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PART I

HARRY LELAND MITCHELL PAPERS

1910-1977

Biographical Sketch

Harry Leland Mitchell (H. L. or Mitch) was born in Halls, Tennessee, on June 14, 1906. He started in farm work at age eight for beginner's wages of fifty cents per day. He attended school, while not farming, and graduated from high school. At age nineteen he married Lyndell Carmack, a teacher, with whom he had two sons and a daughter. In 1951, he married Dorothy Dowe, a social worker and former Southern Tenant Farmers Union (STFU) officer. During his early married life he worked as a share-cropper in Tennessee and Mississippi. From 1927 to 1934 Mitchell operated a dry cleaning business in Tyrone, Arkansas.

Mitchell was one of 18 men, 7 blacks and 11 whites, who founded the Southern Tenant Farmers Union in July, 1934. The STFU was an independent organization of sharecroppers and tenant farmers primarily on cotton plantations in the South. Elected as the first executive secretary of the STFU, Mitchell held this position from 1934-1939. At its peak in 1938, the STFU had 31,000 members. In 1934 Mitchell also served as the state secretary of the Socialist Party of Arkansas.

Due to the activities of the STFU and the resulting publicity, a President's Commission on Farm Tenancy was appointed and a program for rehabilitation and resettlement of farm people was developed. Mitchell was appointed by President Roosevelt as a member of the National Emergency Council, which issued a report terming the South the nation's number one economic problem.

From 1939-1940, Mitchell served as consultant and special assistant to the administrator of the National Youth Administration. In 1940, he also served briefly as a union organizer for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Mitchell was re-elected secretary of the STFU in 1941 and held this position until January, 1944, when he was elected president of the National Farm Labor Union, the successor of the STFU. In August, 1946, the National Farm Labor Union became an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor and its name was changed in 1956 to National Agricultural Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

In 1950, Mitchell proposed to President Harry S Truman the appointment of a Commission on Farm Labor. The project was supported by officials of the AFL, the CIO, and civic and religious organizations, and in 1952, the Commission issued its study, Migratory Labor in American Agriculture.

In 1952, he was named worker member of the United States delegation to a meeting of the ILO Committee on Plantation Work, which met in Havana, Cuba. In 1954, Mitchell served as Mutual Security Agency Consultant in The Netherlands on agricultural labor problems. During this period he attended the Congress of the International Landworkers Federation in Oslo, Norway, and was a guest of land and forestry workers organizations in Norway, Sweden, and Germany. In 1956, he again attended the Congress of the International Landworkers Federation held in Frankfurt, Germany, where ground was laid for the formation of the International Federation of Plantation, Agricultural and Allied Workers, an affiliate of ICFTU.

From 1948-1958, Mitchell was a worker member of the Federal Advisory Council, statutory body of the Bureau of Employment Security, United States Department of Labor, in Washington, D.C. He also served as a member of the Department of Labor's Committee on Farm Labor, and was one of the founders of the United States-Mexico Joint Trade Union Committee.

In 1958, Mitchell participated in the formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee on Farm Labor. This committee held a public hearing during which the AFL-CIO announced publicly that a program would be undertaken to organize the nation's farm workers. In 1959, the AFL-CIO formed the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and financed an organizing drive in California, which was based on membership and leadership developed by the National Agricultural Workers Union. Out of this AFL-CIO activity came the United Farm Workers led by Cesar Chavez.

In 1960 the National Agricultural Workers Union merged with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL-CIO. Mitchell was named an agricultural representative and was given an assignment to work in the South. In 1961, Mitchell started a campaign in Louisiana to organize dairy farm and plant workers, rice mill, sugar plantation, and seasonal sugar-mill workers. He also organized menhaden fishermen on the Gulf Coast. In 1969, Mitchell founded the Southern Mutual Help Association, Inc. of Louisiana, composed of social and religious workers and student volunteers.

In 1971, Mitchell became executive director of the Southern Rural Welfare Association, organized by surviving members of the historic Southern Tenant Farmers Union. Since 1972, Mitchell has been a guest speaker on more than 100 college campuses and has been actively engaged in promoting and selling the microfilm edition of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union Papers.

