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PROVENANCE

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HISTORICAL

The International Woodworkers of America was founded in 1937 and chartered by the Congress of Industrial Organizations the same year. Since 1935 the Sawmill and Timber Workers had been organized by the American Federation of Labor under the leadership of the Brotherhood of Carpenters. However, the woodworkers' increasing dislike of Carpenter leadership and AFL trade union organization led to the break in 1937. The records of Local 3-101 date from the beginnings of the IWA and document the early history of the Everett local and other locals in Western Washington which merged with 3-101. They document also the activities of the regional IWA organization which was the Northern Washington District Council No.2 from 1937 until amalgamation with District 3 in 1953 produced the Western Washington District Council No.23, followed by the Western States Regional Council in 1959. This accession also provides documentation of industrial unionism in Snohomish County from the beginnings of the CIO.

The bulk of the papers date from the 1940's and 50's, a time when unions, union leaders, and the CIO especially, were under attack. A common concern throughout the records is anti-labor legislation such as the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947, and legislation which was used against organized labor, such as the Smith Act and MacCarran law. The second "red scare" of this period not only led to attacks on the union from outside, but created or exacerbated disputes and divisions within both the IWA and CIO. The Woodworkers' history of local independence and rank and file control contributed to problems with their leadership and disputes between districts, hindering efforts toward industry-wide negotiations. Not until 1943 were negotiations industry-wide in both the fir and pine regions.

The IWA was in competition with the AFL unions for representation of woodworkers until the AFL-CIO merger in 1955. After the industry-wide shift to the IWA, the AFL locals made gains in Everett, but the big Weyerhaeuser mills had not signed a contract with either union until 1940. In that year during the AFL strike the IWA capitalized on increasing discontent with the Brotherhood of Carpenter's leadership to organize the Weyerhaeuser mills. On October 31, 1940 the IWA signed contracts covering those mills and, in effect, pulled far ahead of the Sawmill and Timber Workers in Everett. Besides the Weyerhaeuser Mills, Local 101 also represented the Eclipse Lumber Company and, after 1953, a new Kraft mill. Since its membership was mostly in the large mills, it had greater stability than other locals. Representing Weyerhaeuser employees enhanced its position since other companies followed Weyerhaeuser's example.

Local 101 was a member of the Snohomish County Industrial Union Council (CIO), which also included the Sultan IWA local and Everett locals of the ILWU, IBU, Cannery Workers and United Construction Workers. Certain issues are common to the Local 101 records and the SIUC subgroup, such as support for the formation of a third party in 1948, support for left wing labor leaders, and repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

#### NOTES ON ARRANGEMENT

The main body of the accession is the records of IWA Local 3-101. (When Districts 2 and 3 of the IWA merged, its designation changed from 2-101 to 23-101 and became 3-101 in 1959). Throughout the papers are numerous communications from the district headquarters which were distributed to the locals. The bulk of the correspondence is from 1948-54 although there is little in 1952. Additional correspondence is scattered throughout other series, such as NEGOTIATIONS, CASE FILES, etc. MINUTES of the Everett local are very incomplete; most of these remain in the custody of Local 3-101. There are no minutes from the Eclipse branch after 1945, none from the Weyerhaeuser mills, except the shop committees, and only fragments from the Granite Falls and Sultan branches. Minutes of the District Council Executive Board are nearly complete from 1949 to 1957. NEGOTIATIONS, 1943-69, is the largest series and contains correspondence, minutes, proceedings of negotiation conferences and other material. They are arranged chronologically and represent largely regional negotiations that included the Everett local. They have not been refined into more specific series.

The only strike that is well documented in the STRIKE series is the 1954 12 week, joint IWA - Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL) strike which shut down all major operations through the Douglas fir region. The records document the Everett local's part in the strike. RESOLUTIONS, 1941-55, contain resolutions from Local 101, the IWA District Council and the Snohomish Industrial Union Council on a variety of local and national issues. REPORTS is a large series which includes much material which was generated by the District Council. The economic reports statistically describe the state of the lumber industry. The Taft-Hartley SUBJECT SERIES, 1947-51, consists of CIO memos explaining the new law and also documents Local 101's compliance with Taft-Hartley requirements in 1949-51. Many partial FINANCIAL RECORDS have been retained, primarily to serve as membership lists.

