The Finding Aid of the Socialism and Labor Collection 0103

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Title: Socialism and Labor Collection

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Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 2.54 Linear Feet (3 boxes)

Date (inclusive): circa 1908-1968

Abstract: The collection contains materials related to socialism and labor movements in the early to mid-20th century in the United States. The materials were collected by a house painter and seasonal postal worker who lived in Twentynine Palms, California.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition
The collection was donated to the University Library by Hilary Palmer in 2018.

Biographical / Historical
The materials in the collection were collected by a resident of Twentynine Palms, California along with 56 books on socialist and labor topics. The collection was discovered by Cal Poly Pomona alumna Hilary Palmer when she purchased the collector's house after his death.

The collector was born in Ashtabula, Ohio. He apprenticed under his father, who was a professional house painter and may have been a member of a union. After graduating from high school, the collector moved from Ohio to Redlands, California and attended San Bernardino City College in the 1930s.

The collector took a seasonal job with the Post Office, which brought him to Twentynine Palms. He worked summers as a house painter and he amassed materials from the Los Angeles headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World labor union.

Scope and Contents
The collection contains materials related to socialism and labor movements in the early to mid-20th century in the United States. Archival materials include booklets, cards, clippings, flyers, pamphlets, photographs, and a scrapbook. As a whole, the collection includes 56 books and periodicals which have been separated and cataloged as part of the Rare Book Collection. A list of these items is available under the Separated Materials note.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Related Materials
American Leftist Organizations and Labor Unions Stamps and Ephemera Collection, Department of Archives and Special Collections. University Library. California State University, Dominguez Hills

Centralia Publicity Committee Records, Hoover Institution Archives.

Industrial Workers of the World Collection, Accession no. 130, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University.


Separated Materials
The following items have been removed from the collection and added to the Special Collections and Archives Rare Books Collection.

Appeal to Reason Library. No. 2 (1935).


**Processing Information**

The collection was processed by Alexis Adkins in 2019.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

- Industrial Workers of the World
- Labor movement--United States--History--20th century
- Socialism
- Anarchism
- Photographs
- Twentynine Palms (Calif.)
- Peace movements

**box 1**

- Advertisement - Xmas Fund Dance for Class War Prisoners circa 1941

**box 3**

- Binders circa 1940

  **Scope and Contents**
  
  The file contains two binders. One binder is decorated with *One Big Union Monthly* labels and the other includes an address written on the inside cover.

**box 1**

- Booklet - AFL-CIO Song Book circa 1965

**box 1**

- Booklet - "Might Is Right" by Ragnar Redbeard, "Dan McGann" by Dublin Dan, and "The Hobo" by Emory E. Hayes after 1917

**box 1**

- Booklet - "The Role of Labor Unions in the Russian Revolution" by A. Lozovsky (Dridzo) after 1917

  **Scope and Contents**

  The file includes a note on home remedies for whooping cough.
box 1  Booklet - "Secret Hoover-Laval War Pacts" by Earl Browder 1931 November 1
box 1  Booklet - "Technocracy" by Howard Scott 1933
box 1  By-Laws of Local Union No. 1913 Van Nuys and Vicinity, CA. United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America 1963 October 2
box 1  Card - "John O CIO" circa 1935
box 1  Card - Lumberjacks circa 1935
box 1  Card - Pyramid of Capitalist System, Industrial Workers of the World circa 1935
box 1  Card - "Vote for Me--I'm Smart!" The Candidate circa 1935
box 1  Clipping - "Birch Society Leader's Reaction Provides Clue to Members' View" 1965 August 23
box 1  Clipping - Joe Hill 1963 October 11
box 1  Clipping - Republic Steel Massacre after 1937
box 1  Correspondence - California State Controller after 1968
box 1  Flyer - Constitutional Provisional Government of the United States 1962 September 18
box 1  Flyer - "The Common Soldier" and "The Social Revolution" by Eugene V. Debs 1915 September 11
box 1  Flyer - Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Songbook Joe Hill 1965
box 1  Flyer - Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Industrial Code 1955
box 1  Flyer - "The Last Word" by C.C.F. and "The Red Feast" by Ralph Chaplin before 1961
box 1  Flyer - "Naked Power" by Herbert C. Holdridge, Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Retired) 1964 August 7
box 1  Flyer - "A New Declaration of Independence" by Emma Goldman after 1940
box 1  Flyer - Vietnamese Mothers' Appeal 1962 June 28
box 1  Newspaper - Industrial Solidarity 1947 May 1
box 1  Offprint - "Murder in the Forest" by Virginia Gillas 1960 March
box 1  Offprint - Supplement to "Southern Advocate for Workers' Councils" 1948 May
box 1  Pamphlet - "The A.F.of L. and Industrial Unionism: An Analysis of Moley's Criticism of Craft Unions, by an Industrial Unionist" circa 1933
box 1  Pamphlet - "Authority: An Address Delivered at the Meeting of the Carter County, OK, Teacher's Association, December 3, 1908, by George E. Owen" after 1908
box 1  Pamphlet - "California's Contempt for Civil Liberties in the Summer of 1924" circa 1924

Scope and Contents
The pamphlet was published by the American Civil Liberties Union and concerns an attack on striking dockworkers in San Pedro, California.

box 1  Pamphlet - "From His Tail to His Snout" by John T. Reagan before 1965
box 1  Pamphlet - "Russia at the Peace Table" Address by Bertram D. Wolfe 1944 June 2
box 1  Photographs - People and Cars circa 1947
box 2  Scrapbook circa 1940-1960

Scope and Contents
The scrapbook contains political cartoons and news clippings.