Description of the Collection

The Harry Leland Mitchell Papers, 1910-1977, are arranged in three series: A. Correspondence, 1933-1977, B. Subject File, 1910-1977, and C. Printed Matter, 1924-1975. Each series will be described in detail. Each series and/or part of a series has been assigned a number which also serves as a frame number on the microfilm.

Mitchell's correspondence, 1933-1977, primarily concerns the activities of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, Mitchell's labor union activities, and his public speaking career. This series includes correspondence, both incoming and outgoing; pamphlets; photographs; newspaper clippings; speeches; convention brochures; and most importantly, oral history transcripts for oral histories conducted by Mitchell and others. All materials are filed chronologically by year, month, and day, with the updated items following the dated material. The bulk of the correspondence falls after 1960.

Important correspondents include:

William R. Amberson	Donald Grubbs
Tom Becnel	Clyde L. Johnson
John Beecher	Howard A. Kester
Sister Ann Catherine Bizalio	Ward H. Rodgers
A. E. (Gene) Cox	Richard A. Twedell
H. Clay East	Claude C. Williams
Patrick E. Gorman	James E. Youngdahl

Mitchell's subject files, Series B, 1910-1977 include unpublished book length manuscripts by Howard A. Kester, Ernesto Galarza, and H. L. Mitchell; oral history interviews of H. L. Mitchell and Hank Hasiwar; and two papers on the history of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union. The folder titles for these nine files are listed in the reel list.

Series C, Printed Matter, 1924-1975, includes twelve books and pamphlets relating to the broad field of agricultural unionism. Authors represented include Ernesto Galarza, Howard A. Kester, Eugene Nelson and Julian Samora. These twelve publications are given complete bibliographical descriptions in the reel list.

Reel List

Reel 1	Series A	Correspondence, 1933-1960
Reel 2	Series A	Correspondence, 1967-1969
Reel 3	Series A	Correspondence, 1970-1971
Reel 4	Series A	Correspondence, 1972-1973, Feb.
Reel 5	Series A	Correspondence, 1973, March-1974, March
Reel 6	Series A	Correspondence, 1974, April-1975, Jan.
Reel 7	Series A	Correspondence, 1975, Feb.-Aug.
Reel 8	Series A	Correspondence, 1975, Nov.-1976, Sept.

Reel 9 Series A Correspondence, 1976, Oct.-1977, April

Reel 10 Series B Subject Files, 1910-1977

1. Galarza, Ernesto. "Farm Labor Unionism and Agri Business." tsc, 683pp.
2. Kester, Howard A. "Radical Prophets: A History of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen." 1970. tsc, 157pp.
3. Mitchell, H. L. Photographs, 1910-1976.
4. Mitchell, H. L. "There are Mean Things Happening in This Land, or the Recollections of a Southern Radical. tsc, 167pp.
5. Oral History. H. L. Mitchell. Interview conducted by the Institute for Southern Studies, 1972-1973. tsc, 114pp.
6. Oral History. "The Hank Hasiwar Story, 1947-1954." Interview conducted by H. L. Mitchell, 1974-1975, tsc, 201pp.
7. Sweatt, Carole S. "The Southern Tenant Farmers Union in the 1940s." MA thesis, Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Texas, 1976. 267pp.
8. Union broadsides, 1962-1972.
9. Wynn, J. Wyatte. "A Future for the Disinherited, the Southern Tenant Farmers Union," Paper prepared at Sanford University, 1977. tsc, 18pp.

Reel 11 Series C Printed Matter, 1924-1975

1. Alabama Political Research Group. The Alabama Message: A View from Within. An Analysis of the Record of George Wallace. Tuscaloosa: Alabama Political Research Group, nd. 20pp.
2. Communities of the Past and Present. [Newllano, Louisiana: Newllano Colony Press, 1924]. 156pp.
3. Galarza, Ernesto. Barrio Boy. Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1972. 275pp.
4. Galarza, Ernesto. Merchants of Labor. The Mexican Bracero Story. Santa Barbara, California: McNally & Loftin, 1964. 284pp.

