

Sources for Research

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This bibliography will not necessarily be of immediate help to projects, but like other on-going research in ERAP, should be recorded and filed until the situation develops in which it can be used. I am currently writing an article on the structure, membership and possibilities for local 46 of the International Union of Laundry, Dry Cleaning and Dye House Workers (Ind.)

The following is a list of Congressional hearings on "labor racketeering". I came across the various hearings in an investigation of the Laundry Workers International Union. The LWIU is a small union, and information had been almost impossible to get. Using the Catalogue of Government Documents, I not only found information on the LWIU, but also found a new source of information on unions.

In the period 1950-1965, the Congressional hearings into labor activity have been of three types: 1) investigation of communist infiltration into labor unions 2) "emergency" investigations of labor management disputes under the Taft Hartly Law, and 3) investigations of labor "racketeering".

The third kind of investigation offers the most information. The hearings on communist infiltration are not about the unions, but about the past associations of union officials. The emergency investigations are concerned with the ins and outs of pension schemes, seniority, etc. Also, they are confined to the transportation industries, such as shipping, air, and railroads.

Most of the hearings, particularly the McClellan hearings, are on Jimmy Hoffa and the Teamsters. A lesser amount of information is on such unions as Laundry Workers, Bakery and Confectionary, Distillery Workers, Operating Engineers, and Vending Machine Service Employees. However, in the eighty odd volumes below, there is an abundance of material which may be of use to you.

Interestingly, some of the hearings on labor "racketeering" are simply politically motivated. For instance the hearings on the UAW vs Kohler is no question of crime. It is more an attempt to rub the smear of "racketeering" on the UAW to break its long strike on Kohler.

Two impressions from the hearings: 1) The question of union democracy or tyranny is in no way involved, only the question of criminally dishonest acts like bribery, extortion, fraud. Although they are certainly problems, it is an interesting commentary on the American Congress that no one is concerned with union democracy. 2) There is a great problem of "racketeering" in unions, and the Teamsters is the worst. From the hearings, you can get an impression of the extent and types of racketeering, but only when you get involved in the local situation, for instance the Laundry Workers in Chicago, can you begin to hate it. It's a real problem, when you work locally, for liberals and radicals alike.

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WATERFRONT INVESTIGATIONS: These were the hearings that sparked On the Waterfront. Kick-backs, shave-ups tell part of the story of the rackets on the docks.

Waterfront investigation before the special subcommittee of Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee

(relates to NY-NJ waterfronts) May 27-June 5, 1953 pp. 1-699

(relates to New Orleans waterfront) June 14-16, 1953 pp. 701-904

Waterfront investigation: interim report 1953 pp. 1-53

ANTI-RACKETEERING INVESTIGATIONS: THE BEGINNING: These were exploratory hearings into the Teamsters and other and smaller unions. They set the stage for the later hearings.

Investigation of racketeering by the special subcommittees of the House Committees on Education and Labor and Government Operations.

(Detroit, Mich.) June 8-13, 1953 pp. 1-144.

(relates to UAW and Benton Harbor, Mich.) June 9-10, 1953 pp. 1-341

(relates to Kansas City, Mo.) June 29-July 3, 1953 pp. 1-543

Investigations of racketeering by special anti-racketeering subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations:

(relates to Minneapolis) April 9-10, 1954 pp. 1-225.

(relates to Pittsburgh) May 21, 1954 pp. 1-85.

(relates to Washington, D.C.) August 2-5, 1954 pp. 1-406.

(relates to Cleveland Pt.1) Sept. 27-30, 1954 pp. 1-727.

(relates to Cleveland Pt.2) Nov. 6-10, 1954 pp. 729-1100.

WELFARE AND PENSION FUND INVESTIGATIONS: The hearings were held both by the House Committee on Education and Labor and the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. It finally resulted in the Welfare and Pension Fund and Disclosure Act of 1958. Further, these hearings are the major source of information on the Laundry Workers, Bakery and Confectionary Workers, Distillery Workers, and Allied Industrial Workers.

Investigation of welfare funds and racketeering by a special subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor.

(relating to Detroit, Mich.) Nov. 23-27, 1953 pp. 1-502

(relating to Los Angeles) Sept. 22-25, 1954 pp. 1-338.

(relating to Washington, D.C. and Atlantic City) Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 1954 pp. 339-550.

Interim Report of Investigation by the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

January 10, 1955 pp. 1-51.

July 2, 1955 pp. 1-50.

Investigation of welfare and pension funds by the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

July 20-December 6, 1955 pp. 837-1633.

Welfare and Pension Fund Disclosure Act, hearings on proposed legislation, by the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, special subcommittee.

May 27-July 1, 1957 pp. 1-451.

Union Financial and Administrative Practices, hearings before Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

March 26-May 22, 1958 pp. 1-1515.

Report. Welfare and Pension Fund Disclosure Act, from the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, with minority and supplemental views.

