



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Operative Painters' & Decorators' Union (Victorian Branch)
ACCESSION NO	1973.0052
CATEGORY	Labour, organisations
ACTIVITY	Trade Unions
DATE RANGE	1886-1972
SIZE OF COLLECTION	9.1 metres (39 boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>The Operative Painters and Decorators' Union originated as a craft union in the nineteenth century and has retained that tradition within the building industry at both state branch and federal level until large scale union amalgamation, initiated by the ACTU began to be considered in the late 1980s. The Union has now amalgamated to form the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union. In 1988 the Operative Painters and Decorators carried out a national survey to gauge members' attitudes to possible amalgamations with the Building Workers' Industrial Union and the Plumbers and Gasfitters Employees' Union. Overall, a narrow majority voted in favour of amalgamation with the Plumbers' Union, with Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia preferring the plumbers, and the other states and the ACT preferring the BWIU/FED</p>
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	<p>Victorian Branch: Minutes, 1886-1937; Correspondence, 1919-1967; Membership records, 1909-1940's, 1941; Apprenticeship Commission papers, 1905-1969; Housing Commission papers, 1954-1964; Wage claim and industrial files; accounts. Ballarat & Geelong Sub-branch: Management material; amalgamations campaign; legal material; rule books, 1910-1971; registration, 1910-1939 early material; photographs; accounts 1902-1910. Federal Council Minutes, 1912, 1972; Federal executive minutes 1912-1969.</p>
LISTED BY	Carlotta Kellaway
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Draft List of:

THE OPERATIVE PAINTERS AND DECORATORS' UNION OF AUSTRALIA, VICTORIAN BRANCH

Carlotta Kellaway.

20th March 1974.

Records Received into Custody.

Name: The Operative Painters and Decorators' Union of Australia. Victorian branch.

Address: Box 46, Trades Hall, Carlton South, 3053.

Main Activity: Union organization.

Transferors: The union.

General Note: This valuable collection of records provides fresh information about one of Victoria's earliest craft unions, the Operative Painters & Decorators, during the period 1886 to 1971. It contains a wide range of material, including Minute Books (1886-1937), rule books, correspondence (inward/outward), awards and determinations, pamphlets, circulars, newspaper cuttings, journals, reports and other printed material. The pre-1900 records uncover new facts about the Painters' involvement with the Political Labour League, which preceded the Victorian Labor Party, Tom Mann, the I.W.W. and the 1890s depression. There is interesting information, too, about the union's long history of support for pacifism- from its involvement in the 1916 anti-conscription campaign to the 1930 Anti-War Committee and, more recently, Painters' support for the 1966-7 Seamen's Union ban on ships carrying war supplies to Vietnam.

The collection is strongest in the area of union industrial activity, such as the formation and operation of a Painters Wages Board from 1910, when the union was first registered under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act; union officials' involvement in arbitration and workers' compensation, and their concern about painting artisans' conditions in the Public Works Department and on Housing Commission projects.

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Australian Council of Trade Unions.

A.L.P.

Australian Labor Party.

B.W.I.U.

Building Workers Industrial Union.

I.W.W.

Industrial Workers of the World.

O.P.D.U.

Operative Painters and Decorators Union.

Public Works Department P.W.D.

Trades Hall Council.

T.H.C.

Victorian Housing Commission.

V.H.C.

Group 1. Minute Books.

Note: This collection of bound volumes, which are in excellent condition, contains useful information about the early history, rules and industrial and political policy of the union from 1886 to 1937.

- Box 8 1/1. Minute Book. United Society of Painters and Decorators. Vol.1. Contains material on the 1890s. depression and early support for labor candidates.

9 Dec.1886 to 2 Nov.1900.

- Box 8 1/2. Ditto. Vol.2. More re Political Labor Council, proposals for a daily labor newspaper, the formation of the first Federal Labor Party, women's suffrage, Tom Mann, May Day.

5 Dec.1900 to 8 April.1908.

- Box 3 1/3. Minute Book. The Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators Society of Victoria. Vol.1. Contains material on the I.W.W., The Labor Call newspaper, amalgamation of painting unions, affiliation with the Political Labor Council, and on the Building Trades Council.

22 April 1908 to 14 Oct.1914.

- Box 3 1/4. Ditto. Vol.2. Indexed material. Re anti-conscription campaign from 1916, financial support for the A.L.P., agitation for a 40 hour week, the "Red Flag" hoisted on the Melb. T.H.C. in 1918, campaign for One Big Union, the War Services Home Commission.

28 Oct.1914 to 16 Nov.1921.

Box 5 1/5. Ditto. Vol.3. Re health risks in the painting trade, more about the 40 hour week campaign.

14 Dec.1921 to 21 Nov. 1928.

Box 5 1/6. Ditto. Vol.4. Re Apprenticeship Commission, the Industrial Printing Co., unemployment.

5 Dec. 1928 to 30 Oct. 1935.

Box 6 1/7. Ditto. Vol.5. One Big Union, the A.C.T.U., the Anti-War Committee, relations between the Painters and the T.H.C. in 1936, the fund for Spanish workers, more about The Labor Call and the 40 hour week campaign.

6 Nov. 1935 to 28 July 1937.

Group 2. Rule Books and Awards.

Box 6 2/1. Rule Books. 1910 to 1971.

2/1/1. Federal, Branch and Sub-Branch Rules. The Federated House and Ship Painters, Paperhangers, and Decorators' Employees' Association of Australia.

57 pp. 2 copies.
1910.

2/1/2. Ditto.

59 pp. 1 copy.
1913.

2/1/3. Ditto.

59 pp. 1 copy.
1915.

2/1/4. Victorian Branch Rules. Operative Painters and Decorators of Australasia.

32 pp. 1 copy.
1917.

2/1/5. Rules. Operative Painters and Decorators of Australasia.

22 pp. 1 copy.
1917.

2/1/6. Ditto.

25 pp. 1 copy.
1918.

2/1/7. Ditto.

32 pp. 2 copies.
6 May 1921.

2/1/8. Victorian Branch Rules. O.P.D.U.

30 pp. 3 copies.
1924.

2/1/9. Rules. O.P.D.U.

34 pp. 1 copy.
1925.

2/1/10. Victorian Branch Rules. O.P.D.U.

30 pp. 2 copies.
1927.

2/1/11/ Ditto.

30 pp. 3 copies.
1929.

2/1/12. Ditto.

36 pp. 1 copy.
18 April 1935.

2/1/13. Amendment to Rules. 1 p. 17 Aug. 1938.

2/1/14. Federal Rules. O.P.D.U.

34 pp. 1 copy.
Aug. 1961.

2/1/15. Ditto. B.W.I.U.

39 pp. 2 copies.
9 Aug. 1965.

2/1/16. Queensland Branch. O.P.D.U. Awards and Rules in
Decimal Currency.

116 pp. 1 copy.

Jan. 1966.

2/1/17. Federal Rules. O.P.D.U.

42 pp. 2 copies.

May 1971.

2/2. Awards, determinations and agreements.

2/2/1. Determination of the Painters Board. Victorian Gov.
Gazette. No. 138.

1 p.

18 Oct. 1918.

2/2/2. Ditto.

1 p.

10 March 1920.

2/2/3. Ditto.

1 p.

25 Oct. 1920.

2/2/4. Determination of the Pasterers Board. Extract from
Gov. Gazette in Labor Call Print.

4 pp.

16 Nov. 1920.

Box 37

2/2/5. Determination of the Painters Board.

1 p. 2 copies

20 Jan. 1922.

2/2/6. Ditto.

2 pp. typescript.

2/2/7. Ditto.

1 p.

13 June 1923.

2/2/

2/2/8. The New Federal Agreement. Australian Coach-
makers Employees' Federation.

1 p.

1 Aug. 1924.

2/2/9. Determination of the Painters Board. Extract from
Vic.Gov. Gazette.No. 170.pp.4229-30.

1 p.

11 Dec. 1925.

2/2/10. Determination of the Fibrous Plasterers' Board.

8 pp. 1 copy.

29 Nov. 1934.

2/2/11/ Determination of the Plasterers Board. Vic.Gov.Gazette
No.62.

1 p.

29 March 1938.

2/2/12. Ditto. No. 160.

1 p. 3 copies.

28 July 1938.

2/2/13. Determination of the Painters Board. Vic.Gov.Gazette
No. 163.

2 pp.

29 July 1938.

2/2/14. Determination of the Bricklayers Board. Vic.Gov.Gazette
No. 251.

1 p.

26 Sept. 1938.

2/2/15. Determination of the Plumbers Board. Vic.Gov.Gazette.
No. 284.

1 p.

11 Nov. 1938.

2/2/16. Determination of the Carpenters Board. Vic.Gov.
Gazette.No.313.

2 pp.

1 Dec. 1938.

2/2/17. Determination of the Builders' Labourers Board. Vic
Gov.Gazette.No.355.

2 pp.

2 Dec. 1938.

2/2/18. Determination of the Fibrous Plasterers Board. Vic.
Gov. Gazette. No. 39.

2 pp.

28 Feb. 1939.

2/2/19. Determination of the Builders' Labourers Board. Extract
from Vic. Gov. Gazette. No. 97.
2 pp.

18 May 1939.

2/2/20. Determination of the Fibrous Plasterers Board. Extract
from Vic. Gov. Gazette. No. 107 of 1939.
2 pp.

23 May 1939.

2/2/21. Determination of the Carpenters Board. No. 113 of 1939.
2 pp.

26 May 1939.

2/2/22. Federal Award. Coach and Motor Body Building
Industry. Nos. 3, 6, 28 of 1935.
4 pp.

1 June 1939.

2/2/23. Determination of the Bricklayers Board. No. 124 of 1939
2 pp.

1 June 1939.

2/2/24. Determination of the Plumbers Board. No. 236 of 1939
2 pp.

18 July 1939.

2/2/25. Metal Trades Award. Bound volume of Award and
variations, 1952-1965.
86 pp.

2/2/26. Plasterers Award. 1965.
16 pp.
1965.

2/2/27. The Builders Labourers (Construction on Site) Award. 1982
The Carpenters and Joiners Awards 1962 and 1964.
Decision of the Conciliation and Arbitration
Commissioner.
13 pp.
11 March 1966.

2/2/28. Application to vary the determination of the
Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.
 No. 212 of 1965 Award.

2 pp.

27 Jan. to 5 April. 1967.

2/2/29. The Commonwealth Hostels (Building Trades) Agreement.
1966/7

2/2/29 1. Amendment No. 1. To take effect from the first pay period
 on or after 23 Jan. 1967.

2 pp.

7 Feb. 1967.

2/2/29 2. Re 1966 Agreement. J.E. Anderson, Gen. Sec. O.P.D.U. Federal
 Office. Requests a conference to discuss improved sick
 leave provisions, payment for annual leave, special rates.

1 p.

11 June 1970.

2/2/29 3. The Commonwealth Hostels (Building Trades) Agreement. 1966-70.
 Consolidated, includes amendment no. 4. 1970.

16 pp. 2 copies.

