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Abstract: Consists of materials related to the International Longshore and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU), Local 6
including: a black and white 1936 photo of staff; a cartoon; a bound volume of all publicity generated by the ILWU Local 6
in support of the successful 1949 strike against the Distributors Association of Northern California; and two programs for
ILWU events. Also includes materials related to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, including: original and
duplicate photographs, taken from Local 85, dating from 1906 to the 1960s, depicting individual and groups of teamsters,
trucks with cargo, related businesses, and various officials and members; scattered issues of Council News, the publication
of Bay Area Teamster Warehouse Council, and Northern California Teamster, the publication of Teamsters Joint Council 7;
and miscellaneous pamphlets and programs, including The Sebastopol Story, about the organization of the apple industry
in Sebastopol, California issued by the Western Council of Cannery and Food Process Workers Unions, and a program for
the Jack Goldberger Testimonial Dinner, in 1977.

Location: Collection is available onsite.

Creator: Addy, Al

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Acquisition

Availability
Collection is open for research.

Separated Materials
Issues of the Local 6 Bulletin, 1946-1948 have been added to the Newspaper Collection.

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Biography of Al Addy
Al (Alfred W.) Addy was born in Park City, Utah into a mining family. In 1933, Addy moved to San Francisco and joined
Warehouse Union Local 6. The following year, 1934, he took part in the general strike, working on union publicity. After the
strike, Local 6 joined what is now known as the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU); Addy then went to
work for the ILWU under Jack Olsen, Publicity and Education Director. From 1934-1950, Addy organized, wrote flyers and
speeches, and took photographs.

In 1950, after a falling out with members of the ILWU, Addy became business agent and organizer of Warehouse Local 12 of
the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) [note: this local is no longer in existence; it was initially started to
organize warehouses in competition with ILWU Local 6]. He was on an organizing crew of thirteen men with Dave Beck. He
also did all the West Coast press work for Jimmy Hoffa, with whom he became close, and additional work for the Western
Conference of Teamsters, particularly for George Mock and Einar Mohn. In 1954, he began editing the Council News, a
newspaper issued by Bay Area Teamster Joint Councils 7 and 38. Mock and Mohn asked Addy to start the Northern
California Teamster in February 1953; Addy edited the paper until his retirement in 1975. Al Addy died in 1998.
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