Service Employees International Union (SEIU) United Service Workers West Records larc.ms.0389

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Separated Materials Original photographs of Major Joseph L. Alioto are filed in LARC photograph collection.
Acquisition Collection donated by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) United Service Workers West in 2014; accession number 2014/001.
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Organizational History The Building Service International Employees Union (BSEIU) was founded in 1921 primarily to organize window washers and janitors. In 1968 it renamed itself Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Service Employees International Union (SEIU) United Service Workers West represents a range of service workers across California, including janitorial workers, security officers, airport service workers, stadium and arena workers, and other property service workers.
Scope and Contents
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The bulk of the collection comprises material produced between 1950 and 1970 when the BSEIU was under the leadership of George Hardy, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and later President of the BSEIU. Material from this period highlights the union’s involvement in civil rights through its support of organizations such as the Council on Political Education (COPE), Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the San Francisco Branch of the NAACP, and the Bay Area Committee for Bogalusa. Publication materials in the collection consist of local union bulletins, newsletters, and newspaper clippings from union and non-union publications, including: San Francisco Labor News; California AFL-CIO News; AFL-CIO News; Cascade Labor News; Oregon Labor News; The Los Angeles Times; El Malcriado; Service Union Reporter; The Washington Service Employee; Union News BSE; and East Bay Labor Journal. Photographs in the collection consist primarily of Mayor Alioto.

The bulk of documents dated 1989 to 2007 record grievance cases and arbitration proceedings by SEIU Local 1877 and the labor law firm Van Bourg, Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld (now Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld) on behalf of various union members.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Hardy, George, 1911-1990
Building Service Employees International Union.
Labor unions--Organizing--California.
Service Employees International Union.

**Series 1: Political and Campaign Material, 1946-1995**

*Extent: 55.0 folders (Carton 1-Carton 3, Folders 1-9)*

**Scope and Contents**
Series 1, Political and Campaign Materials, documents the union’s involvement in many local and state-wide political campaigns and elections, and includes contracts, logbooks, and election materials for the Window Cleaners Union Local 44. The bulk of series 1 consists of records produced between 1950 and 1970 when the BSEIU was under the leadership of George Hardy, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and later President of the BSEIU. Material from this period highlights the union’s involvement in civil rights through its support of organizations such as the Council on Political Education (COPE), Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the San Francisco Branch of the NAACP, and the Bay Area Committee for Bogalusa.

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Extent: 45.0 folders (Carton 4, Folders 8-29; Carton 5, Folders 1-23; Oversize boxes 1-2)

Arrangement

Series 4, Publications, is further divided into two subseries: 4.1: Bulletins and Newsletters, and 4.2: Clippings.

Scope and Contents

Bulletins and Newsletters consists of periodicals from various national and local union organizations, including SEIU Leadership News, Service Union Reporter, Local 250 (Hospitality and Institutional Workers Union, San Francisco), Local 390 (East Bay Municipal Employees Union), and Local 399 (Service and Maintenance Employees, Los Angeles).

Clippings comprises newspaper clippings from union and non-union publications, including: San Francisco Labor News; California AFL-CIO News; AFL-CIO News; Cascade Labor News; Oregon Labor News; The Los Angeles Times; El Malcriado; Service Union Reporter; The Washington Service Employee; Union News BSE; and East Bay Labor Journal.

Also included are annual reports from San Francisco's City Attorney detailing civil actions filed by or against the City and County of San Francisco.


- Box 4, Folders 8-9
- BSEIU consumer newsletter Dollars and Sense 1965 May-November
- BSEIU Public Service News bulletin 1964 November-1965 November
- BSEIU The Retirement Advisor monthly newsletter and correspondence 1966-1969

- Box 4, Folders 10-11
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*The Washington Service Employee 1964-1969*

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*The Saturday Evening Post 1966 June 4*

Series 5: **Photographs, undated**

Extent: 4.0 folders (Carton 5, Folders 24-27)

Scope and Contents

Series 5, Photographs, primarily consists of black and white photographs of Mayor Joseph L. Alioto. Also included are photographs and portraits of union members.

Location of Originals

Original photographs of Mayor Alioto are filed in LARC photograph collection. Box 5, Folder 26 contains duplicate prints and photocopies made from the originals.

Box 5, Folder 24
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*Union workers undated*

*Supervisor undated*

*Major Alioto undated*

*Miscellaneous photographs*

Series 6: **Grievances, 1989-2008**

Physical Description: 19.0 folders (Carton 5, Folders 28-31; Carton 6, Folders 1-15)

Scope and Contents

Series 6, Grievances, contains court documents, reports, notes, and correspondence between corporations, union officials, and law firms involved in arbitration proceedings.

Access Restrictions

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**SEIU Window Cleaners Local 44 v. I.S.S. 1989-1994**

**SEIU 1877 vs. Apartment Employers of San Francisco 2000-2003**

**SEIU 1877 vs. W.S.B. & Associates 2000-2004**

**SEIU Local 1877 vs. Able Building Maintenance Company 2004-2007**

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**SEIU Local 1877 vs. Township Building Service 2005-2007**

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