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Summary Information

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Biographical History

The Schenectady Trades Assembly, the earliest predecessor institution of the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, was chartered in 1898. However, no records before 1921 survive. In the early years of this century, the trades assembly consisted of a group of trade union locals working together for labor's goals.
In 1941, the Schenectady Trades Assembly changed its name to the Schenectady Federation of Labor and was rechartered by the AFL. The 1940's were a particularly busy time for the federation, as attested to by the amount of correspondence it produced.

The founding date of the Schenectady Area Industrial Union Council, CIO, is unknown, but by 1959 it had merged with the Schenectady Federation of Labor to form the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, representing unions in the combined AFL-CIO. The labor council now includes any AFL-CIO unions in Schenectady, Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie counties.

Scope and Contents

The records of the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council contain records of all its predecessor bodies; however, there are large and frequent gaps in the records, including an almost complete dearth of records for the 1950's and 1960's. The 1970's and 1980's are the best documented decades, represented by both correspondence and minutes. Of the other records retained by the labor council, the best source for early labor history in Schenectady is the minute book of the Schenectady Trades Assembly for 1928 to 1932. Unfortunately, these are the last minutes saved until 1981. There appear to be no surviving records of the Schenectady Area Industrial Union Council except for copies of its 1952 constitution.

The correspondence files generally consist of letters to legislators explaining the council's view on topics of the day, and these are a good record of the council's interests especially for the 1940's, 1970's and 1980's. Correspondence, especially in the later years, sometimes includes press releases and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement of the Collection

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Controlled Access Headings

- Schenectady, New York
- Labor
- Labor unions -- Social aspects -- New York (State).
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Schenectady.
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Fulton county.
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Montgomery County.
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Schoharie County.
- Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.
- AFL-CIO.
- Schenectady Trades Assembly, AFL.
- Schenectady Federation of Labor.
- Schenectady Area Industrial Union Council, CIO.

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