Register of the National Right to Work Committee issuances

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Biographical/Historical Note
The National Right to Work Committee, founded in 1955, is a non-profit organization of employees and employers opposing compulsory union membership in the United States and defending the right of citizens to work, regardless of their union status. The Committee seeks to inform citizens about the right-to-work movement through the use of various educational materials, including newsletters, press releases, literature and books, seminars, speakers, radio series, and motion pictures. Additionally, the Committee works to support statewide and national movements to enact right-to-work legislation and uphold Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act, which affirms that states may have right-to-work laws.
Scope and Content of Collection
The bulk of the records in this collection span the years 1955 to 1981 and include newsletters, bulletins, leaflets, pamphlets, speeches, testimony, articles, and press releases relating to labor unions and right-to-work laws in the United States. The collection largely consists of materials published by the National Right to Work Committee to promote its ideals and educate the public, as well as speeches and testimony given by members of the Committee and right-to-work supporters. This outward-facing material was designed to raise awareness about compulsory unionism and right-to-work laws. Exceptions include some informational pamphlets about the Committee, its work, and its educational efforts, as well as some collected materials from outside sources documenting issues of interest to the Committee.
Where possible, the original order (generally chronological) was maintained. In the instance of the materials received in the pamphlets category, which had no original order, series and subseries were created, and the materials were arranged by subject. Additionally, with the speeches by right-to-work supporters, a decision was made to arrange them first by speaker and then chronologically, in order to collocate the speeches of individuals, particularly since there were a large number of speeches by Charles W. Bailey, who held various positions on the National Right to Work Committee Board.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Labor unions--United States.
Open and closed shop--United States.
Newsletters, 1955-1981

Scope and Contents note
Consists of newsletters published by the National Right to Work Committee, arranged alphabetically by title, then chronologically. The Right to Work National Newsletter became the National Right to Work Newsletter in June 1969. Similarly, the NRW News Service became the Right to Work News Service in March 1975.

Box/Folder 1 : 1-4
Free Choice, 1965-1981
Scope and Contents note
1965 - 2nd Quarter, 1981. Per note from donor, May - December 1978 and January - April 1979 issues are not included. 1969 No. 10 is missing.

Box/Folder 1 : 5-7, Box/Folder 2 : 1-3
National Right to Work Newsletter, June 1969-1981
Scope and Contents note
Through October 29, 1981.

Box/Folder 2 : 3-7
Right to Work National Newsletter, 1955-1969
Scope and Contents note

Box/Folder 2 : 8, Box/Folder 3 : 1
Scope and Contents note
Through September, 1981. Per note from donor, 1978 there was no #11 issued.

Box/Folder 3 : 1-2
NRW News Service, 1970-February 1975
Scope and Contents note
1970s issues are undated, so original order is unknown. Missing 1971 #3. Per note from donor, 1973 #9, 11, 17, 21 and 25 are not included.

Box/Folder 3 : 3
Recaps, 1976-1981
Scope and Contents note
Published by Concerned Educators Against Forced Unionism, a division of the National Right to Work Committee.

Box/Folder 3 : 4
Samples of other NRWC publications, 1963-1981
Scope and Contents note
### Box 3-4

**Larson, Reed -- Speeches, articles, interviews, 1959-1979**

- General note
  - See also: Pamphlets -- Larson, Reed speeches, Box 6, folder 6.
- Scope and Contents note
  - Consists mainly of speeches given by Larson, former President of the National Right to Work Committee, to various clubs and associations across the United States, arranged chronologically.

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**Speeches by right-to-work supporters, 1959-1980**

- Scope and Contents note
  - Consists of speeches given mostly by National Right to Work Committee Board members to various conventions and groups across the United States, arranged alphabetically by speaker, then chronologically if necessary. There are only one or two speeches for each individual, with the exception of Charles W. Bailey.

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- Scope and Contents note
  - Consists of statements given before Congress or submitted as part of the Congressional record by Reed Larson and various right to work supporters, arranged chronologically.

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- Scope and Contents note
  - Consists of bibliographies, newspaper article documentation for the Committee’s film And Women Must Weep, and the results of public opinion research about right-to-work laws conducted in 1964 and from 1974-1977.

| Box 5-6         | Collected materials, 1952-1977 |

- Scope and Contents note
  - Consists of materials from outside sources, such as newspaper articles and pamphlets, relating to compulsory unionism and right-to-work laws, divided into subseries by subject.

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Scope and Contents note
Pamphlets: If You Couldn't Vote in Free Elections; The Voluntarism of Samuel Gompers [2 versions]; The Union Label and Its Use or Nonuse on Printed Materials

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Box/Folder 6 : 1  Political and legislative aspects of the right to work and compulsory unionism, 1956-1977
Box/Folder 6 : 2  Religion and the right to work, 1955-1965, 1975
Box 7  Pamphlets, 1955-1981

Scope and Contents note
Consists of pamphlets published by the National Right to Work Committee, divided into subseries by subject.
These include both informational pamphlets about various aspects of compulsory unionism and right-to-work laws, as well as advertisements for the Committee’s own educational materials and pamphlets describing the Committee and its work.

Box/Folder 7 : 1  About the NRWC and its educational materials, 1958-1981
Box/Folder 7 : 2  Arguments in support of right-to-work laws, 1958-1966
Box/Folder 7 : 3  Benefits of right-to-work laws, 1958-1979
Box/Folder 7 : 4  Compulsory unionism and public/government employees, 1969-1978
Box/Folder 7 : 5  Condemnation of compulsory unions and their tactics, 1955-1980
Box/Folder 7 : 6  Larson, Reed speeches, 1965-1978

General note
See also: Larson, Reed -- Speeches, articles, interviews, Box 3, folders 6-8, and Box 4, folders 1-2.

Box/Folder 7 : 7  Political and legislative aspects of the right to work and compulsory unionism, 1959-1979
Box/Folder 7 : 8  Political cartoons, 1965, 1977-1978
Box/Folder 7 : 9  Religion and the right to work, 1960s-1970s
Box/Folder 7 : 10 Text of state right-to-work laws, 1958, 1972