April 21, 1958 pp. 1-49.

Welfare and Pension Fund Disclosure Act, hearings on proposed legislation by the special subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor.

June 12-July 25, 1958 pp. 1-549.

LABOR MANAGEMENT REFORM LEGISLATION HEARINGS: These are legislative hearings that finally produced the Landrum-Griffith Act, or the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959. The major support for this act was produced by the scandals unearthed by the McClellan Committee (see next section).

Labor-Management Reform Legislation before the House Committee on Education and Labor.

- Pt. 1 March 4-9, 1959 pp.1-445.
- Pt. 2 March 24-April 22, 1959 pp.447-846.
- Pt. 3 April 28-May 21, 1959 pp.847-1224.
- Pt. 4 May 26-June 3, 1959 pp.1225-1786.
- Pt. 5 May 28-June 10, 1959 pp.1769-2675.

McClellan Committee Hearings: These are the hearings that began the Hoffa-Bobby Kennedy feud. The hearings are primarily about the Teamsters, their locals, and unions they are closely connected with. Furthermore, there are some hearings on Amalgamated Butchers, the Carpenters, and the UAW. The UAW hearings are special. It was an attempt by the committee to smear them as "racketeering" during the big Kohler strike. See pts. 21-26 and 58.

Investigation of Improper Activities in the Labor or the Management Field by a Select Committee of the Senate.

- Pt. 1 (relating to Portland, Oregon, Seattle and Spokane, Wash.) Feb. 26-28 and March 1, 1957 pp.1-434.
- Pt. 2 (relating to Portland, O., Seattle and Spokane, Wash.) March 5-8, 1958 pp.435-755.
- Pt. 3 (relating to Portland, O., Seattle and Spokane, Wash.) March 12-15, 1958 pp.757-1109.

Investigation of Improper Activities in the Labor or the Management Field by a Select Committee of the Senate.

- Pt. 4 (relating to Seattle, Wash.) March 19-22, 1957 pp. 1111-1508.
- Pt. 5 (relating to Seattle, Wash. and Beck) March 26-27, 1957 pp. 1509-1734.
- Pt. 6 (relating to Scranton, Pa.) April 16-18, 29, 1957 pp.1735-1990.
- Pt. 7 (relating to Portland, O. and Seattle, Wash.) April 24; May 8-17, 1957 pp.1991-2570.
- Pt. 7a (relating to Montgomery Ward & Co.) July 16, 1957 pp.1-22.
- Pt. 8 (relating to Bakery and Confectionary Inf. Union) June 6, 7, 18-20, July 16, 17, 1957 pp.2581-3219.
- Pt. 9 (relating to United Textile Workers of America) July 17-26, 1957 pp.3221-3590.
- Pt. 10 (New York Teamster paper locals) July 31, Aug. 1-6, 1957 pp.3591-4011.

- Pt. 11 (New York Teamster paper locals) August 7-13, 1957 pp.4103-4499.

- Pt. 12 (New York Teamster paper locals) June 1, August 14-19, 1957 pp.4501-4926.

- Pt. 13 (relating to James Hoffa) August 20-23, 1957 pp. 4927-5286.

- Pt. 14 (relating to James Hoffa and Detroit, Mich.) Sept. 24-28, Nov. 5, 1957 pp.5287-5764.

- Pt. 15 (relating to Nathan Sheffermen and Labor Relations Associates) Oct. 22-29, 1957 pp.5765-6240.

- Pt. 16 (relating to Nathan Shefferman and Detroit, Mich.) Oct. 30-31, Nov. 1-5, 1957 pp.6241-6658.

- Pt. 17 (private carting industry in NY and Los Angeles) April 29, Nov. 12-16, 1957 pp.6659-7052.

- Pt. 18 (organizing violence in Tenn. and bordering areas) Dec. 5-11, 17, 18, 1957 pp.7053-7509.

- Pt. 19 (International Union of Operating Engineers- California and New York) Jan. 21-24, 1958 pp.7511-7921.

- Pt. 20 (International Union of Operating Engineers- Philadelphia and Chicago) Jan. 27-31, 1958 pp.7923-8327.

- Pt. 21 (UAW and Kohler Co., Sheboygan, Wisc.) Feb. 26-28 March 3-4, 1958 pp.83298744.

- Pt. 22 (UAW and Kohler Co.) March 5-11, 1958 pp.8745-9154.

- Pt. 23 (UAW and Kohler Co.) March 12-18, 1958 pp.9155-9479.

- Pt. 24 (UAW and Kohler Co.) March 19-25, 1958 pp.9481-9911.

- Pt. 25 (UAW and Kohler Co.) March 26-29, 1958 pp.9913-10256.

- Pt. 26 (UAW and Perfect Circle Corp.) March 31 and April 1, 1958 pp.10257-10384.

- Pt. 27 (Teamsters in Philadelphia area) Sept. 26, Oct. 28, April 15-22, 1958 pp.10385-10824.