5. Galarza, Ernesto. Spiders in the House and Workers in the Field. Norte Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1970. 306pp.
6. Kester, Howard. Revolt Among the Sharecroppers. New York: Arno Press, 1969. 98pp.
7. Nelson, Eugene. Pablo Cruz and the American Dream. The Experiences of an Undocumented Immigrant from Mexico. Np: Peregrine Smith, Inc., 1975. 171pp.
8. Nelson, Eugene. Bracero. Culver City, California: Peace Press Publishing, 1972. 309pp.
9. [Nelson, Eugene]. Huelga. [Delano, California: Farm Workers Press, 1965]. 122pp.
10. Samora, Julian. La Raza: Forgotten Americans. Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1971. 218pp.
11. Samora, Julian. Los Mojados. The Wetback Story. Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1971. 205pp.
12. Williams, J. Earl. Plantation Politics. The Southern Economic Heritage. Austin, Texas: Futura Press, Inc., 1972. 149pp.

PART II

THOMAS H. GIBBINS PAPERS

1942-1975

Biographical Sketch

Thomas H. Gibbins, the son of William B. and Annie Dace Gibbins, was born at Fair Haven, Vernon County, Missouri on December 5, 1897. Gibbins began earning his own living at age 14 in 1912. For many years he was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company and other concerns in Kansas City. In the early 1930s he started a garden farm for the Kansas City wholesale market. The 1934 drought forced him and his family to move to northern California, where he worked for over thirty years at various jobs. The last fifteen years of his working life he and his wife served as caretakers at the Childrens Home Society of California in Oakland. They retired in October, 1965. Since May, 1971, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbins have lived in Santa Rosa.

On June 27, 1926, Gibbins married Hattie Mae Thomas. They had two children, Derrel, born September 5, 1927, and Verna, born May 28, 1929.

Description of the Collection

Of primary importance in this collection is Gibbins' unpublished autobiography, "From Then 'til Now. Autobiography of a Technocrat," 669 pages, which he completed in 1974. Also included is his 1956 publication, So Rich, Yet So Poor. The Paradox of Plenty, and articles which appeared in such publications as The Technocrat and Progressive World. Photographs of Gibbins and his family and friends complete the collection.

Reel List

- Reel 12 No. 1-4 Manuscript:
From Then 'Til Now. Autobiography of a
Technocrat. 1974, ts, 669pp.
- No. 5 Printed Matter:
So Rich, Yet So Poor. The Paradox of Plenty.
Np, 1956. 170pp.

- No. 6 Articles, 1942-1975, by Gibbins in scattered
 issues of:
 Northwest Technocrat
 The Technocrat
- No. 7 Great Lakes Technocrat
 Volcano
 Progressive World
- No. 8 Photographs

PART III

CLYDE L. JOHNSON PAPERS

1931-1976

Biographical Sketch

Clyde L. Johnson, the son of Arthur J. and Eva La Pierre Johnson, was born in Proctor, Minnesota on July 3, 1908. He attended local schools, and later Duluth Junior College from 1927-1929. Starting at age fifteen, Johnson worked summers for the Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railroad. From 1929-1932, Johnson worked in New York City as a draftsman for the Western Electric Company. While in New York Johnson attended City College, where he joined the National Student League and took part in the strike movements at City College, Columbia, and New York University.

As national organizer for the National Students League Johnson went to the Martha Berry School in Rome, Georgia, in response to a student request for organization. After a strike action by the students, he stayed on to organize farmers and assist in the Southern Co-op Foundry strike in Rome. In Atlanta, Johnson organized unemployed and W.P.A. workers.

In 1934, Johnson worked for the Communist Party in Birmingham, Alabama, organizing steel workers and mobilizing coal miners to fight for district autonomy within the United Mine Workers. Later in 1934, he assisted in the Red Ore strike in Bessemer. The strike victory established the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union in Alabama.

The Alabama Share Croppers Union (SCU) chose Johnson as secretary in 1935. The cotton pickers strike that year, the expansion of the SCU to Mississippi and Louisiana, and its first open convention held in New Orleans were major events in that period. Johnson and his secretary, Leah Anne Agron, were married in 1936 and have one son, Robert. Johnson led the movement to affiliate with the National Farmers Union in 1937, and was appointed to the Southern Organizing Committee of the Farmers Union.