10 Nov. 1970.

Box 37 2/2/30. Determination No. 67 of 1968. Building Tradesmen
Employed in the Public Service. i.e. Post Master
 General's Department, Dept. of Army, Dept. of
 Interior, Dept. of Defence, Dept. of Shipping and
 Transport. Published by:

{ B.W.I.U.

{ O.P.D.U.

{ Plumbers and Gasfitters Employees Union of
 Australia.

Contains relevant sections of Determination No. 32 of 1956-
 General conditions of service.

12 pp. plus sections of No. 32 of 1956. 1 copy.

20 May 1968.

2/2/31. Building Industry Agreements. 1968-70. 1970-72.

Correspondence and memoranda relating to two Agreements made in 1968 and 1970 between associations of employers and the unions with respect to building and construction work. Contains clauses re apprenticeships, wage rates, job stewards amenities. Signed by:
Master Builders' Assn. of Victoria, Master Plumbers Assn.

and

Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.

B.W.I.U.

O.P.D.U. Vic. branch.

Victorian Operative Bricklayers' Society

Victorian Plasterers' Society.

2/2/31 1. 1968-1970. 2 copies. 19 July 1968.

2/2/31 2. 1970-1972. 8 pp. 2 copies. 1970-2.

2/2/32 Metal Trades Award, Incorporating Metal Trades (Long-Service Leave) Award. Replacement sheets instructions. 1970-72.

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2/2/32 1. No. 17. Jan. 1970.

2/2/32 2. No. 18. April 1970.

2/2/32 3. No. 21. Feb. 1971.

2/2/32 4. No. 22. April 1971.

2/2/32 5. No. 23. July 1971.

2/2/32 6. No. 24. Dec. 1971.

2/2/32 7. No(?) March 1972.

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Group 3. Early History.

Note: This material covers negotiations between employees and employers in the painting trade, which preceded the establishment of a Painters Wages Board in 1910. The three main correspondents are:

3/1/

J. Worsey. Sec. Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators Society of Victoria.

W.C. Davis. Hon. Sec. Master Painters' and Decorators' Association of Victoria.

F. Cameron. Chief Inspector of Factories, Melb.

3/1. Report of a deputation of the Operative Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators Society of Melbourne to the employers. Re signing an agreement on wages, over-time, country work etc. Contains the text of a resolution passed by mass meetings in the Trades Hall, a list of objections raised by employers who have signed the agreement, of employers who have not signed the agreement but are inclined to grant some concessions, and a list of employers who refus to sign the agreement.

. 7 pp.

18 Feb. 1886.

3/2. W.C. Davis to J. Worsey. Re creation of a Wages Board in the painting trade.

. 1 p.

8 Jan. 1907.

3/3. Worsey to Davis. Encloses a petition for the signature of employers.

1 p.

13 Jan. 1907.

3/4. Davis to Worsey. Re petition. Discusses a proposal for the payment of a uniform rate of wages.

1 p.

15 Feb. 1907.

3/5. Ditto.

1 p.

5 April 1907.

3/6. Ditto. Explains that delegates have been appointed by the employers to meet an equal number of employees' reps.

1 p.

15 April 1907.

- 3/7. Circular from Worsey. Re resolution passed by a special meeting of the union supporting a standard wage.

1 p.

20 June 1907.

- 3/8. Copy of the rules of the Sydney Trade Union of Painters sent to Victorian employers.

1 p.

31 Jan. 1908

- 3/9. Davis to Worsey. Concerns a decision made by the Master Painters' and Decorators' Association of Vic. not to sign the petition to create a Wages Board at the present time.

1 p.

14 Feb. 1908.

- 3/10. F. Cameron to Worsey. Informs him that it is doubtful that a Special Board for Painters will be appointed.

1 p.

26 Feb. 1908.

- 3/11. E.T. Drake, Gov. Statist, to Worsey. Furnished information about the number of painters and sign-writers listed in the 1901 Census.

1 p.

10 March 1908.

- 3/12. Davis to Worsley. Re conference between employers and employees.

1 p.

18 March 1908.

- 3/13. F. Cameron to G.M. Prendergast, M.L.A. Concerns a deputation introduced by Prendergast to the Minister of Labor re the appointment of a Special Board for Painters.

1 p.

3 April 1908.

- 3/14. (Worsey) to Davis. Asks what action employers will take in regard to creating a Wages Board covering the whole of the trade.

1 p.

9 April 1908.

- 3/15. Davis to Worsey. Re Wages Board.

1 p.

11 April 1908.

- 3/16. Ditto. Re resolution that the Master Painters will

- 3/16. (contd) support the Painters and Decorators Society endeavour to bring the whole of the painting and decorating trade within the provisions of the Wages Board.

1 page

15th April, 1908

- 3/17. Ditto. Unofficial

1 p.

15 April 1908.

- 3/18. List of signatures of employees/employers petitioning for a Wages Board. Contains figures for Melb. and suburbs, Ballarat, Geelong and Bendigo.
Undated.

- 3/19. Davis to Worsey. Re conference with employers.

1 p.

6 June 1908.

- 3/20. Copy of a question to be put to Parliamentary reps. on behalf of the Painters and Decorators' Union. Concerns the operation of the Factories Act and the desirability or otherwise of the painting trade being brought under its provisions.

3 pp.

Undated.

- 3/21. Cameron to Worsey. Requests him to call at the Chief Inspector of Factories office and discuss the proposed legislation for painters as it affects paperhangers.

1 p.

25 Aug. 1908/

- 3/22. Copy of a petition for a Wages Board made by the painters, paperhangers and decorators of Melbourne and suburbs, Ballarat, Bensigo and Geelong. to the Hon. J. Murray, Minister of Labour. Contains three main points.

16 pp.

17 Feb. 1909.

3/23. Report from the Wages Board Committee. Says they have now completed their labours.

1 p.

1 Dec. 1909.

Group 4. Registration.

4/1. Certificate of Registration under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1910. of the Federated House and Ship Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators' Employees Association of Australasia.

1 p. 3 copies

22 March 1910.

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4/2. Agenda Paper. Conference of painters' unions in Adelaide. Re branch rules for Victoria etc.

1 p.

14 Oct. 1910.

4/3. J. Worsey to W. Roe, Gen Sec. Federated House Painters. Asks Roe to forward the application for registration.

1 p.

1 Feb. 1911.

4/4. Agenda Paper. Brisbane conference of painters' unions. Contains Vic. branch rules.

1 p.

20 Oct. 1911.

4/5. Regulations concerning registration, change of name of an organization etc. under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1911.

11 pp. 2 copies.

17 Dec. 1913.

- 4/6. T.P. Howard, Sec. S.A. branch of Federated House Painters to H. Watson, Sec. Vic branch. Re carrying out next conference by correspondence.

1 p.

13 May 1914.

- 4/7. Agenda Paper and Report. Conference of the O.P.D.U. in the Trades Hall, Sydney. Includes short-hand notes.

16 pp.

29 Oct. 1917.

- 4/8. Particulars required for legal prosecution of union members.

4 pp.

1910 to 1920.

- 4/9. Samples of official notices sent to unfinancial union members.

1 envelope

17 Aug. 1918.

- 4/10. Notes re levies 1911-1920 and 40 hour week case in 1920.

3 pp.

Undated.

- 4/11. List of court cases involving union members, 1924.

5 pp.

25 April 1924.

- 4/12. Conciliation and Arbitration Regulations. Re registration etc.

19 pp.

13 Aug. 1928.

- 4/13. List of officers, balance sheets etc. as required by the Industrial Registrar.

6 pp.

8 Feb. 1929.

- 4/14. Statutory declaration by H. Watson, Sec. Vic branch of O.P.D.U.. Contains a list of officers, management committee and trustees of the Vic. branch, 1933-34.

3 pp.

9 Dec. 1933.

- 4/15. Watson to P.J. Barrett, c/o Taubman's Ltd. Melb. Encloses copies of the Sydney and Melb. rules.

1 p.

18 Jan. 1935.

- 4/16. A.B. Carey, manager Essendon Gazette Pty. Ltd. to Watson. Quotes the price of 1,600 copies of the union rule book.

1 p.

22 Jan. 1935.

- 4/17. Re new Vic. branch rules.

3 pp.

26 March 1935.

- 4/18. Murray M. Stewart, Industrial Registrar, Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, to union sec. Says the amended rules have been duly approved and filed.

4 pp.

17 April to 26 April 1935.

- 4/19. Ditto.

2 pp.

3 July 1935.

- 4/20. Circular re change in a branch rule concerning Accident Benefit Funds.

1 p.

6 Jan. 1937.

4/21. Note re error committed by Rowe.

1 p.

12 April 1937.

4/22. Rowe grants Power of Attorney to Cecil Whitford,
Victorian branch secretary.

1 p.

12 April 1937.

4/23. Copies of list of officers and and committee of the
Federal Council and Vic. branch of the O.P.D.U. Filed
with the Fed. Registry of the Commonwealth Court of
Conciliation and Arbitration.

9 pp. 2 copies.

19 April 1937.

4/24. List of officers and management. Vic. branch.

2 pp. 2 copies.

10 Feb. 1939.

Group 5. Management.

5/1. Victorian branch.

5/1/1. Membership records.

Note: These are records, arranged in bundles of a hundred,
of members of the Victorian branch and Ballarat, Bendigo
and Geelong Sub-Branches of the O.P.D.U. Each card
contains details of the date when a member applied for
membership, his age, present wages, which ~~branch of work~~
section of the trade he belongs to and how long he has
been in the trade. It contains, also, a pledge to
comply with the rules and regulations of the organiz-
ation.

Box 36 5/1/1/1. Applications for membership. The Federated House and
Ship Painters', Paperhangers and Decorators' Employees'
Association of Australasia. Vic. branch.

4 bundles. 400 cards approx.

1909-1920.

5/1/1/ 2. Ditto. O.P.D.U. Vic. branch.

13 bundles. 1300 cards approx.

1918-1932.

5/1/1/3. Ditto. Ballarat Sub-Branch.

1 bundle. 52 cards approx.
1910-1927.

5/1/1/4. Ditto. Geelong Sub-Branch.

1 bundle. 83 cards. approx.
1914 to 1930.

Box 36 5/1/1/5. Ditto. Bendigo Sub-Branch.

1 bundle. 45 cards approx.
1914 to 1928.

6. Nominations rejected, lapsed, transferred. O.P.D. UVic.
branch.

1 large bundle.
1934 to 1941.

5/1/2. Accounts.

5/1/2/1. Day Book. Kept by J. Worsey, Sec. Painters, Paperhangers
and Decorators Society of Victoria. Contains lists of
members' names and contributions. Scanty amount of
material.

Undated.

Box 13 5/1/2/2. Balance Sheets etc. 1902-1910. Useful information
about members' contributions and arrears and also
valuable material on money spent by the union on
deputations, strikes, Tom Mann's organizing fund and
the Political Labour Council.

5/1/2/2/1. 1902 Balance Sheet and jotted notes for the annual
report. Contains items for payment of £1.1s to both
the Pol. Labour Council and the coal miners' strike
fund.