#### NOTES ON ARRANGEMENT - SUBGROUPS

The first subgroups are committees of Local 3-101. The KARLY LARSEN DEFENSE COMMITTEE, 1953, was a "Committee of IWA Neighbors and Friends of Karly Larsen," the 1st Vice President of Western Washington District No.23 of the IWA. Larsen was being tried under the Smith Act, an alien registration act, and faced deportation. The PETE NELSON DEFENSE COMMITTEE, 1949-51, subgroup concerns the attempted deportation by the Immigration Service of the Business Agent of Local 2-101, Pete Nelson. Additional papers relating to these deportation cases are in the INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL. SNOHOMISH COUNTY subgroup. The subgroups of IWA Locals 23-93, 3-199, 23-46, 23-75, and 2-54 contain records of small locals which merged with Local 101 in the 1950's. IWA Local 29-93

(Sultan), 1935-57, contains the earliest records in the accession. Its minutes, 1935-57, begin with the formation of the union as Local 2614 of Sawmill and Timber Workers (AFL). It subsequently became IWA Local 23-93 in September 1937 and merged with 23-101 in 1957. The Sultan local included sub-locals in Skykomish, Granite Falls and Monroe. 1957-58 minutes from the Sultan Branch of 23-101 are filed in the main body of the accession. Locals 23-46 and 3-199 of Bellingham are not the same union. 23-46 merged with 23-75 of Sedro Woolley October 1, 1955 and 23-75 merged with 3-101 on October 18, 1959. Local 3-199 of Bellingham, 1955-71, was a boom men and rafter's union. Local 2-54 of Anacortes also merged with 3-101 in 1959.

The INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL. SNOHOMISH COUNTY (CIO), 1939-51, subgroup documents the political activities of that organization and its differences with the national CIO leadership. Its political activities included lobbying against anti-labor legislation in the state, support for Harry Bridges and the IWA leaders who were threatened with deportation. General CORRESPONDENCE in this subgroup includes also resolutions from the CIO Executive Board on a variety of issues, including the purging of several left wing unions from the CIO.

FISHERMEN AND ALLIED WORKERS OF AMERICA, INTERNATIONAL. CANNERY WORKERS. LOCAL 18 (EVERETT), 1937-42, is a sub-subgroup of the SIUC because the Cannery Workers, Local 18 was a member of that organization. The Cannery Workers organized as Local 18257 of the AFL on October 11, 1937, but switched affiliation and on November 22, 1937 received a CIO charter as Local 170. On May 23, 1938 the Cannery Workers voted to change affiliation again to the Fishermen and on August 1 received a charter as Cannery Workers, Local 18 of the United Fishermen Union of the Pacific (CIO). By January 1941 the Everett Cannery Workers Local 18 was affiliated with the International Fishermen and Allied Workers of America (CIO).

Major Correspondents, their offices and approximate dates of service

Local 3-101

Pete Nelson - Secretary 1941-51,  
President Local 3-199 1963-71  
John Dennee - Secretary 1951-54  
Ed Bordsen - Secretary 1954- ?  
Ralph Winn - President ca.1949-51

International

J.E. Fadling - President 1945-51  
A.F. Harting - President 1952-62  
Carl Winn - Secretary-Treasurer 1947-54

Snohomish Industrial Union Council

E.W. Taylor - President ca.1947

District Council

Karly Larsen - President Northern  
Washington District 1941, 1948-51  
Vice President Western Washington  
District 1953-57  
Walter Belka - Secretary - Northern  
Washington District 1947-53  
Western Washington c.1953

CIO

John Brophy - Director of Industrial  
Union Councils ca.1948

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*Big "W" Medical and Hospital Association  
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