significance are the case files of the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. There is also detailed material for the California Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO vs. Oxnard Elementary School District during the 1960s.

**Biographical Information:**

Victor Van Bourg was born in New York in 1931. His parents were Russian-Jewish immigrants who arrived in New York around 1924. By the time Van Bourg was born, his father was an active member in the local painters union. In 1935, the Van Bourg family moved to Tujunga, California, where Van Bourg's father continued his labor activities.

After studying law at Bolt Hall Law School at University of California, Berkeley, Van Bourg became concerned with the problems faced by the organized worker. His first job was with Charles P. Scully, the general council for the American Federation of Labor, State Labor Federation. In 1947, the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC), led by Ernesto Galarza, became Van Bourg's major client.

Van Bourg founded the firm Van Bourg, Weinberg, Roger, and Rosenfield, where he practiced for three decades. The firm represented more than 400 unions and their members.

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**Personal Name:**

Van Bourg, Victor J., 1931-

**Topical Term:**

Labor unions -- California

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**Arrangement of Materials:**

Series I: Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC), 1965-1967

Series II: United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), 1966-1969

Series III: California Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO, 1966-1969

**Scope and Contents**

The Victor Van Bourg Collection consists of files from cases brought to court by Van Bourg's firm on behalf of its labor clients. The documents included in the collection reflect Mr. Van Bourg's concerns and involvement in the legal battles for workers rights. The bulk of the material consists of correspondence with union representatives and court pleadings. Of particular significance are the case files of the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, as well as a small number of photographs of the Delano Strike in 1966. There is also detailed material for the California Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO vs. Oxnard Elementary School District during the 1960s. The collection is arranged in three series: Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) (1965-1967), United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) (1966-1969), California Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO (1966-1969).

Series I, Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC), contains material relating to cases which involved AWOC members. The material consists of affidavits, injunctions, memorandums, newspaper clippings and pleadings pertaining to each case. The cases are: *AWOC vs. DiGiorgio Corporation* and *DiGiorgio Corporation vs. Cesar Chavez, et al.* The files are arranged by case and chronological within.

Series II, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), includes files for cases involving members of UFWOC. Materials in the series include correspondence, memorandums, pamphlets and pleadings for the following cases: *Edmundson*; *Purity Market vs. San Francisco*; *Shroyer, John vs. City and County of San Francisco* and *Itliong, Larry vs. Welch, Robert, et. al.* The files are arranged by case and chronological within.

Series III, California Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO, contains a number of motions, pamphlets, and stipulations pertaining to a case between the CFT and the Oxnard Elementary School District. The Oxnard Educators Association served as interveners for the appellees. Also included are bills, correspondence, judgments, minutes, pleadings, policy statements, and reply briefs. The files are arranged according to the nature of the material and chronologically therein.

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