- 5/1/2/2. 1903 Balance Sheet. A further payment of £1.1s each to the Pol. Labour Council and the coal miners' strike fund. Also payments to Tom Mann's organizing fund and £2 to the Daily Labour Paper fund.
- 5/1/2/2/3. 1904 Balance Sheet. Regular quarterly payments to the Pol. Labour Council and Tom Mann's organizing fund.
- 5/1/2/2/4. 1905 Balance Sheet. Affiliation fee of £1.1s to Pol. Labour Council.
- 5/1/2/2/5. 1906 Balance Sheet. More quarterly payments to the Pol. Labour Council.
- 5/1/2/2/6. 1907 Balance Sheet. Donation of £4.4s to the Building Trades Strike Fund. Donation of £5 to the Lock-Out Fund of the W.A. Timber Workers.
- 5/1/2/2/7. 1908 Balance Sheet. £15.8s to the Sydney strike fund and a payment to the Pol. Labour Council Literature Fund.
- 5/1/2/2/8. 1909 Balance Sheet and list of unfinancial members. Largest item: £51.6s to the Coal Miners Strike Fund. Also, £2.2s to the Pol. Labour Council's election fund.
- 5/1/2/2/9. 1910. List of levies paid and levies due.

Box 13 5/1/2/3. Petty Cash Book, 1941-1950. Carefully-kept record of payments for tea, sugar, milk, coffee, garage etc.

186 pp.

10 Dec. 1941 to 5 April 1950.

5/1/2/4. Stewards' Collecting Books, 1941 - 1944. Carbon copy receipt books, which give payees' names, union numbers and amounts paid. Statement of authority given to union collectors.

5 books.

15 Nov. 1941 to 21 July 1944.

Box 14 5/1/2/5. Stewards' Pay-In Slips, 1965 and 1966. Contain members' names, union numbers, dates paid, amounts and receipt numbers, and remarks concerning changes of address etc. Arranged in alphabetical order.

2 vols.

1965. A-J.

1966. K-Z.

Box 9 5/1/3. Benefit Fund Book. Contains details of payments made for accident and death benefits between 1924

and 1932. Also lists nature of injuries, dates of accidents, names of employers and addresses of jobs where accidents occurred.

1 vol.

1 Jan. 1924 to 7 April 1932.

Box 9

5/1/4. Debt Collections. Includes correspondence, both inward and outward, lists of debtors, details of court proceedings, records of other action taken by the union's two collection agents:

Jays Mercantile Agency. 220 Collins st. from 1953-1963.

George Laurens Pty.Ltd. 414 Lonsdale st.,Melb. from 1963-1971.

2 large bundles.

1953 to 1971.

5/1/5. Daily Work Book. Kept by G. Lewins, union official. Gives a daily account of a Melbourne union official's tasks, which range from general office routine, preparing reports for the Management Committee to attending meetings with employers, or with the A.C.T.U., preparing applications for the Wages Board, writing press reports. A most valuable and unique record.

9 June 1965 to 22 Feb. 1966.

5/2. The Federal Council.

Note: This material consists mainly of Minutes of the O.P.D.U Federal Council meetings during 1967-8, when the union was considering a possible amalgamation with the B.W.I.U. and the Plasterers.

5/2/1. Minutes. Federal Executive. The Federated House and Ship Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators Employees Association of Australasia. Re suspension of the N.S.W branch, because it will not abide by the Federal rules

7 pp.

18 to 23 Oct. 1912.

5/2/2. Ditto. Re N.S.W. branch. Reproduced in the O.B.D.U
1971 Minutes.

16 pp.

8 Aug. 1913.

5/2/3. Minutes. Federal Conference. O.P.D.U. Brisbane. 1947.
Reps. from A.C.T., N.S.W., Queensland, S.A., W.A., Vic.
Agenda includes: industrial health, a Federal Award,
amalgamation, the basic wage, post-war reconstruction
training, price control, the Metal Trades Award.

18 pp.

17 March to 21 March 1947.

5/2/4. Re proposed secession of the N.S.W. branch. Legal
opinion from W. Hall and Edginton, Sydney solicitors.
Suggests that the "existing controlling elements"
should be ousted by constitutional means.

4 pp. and letter.

16 March to 26 March 1953.

5/2/5. Minutes. Federal Council meeting. Canberra. 1964.
Discusses Aluminium Industry Award and Metal Trades
Award.

59 pp. 3 copies.

12 Oct. to 16 Oct. 1964.

5/2/6. Minutes. Federal Executive meeting. Sydney. 1965.
Executive attends a conference with the Public Service
Board and the Commonwealth Department of Works on a
proposed determination for building trades in the
Department. Also discusses a Federal Award, the Tas.
branch etc.

27 pp. 1 copy

8,9,10 Sept. 1965.

- 5/2/7. Agenda items for the Federal Council meeting. Southport, Queensland. 1966. Vic. branch calls on all State branches to launch a campaign for over-award payments, for a National Health Scheme, increase in aged, invalid and widows pensions, support for the Vietnamese people.

7pp. 2 copies.

12 Spet. to 16 Sept. 1966.

- 5/2/8. Minutes. ~~Federal~~ Federal Executive meeting. Melb. 1967. Re total wage decision of the Arbitration Commission, amalgamation etc.

4 pp. 1 copy

21 Aug. to 22 Aug. 1967

- 5/2/9. Minutes. Special Federal Council meeting. Melb. 1967. Mainly discusses the amalgamation referendum in Vic. a and Tas. recorded a No vote and all other branches, an overwhelming Yes vote. Also discusses union policy on the ~~amalgamation~~ work value case and the Vietnam war.

24 pp. 1 copy.

23 Aug. to 25 Aug. 1967.

- 5/2/10. Agenda Items. Federal Council meeting. Sydney. 1968. Re amalgamation, industrial health, price control, pensions, conscription, Vietnam war.

8 pp. 1 copy.

23 Sept. to 27 Sept. 1968.

- 5/2/11. Minutes. Federal Council. Sydney. 1968. More re amalgamation- problems in drafting rules etc., Metal Trades Value Case, possible organization of building workers in the Northern Territory, decline in financial membership of O.P.D.U., water conservation, aborigines' land rights.

71 pp. 1 copy.

23 Sept. to 27 Sept. 1968.

- 5/2/12. Special Executive meeting. Hobart. 1969. Re Tasmania. Discusses the possibility of severing relations with Tas. branch.

22 pp. 1 copy.

13,14 Oct. 1969.

- 5/2/13. Federal Council. Sydney. Amendments to Federal Rules suggested by J.E. Anderson, General Secretary.

18 pp. 1 copy.

21 July 1970.

- 5/2/14. Minutes. Federal Council. Perth. 1970. Re long service leave for building workers, proposed credit unions in the fields of hire purchase, insurance as outlined by R. Hawke, pres. A.C.T.U., pollution, support for draft resisters, amendments to Federal Rules.

Also contains a Vic. branch report on the new Master Builders Industry Agreement, apprenticeships, over award rates etc.

56 pp. 1 copy.

28 Sept. to 2 Oct. 1970.

- 5/2/15. Minutes. Federal Executive. Sydney. 1971. Re early history of the Federal body.

24 pp.

18 Oct. 1971.

- 5/2/16. Minutes. Federal Committee of Management. meeting. Melb. 1971. Discusses Federal Awards and Agreements, the Public Service Determination, N.S.W. building strike etc.

15 pp.

25.27 Aug. 1971.

- 5/2/17. Minutes. Federal Council. Adelaide. 1972. More re possible amalgamation with B.W.I.U., apprenticeships, 35 hour week. Contains branch reports.

49 pp.

18,22 Sept. 1972.

5/2/18. Background paper. Federal Council meeting. Adelaide. 1972. Concerns the present and future of the union. Report by J.E. Anderson on amalgamation and the question of obtaining a Federal Award. Discusses the financial decline in the union in Vic., M.S.W. and A.C.T., and increases in membership in Queensland, S.A. and W.A., administration and organization of branches, loss of work on new buildings because of technological change, problems of amalgamation with the B.W.I.U. Speaks of political differences separating the building unions. Appendices show financial membership of all branches from 1954 to 1971.

21 pp. 2 copies.

18, 23 Sept. 1972.

5/2/19. Agenda. Federal Council meeting. Adelaide. 1972. Contains items on the amendment of rules, long service leave, a Federal Award, apprenticeship, conscription, French nuclear tests, the Vietnam war, aborigines.

14 pp.

18 to 22 Sept. 1972.

5/2/20. Document detailing amendments to Federal rules. Issued by the Federal office.

3 pp. 1 copy.

Undated. (1972?)

5/2/21. Re Draft Rules and Answers. Includes suggestions drawn up on the basis of replies from N.S.W., Queensland, W.A., S.A. and Victoria. Concerns rules and procedures for amalgamation.

36 pp.

Undated (1972?).

Group 6. Correspondence.6/1. Members/officials. Victorian branch. O.P.D.U. 1964-1967.

These bound volumes of correspondence, both inward and outward, are arranged in both alphabetical and chronological order. Concern applications for membership, clearances to other unions, workers compensation claims, accounts of conditions in the trade, resignations etc.

Box 24 6/1/1. Members correspondence. 1964.

2 vols.

H-O, P - Z.

Box 27 6/1/2. Ditto. 1965.

3 vols.

A-G, H - O, P - Z.

Box 30&31 6/1/3. Ditto. 1966.

3 vols.

A-G, H-O, P - Z.

Box 31 6/1/4. Ditto. 1967.

3 vols.

A-G, H-O, P-Z.

Box 32 6/2. General Correspondence. Inwards. 1943-1950. A bound volume which lists daily letters received requiring a written reply. Does not include routine matters such as letters with contributions etc. or letters which can be handled simply by office staff. 3,008 letters entered. Notes that union officials receive an average of 1,375 letters per 12 months. Contains records of letters from union members other branches, other unions, Melb. T.H.C., A.C.T.U., Dept. of Labour, A.L.P.

11 vol.

13 Dec. 1948 to 11 Dec. 1950.

6/3. Correspondence/ circulars between branches. 1935-40.

- Box 28 6/3/1. Correspondence, circulars, reports. 1935. Contains correspondence with the Adelaide branch concerning amendments to the Federal Rules and a copy of the Victorian branch Annual Report for the year ending Nov. 1935.

1 bundle

14 July to 12 Dec. 1935.

- Box 28 6/3/2. Ditto. 1936. Discusses the withdrawal of the Queensland branch and the rules of a proposed Accident Benefit Fund. Encloses a copy of the Victorian branch 1936 Annual Report, a list of management committee members, Federal Councillors, Wages Board delegates, T.H.C. delegates and delegates to the Apprenticeship Commission and the Building Trades Federation.

1 bundle.

20 Jan. to 17 Dec. 1936.

- Box 28 6/3/3. Ditto. 1937. Mainly correspondence between the Victorian and Adelaide and Tasmanian branches. Re amalgamation of all building trade unions, alterations to the Federal Constitution. Includes a copy of Vic. branch 1937 Annual Report.

