Finding Aid to the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local Lodge 6 (San Francisco, Calif.) Records larc.ms.0110

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**Title:** International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local Lodge 6 (San Francisco, Calif.) records

**Creator:** International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers, and Helpers. Local lodge 6 (San Francisco, Calif.).

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**Extent:** 4.0 cubic ft. (8 boxes)

**Location:** Collection is available onsite.

**Abstract:** The records of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local lodge 6 include minutes, administrative records, membership records, contracts and documentation of relations with government agencies, along with materials from conventions and the negotiations for the master shipbuilding contract of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council.

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**Separated Materials**
Badges and buttons were transferred to LARC's button collection. One poster was transferred to LARC's poster collection. It was printed by the War Production Board and depicts a welder as part of the WWII mobilization.

**Related Archival Materials**

**Acquisition**
This collection was donated to the Labor Archives and Research Center following a visit to the Boilermakers’ Union Local 6 by Susan Goldstein while she was conducting the Bay Area Labor History Survey, a project which examined the records of 100 local unions in five San Francisco Bay Area counties. Guy Brooks, Secretary-Treasurer and Business Manager of Local 6, offered these records which they had removed from their files. Accession number 1990/080.

**Processing Information**
This collection was processed by Carol Cuenod, assistant archivist. This collection of non-current records was slated for disposal by Lodge 6; due to Lodge 6’s original intent, there had been no effort to maintain the existing order. Although some of the records were in manila folders, much of the material consisted of loose documents.

**History**
The boilermakers in San Francisco have a long history of organization. By 1867, a group identified as the Journeymen Boilermakers' Protective Union became a part of the San Francisco Trades' Union. They were among the founding unions of...
the Federated Iron Trade Council of San Francisco in 1885. The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers was organized in 1893, and the San Francisco lodge received its charter in 1900.

The work of boilermakers is heavy-gauge metal fabrication and includes welders, burners, drillers, and rollers. Among the many industries employing boilermakers are manufacturing, railroad, dams, and shipbuilding. Lodge 6’s records include the World War II period when tremendous growth and changes occurred in these industries. There was a boom in shipbuilding on the Pacific Coast and the boilermakers were among the trades negotiating master contracts for shipbuilding and manufacturing as members of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council and the Bay Area Metal Trades Council. The years of World Was II also saw African-Americans and women struggling to becoming members of Lodge 6 for the first time.

This collection documents the unique career of a labor leader named Edgar Rainbow, a Native American (Cherokee). Mr. Rainbow was first elected business manager of Lodge 6 in 1936 and continuously held that position for 36 years until 1972. He also served concurrently as president of the Lodge from time to time and was a prominent figure in the Bay Area Metal Trades Council.


Arrangement
The material covers a wide scope of activity and has been divided into ten series: Series 1: Minutes; Series 2: Constitutions and By-laws; Series 3: Administration; Series 4: Conventions and Conferences; Series 5: Jurisdiction; Series 6: Membership Records; Series 7: Maritime Federation of the Pacific; Series 8: Contract Administration; Series 9: Government Agencies; and Series 10: Non-Textual Materials.

Correspondence is arranged with other materials by subject. Minutes of committees or affiliated organizations are also kept by subject. With the exception of the Minute Books, researchers should assume that this collection is made up of fragmented series.

Scope and Contents
The records of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local lodge 6 include minutes, administrative records, membership records, contracts and documentation of relations with government agencies, along with materials from conventions and the negotiations for the master shipbuilding contract of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council. Also included are materials from the Shipbuilding Division of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation which documents the role of the Boilermakers during World War II and the initial entry of women into the union, and correspondence correspondence with Marinship in Sausalito, 1943, and Chicago Bridge and Iron Co., 1941-1943 which documents the growth of the West Coast shipbuilding industry. The earliest material is minutes of regular meetings beginning in 1929; the bulk of the records cover the period 1938 to 1950.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Boilermakers--Labor unions--California--San Francisco--Archives.
Shipbuilding industry--California.
Shipbuilding industry--Employees--Labor unions--California.

