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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	International Longshoremen's Association, Local 791, Records
Date:	1938-1986
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0440
Creator:	International Longshoremen's Association, Local 791
Extent:	2.5 Cubic feet (7 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Victoria Spencer and Michael Staats, 1992, January 27.

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This collection was donated to the Archives Center in January 1992, by Victoria Spencer and Michael Staats. The donors discovered these materials when they moved into a New York City apartment once leased by Local 791.

Materials at the National Museum of American History

"The Division of Political History (now Division of Political and Military History) has a collection of artifacts and posters associated with Local 791, which were donated by Ms. Spencer and Mr. Staats along with these archival records.

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

International Longshoremen's Association, Local 791, was based in New York City.

Scope and Contents

This collection is composed of a variety of records left behind when Local 791 vacated an apartment it had leased in New York City. As such, the collection does not offer a complete record of the union or its activities. Included are five volumes of official records: a minute book, 1938-1949; three dues ledger books, 1944-1947; and a cash book, 1947-1948. Other union records include ballot forms, copies of the union constitution and by-laws, benefit handbooks, general cargo agreements, and a copy of the 1957 ILA convention proceedings. One folder contains material about funeral benefits provided to deceased members, while another folder contains an invitation and program for a 1978 Irish Caucus testimonial dinner dance. Two additional folders contain letters from the public in support of the union for its refusal to unload Soviet ships in 1950. Two boxes contain photocopies of news clippings about the ILA, shipping, foreign trade, and unions in general, 1960-1964.

Arrangement

the collection is arranged into one series topically.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Burial insurance
- Collective labor agreements
- Soviet Union -- 1950-1960
- Trade unions -- Stevedores -- 1930-1990 -- New York (State) -- New York
- Trade-unions -- finance -- 1930-1990
- Trade-unions and foreign policy -- 1930-1990

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Correspondence -- 1930-1950
- Ledgers (account books)

Names:

- Irish Caucus.

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Memoranda of Settlement, 1957
Box 1, Folder 2	39th Convention proceedings ILA, 1959 July
Box 1, Folder 3	ILA publication The Dispatcher, November 1957
Box 1, Folder 4	Sample Ballot Form, 1970
Box 1, Folder 4	Secret Ballot Form, 1972
Box 1, Folder 4	Social Security Form, undated
Box 1, Folder 4	ILA Membership Dues Book, undated
Box 1, Folder 5	Constitution and By-Laws of Atlantic Coast District ILA, 1959
Box 1, Folder 5	Constitution and Rules of Order, 1951
Box 1, Folder 5	Benefit Plan Handbook, 1962
Box 1, Folder 5	Pension Plan Handbook, 1961
Box 1, Folder 5	General Cargo Agreements, 1954-1971
Box 1, Folder 6	"Democratic German Report", circa 1966
Box 1, Folder 7	Forms Stamps and Stationery
Box 1, Folder 8	Funeral Benefits, 1950-1953
Box 1, Folder 9	Invitation and Program for Irish National Caucus Testimonial Dinner Dance, 1978
Box 1, Folder 10-11	Correspondence re: ILA Refusal to Unload Russian Ships, 1950
Box 1, Folder 12-13	Notices sent to Members, 1950, 1966, 1983-1986
Box 1, Folder 14	Telegrams Received by ILA, 1950-1955
Box 1, Folder 15	Membership Cards of Transferred Members, 1950
Box 1, Folder 6	Union Purchasing Plan undated
Box 2, Folder 1	Minute Book, 1938-1949

Box 2	Dues Ledger Book, 1944-1945
Box 3, Folder 1	Dues Ledger Book, 1946-1947
Box 4, Folder 1	Dues Ledger Book, 1946-1947
Box 5, Folder 1-4	News Clippings, 1960 January-December
Box 5	News Clippings, 1960
Box 5, Folder 5-6	News Clippings, 1961
Box 5, Folder 7	News Clippings, 1962
Box 6, Folder 1-3	News Clippings, 1963
Box 6, Folder 4-6	News Clippings, 1964
Box 7, Folder 1	Cash Book, 1947-1948