- Box 28 6/3/4. Ditto. 1938. Includes Federal Council 1938 Annual Report, a discussion held in Council on work classification, proposed amendments to Vic. branch rules.

1 bundle.

4 Jan. to 26 Dec. 1938.

- Box 28 6/3/5. Ditto. 1939. Mainly correspondence between the Victorian and N.S.W. and Adelaide branches. Re Federal Council meeting- Agenda Paper, Conference Report, rough notes, Vic. branch 1939 Annual Report.

1 bundle.

Box 28

6/3/6. Ditto. 1940. Re Commercial Artists Association , registration, circular letter to Federal Council reporting on union organization in Darwin and the possibility of forming a branch of the O.P.D.U. there.

1 bundle.

1 Jan. to 29 Oct. 1940.

Box 32

6/3/7. Tasmanian branch to Victorian branch. Re transfers, assistance given by Victorian branch in securing the Mt. Lyall Agreement .

1 small bundle.

5 Oct. 1939 to 6 March 1940.

6/3/8. Wellington branch to Victorian branch. Transfers etc.

2 pp.

14, 21 Feb. 1940.

6/3/9. Sydney branch to Victorian branch. Concerns a Melbourne branch dispute with a Sydney firm, transfers etc.

1 small bundle.

16 Feb. to 12 Dec. 1940.

6/3/10. Queensland branch to Victorian branch. Concerns a claim for country allowance against the meatwork firm of Thomas Borthwick and Sons., trade registration, industrial conditions of painters in the Northern Territory.

1 bundle.

15 March to 13 Nov. 1940.

6/3/11. West Australian branch to Victorian branch. Mainly transfers.

1 small bundle.

18 March to 8 Oct. 1940.

6/3/12. Adelaide branch to Victorian branch. Ditto.

1 small bundle.

6 June to 12 Dec. 1940.

Box 32 6/3/13. Federal Capital Territory branch to Victorian branch.
Re transfers of Bros. Bush and White from Vic. to F.C.T
branch.

18 Oct. to 29 Nov. 1940.

Box 25 6/4. Correspondence with Melb. T.H.C.

Note: Correspondence, circulars, reports in one bound
volume arranged alphabetically- both inward and
outward. Contains valuable material for the period
1946 to 1947 on such matters as:

Apprenticeship and daytime training.
Economic Organization Regulations. 1946.
Factories and Shops Act. amendment re annual leave. 1946.
Gas Employees' dispute. 1947.
Nationalisation of banks. T.H.C. resolution. 1947.
Tramway employees' claim for annual leave. 1947.
Workers Compensation Act amendments.

1 large vol.

1946 to 1947.

Box 35 6/5. Miscellaneous Correspondence.

Note: This collection is bound also in one large volume and
includes correspondence, circulars, pamphlets, reports,
newspaper cuttings for 1965. The material is arranged
alphabetically and contains information about
a wide variety of policy matters, such as:

Aborigines. wage discrimination etc.
A.L.P. Victorian Central Executive. Policy on Vietnam, State
boundaries, housing, Papua/New Guinea.
Building Industry Agreement. 1964-6.
Congress for International Co-operation and Disarmament.
Japan conference against atom and hydrogen bombs. Correspond-
ence etc.
Jewish Council to Combat Fascism and Anti-Semitism. Corresp-
ondence, booklet.
Mt. Isa dispute. 1964-5. Collection list, correspondence with
Mt. Isa Trades and Labor Council, T.H.C. circulars, A.C.T.U.
statement.
Workers Compensation laws

1 large vol.

1965.

7/1. Wages Board.

Note: This group of records is linked with and follows on chronologically from Group 3.

Box 17

7/1/1. Workmen's Declarations. Re time, wages etc. Collected in connection with the campaign for a Painters Wages Board in 1900. Contains more than 95 declarations from Melbourne workmen with answers to such questions as:

1. Number of hours worked during one week.
2. Amount of wages received.
3. Number of years in the trade.
4. Present employer's name.
5. Rate of pay for over-time.
6. Rate of pay for Sunday work.
7. Number of boys working in the shop.
8. Number of improvers and journeymen.

Those filling in these forms were asked to send them , with any examples of " sweating", to the Anti-Sweating League or the T.H.C.

1 bundle.

1900.

Box 29

7/1/2. Painters Wages Board Minute Book. 1910.

Bound volume with a bundle of written and shorthand notes. Concerns 1910 Painters Wages Board discussion of terms of a proposed Painters Award with provisions for journeymen, apprentices, improvers, time conditions, hours of work, wages, fares, piece work, over-time, holidays, meal money etc.

1 vol. and bundle of notes.

April 15. 1910 to 13 March. 1911.(approx).

7/1/3. Correspondence, circulars, newspaper cuttings.
1909-19.

Main correspondents are:

H.M. Murphy. Chief Inspector of Factories.

J.Worsey. Sec. Operative, Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators.

J.Scott. Sec. Painters Wages Board.

P.J.Dwyer. Chairman. Painters Wages Board.

H.Watson. Employees' rep. Painters Wages Board.

W.C.Davis. hon.sec. Master Painters and Decorators Assn.
 and employers' rep. on Painters Wages Board.

- 7/1/3 1. Re mass meeting of Operative Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators to elect five reps. to act on the Wages Board.

13 pp.

4 Dec. to 23 Dec. 1909.

- 7/1/3 2. Copy of an article from The Australian Australasian Decorator and Painter. Re meeting between employers and employees.

4 pp.

1 Jan. 1910.

- 7/1/3 3. J. Worsey to H. Watson. Arranges a meeting.

1 p.

20 Jan. 1910.

- 7/1/3 4. Re Watson's appointment as employees' rep. on the Painters Board. Official notice from the Chief Inspector of Factories, letter from Worsey.

2 pp.

12 April 1910.

- 7/1/3 5. Worsey to Watson. Arrangements for a meeting of combined Wages Board reps.

1 p.

11 May 1910.

7/1.

32.

7/1/3.

- 7/1/3/ 6. Worsey to Scott. Questions him about the cause of delay in calling together the members of the Board.

1 p.

3 June 1910.

- 7/1/3/ 7. B.Merry, Trades Hall, Adelaide to Worsey. Congratulates the Melbourne branch on the "splendid award" drawn up by the Wages Board. Speaks of the poor working conditions in S.A.

1 p.

25 July 1910.

- 7/1/3/ 8. Chief Inspector of Factories office, Melb. to A.N. McKissock, M.L.A. Informs him that painters working outside city and town boundaries will not be affected by determinations of the Wages Board.

1 p.

5 Nov. 1910.

- 7/1/3/ 9. Copy of resolutions passed by painting trade employees in Shepparton and Colac requesting that the Painters Board should apply to the whole State.

4 pp.

28 Feb. to 21 April 1911.

- 7/1/3/ 10. Chairman's copy of Factories and Shops Act amendments re apprentices, wages boards etc.

9 pp.

Undated (1911?)

- 7/1/3/ 11. Worsey to Murphy. Asks for information about the number of permits granted to members of the trade,

1 p.

28 Feb. 1911.

- 7/1/3/ 12. Worsey to P.J.Dwyer. Requests the calling together of the Board at an early date to amend the present determination in regard to "Centres."

1 p.

- 7/1/3/ 13. Murphy to Worsey. Re petition from painting
trade employees in Shepparton.

1 p.

15 March 1911.

- 7/1/3/ 14. J. Scott to Watson. Re register of "Centres." Says
Murphy thinks that the system is cumbersome.

1 p.

13 April 1911.

- 7/1/3/ 15. Murphy to Worsey. Says that the Minister of Labour
has informed him that, if a general and well-supported
request is made to him re the appointment of a
Country Board for painters, it will be considered
with favour. Can't extend the present determination.

1 p.

16 May 1911.

- 7/1/3/ 16. Circular from Melb. T.H.C. Concerns a conference of
trades to consider and frame amendments to the Shops
and Factories Act.

1 p.

30 June 1911.

- 7/1/3/ 17. W.C. Davis and J. Worsey to W. Watt, M.L.A., Minister of
Labour. Asks if he will receive a deputation about the
painters' determination.

1 p.

8 July 1911.

- 7/1/3/ 18. Notice of a motion calling the Wages Board together to
secure an increase in wages to meet the increasing cost
of living.

1 p.

6 Sept. 1911.

- 7/1/3/ 19. Davis to Worsey. Re costs of a legal opinion concerning
the "Centres" mentioned in the determination.

3 pp.

4 Aug. to 30 Sept. 1911.

- 7/1/3/ 20. Correspondence re determination. Contains a letter from J.S.Dyer resigning as a union rep. on the Wages Board, because of alleged maladministration by the Department of Labour and employers' evasion of provisions in the determination.
7 pp.
20 Oct. to 16 Nov. 1911.
- 7/1/3/ 21. J.Scott to Watson. Says the determination is being sent back as the Minister feels unable to gazette it in its present form.
1 p.
23 Nov. 1911.
- 7/1/3/ 22. Ditto. Forwards a copy of a letter received from the Chief Inspector of Factories by the Painters Board chairman, which says he can't gazette the determination in its present form.
2 pp.
22 Nov. to 8 Dec. 1911.
- 7/1/3/ 23. Report of a Wages Board Committee meeting. Discusses the election of a country rep. from Ballarat and Bendigo.
2 pp.
25 Nov. 1911.
- 7/1/3/ 24. Watson to Minister of Labour. Re relations between the Wages Board and the Department of Labour.
9 pp.
11 Dec. 1911.
- 7/1/3/ 25. J. Curtin. Gen. Sec. Federated Saw Mill, Timber Yard and General Wood Workers. to Watson. Asks the Painters to appoint 2 delegates to attend a conference for the discussion of questions arising out of the overlapping of Wages Board determinations in saw mills, timber yards etc.
1 p.
19 March 1912.

- 7/1/3/ 26. Watson to H.M. Prendergast, M.L.A. Re Wages Board determination.
4 pp.
12 to 19 April 1912.
- 7/1/3/ 27. Circular from the Federated Saw Mill, Timber Yard and General Wood Workers. Concerns conference on the overlapping of determinations.
1 p.
1 July 1912.
- 7/1/3/ 28. Suggested amendments to Painters Board determinations.
3 pp.
Sept. 1912.
- 7/1/3/ 29. Watson to T.H. Colenso, hon. sec. Master Painters and Decorators Assn. Contains the recommendations of the Signwriting Committee concerning the definition of signwriters in the new Wages Board determination.
2 pp.
15 Aug. 1913.
- 7/1/3/ 30. Draft of recommendations of union reps. on the Wages Board
7 pp.
Undated.
- 7/1/3/ 31. Shorthand notes re extension of the Wages Board determination to the tailoring, fuel and fodder and coachmakers trades.
5 pp.
Undated (1913-4?)
- 7/1/3/ 32. Newspaper cuttings re the advantages of Wages Boards in the prevention of strikes.
4 pp.
1913.
- 7/1/3/ 33. Notes concerning travelling time to Melbourne, time allowance etc.
8 pp.
Undated.