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Series I: Minutes, 1929-1953
Extent: 7 volumes
Scope and Contents
Two notebooks (1929-1932) and four bound minute books (1933-1953) include minutes of Lodge 6 regular meetings, special meetings and the executive board meetings. Most of the regular and special meeting minutes are handwritten; most of the executive board minutes are typed. Also included in these books are lists of elected officers, and in some cases, lists of committee members (1935-1938). A seventh book contains minutes of the welders regular meetings from 1936 to 1939. Minutes of some affiliated organizations (district councils, etc.) are with other documents generated by these groups.

Box 1, Volume 1 1929-1930
Box 1, Volume 2 1931-1932
Box 1, Volume 3 1932-1935
Box 1, Volume 4 1935-1938
Box 1, Volume 5 1938-1943
Box 2, Volume 1 1943-1953
Box 2, Volume 2 Welders’ Meetings 1936-1939
Series 2: Constitutions and By-laws, 1923-1987

Extent: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Most of the constitutions are printed booklets. The Lodge 6 folder also includes documents which revised the constitutions. This series also includes the constitutions of affiliated groups including District 51, the Metal Trades Councils, California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO and the Int'l. Bros. of Boilermakers.

Box 2, Folder 3  Constitutions and By-Laws, Lodge 6 (booklets) 1923-1987
Box 2, Folder 4  Constitution and By-Laws, Affiliated Groups 1939-1956

Series 3: Administration, 1934-1956

Extent: 9 folders

Scope and Contents

Incoming and outgoing correspondence is limited to administrative activities of Lodge 6. This series records the participation of Lodge 6 in District 44 and District 51. Included are the Districts' constitutions and minutes. There is also material on Lodge 6 elections of officers, and some financial reports. A record book contains telephone messages from 1938 to 1941.

Box 3, Folder 1  Correspondence 1938-1976
Box 3, Folder 2  District 44 Constitution and By-Laws 1939-1956
Box 3, Folder 3  District 44 Correspondence and Minutes 1945-1951
Box 3, Folder 4  District 51 Constitution and By-Laws 1938-1939
Box 3, Folder 5  District 51 Correspondence and Finances 1935-1938
Box 3, Folder 6  District 51 Minutes 1934-1939
Box 3, Folder 7  Elections 1936
Box 3, Folder 8  Elections 1948-1952
Box 3, Folder 9  Financial Reports 1940-1941, 1946, 1948
Box 3, Volume 10  Ledger of Telephone Messages 1938-1947

Series 4: Conventions and Conferences, 1944-1949

Extent: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

These are the Boilermakers Consolidated Conventions. There are a few documents from the 17th Convention (1944). Material from the 18th Convention (1949) is more comprehensive.

Box 4, Folder 1  17th Consolidated Convention 1944
Box 4, Folder 2  18th Consolidated Convention 1949
Box 4, Folder 3  Conferences 1943-1968

Series 5: Jurisdiction, 1920-1964

Extent: 5 folders

Scope and Contents

This series defines jurisdiction between lodges and districts within the Boilermakers Union as well as records of jurisdictional disputes. The original order of material on jurisdiction disputes between Boilermakers' Lodges 6 and 9 has been maintained and fills three folders. There is one folder with material on jurisdictional disputes between the Boilermakers and the Machinists. For additional correspondence on jurisdictional disputes between Lodges 6 and 9, see Box 8, Folder 3--Contract Administration -MarinShip.

