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### **Introduction**

This collection was donated to the Labor Archives and Research Center in 1986 by the library of the Division of Statistics and Research, California Department of Industrial Relations. The collection consisted of 100 cubic feet of periodicals, pamphlets, books and assorted materials collected in their library's stand-up files. The restriction on the donation stated the collection was to remain intact for five years in the event the donor needed to retrieve any documents. Processing began in 1994, at which point the Labor Archives sorted the collection, keeping materials under its regular collection policy and offering other materials to institutions or discarding it. This reduced the collection to its present size.

### **Scope and Content**

This collection can be used to supplement and enhance research in LARC's primary collections. Although the earliest publication is 1913, the bulk is from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. A large amount of the material addresses working conditions in California, but most of the pamphlets are from agencies in the U.S. Department of Labor and the WPA and are national in scope.

There is a large collection on women's work, beginning in 1921 and continuing through World War II and the post-war reconversion period. Another subject well represented is the Great Depression. Pamphlets on the "New Deal" and from the WPA cover the subjects of agriculture, migratory workers, unemployment, relief programs, and job training. The enactment of unemployment insurance is documented along with many alternative proposals considered in the 1930s. Material on occupational safety dates from 1922 and includes pamphlets on safety for youths and women. Early concerns about the hazards of radiation and pesticides can also be found. California economic conditions, unemployment and labor force statistics are represented. Labor material includes convention proceedings and publications from the California organizations of the AFL and the CIO.

There are five large runs of periodicals: The American Federationist, 1935 - 1959 (broken run); California State Federation of Labor Weekly Newsletter, 1953 - 1959; California Safety News, 1917 - 1975 (from December 1933 to March 1940, this serial includes many articles on safety during the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco- Oakland Bay Bridge); California Employment and Payrolls, 1938 -1976; and Monthly Labor Review, 1916 - 1977. This last collection is the largest, held in 14 record boxes (14 cubic feet). All of these periodicals have been relocated to LARC's Periodical Collection.

Books found in this collection are listed in the Box/Folder List following a notation that they have been relocated to LARC's Book Collection. The remaining materials are arranged alphabetically by subject. Wherever possible the list follows the subject headings established in the LARC's Ephemera Files and is cross-referenced on the Box/Folder List when these Ephemera Files hold additional material on the same subject. All pamphlets are listed by title, author and date of publication. When a folder holds a single pamphlet, it is listed on the Box/Folder List; if there is more than one, there is a notation referring the researcher to a listing in the Appendix.