- 7/1/3/ 34. Watson to Lemmon. Concerns the question of Factories Act amendments.
1 p.
28 Oct. 1914.
- 7/1/3/ 35. Watson to Gray. Sec. Painters Board. Asks when the Board will meet.
1 p.
20 Jan. 1914.
- 7/1/3/ 36. Watson to Minister of Labour. Says that union reps. on the Wages Board request a brief personal interview to discuss the determination.
1 p.
29 Jan. 1914.
- 7/1/3/ 37. Murphy to Watson. Says Sir Alexander Peacock is unable to find time to receive deputations until Parliament has finished.
1 p.
3 Feb. 1914.
- 7/1/3/ 38. Watson to Peacock. Again asks for an interview.
1 p.
27 Feb. 1914.
- 7/1/3/ 39. Watson to W. Nicholson. Country rep. Painters Wages Board.
Re deputation to Minister of Labour.
1 p.
5 March 1914.
- 7/1/3/ 40. Nicholson to Watson. Ditto.
1 p.
7 March 1914.
- 7/1/3/ 41. Watson to Murphy. Re meeting with Peacock and proposed meeting with the Chief Inspector.
1 p.
8 April 1914.
- 7/1/3/ 42. Murphy to Watson. Says he will receive a deputation.
1 p.
16 April 1914.

- 7/1/3/ 43. Series of letter re Wages Board meeting.
11 pp.
11 Nov. to 8 Dec. 1915.
- 7/1/3/ 44. Shorthand notes re meeting.
6 pp.
7 Dec. 1915.
- 7/1/3/ 45. Report of a speech to a Wages Board meeting.
3 pp.
1916.
- 7/1/3/ 46. S. Courtney, Crib Point, to Watson. Concerns working conditions.
6 pp.
13 March to 5 April 1916.
- 7/1/3/ 47. Watson to the editor of The Age. Re the Painters Wages Board and Sunday work.
1 p. and newspaper cutting.
11 May 1916.
- 7/1/3/ 48. Watson to Murphy. Congratulates him on the outcome of the Ellis-Tozer case.
1 p. and newspaper cuttings.
18 May 1916.
- 7/1/3/ 49. Murphy to Watson. Re Duncan v Ellis case.
1 p.
19 May 1916.
- 7/1/3/ 50. Watson to C. Edward, Ballarat. Re resignation of Bro. Nicholson, a member of the Wages Board.
1 p.
3 April 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 51. Edward to Watson. Says Nicholson resigned because he claims trade is so bad he can't pay his contributions.
2 pp.
7 April 1918.

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7/1/3/ 52. Ditto. Says he will withdraw his Wages Board nomination
1 p.
8 May 1918.

7/1/3/ 53. C. Hellier, sec. Bendigo, to Watson. Re nomination of C.
Smith as Wages Board rep.
1 p.
9 May 1918.

7/1/3/ 54. J. Groves, sec. S. Geelong, to Watson. Re his nomination.
1 p.
11 May 1918.

7/1/3/ 55. Ballot paper for a country representative to the Painters
Wages Board.
1 p.
Undated.

7/1/3/ 56. More re country reps.
8 pp.
15 June 1918.

7/1/3/ 57. Notes re travelling allowance.
2 pp.
Undated.

7/1/3/ 58. Newspaper cutting from The Age on piece work and
profit sharing.
1 p.
3 July 1918.

7/1/3/ 59. Re Wages Board meeting.
1 p.
9 July 1918.

7/1/3/ 60. Ditto.
1 p.
10 July 1918.

7/1/3/ 61. Murphy to Watson. Says the Minister of Labour has
approved the calling together of the Painters Wages
Board to consider revision of the determination.
1 p.
17 July 1918.

- 7/1/3/ 62. Watson to Scott, Hart etc. Concerns a joint meeting of the union committee and members of the Wages Board.
1 p.
18 July 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 63. C. Smith, Kerang, to Watson. Seeks information about travelling allowance for country delegates.
1 p.
28 July 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 64. Watson to Murphy. Says no progress has been made in fixing the rate of wages. Discusses Smith's expenses.
1 p.
3 Sept. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 65. Newspaper cutting The Age. Concerns Wages Board system of delegates fees, delays etc.
10 Sept. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 66. Murphy to Watson. Asks Watson to call on him.
1 p.
11 Sept. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 67. Watson to Murphy. Speaks of changes needed in the Painter determination. List 5 urgent ones.
1 p.
14 Sept. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 68. Smith to Watson. Wants to know the result of the final meeting of the Wages Board.
1 p.
19 Sept. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 69. More re fee system for Wages Board delegates. Newspaper cutting. The Age.
Sept. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 70. Notes for consideration of the Wages Board. Includes cost of living indices for 5 Victorian towns. 1912-1915.
2 pp.
1918.
- 7/1/3/ 71. Murphy to Watson. Informs ~~sk~~ him that the Minister of Labour has now given directions that a resolution should be prepared extending the scope and jurisdiction of the Wages Board.
1 p.
14 Oct. 1918.

- 7/1/3/ 72. News cutting re extension of Painters Board. Age.
15 Oct. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 73. J.C. Beiler. sec. Master Painters and Decorators Assn.
to Watson. Re correspondence with the Department of Labour.
2 pp.
15 Oct. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 74. Watson to Beiler. Tells of his communications with the
Department of Labour.
1 p.
16 Oct. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 75. Watson to Gray. Speaks of amendments to the Factories Act
desired by the union.
1 p.
25 Oct. 1918.
- 7/1/3/ 76. Lists of "Centres." registered from 1912 to 1919.
3 pp.
1919.
- 7/1/3/ 77. Extract from the Vic. Gov. Gazette re appointment of a
Special Board under the Factories Act to discuss
lowest prices or rates of pay for painters and paper-
hangers.
1 p.
20 Jan. 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 78. Shorthand notes.
1 p.
22 Jan. 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 79. William Smith resigns as a delegate to the Painters
Wages Board.
1 p.
23 Jan. 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 80. S. Courtney resigns.
1 p.
25 Jan. 1919.

- 7/1/3/ 81. J.I. Hart declines nomination.
1 p.
28 Jan. 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 82. C.Smith of Bendigo resigns.
1 p.
28 Jan. 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 83. J.B.Scott says he doesn't see why he should resign
when the Wages Board has finished sitting.
1 p.
30 Jan. 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 84. Shprthand notes re Scott.
2 pp.
Undated.
- 7/1/3/ 85. List of delegates elected.
1 p.
Undated.
- 7/1/3/ 86. J.B.Scott resigns.
1 p.
31 Jan. 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 87. Newspaper cutting. Age. Re pottery industry.
27 Feb. 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 88. H.G.McCombe of Casterton to Watson. Wants the Wages Board to operate in Casterton.
1 p.
7 May 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 89. Shorthand notes re McCombe.
1 p.
13 May 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 90. Watson to Building Trades Federation of Victoria. Asks
for co-operation in drawing up an agreement with the
employers for workers not regulated by Wages Boards.
1 p.
14 May 1919.
- 7/1/3/ 91. McCombe to Watson. Re need for a Wages Board in
Casterton.
1 p.
20 May 1919.

7/1/3.

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7/1/3/ 92. Newspaper cutting re appointments to the Wages Board.

10 July 1919.

7/1/3/ 7/1/4. Correspondence, circulars etc. 1919-1922.

7/1/4/ 1. Shorthand notes re Secretary of Labour.

1 p.

10 Sept. 1919.

Box 17 7/1/4/ 2. Murphy to Watson. Concerns a proposed revision of the Painters Wages Board determination. Says the first thing is to appoint a new Board.

1 p.

11 Sept. 1919.

7/1/4/ 3. Notes re determination.

11pp.

1919.

7/1/4/ 4. Information used in the 1919 Wages Board Case. Contains lists of prices for clothing, household drapery, food, groceries etc.

23 pp.

Oct. 1919.

7/1/4/ 5. C. Smith to Watson. Re Wages Board meetings.

1 p.

16 Oct. 1919.

7/1/4/ 6. Ditto. Re employment form.

1 p.

22 Oct. 1919.

7/1/4/ 7. Shorthand notes concerning Smith.

1 p.

24 Oct. 1919.

7/1/4/ 8. Smith to Watson. Discusses private employers.

1 p.

26 Oct. 1919.

7/1/4/9. Watson to Brindley. Sec. Master Painters and Decorators Assn. Concerns nominations for the Wages Board.

1 p.

28 Oct. 1919.

7/1/4/10. Newspaper cutting. Herald. Re housing problem caused by scarcity of materials and labour.

1 p.

13 Nov. 1919.

Box 17 7/1/4/11. Murphy to F.J. Mayers, Department of Labour. Informs him of his appointment to the Painters Wages Board.

1 p.

3 Dec. 1919.

7/1/4/12. Watson to Sec. of Labour. Asks that the Board be called together as soon as possible to consider the question of wages, hours of work etc.

1 p.

10 Dec. 1919.

7/1/4/13. Newspaper cutting. Age. Concerns Wages Board methods.

17 Dec. 1919.

7/1/4/14. Murphy to Watson. Says the Wages Board will meet to consider a revision of the determination.

1 p.

17 Dec. 1919.

7/1/4/15. List of union members who are receiving wages above the determination.

2 pp.

14 Jan. 1920.

7/1/4/16. Newspaper cuttings about the 40 hour week in the building trade. Articles from the Herald and Age.

5 pp.

17, 23 Feb. 1920.

7/1/4/17. Notes re Painters Working Rules.

4 pp.

10 March 1920.

7/1/4/ 18. More correspondence, press cuttings about Wages Board determinations and the need for revision to cope with rising cost of living.

16 pp.

6 Aug. to 13 Dec. 1920.

Box 17 7/1/4/ 19. Re Charles H. Bushell's appointment as a union rep. on the Board.

2 pp.

25, 26 Aug. 1921.

7/1/4/ 20. Re calling together the Painters Wages Board to revise the determination.

6 pp.

7 Nov to 18 Nov. 1921.

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8 pp. 3 copies.

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2. rise in cost of living
3. favourable state of the labour market
4. higher wages paid in other sections of the building trade.
5. higher rates for painters in other States
6. special clothing needed by painters at work
7. time lost through wet weather

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list of health risks of painters, grounds for a proposed
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travelling time, dangerous and dirty work.

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3 copies.

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19 Feb. 1935.

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- 7/1/11/ 3. Statement of employers' position with regard to the claim made by the O.P.D.U. for an additional \$1.70 to be determined by the Board under the terms of the Painters Determination No. 1. of 1969.

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30 Sept. 1969.
- 7/1/11/ 17 Article in The Decorator and Painter for Australia and New Zealand. Describes quality work done at the Canberra War Memorial. No.2. vol. 65.
15 Nov. 1969.
- 7/1/11/ 18 M. Walsh. sec. Department of Labour and Industry, to G. Lewins. sec. O.P.D.U. Informs Lewins that the Minister has decided to increase the membership of the Painters Wages Board from 6 to 8 members.
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Includes an appeal against the Award for Ship Painters and Dockers, a variation to the Gas Industry Award, alterations to the rules of the B.W.I.U. and the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.