Box 4, Folder 4  Boilermakers Lodge 6 - General 1938-1966
Box 4, Folder 5  Boilermakers District 44 and District 51 1920-1939
Box 4, Folder 6  Boilermakers Lodge 6 and Lodge 9 (Folder 1) 1916-1959
Box 4, Folder 7  Boilermakers Lodge 6 and Lodge 9 (Folder 2) 1938-1964
Box 4, Folder 8  Boilermakers Lodge 6 and Lodge 9 (Folder 3) (For Boilermakers Lodge 6 and Lodge 9, see: CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION - MarinShip) 1938-1947
Box 4, Folder 9  Boilermakers Lodge 6 and Machinists Lodge 68 1942-1945
Series 6: Membership Records, 1938-1978

Extent: 6 folders, 2 volumes
Scope and Contents
This series holds records of job assignments, membership clearances, apprenticeships and examinations for skilled categories, organizing materials, and death benefits.

Box 5, Folder 1
Apprenticeship and Skills Examinations 1947-1963
Box 5, Folder 2
Membership Referral Procedures 1938-1966
Box 5, Folder 3
Coast Guard Port Security Clearance 1965-1970
Box 5, Folder 4
Death Benefits 1939, 1954
Box 5, Folder 5
Organizing Materials 1956-1958
Box 5, Folder 6
Safety and Occupational Hazards 1940-1958
Box 5, Volume 7
Ledger Listing Unemployed Members 1938-1946
Box 5, Volume 8
Ledger Listing Job Requests and Assignments 1969-1978

Series 7: Maritime Federation of the Pacific, 1939-1941
Extent: 1 folder
Scope and Contents
The Boilermakers Union was an affiliate of this Federation. (The records of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific are deposited at the Labor Archive and Research Center.)

Box 5, Folder 9
Maritime Federation of the Pacific 1939-1941

Series 8: Contract Administration, 1919-1985
Extent: 23 folders
Scope and Contents
This series contains agreements for major bargaining groups in which Boilermakers' Lodge 6 participated, along with contract conventions and negotiating documents. Correspondence with companies under contract is included as well.

Master Shipbuilding Contract
Agreements (booklets) 1919-1985
Memorandum of Agreements 1937-1947
Interpretative Committee 1947-1948
Convention 1938-1940
Convention 1955
Negotiations 1957-1959
General 1942-1969
Manufacturing and Construction Contracts - Agreements (booklets) 1950-1963
Manufacturing and Construction Contracts - Negotiations 1946-1963
Negotiating Information from Research Dept. 1957-1958
Bethlehem Steel Co. - Agreements 1951-1962
Bethlehem Steel Co. - Correspondence 1936-1964
Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. - Correspondence 1941-45
General Engineering & Dry Dock Co. - Correspondence 1943, 1947
MarinShip Corporation - Correspondence 1943
Pacific Ship Repair, Inc. - Correspondence 1947-1971
United Engineering Co. - Correspondence 1944-1945
Western Pipe and Steel Co. - Correspondence 1938-1940

Series 9: Government Agencies, 1943-1964
Extent: 8 folders
Scope and Contents
This series includes joint projects by the Department of Labor and unions, wage chronologies, cases before the National Labor Relations Board, and a Presidential executive order.

Box 8, Folder 7
Department of Labor
Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee 1946
Series 9: Government Agencies, 1943-1964

| Box 8, Folder 8 | Pacific Coast Shipbuilding Zone Conference 1946 |
|                | Publications - Wage Chronologies 1941-1964, 1957 |
| Box 8, Folder 9 | National Labor Relations Board |
| Box 8, Folder 10| Dulansky Case Legal Documents 1949-1950 |
| Box 8, Folder 11| Dulansky Case Correspondence 1949-1950 |
| Box 8, Folder 12| Dulansky Case 1943-1949 |
| Box 8, Folder 13| Pacific Coast Shipbuilders & Ship Repairs - Craft Jurisdiction 1951 |
| Box 8, Folder 14| Presidential Executive Order 9651 1945 |

Series 10: Non-Textual Materials, undated

Extent: 1 folder

Scope and Contents

Unidentified photographs remain with the collection. Badges and Buttons were transferred to the LARC button collection. One poster of a welder during WWII was transferred to the LARC poster collection.

Box 8, Folder 15 | Photographs (unidentified) undated