When the CIO chartered the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, Johnson served as research director and editor of their newspaper. In 1939, he was sent to Colorado to organize beet workers and was elected international vice president of the Union at the Chicago convention. He was assigned to assist the pecan workers in San Antonio, Texas. The second pecan workers strike was won. In Houston, Johnson organized 1200 cotton compress and flour mill workers.

When the CIO Oil Workers Organizing Campaign started in Texas, Johnson was asked to serve as southern director. He left the UCAPAWA and joined the OWOC in January, 1942. Johnson served in the Merchant Marine from 1944-45.

After the war, Johnson worked on a labor publication at the Bureau of National Affairs in Washington, D.C. and helped organize the staff in the Newspaper Guild. He then went to Pittsburgh to work for the CIO United Electrical Workers and remained there through 1949.

Working as a carpenter during the McCarthy years, Johnson joined the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. He moved his family to California and in 1961 was elected business agent of Millmen's Union Local 550 in Oakland. He worked there through 1966, and then went to the University of California as consultant on a housing study. While at the University he started research for a book on the Carpenters Union, which was published in 1970.

Johnson was disabled by Rheumatoid Arthritis and took an early retirement. Since 1973, through use of acupuncture, diet control and an exercise program, Johnson leads an active life and devotes his time to research and writing on labor topics.

Description of the Collection

The Clyde L. Johnson Papers, 1931-1976, are divided into two sections. The first section is composed of sixteen subject files, which correspond to Johnson's various union activities. Each of these subject files, where necessary, is described in the reel list. Section two consists of scattered issues of union serials which correspond to Johnson's career. Full bibliographical citation and a census of the holdings for each serial is provided in the reel list. The number assigned to each subject and serial also serves as a frame number on the microfilm.

Reel List

- Reel 13
1. Oral history interview with Clyde Johnson at the Georgia State University Labor Archives, April 4, 1976, conducted by H. L. Mitchell, Charles H. Martin, and Bob Dinwiddie. ts, 147pp.
 2. Share Croppers Union, 1931-1937
Correspondence, newsclippings, press releases, and mimeographed newsletters are available. There are scattered issues of Union Leader, published by the Share Croppers Union, Montgomery, Alabama.

- 2A. Rosen, Dale. The Alabama Share Croppers Union. Radcliffe College, 1969. ts, 152pp.
3. Louisiana Farmers' Union, 1936-1941
Correspondence, newsclippings, press releases, and mimeographed newsletters are available. There are selected issues of Louisiana Farmers' Union News.
4. United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, 1938
This subject file contains one report, with comments by Clyde L. Johnson.
5. United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, Colorado, 1939-1941
Clyde L. Johnson was organizing in Colorado from June, 1939 to May, 1941. Included in this subject file is correspondence, reports, printed material, and mimeographed newsletters. There are scattered issues of CIO Cracker News. Some of the material is in Spanish.
- Reel 14
6. United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, Pecan Workers' Local 172, San Antonio, Texas, 1941
This subject file contains correspondence, press releases, photographs, and printed matter.
7. Oil Workers International Union, Pan Am, Texas City, Texas, 1942
Included in this subject folder is correspondence, newsclippings, union printed material, and mimeographed newsletters. Also included is a paper which Clyde L. Johnson presented to the Southern Labor History Conference in April, 1976, entitled, "The CIO Oil Workers Organizing Campaign in Texas, 1942-1943."
8. Oil Workers International Union, Baytown Organizing Campaign, Standard Oil, Texas, 1943
Correspondence, newsclippings, and union and company printed material is available. There are scattered issues of Employees' Federation Bulletin, 1942-1943.
9. Oil Workers International Union, Gulf and Magnolia Organizing Campaigns, Texas, 1942-1943
Correspondence, newsclippings, press releases, and printed material is available for this organizing campaign.