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Contains a summary of both the employers and union's case in the consideration of a \$ 7.40 wage increase.
Also gives information about conditions in the trade, the apprenticeship system, health problems of painters, conditions in other States.

57 pp.

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7/2. Workers Compensation.

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2 pp.

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Box 38 7/2/2. Workmen's Compensation. Pamphlet which reprints a speech by Hon. W.J. Denny, M.P. concerning a Workmen's Compensation Amendment Bill introduced into the S.A. Parliament.

24 pp.

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13 July 1911.

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21 pp.

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7/2/5. Ditto. Alterations etc. to be proposed in
Committee. Contains new clauses concerning the
establishment of a State Accident Insurance Office.

4 pp.

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7/2/6. Commonwealth Workmen's Compensation Act. No. 29 of
1912. An Act relating to workmen employed in the
service of the Commonwealth. Assented to 24 Dec.
1912.

9 pp. 2 copies.

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7/2/7. Workers Compensation Act. 1914. Contains provisions
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Office.

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7/2/8. Workers Compensation Act. 1914. Victoria. Pamphlet
which explains about State accident insurance.
Includes a folded slip with the dates of enactment
of compensation laws from 1884 to 1914 in all
States. Issued by the State Accident Insurance
Office.

10 pp.

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2496. Printed in Victorian Statutes of Practical
Utility. Melb. 1913. Indexed.

52 pp.

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7/2/10. Collection of press cuttings on the operation of the 1914 Act.

1. New Law Explained - Domestic Servants Affected. Argus. 19 Feb. 1914.
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3. Compulsory Insurance. Announces that in a few days the State Insurance Commissioner will publish a list of premiums that employers in different branches of industry will be required to pay. Age. 30 Sept. 1914.
4. Compulsory Insurance Rates. Commissioners' first announcement. Age. 28 Oct. 1914.
5. Summary of the Act. Gives a table showing the amounts payable as compensation for permanent injuries, as compared with amounts payable for total disablement. Age. 28 Oct. 1914.

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7/2/13/ 1. An Interesting Case. Re Carl Nebelius v Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Limited, which involved an injury to a workmen with a wooden leg. 29 June 1916.

7/2/13/ 2. Claim by Man with Wooden Leg. Ditto. 27 July 1916.

7/2/14. Circular from the Trade Union Secretaries Assn. Melbourne Trades Hall. Special meeting called to arrange a deputation to the Chief Secretary to advocate amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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21 June 1918.

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- 7/2/15/ 1. The Law's Peculiarities. Re. man's loss of two finger joints. Age. 3 April 1919.
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- 7/2/15/ 3. Workers' Compensation Law. Widow awarded sum for death of her husband, a lorry driver. Age. 21 Aug. 1919.
- 7/2/15/ 4. Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920. Points out that it includes work people over 70 who are not Old Age Pensioners. Newcastle Weekly Chronicle. 9 Oct. 1920.
- 7/2/15/ 5. Interesting Compensation Claim. Concerns a difference in medical opinions. Age. 13 March 1921.

7/2/16. Concerns a compensation claim against a Sydney employers.

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- 7/2/20. International Labour Office, Geneva. Official Bulletin
Contains copies of reports to be given at the
Geneva Conference on the prohibition of white lead
in painting and the need for weekly rest in industr-
ial and commercial employment.

50 pp.

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- 7/2/21. Copy of the Workers Compensation Act, 1922. 13 Geo.v
No. 3217. Contains a provision for the inclusion of
overtime in computing earnings etc.

8 pp. 2 copies.

4 Dec. 1922.

- 7/2/22. Compulsory Insurance. Pamphlet which gives a
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1922 issued by the State Accident Insurance Office.
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43 pp.

1 Feb. 1923.

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- 7/2/24. Shorthand notes. 2 pp. 17 June 1925.

- 7/2/25. Workers Compensation Act, 1935. List of the amount of
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the State Accident Insurance Office. Melb.

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- 7/2/26. Amending Workers' Compensation Act, 1936. Circular
issued by the Melb. T.H.C. Contains an increase in
maximum benefits, provisions to aid the unemployed,
seasonal and relief workers, widens the number of
occupational diseases.

5 pp.

11 Feb. 1936.

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3 pp.

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7/2/28. Ditto. Leaflet issued by the O.P.D.U.

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38 pp.

27 May 1946.

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23 pp.

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No. 7 of 1910, Ditto.

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No. 35 of 1915.

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4 April 1921.

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Concerns if the basis of variations in the award.

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2 May 1925.

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- 7/3/9. Collection of lists compiled by the Commonwealth
Bureau of Census and Statistics. Retail price index
numbers(food, groceries and rent) for thirty
towns used in calculating the basic wage.

1923 to 1940.

Box 12

- 7/3/10. List of amended rates of the basic wage in all
States compiled by the A.C.T.U.

Sept. 1936 to March 1937.

- 7/3/11. Figures compiled by the Flour Millers' Union in
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Comparisons from Nov. 1934 to April 1937.

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31 March 1947.

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34 pp.
25 July 1962.

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- 7/3/19. Circular from the Melb. T.H.C. to its affiliated unions. Concerns a mass meeting called in support of the ACTU's resolution relating to the National Wage Judgement. Encloses a copy.

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3 July 1967.

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8 Aug. 1967.

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10 Aug. 1967.

7/3/24. Melb. T.H.C. circular. Re Building Industry Agreement. Concerns the question of the use of a man hoist on the Netherland House Site, Collins Street.

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7 Dec. 1971.

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Box 7 7/4/1. Printed material. 1900-1971.

7/4/1/1. Unemployment Report. 1900. Final report of the Board of Inquiry into Unemployment, Victoria. Appointed 1899 to investigate and report on the best means of relieving unemployment and, further, to inquire into and report upon, the causes of and remedies for, want of employment.

18 pp.

1900.

7/4/1/2. Reports. Apprenticeship Conferences. 1906 and 1922.

7/4/1/2/1. 1906 Conference of employers and employees. Re founding a sound and effective system of apprenticeship/ Recommends the establishment of a permanent Apprenticeship Commission connected with the Department of Labour with special trade committees. Contains an appendix which lists trade union recommendations, terms of apprenticeship, training, wages etc.

12 pp.

12 July 1907.

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2 pp.

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24 pp.

29 Aug. 1922.

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11 March 1914.

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Clothing Trade Award. No. 66 of 1918.

Operative Stonemasons Society of Australia Award. No. 50 of 1924.

Amalgamated Engineering Union Award. No. 309 of 1923, No.

49 of 1924.

Industrial Arbitration Workers' Compensation. W.A. 1924.

Determination of the Painters' Board. 1926.

7/4/1/5. Acts and Regulations, Victoria, 1927 to 1964. and correspondence relating to this legislation.

7/4/1/5/1/ Apprenticeship Act, 1927. Regulations relating to Trade Committees.

1 p. 4 copies.

22 Aug. 1928.

7/4/1/5/2. Summary of apprenticeship conditions compiled from regulations made under the Apprenticeship Acts, 1928 to 1936, in the painting, decorating and signwriting trades. for the guidance of employers employees in the Metropolitan District. Issed by the Arbitration Commission of Victoria.

13 pp.

Feb. 1937.

7/4/1/5/3. Amendment of Painting, Decorating and Signwriting Regulations (No.2) 1931. Re alterations in minimum rates of pay for apprentices.

2 pp.

7 Jan. 1931.

7/4/1/5/4. Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria. to H. Watson, sec. O.P.D.U. Concerns the re-constitution of the Painting, Decorating and Signwriting Trade Committee.

2 pp.

28 Nov. to 21 Dec. 1931.

7/4/1/5/5. Further amendments. 1935. Contains new clauses which permit the suspension or cancellation of indentures owing to lack of orders or financial difficulties.

1 p.

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26 Sept. 1938.

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30 pp.

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Concerns educational qualifications and minimum age for entry into apprenticeships.

1 p.

17 Feb. 1960.

7/4/1/5/ 12. Apprenticeship (Amendment) Act. 1961. Re deductions from wages for failure to attend class.

2 pp.

1961.

7/4/1/5/ 13. Apprenticeship (Continuous Courses) Regulations. 1964. Re course of instruction, subsidies for courses etc.

3 pp.

27 Oct. 1964.

7/4/1/6. Technical Schools Syllabus. 1929 to 1937. Lists apprenticeship courses in painting, signwriting, decorating.

14 pp.

May 1929 to 1 Jan. 1937.

7/4/1/7. Apprenticeship Commission Annual Reports 1935 to 1965

7/4/1/7/1/1935 Annual Report. Contains useful information about the effect of the industrial depression on apprenticeships e.g. suspension/cancellation of indentures by employers.

9 pp.

29 Nov. 1935.

7/4/1/7/2. 1937 Annual Report. Re development of the work of the Commission in particular trades, amendments to Apprenticeship Acts. Statistical data.

211 pp.

30 June 1937.

7/4/1/7/3. Some facts concerning apprenticeship under the Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria. Issued by the Hon. E.J. Mackrell, M.L.A., Minister of Labour. Re indentures, suspension, technical school training etc.

9 pp.

1937.

7/4/1/7/4. 1940 Annual Report. Re proclamation as apprenticeship trades of butchering and cooking and extensions of the Act to country areas.

9 pp.

7 Nov. 1940.

7/4/1/7/5. 1951 Annual Report. Contains a list of dates when various apprenticeship trades were proclaimed etc.

29 pp.

30 June 1951.

7/4/1/7/6. 1952-3 Annual Report. Re appointment of a Commonwealth State Apprenticeship Inquiry in Feb. 1952 under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Wright of the Arbitration Court.

29 pp. 2 copies.

17 Oct. 1952.

7/4/1/7/7. 1956 Annual Report.

31 pp.

12 Dec. 1956.

7/4/1/7/8. 1964 Annual Report. Concerns the Apprenticeship (Amendment) Act, 1963, which provides for shorter terms of apprenticeship, group apprenticeship etc. Statistical tables.

54 pp.

6 Aug. 1964.

7/4/1/7/9. 1965 Annual Report. Contains a Commission ruling, agreed to by employers and unions, that apprentices must not be permitted to become involved in industrial disputes. Statistical tables.

46 pp.

5 Aug. 1965.

7/4/1/8. Our Youth-Whither Bound. Article about the Apprenticeship Commission in Life, 15 Jan. 1937. pp. 19 to 23, 86, 87.

7/4/1/9. Youth Employment Committee. Interim Report No. 3. 1938
Concerns a scheme for the vocational rehabilitation of youths aged 18 to 25 who, on account of the depression, missed opportunities for skilled employment.

7 pp.

10 Jan. 1938.

7/4/1/10. Conference on training for skill in the building industry. May 1963. Includes conference papers, submissions to the conference made by the OPDU and correspondence.

7/4/1/10/1. Background papers. Notes on the national conferences on training for skill in the engineering and electrical trades; variations in the Federal Metal Trades Award relating to apprenticeship; a paper on building industry apprentices; statistical table re skill in the building industry 1950-1961 prepared by the Department of Labour and National Service; special analyses of junior males registering for employment with the Commonwealth Employment Service on 15 March 1963.

