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Biographical Notes

The collection contains limited biographical materials, the bulk of the material centers around Edward Santos' organizing activities in the late 1940s. Santos was a native of the Bay Area who sailed on Union Oil ships in the early 1930s and was active in the onboard ship committees. Santos joined the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (M.E.B.A.) Local 97 in 1943. He sailed in World War II, the Korean War and Operation Freedom in the Indo-China Wars. He was a representative organizer from 1946 to 1947 in the New York Area. He was also a national tanker organizer for Locals 79 and 97 from September 1947 to November 1947. He served as a National and Consolidated Great Lakes Organizer from December 1947 to April 1948, during which time he was involved in the effort to consolidate all of the M.E.B.A. Locals on the Great Lakes into one unit. In the early 1960s, Santos became an employee of the State of California. He worked at U.C. Berkeley's Lawrence Berkeley Lab, although the exact nature of his work is not specified.

Scope and Content

The collection offers a glimpse into the world of a maritime organizer's life during the late 1940s. The bulk of the material spans from 1940 to 1950. Possibly the most valuable portion of the collection can be found in the folder entitled "Ship Log Sheets" (Folder 7). The log sheets are records of Santos' visits on board ships that had been organized by the M.E.B.A. They detail the names of the members and crew on the ship, note the status of the members dues and also whether or not there were sailors on the ship who were not M.E.B.A. members. The logs also include notes made by Santos regarding issues that the members wanted to see addressed in the next contract. Also included in the collection is a folder of organizing notes that Santos kept. While some of the notes are cryptic individually, taken as a whole, a picture of an aggressive organizer is produced. However, the scattered nature of the notes is indicative of the reason why Santos was an organizer for such a short period of time. It is apparent from some of the letters included in the "Organizing Correspondence" folder that Santos had a difficult time completing his official reports in a detailed and timely manner. This produced a colorful exchange of letters between Santos and the M.E.B.A. International President, S.J. Hogan.

The collection also includes numerous agreements, both in draft and complete forms. The agreements cover both the M.E.B.A. and other maritime unions like the National Maritime Union (N.M.U.) and the Masters, Mates, and Pilots (M.M.P.). The bulk of the agreements are for the post World War II years but there is one folder that contains information from the War Shipping Administration regarding wage scales and bonuses. The agreements have been separated by company name and when possible, two copies of each agreement have been included in the collection.

The collection does not include complete records for any M.E.B.A. Local or the International. Instead, it offers pieces from a number of M.E.B.A. Locals. It includes constitutional drafts from Locals 97 and 33, meeting minutes from Local 97, and information on affiliation and mergers at the National level. The collection also includes a number of individual copies of newsletters and periodicals produced by various M.E.B.A. Locals, maritime unions, and other labor organizations. These are all located in the Periodical Series.

Series I: Biographical Information

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Box-folder 1/52	M.E.B.A. The American Marine Engineer 1946-1959
Box-folder 1/53	Operating Engineers' Engineer News 1963
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