10. United States News Association, American Newspaper Guild, Washington, D.C., 1945-1946
Correspondence and photographs are available for this subject file.
 11. United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local 610, Pittsburgh, 1946-1948
Correspondence, photographs, and printed material is available. Also included is material on Johnson's support of the Progressive Party and Henry Wallace's presidential campaign in 1948.
 12. Clyde L. Johnson's Articles in the East Bay Labor Journal, Oakland, California, 1956-1966
This subject file is composed entirely of mounted newsclippings of Johnson's articles.
 13. United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Millmen's Union No. 550, Oakland, California, 1956-1962 (Cont'd. on Reel 15)
This subject file includes correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, press releases, newsclippings, and printed material, including union contracts.
- Reel 15
13. United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Millmen's Union No. 550, Oakland, California, 1963-1967 (Cont'd. from Reel 14)
- Reel 16
14. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, California, 1967-1968
This subject file contains only reports.
 15. University of California, Pension and Housing Studies, 1967-1968
This subject file contains only reports
 16. Clyde L. Johnson, General Papers, 1968-1974
Included in this subject file is Johnson's more recent correspondence and a copy of his book Organize or Die, 1970.
 17. Southern Farm Leader
New Orleans, Louisiana. Vol 1 No 1-No 8, May-Dec., 1936; Vol 2 No 1-No 3, Jan.-Apr./May, 1937
Note: The official publication of the Share Croppers Union
 18. Louisiana Union Farmer
New Orleans, Louisiana. Vol 3 No 65, Nov., 1939; Vol 4 No 1, Jan., 1940.
Note: Published by the Louisiana Farmers' Union

19. Bolitin

San Antonio, Texas.

No 6 March 15, 1941

No 7 March 29, 1941

No 8 April 12, 1941

No 9 April 26, 1941

No 15 July 25, 1941

No 17 Sept. 26, 1941

Note: Published in Spanish and English by the Pecan Workers Union, Local 172, San Antonio, UCAPAWA-CIO.

20. UCAPAWA News

Philadelphia, Pa.

Vol 1 No 1-No 10, July 1939-Sept. 10, 1940

Vol 2 No 2, Aug. 25, 1941

Vol 2 No 4, Sept. 22, 1941

Vol 2 No 5, Oct. 6, 1941

Vol 2 No 10, Jan. 15, 1942

Vol 2 No 13, Mar. 11, 1942

Vol 2 No 18, June 15, 1942

Vol 2 No 19, July 1, 1942

Vol 2 No 20, July 15, 1942

Note: Official publication of The United Cannery, Agricultural Packing and Allied Workers of America, CIO.

21. Farmers' National Weekly

Washington, D.C. Vol 1 No 1-No 14, Jan. 30, 1933-Oct. 28, 1933

Note: Established by the Farmers National Relief Conference held in Washington, D.C., Dec. 7-10, 1932

22. Farmers National Weekly

Chicago, Illinois Sample Issue - Vol 1 No 48, Jan. 15, 1934-Jan. 18, 1935

Note: Established at the Farmers Second National Conference held in Chicago, Nov. 15-18, 1933, by the amalgamation of Producers News, Farmers National Weekly, and Workers and Farmers Cooperative Bulletin

23. 610 News

Wilmerding, Pa.

Vol 1 No 3, Nov. 14, 1946

Vol 1 No 5, Dec. 11, 1946

Vol 2 No 1, Jan. 13, 1947

Vol 2 No 2, Jan. 29, 1947

Vol 2 No 3, Feb. 19, 1947

Vol 2 No 4, Mar. 10, 1947
Vol 2 No 5, Mar. 24, 1947
Vol 2 No 6 May 12, 1947
Vol 2 No 8, July 24, 1947
Vol 2 No 9, Aug. 21, 1947
Vol 2 No 10, Sept. 8, 1947
Vol 2 No 11, Sept. 22, 1947
Vol 2 No 12, Oct. 13, 1947
Vol 2 No 13, Nov. 3, 1947, inc., with enclosure
Vol 2 No 14, Nov. 24, 1947
Vol 2 No 15, Dec. 15, 1947
Vol 3, No 16, Jan. 5, 1948
Vol 4, No 3, Jan. 19, 1948
Vol 4, No 4 Feb. 2, 1948
Vol 4 No 5, Feb. 23, 1948, with 2 enclosures
Note: Published by Local 610, United Electrical,
Radio and Machine Workers of America