7/4/1/10/2. Submission to the Apprenticeship Commission by the OPDU. Re proper training of apprentices.

9 pp. and correspondence.

7, 8 May 1963.

7/4/1/11. Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria. circular to employers and apprentices. Lists minimum educational qualifications and terms of apprenticeship in various trades.

26 pp.

1 Sept. 1965.

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64.

7/4/1/12. Ditto. Information Bulletin No. 5 of 1965. Contains articles on Apprenticeship (Amendment) Act, 1965, trade regulations etc.

17 pp.

22 Nov. 1965.

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Issued to employers

Undated.

7/4/1/14. Apprenticeship News. Prepared for the Australian Apprenticeship Advisory Committee by the Department of Labour and National Service. Includes current notes, newspaper extracts, provisions governing apprentices etc.

2 vols. Nos. 19, 20.

19 March, June 1970.

7/4/2. Correspondence, circulars, press cuttings etc. 1905 to 1969.

7/4/2/1. The Apprenticeship Question. Article. Age. 28 Oct. 1905.

7/4/2/2. "One of your Members" to sec. OPDU. Encloses a cutting from Sun re bringing skilled painters from England.

Undated.

7/4/2/3. Technical Education. The System in America. Age. 13 Sept. 1926.

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26 pp.

20 Sep. 1926.

7/4/2/5. Indenture form prescribed by the Boot Board.

2 pp.

Undated.

7/4/2/6. T.H.C. circular. Re rationing of apprentices.

1 p.

19 May 1933.

7/4/2/

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7/4/2/8. Ditto.

2 pp.

13 June 1933.

7/4/2/ 8. Painting, Decorating, Signwriting Committee to sec.
OPDU . Concerns the re-constitution of the Committee and
encloses a copy of the Trade Committees Regulations 1928.

1 p.

21 Nov. 1934.

7/4/2/ 9. Sec. OPDU to Apprenticeship Commission. Re Painting Comm-
ittee.

1 p.

5 Dec. 1934.

7/4/2/ 10. Apprenticeship Commission to sec. OPDU. Ditto.

1 p.

13 March 1935.

7/4/2/ 11. Sec. OPDU to Apprenticeship Commission. Re need for the
appointment of a supervisor under the control of the
Commission to facilitate the proper carrying out of
provisions of the Apprenticeship Act.

1 p.

14 March 1935.

7/4/2/ 12. Re supervisor.

1 p.

21 March 1935.

7/4/2/ 13. Sec. OPDU to T. Tunnecliffe, Leader of the Opposition,
State Parl. House, Melb. Concerns the "improver"
question and the new Award.

2 pp.

23 March 1935.

7/4/2/ 14. Sec. OPDU to Apprenticeship Commission. Urges the
Commission to call together the Painting Trade
Committee to discuss special matters.

1 p.

20 Sept. 1935.

7/4/2.

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7/4/2/15. Re the appointment of a Trade Committee supervisor. Article in Age. 17 Oct. 1935.

7/4/2/ 16. Article re Employers' Federation. view on apprenticeship Age. 22 Feb. 1936.

7/4/2/ 17. Sec. OPDU to the Apprenticeship Commission. Requests a meeting of the Painters Trade Committee to consider a claim by the Shell Company re the employment of improvers at their depot and the desirability of taking legal proceedings against defaulting employers for breaches of the Apprenticeship Act.

1 p.

11 Sept. 1936.

7/4/2/ 18. Ditto/ Re replacement of a union rep.

1 p.

15 Sept. 1936.

7/4/2/ 19. Employees' rep. nomination paper.

1 p.

Undated.

7/4/2/ 20. List of employers/ apprentices in the painting,decoaratin and signwriting trades.

3 pp.

10 March 1937.

7/4/2/ 21. Education Department, Melb. to Sec. OPDU. Encloses an article on painting apprenticeships.

4 pp.

11 March 1937.

7/4/2/ 22. Ballot paper. Re Victorian Branch OPDU reaffiliating with the ALP.

2 pp.

May 1937.

7/4/2/ 23. List of employers/ apprentices in the painting,decorating and signwriting trades.

2 pp.

30 June 1937.

7/4/2.

67.

7/4/2/24. Phone message re proposed conference of employers/
employees concerning apprentices.

1 p.

14 July 1937.

7/4/2/25. Apprenticeship Commission to Sec. OPDU. Re re-appoint-
ment of the Painters' Trade Committee. Encloses a copy
of the regulations.

2 pp.

11 Nov. 1937.

7/4/2/26. Article re increase in the number of apprenitices. Age.
7 Dec. 1937.

7/4/2/27. Re union reps. on the Painters Trade Committee.

1 p.

Dec. 1937.

7/4/2/28. List of nominations for employer/employees reps. on the
Painters' Trade Committee.

1 p.

9 Dec. 1937.

7/4/2/29. Christmas card from the Apprenticeship Commission of Vic.
to OPDU.

1937-1938.

7/4/2/30. Re unemployed youths' training.

1 p.

28 Jan. 1938.

7/4/2/31. Letter re a missing boy apprentice.

1 p.

27 April 1938,

7/4/2/32. Youth Employment Survey circular. Concerns rescuing
youths from unemployment and "dead-end" jobs.

1 p. and form.

(1938).

7/4/2/33. Re meeting of the Painters' Trade Committee to deal with a recent alteration in the Painters' Wages Determination, with regard to the ratio of apprentices.

1 p.

29 July 1938.

7/4/2/34. Review of the 16 years' operation of the Apprentices Act of Victoria. Article in the Age. 25 Aug. 1938.

7/4/2/35. OPDU committee of management asks for the calling of a meeting of the Trade Committee to consider the rates prescribed for apprentices under the wages determination.

1 p.

26 Aug. 1938.

7/4/2/36. Re amendments in the Apprenticeship Regulations.

1 p.

30 Aug. 1938.

7/4/2/37. Ditto. Concerns rates of pay.

1 p.

27 Sept. 1938.

7/4/2/38. Ditto.

1 p.

30 Sept. 1938.

7/4/2/39. Re annual inspection of the work of painting and decorating apprentices at RMIT.

2 pp.

17, 19 Oct. 1938.

7/4/2/40. Union Sec. OPDU to the Apprenticeship Commission. Concerns penalties for illegal employment of improvers.

1 p.

9 Dec. 1938.

7/4/2/41. "One of the Boys" to sec. OPDU. Speaks of an employer using boy labour.

1 p.

10 March 1939.

7/4/2/42. Apprenticeship Commission to sec. OPDU. Re nominations for Painters Trade Committee. 4 p.

11, 30 May 1939

7/4/2/ 43. Re Ted Cross, an apprentice.

2 pp.

15, 19 June 1939.

7/4/2/

44. Sec. OPDU to Minister of Labour, Melb. Protests against the manner in which youths trained under the Youth Employment Scheme are being sent out to painting work from school and then returned to classes.

1 p.

30 June 1939.

7/4/2/

45. More re Youth Employment Scheme.

1 p.

1 July 1939.

7/4/2/46. Re amendment of Apprenticeship Regulations.

1 p.

18 Dec. 1939.

7/4/2/47. Re union reps elected to the Apprenticeship Committee.

1 p.

18 Dec. 1939.

7/4/2/48. Inquiry regarding sick pay in the painting, decorating and signwriting trades.

2 pp.

29 Feb. and 1 March 1940.

7/4/2/49. Extract from a summary of apprenticeship conditions in the painting, decorating and signwriting trades. Booklet issued by the Apprenticeship Commission. Feb. 1937.

1 p. 3 copies.

12 June 1940.

7/4/2/50. Concerns amendment of apprenticeship regulations regarding rates of pay.

2 pp.

29, 30 Aug. 1940.

7/4/2.

70.

7/4/2/51. Re appointment of the Trade Committee.

1 p.

12 Nov. 1940.

7/4/2/52. Concerns an employer whose apprentice has been wrongly directed to attend a school other than the RMIT.

4 pp.

23 April to 2 May 1963.

7/4/2/53. Concerns two apprentices, cadet executives, who are attending a firm's evening classes rather than classes approved by the Apprenticeship Commission.

3 pp.

19 April to 18 June 1963.

7/4/2/54. OPDU. Federal Office. Re conference arranged by the Department of Labour and National Service dealing with apprenticeship in the building industry. Includes a report, statistical data, submissions to conference by the OPDU, correspondence with the Painters Trade Committee, and a copy of the Minutes of a meeting of this Committee with an address by G.Lewins concerning employers' attitudes to the apprenticeship system.

33 pp.

18 June 1963 to 15 Oct. 1969.

7/5. Housing Commission.

Box 16 7/5/1. Notes re stop-work meeting of building workers employed by the V.H.C., following the rejection of their claims for improvements in their rates of pay and working conditions. Contains the Minister of Housing's decisions on the combined building unions' requests for margins, sick leave, annual leave, repatriation leave, long service leave etc.

6 pp.

10 Nov. 1954 to 16 March 1955.

7/5/2. R.J.Thomson, V.H.C. to G. Lewins, Sec. OPDU. Reports on the Housing Minister's decisions and reminds Lewins of the Minister's desire to have an overall determination for the Concrete House Project. Asks ~~the~~

7/5/2/(contd) the T.H.C. to appoint a body, representative of all unions with members employed on the Project, to discuss the proposal further.

2 pp. 4 copies.

5 April 1955.

7/5/3. OPDU to M.Jordan, T.H.C. Submits a list of issues for discussion by the Council Sub-Committee in their negotiations with reps of the V.H.C.

2 pp.

1 June 1955.

7/5/4. T.H.C. circular to building unions. Encloses a copy of a letter from the Industrial Officer of the V.H.C. re Housing Minister's proposed visit to various housing estates. Lists times and places.

1 p.

15 Aug. 1955.

7/5/5. News Briefs from the General Manager, V.H.C. Re Concrete House Project. Hand-written notes on the back concern a V.H.C. meeting.

2 pp.

5 Sept. 1956.

7/5/6. F.H. Ashwell, General Manager, Concrete House Project, V.H.C., to Sec. OPDU. Asks him to nominate a union official to act upon a committee to further co-operation between men and management of the Concrete House Project. Contains copies of a report of an earlier conference between the Project management, union officials and employer reps. at Holmesglen, which discussed supervision, faulty planning, co-ordination of trades, retirement age etc

7 pp.

12 Sept. 1956.

7/5/7. Ashwell's circular to foremen. Re working in muddy conditions, payment for dirt money etc.

1p. 3 copies.

10 April 1957.

7/5/8. Ditto. Instructions to Foremen.

1 p. 5 copies.

Undated.

7/5/9. Copy of a resolution passed by a mass meeting of workers employed by the V.H.C., which declares that the Bolte Gov's policy further aggravates the housing problem. Demands the doubling of the present financial allocation under the Commonwealth-State housing agreement for home building. Also contains a resolution, which demands that the Minister of Housing arrange for the immediate resumption of discussions between unions and management of the Concrete House Project on a log of claims,

.2 pp.

Undated.

