DeVeda Bishop Collection
(S0165)

Collection Number: S0165

Collection Title: DeVeda Bishop Collection

Dates: 1965-1969

Creator: Bishop, DeVeda, 1919-2010

Abstract: The DeVeda Bishop collection contains memos, newsletters, circulars, correspondence, and a training manual from DeVeda Bishop’s experience as a legislative reporter for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA) Local 495 and the St. Louis Legislative Committee. The St. Louis Legislative Committee, formed by the Southwest Regional Joint Board of the ACWA, encouraged legislative activities throughout all local chapters of ACWA in St. Louis.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic feet
(3 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The records were donated to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection by DeVeda Bishop on January 31, 1984 (Accession No. SA2593).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the DeVeda Bishop Collection can be found in the following collections:
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America Records, (S0741)

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Biographical Note:

DeVeda Bishop was born on February 7, 1919, in Hinch, Missouri to Hattie and Roy Summers. She attended Sullivan High School in Sullivan, Missouri, and graduated in 1939. The same year, she married John Bishop on May 20, 1939, in Union, Missouri. DeVeda and John had two children, Keith and Beverly Bishop. In the 1950s, DeVeda worked as a power machine operator at a cap manufacturing plant in St. Louis, Missouri. DeVeda also joined Local 495, a St. Louis chapter of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA).

From September 12-18, 1965, she attended the weeklong ACWA Southwest Leadership Training School in Potosi, Missouri. The training she received from the seminar prepared her to serve as a legislative reporter for Local 495. As a legislative reporter, she wrote to Congress members about the Social Security Amendments of 1967. The role of the legislative report was to keep union members informed about legislation before Congress, write to Congress members asking for views on legislation, conduct letter-writing campaigns, and visit with local Congress members. As a legislative reporter, Bishop wrote to Congress members about the Social Security Amendments of 1967 and the 1967 Insurance Bill in the Missouri House of Representatives. Bishop also served on the St. Louis Legislative Committee. The committee, formed by the ACWA Southwest Regional Joint Board on March 10, 1967, encouraged legislative activities throughout all the ACWA local unions in St. Louis.

DeVeda Bishop later lived in Farmington, Missouri, and died on December 2, 2010.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by subject matter into three folders.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains memos, newsletters, circulars, correspondence, and a training manual chronicling DeVeda Bishop's experience as a legislative reporter for the ACWA Local 495 from 1965-1969. Materials of interest include correspondence to Congress members Leonor Sullivan and Thomas B. Curtis, lobbying for increased Social Security benefits in 1967; an ACWA Southwestern School leadership training school manual; and 1968-1969 legislative bulletins from the ACWA discussing the military industrial complex and hunger in America. The collection has been arranged into three folders by subject matter. The first folder features materials relating to the St. Louis Legislative Committee, followed by materials relating to the ACWA Training School. The last folder contains materials on the national bylaws and legislative agenda of ACWA.

Container List:

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  f. 2  Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America Leadership Training School, 1965
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