24. The CIO News

Washington, D.C.
Vol 5 No 11, Mar. 16, 1942
Vol 5 No 15, Apr. 13, 1942
Vol 5 No 21, May 25, 1942
Note: The Oil Workers International Union
edition

25. C.I.O. Campaigner

Goose Creek, Texas
Vol 1 No 1, July 3, 1942
Vol 1 No 2, July 28, 1942
Vol 1 No 3, Aug. 13, 1942
Vol 1 No 4, Aug. 20, 1942
Vol 1 No 5, Aug. 26, 1942
Vol 2 No 7, Feb. 20, 1943-
 Vol 2 No 19, May 22, 1943
Vol 2 No 21, June 5, 1943-
 Vol 2 No 38, Oct. 23, 1943
Extra - "Baytown Election Ordered"
Vol 2 No 40, Oct. 30, 1943 -
 Vol 2 No 43, Nov. 20, 1943
Extra - "CIO Election Extra for Pan Am Workers"
Note: Published by the Oil Workers Organizing
Campaign, CIO

26. CIO News El Segundo Edition

El Segundo, California.
Vol 1 No 1-No 2, Feb. 4, Feb. 25, 1943
Note: Published by the Oil Workers Organizing
Campaign, CIO, Southern California Division

PART IV

DAVID S. BURGESS PAPERS

1939-1974

Biographical Sketch

David S. Burgess, son of John S. and Stella Fisher Burgess was born in Yenching, China, on June 15, 1917. His early life was spent in China and Morrisville, Pennsylvania. He received a B.A. degree from Oberlin College in 1939 and a Ph.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary in 1944. For a period of fifteen months between his second and final year at Union Theological Seminary, Burgess and his wife, the former Alice Stevens, worked among migrant farm laborers first in Whitesbog, New Jersey, then in southern Florida, and finally at Bridgetown, New Jersey.

From 1944-1947, Burgess served for three years as Minister to Agricultural Labor for the United Church of Christ and was attached to various efforts of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union to bring a greater measure of justice to the lives of agricultural migrants, tenant farmers, and small farmers in the South.

In March, 1945, Burgess started to organize some 700 farm families living in the Delmo Farm Labor Homes in southeast Missouri who were threatened with losing their homes. After eight months of hard work, \$285,000 was raised to purchase 695 homes from the Farm Security Administration thus allowing the occupants to purchase their homes.

From 1947-1949, Burgess worked as an organizer in South and North Carolina for the CIO Textile Workers Union of America. In 1949 he became a southern representative for the CIO Political Action Committee. From 1951-1955, he served as executive secretary of the Georgia CIO Council. In this capacity he was the chief CIO legislative representative in the Georgia General Assembly. From June through November, 1955, Burgess served as research assistant for Victor Reuther, at CIO headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Burgess went to India in 1955 to serve as Labor Attache in the American Embassy, a position he held for five years. In 1963-1964 he was the director of the Peace Corps in Indonesia, and then from 1964-1965 worked in Washington, D.C., as the head of the Industrial Recruiting Division of the Peace Corps. From 1966-1972, Burgess was the UNICEF representative in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Hongkong, and from 1969-1972 he also served as UNICEF Deputy Regional Director for East Asia. From 1972-1977 Mr. Burgess has served as senior officer at UNICEF headquarters. He presently is director of the Latin American Scholarship Program of American Universities, with headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

David S. Burgess and Alice Stevens were married on November 20, 1941. They are parents of five children.

A biographical summary prepared by Mr. Burgess precedes the correspondence (No. 1) in this microfilm edition.

Description of the Collection

The David S. Burgess Papers, 1939-1974, contain correspondence, 1944-1975, nd; articles by Burgess, 1939-1968, nd; book reviews, sermons, speeches and a group of subject files, 1942-1974, nd. Each of these categories of material will be described in detail.

Each item or group of items has been assigned a number which also serves as a frame number on the microfilm. All of Burgess' articles were assigned individual frame numbers, while his other writings have been grouped by type under one number. The following reel list provides the frame number(s) assigned each category.

