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# International Typographical Union; Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	International Typographical Union Collection
<b>ID:</b>	apap142
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1870-1936
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.4 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Mixed Materials [Collection]:</b>	X
<b>Abstract:</b>	The International Typographical Union (ITU) was founded on May 3, 1852 in New York City. The ITU was a US trade union for the printing trade for newspapers and other media. This collection contains proceedings of the annual meetings (1870-1887, 1902) and convention photographs (1927, 1936).

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## Biographical / Historical

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The International Typographical Union (ITU) was founded on May 3, 1852 in New York City. The ITU was a US trade union for the printing trade for newspapers and other media. The original group had 14 cities, that were split up into local unions. The first union was in Indianapolis. THE ITU also had chapters in Canada. To be a member of the union, a person had to be a mailer or a newspaper writer. The iTU supported a variety of strikes including boycotting the Lost Angeles Times. However, some riots turned violent. On October 1, 1910, James B. Mc Namara, a member of the ITU and his brother placed a bomb in the L.A. Times building. While the brothers were convicted, the L.A> Times remained a non-union shop and continued to not support the ITU.

Members of the ITU supported an eight-hour work day, and joined other AFL unions during the Great Depression to support organizing. Eventually, due to advancement in technologies, the ITU was not financially stable enough to stand on its own, so members began to try and merge with unions like the Newspaper Guild and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. These mergers however, failed and on December 31, 1986 the ITU dissolved. Members joined the Communication Workers of America.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

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The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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### Processing Information

Processed by unprocessed.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The records of the International Typographical Union were donated to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

## Conditions Governing Access

Access to this collection is restricted because it is unprocessed. Portions of the collection may contain recent administrative records and/or personally identifiable information. While it is likely that portions of the collection may be viewed, access must be managed by an archivist.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- International Typographical Union., 1852-1986
- Organizations--New York (State)--Albany
- Labor unions--History--19th century
- Labor unions--History--20th century
- Printing--United States--History