- Pt. 28 (Philadelphia Teamsters, Food Fair Stores, and Rollee Publications Inc.) April 23, May 6-9, 1958 pp. 10825-11186.

- Pt. 29 (Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. and Amalgamated Butchers and Butcherworkmen of America) May 14-22, 1958 pp.11187-11550.
- Pt. 30 (Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcherworkmen of America and Max Sloch) May 22-28, 1958 pp.11551-11782.
- Pt. 31 (Maxwell G. Raddach and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Joiners, etc.) May 27, June 4-9, 25-27, 1958 pp. 11783-12190.
- Pt. 32 (Mafia) June 30, July 1-3, 1958 pp.12191-12498.
- Pt. 33 (Restaurant industry in Chicago and the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Int. Union) May 21, July 8-11, 1958 pp.12499-12860.
- Pt. 34 (Restaurant industry in Chicago and the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Int. Union). July. 15-18, 31, 1958 pp.12861-13124.
- Pt. 35 (Linen and Overall supply industry in Detroit) July 31, Aug. 1, 1958 pp.13125-13273.
- Pt. 36 (Hoffa and the Teamsters) Aug. 5-12, 1958 pp.13275-13273.
- Pt. 37 (Hoffa and the Teamsters) Nov. 5, 1957 and Aug. 20, 1958 pp.13727-14142.
- Pt. 38 (Hoffa and the Teamsters) Aug. 21-29, 1958 pp.14143-14553.
- Pt. 39 (Hoffa and the Teamsters) Sept. 2-10, 1958 pp.14555-15361.
- Pt. 40 (Hoffa and the Teamsters) Sept. 11-Nov. 17, 1958 pp.14943-15361.
- Pt. 41 (Secondary Boycott) Nov. 13-20, 1958 pp.15363-15758.
- Pt. 42 (Sheet Metal Workers Int. Assoc. and Chicago) Dec 2-3, 1958 pp.15759-15945.
- Pt. 43 (Hoffa, the Teamsters; Allen Dorfman and Paul Dorfman) Jan. 27-Feb. 3, 1959 pp.15947-16203.
- Pt. 44 (United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Joiners of America and Charles Johnson, Jr.) Jan. 30 and Feb. 4, 1959 pp.16205-16346.
- Pt. 45 (Teamsters in Los Angeles) Feb. 5-6, 1959 pp.16347-16466.
- Pt. 46 (coin-operated amusement and vending machine industry) Dec. 4, 1958 pp.16467-16939.

- Pt. 47 (coin-operated amusement and vending machine industry) Feb. 26-March 10, 1959 pp.16941-17213.
- Pt. 48 (coin-operated amusement and vending machine industry) March 23-April 15, 1959 pp.17215-17270.
- Pt. 49 (Taxicab drivers, maintenance, and garbage helpers Local 777 IBT in Chicago, Ill.) March 24-April 19, 1959 pp.17701-18095.
- Pt. 50 (miscellaneous exhibits) Jan. 27-June 11, 1959 pp.18097-18129.
- Pt. 51 (Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union in New York City and vicinity) May 5-8, 1959 pp.18131-18329.
- Pt. 52 (Local 74, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers, and Helpers in Houston, Texas) May 7-8, 1959 pp.18331-18425.
- Pt. 53 (Jukebox and pinball operators in Lake County, Ind.) June 2-11, 1959 pp.18427-19144.
- Pt. 54 (Hoffa and the Teamsters-second series) June 25-30, 1959 pp.18789-19144.
- Pt. 55 (Hoffa and the Teamsters) July 1-9, 1959 pp.19145-19508.
- Pt. 56 (Hoffa and the Teamsters) July 10-14, 1959 pp.19509-19848.
- Pt. 57 (William E. Buffalino and Teamsters Local 985, Detroit, Mich and political campaigns and contributions; July 6, August 18, 1959 pp.19849-19914.
- Pt. 58 (Richard Gosser and the UAW) Aug. 11 and Sept. 9, 1959 pp.19915-20432.
- Index (pt. 1) Hearings subjects, witness index, name index) 1960 pp.1-297.
- Index (pt. 2) Composite index, subject index 1960 pp.299-440.
- Interim Report of the Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or the Management field.
 - Pt. 1 Aug. 5, 1959 pp.1-175.
 - Pt. 2 Oct. 23, 1959 pp.377-687.
- Final Report of the Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management field.
 - Pt. 1 Feb. 26, 1960 pp.1-138.

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Pt. 2 March 15, 1960 pp.139-485.

Pt. 3 March 28, 1960 pp.487-731.

Pt. 4 March 31, 1960 pp.733-883.

Two final notes:

- 1) The composite index on the preceding page is excellent with over 10,000 listings of unions, people, and organizations mentioned in the hearings.
- 2) The best source for ordering these documents or finding call numbers to get them out of the library, is the Catalogue of Government Documents. It can be found in all large libraries.

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