The correspondence, Dec. 8, 1944-Jan. 12, 1975, nd, relates primarily to Burgess' various positions. Among important correspondents are Chester Bowles, Victor G. Reuther, Walter P. Reuther, Adlai E. Stevenson, and H. L. Mitchell.

This microfilm edition contains ninety of Burgess' articles, 1939-1968, nd. Numbers 2-78 represent titled articles, while number 79 represents twelve untitled articles. These articles span Burgess' career, but the majority relate to his labor union activities in the 1940s and 1950s. Number 80 represents six book reviews prepared by Burgess.

David S. Burgess' sermons, numbers 81-83, are divided into 24 sermons given to migrants, 30 sermons and talks to church groups regarding migrants, and 11 general sermons. These sermons mostly date from the early 1940s. The microfilm edition also contains 20 of his speeches (No. 84).

In 1942-1943, David S. Burgess was working with migrant farm laborers in New Jersey and in Florida. His diary, Nov. 12, 1942-July 17, 1944, (No. 85) covers this period, as does his field reports, 1942-1943, (No. 86). The oral history interview conducted with Mr. Burgess in 1974 (No. 87) provides added information on his work with migrants.

The collection contains printed material from Claude Williams' People's Institute of Applied Religion (No. 88). Burgess was instrumental in saving the Delmo Labor Homes in 1945-1946. There is one slim file (No. 89) on the homes, which contains newspaper clippings, legal papers, and financial papers relating to Burgess' successful effort in saving the homes for their occupants

Reel List

- Reel 17
1. Correspondence, Dec. 8, 1944-Jan. 12, 1975, nd
(3 folders)
 2. The American Labor Movement and Labor Participation in Management. nd, 4pp, tsc
 3. The American Labor Movement: Its Philosophy and its Accomplishments. nd, 5pp, tsc
 4. America's Strategic Interest in India. nd, 9pp, mimeo
 - 4A. Around the Mill. Series of articles printed in The Industrial Leader, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, nd
 5. Basic Reasons for the Present Textile Strike. nd, 2pp, mimeo
 6. The Battle Always Rages. Printed in The Intercollegian, Oct., 1945, pp9-10
 7. The Bible and the Labor Union. nd, 9pp, ts, anno
 8. The Bible Speaks, nd, 8pp, mimeo
 9. Can Hinduism and Hindu Culture Provide an Ideological Foundation for Democracy in India? nd, 19pp, mimeo
 10. Can't Cooperate. nd, 4pp, tsc
 11. Chasms Between Generations and Between Worlds. Printed in Oberlin Alumni, Dec., 1968, pp9-10
 12. The Christian as a Union Man. [1951], 11pp, ts, anno
 13. Christian Students Face Politics! nd, 10pp, ts, anno
 14. The Church: Labor's Southern Barrier. nd, 14pp, ts, anno
 15. The Church and Rural Justice. Printed in Social Action, Apr. 15, 1946, pp37-49
 16. The Church Speaks on Labor. nd, 2pp, mimeo
 17. The Clergy's Conspiracy of Silence. Printed in Prophetic Religion, Summer, 1950, ppl-4

18. The Clergy of the South Looks at Labor. Printed in Economic Justice, Dec., 1946, pp2-3, 5
19. Elmer's Awakening. nd, 7pp, tsc
20. Eugene Debs Speaks to the Labor Movement. nd, 12pp, ts, anno
21. The Fellowship Faces the South and Segregation. nd, 7pp, tsc, anno
22. The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen. Its History and Promise. Printed in Prophetic Religion, Spring, 1953, 8pp
23. From Learning to Living. Printed in Advance, Jan., 1944, p16
24. The Future Task of the Religion and Labor Foundation. nd, 4pp, tsc, anno
25. God's Word and the Labor Movement. nd, 21pp, tsc, anno
26. The Gospel and the Workers of the South. Printed in The Student World, Fourth Quarter, 1953, pp326-332
27. The Gospel to the Poor. Printed in The Christian Century, Oct. 20, 1943, pp1196-1198
28. Has the CIO Abandoned the South? nd, 7pp, ts, anno
29. The Holiness Sects of the Contemporary South. A Thesis Presented to the Department of Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, April 1, 1944, 179pp, tsc
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