7/5/10. V.H.C. Concrete House Project. Personnel Procedure. No.44. Concerns safety organization, appointment of Safety Committees, reports of accidents.

3.pp. 2 Copies

21st May, 1958

7/5/11. V.H.C. Holmesglen. Decision to close the Tile Section made by reps. of Head Office and the Factory Project. Lists 7 reasons.

1 p.

25 July 1958.

7/5/12. Report of a meeting of V.H.C. stewards from the B.W.I.U., Plumbers, Painters, Tilers etc. re closing down of the tile section at Holmesglen.

7 pp.

29 July 1958.

- 7/5/13. Press cutting from the Herald. Re shop stewards' protest meeting on the V.H.C. management's decision to cease the manufacture and laying of tiles.

1 p.

30 July 1958.

- 7/5/14. Report of V.H.C. stewards' meeting re closing down of tile section at Holmesglen.

2 pp.

31 July 1958.

- 7/5/15. V.H.C. Concrete House Project. News Brief. No. 9. to personell. Contains articles on factory re-organization, use of new materials, new methods, new house types.

6 pp.

10 Oct. 1958.

- 7/5/16. V.H.C. Concrete House Project. Open Day.

1 p.

31 Oct. 1958.

- 7/5/17. Ditto. Circular re Flats Safety Committee meeting.

1 p.

19 Feb. 1959.

- 7/5/18. Ditto. Flats Safety Committee. Copy of the Minutes of a meeting at the Collingwood Flats Office re the need for Safety Committees, First Aid Services.

3 pp.

20 Feb. 1959.

- 7/5/19. Concrete Facts. The magazine of the Concrete House Project. No. 23. Aug. 1959.

- 7/5/20. Notes of meetings of members of the Estate Safety Committees at Broadmead ws, Doveton, Laverton and Flats.

3 pp.

24 Aug. 1959.

- 7/5/21. V.H.C. Concrete House Project. Minutes of a meeting held at Holmesglen. Re unions' role in safety and accident prevention, protective equipment and clothing, types of accidents and nature of hazards, safety education and films.

4 pp. 2 copies.

28 Aug. 1959.

- 7/5/22. Home Truths. V.H.C. journal. Contains articles on new types of 4-storey "Double" flats, low-rent homes for elderly people, slum reclamation etc.

4 pp.

Sprin 1959.

- 7/5/ 23. Ditto. Re multi-storey flats to replace slums in N.Melbourne, Commission's annual report and the Broadmeasows' estate.

4 pp.

Summer 1959.

- 7/5/ 24. V.H.C. Concrete House project. Agenda for a combined Estates Safety meeting at Holmesglen.

1 p.

28 Aug. 1959.

- 7/5/ 25. Note re V.H.C. Union/management conference. Discusses thieving from factory and estates, use of inferior tiles, first-aid kits on jobs etc.

8 pp.

5 Oct. 1959.

- 7/5/ 26. V.H.C. Concrete House Project. circular. Memo about paint samples.

1 p.

6 Nov. 1959.

- 7/5/27. Ditto.

1 p.

11 Nov. 1959.

- 7/5/28. Notes re meeting at Holmesglen Factory. Concerns the dilution of paint, letting of contracts.

4 pp.

13 Dec. 1959.

7/5/29. V.H.C. Concrete House Project. Agenda of a union/management committee meeting. Includes discussion of contracts, the future of day labour, roofing costs and production.

1 p.

5 Feb. 1960.

7/5/30. Unrevised print of a speech by Lovegrove in the Legislative Assembly. Discusses the necessity for the V.H.C. to paint its properties with day labour.

5 pp.

29 March 1960.

7/5/31. Copy of a motion and orders of the day, Legislative Assembly, in which Lovegrove asks the Minister of Housing how many employees of the V.H.C. work on a day labour basis in each of these categories: builders' labourers, bricklayers, painters, plasterers, metal trades and transport workers, at Holmesglen, on maintenance and on construction.

4 pp. Proof.

5 April 1960.

7/5/32. Copy of Lovegrove's motion and answer.

2 pp.

5 April. 1960.

7/5/33. Notes re V.H.C. delegates for deputation.

1 p.

7 April 1960.

7/5/34. Stop Work Action. Circular issued by the Combined Building Unions Committee. Concerns a stoppage endorsed by meetings of building workers on all V.H.C. projects. Protests against Bolte Gov. policy.

2 pp. 2 copies and list of Commission employees.

10 April 1960.

- 7/5/35. Statement by the employees of the Concrete House Project. Re dismissal of 240 men.

3 pp.

Aug. 1960.

- 7/5/36. Private Enterprise Beaten. Article in the Age. Re campaign by a union committee at the V.H.C. concrete housing project against the Gov.'s dismissal of men from the Holmesglen factory.

1 p.

2 Aug. 1960.

- 7/5/37. Building Efficiency. A letter to the Herald. signed by D.B.Jennings, N.Balwyn. Discusses a proposed inquiry into ways of increasing the efficiency of production methods.

1 p.

5 Aug. 1960.

- 7/5/38. Private builders Can't compete with Commission. Article in the Herald about a special three-man union committee on the concrete house project.

8 Aug. 1960.

- 7/5/39. More re concrete project. Sun.

2 pp.

9 Aug. 1960.

- 7.5.40. Report of a stop-work meeting embracing all day labor employed by the V.H.C., convened by the T.H.C. Disputes Committee. Guardian.

11 Aug. 1960.

- 7/5/41. Holmesglen "To Remain Open". Article in the Herald. Sir Thomas Maltby, Acting Premier, denies union allegations that staff dismissals are a prelude to closing Holmesglen factory.

1 p.

29 Aug. 1960.

7/5.

76.

7/5/42. Home Truths. V.H.C. journal. Contains articles on a flat-building project at Elsternwick, slum reclamation at Collingwood, paint laboratory at Holmesglen.

4 pp.

Autumn 1960

7/5/43. Annual Report. V.H.C. 1960-1961.

Includes sections on planning and construction, inspection of sub-standard housing. Tables show location of flats, block types of flats, bedroom types of flats, the concrete house project. Appendices: balance sheets, statement of receipts etc

43 pp.

1 July 1960 to 30 June 1961.

7/5/44. V.H.C. Concrete House Project. Agenda of union/management committee meeting. Steps to modernise factort, sanitary conditions on the ^Estates etc.

1 p.

21 Sept. 1961.

7/5/45. Ditto. Re 4-stoey flats, laundries.

2 pp.

6 Oct. 1961.

7/5/46. D.Lovegrove, MLA, to B.Carter. OPDU. ^{It} refers to a VHC letter about the respective costs of ground and roof laundries.

1 p.

17 Oct. 1961.

7/5/47. Memorandum to the Minister of Housing. Re a defaulting contractor.

2 pp.

5 April 1962.

7/5/48. Information about defaulting contractors and sub-contractors on work with State Gov. Departments.

5 pp.

9 July 1962.

- 7/5/49. L.H.S. Thompson, Minister of Housing to C. Willman
Claims Officer, OPDU. Concerns a contract.
1 p. 2 copies.
3 Aug. 1962.
- 7/5/50. Letter in the South Melbourne Recorder. from the
Emerald Hill Tenants' Assn. Re a deputation to the
Minister of Housing, which complained about very
high rents, high gas bills.
1 p..
29 Sept. 1962.
- 7/5/51. Reports of V.H.C. meetings- Broadmeadows, Doveton,
Boundary Rd. Estate Flats, Holmesglen Factory,
Richmond Flats. Also a Building Trades Federation
decision for all unions to call a stewards' meet-
ing to plan a campaign to gain claims already
submitted:
.6 pp..
5, 10 Oct. 1962.
- 7/5/52. Victorian Parliamentary Debates. Questions re V.H.C.
Hansard. No. 7. Session 1962. pp. 695-699.
- 7/5/53. Interim report. Method study of villa erection at
Broadmeadows. Contains recommendations concerning
construction of foundations, walls, doors etc. Issued
by N.W. Stanford, Production Engineering Superinten-
dent.
2 pp..
4 Dec. 1963.
- 7/5/54. Ditto. Sets down the scope of the study, find-
ings and conclusions. Covers work at Broadmeadows
and Werribee.
1 p..
24 March 1964.

- 7/5/55. Comparison of wages earned by V.H.C. employees in 12 months on hourly/weekly engagement with a fulls service grant of £1 per week. Issued by T.P.Grigg, Finance and Personnel Manager, Concrete House Project.

1 p.

16 April 1964.

- 7/5/56. Statement by T.H.S. Disputes Committee. Re service grant proposal. Includes claims for additional annual and sick leave.

1 p.

22 April 1964.

- 7/5/57. Resolution submitted by L.Cox, Plumbers Shop Steward, Concrete House Project re supervisor-employees advisory councils.

1 p.

14 May 1964.

- 7/5/ 58. Decision made by V.H.C. employees at Richmond Flats concerning a work stoppage to hear a report on their log of claims.

lp. 3 copies

Undated.

- 7/5/59. Report on a dispute over a Time and Motion study at Holmesglen VHC factory. Issued by Holmesglen Housing Commission Shop Committee.

2 pp(.1 sheet)

July 1964.

- 7/5/ 60. Union/ management meeting at the Concrete House Project. circular. Discusses work study, apprenticeship, painting by non-members of the union.

1 p.

8 July 1964.

7/5/61. Notes re non-members of the union carrying out painting work at Werribee and Broadmeadows.

1 p.

Unsigned, undated.

Box 16

7/5/62. T.H.C. circular to members of 16 unions. Concerns a meeting of the Disputes Committee and unions with members employed by the V.H.C. to receive a report of a conference held with the Minister of Housing about matters of work study at the Holmesglen Project.

1 p.

22 July 1964.

7/5/63. Correspondence/ circs. re Holmesglen dispute.

7/5/63/1. Report on the dispute.

5 pp.

Undated.

2. Draft resolution proposed at a meeting of union reps. Recommends a resumption of work on terms arranged with the Minister of Housing, the dispute to be placed in the hands of the T.H.C. Disputes Committee.

1 p.

16 July 1964.

3. Copy of a resolution carried by the Disputes Committee, which calls for an immediate conference with VHC reps. and the Minister.

1 p.

21 July 1964.

4. Ditto.

1 p.

24 July 1964.

5. THC Disputes Committee circular. Re meeting.

1 p.

4 Aug. 1964.

7/6. Public Works Department.

- 7/6/1. P.W.D. General Conditions. Lists provisions re 8 hour day, quality of work performed, payment of wages by contractors.

8 pp.

(1955?)

- 7/6/2. Rates of wages to be paid by contractors/ sub-contractors employed by P.W.D.

1 p.

(1958?)

- 7/6/3. Claims officer, OPDU to P.W.D. Re State School, Eaglehawk, Footscray Police Station, Port Melb. Police Station, where contractors have defaulted on wages owing.

1 p.

10 Feb. 1958.

- 7/6/4. M.C.Jordan, assist. sec. T.H.C. circular to P.W.D. unions. Re meeting to consider the down-grading of employees and a consequent loss in wages.

1 p. and written notes.

2 July 1958.

- 7/6/5. Press cutting. Concerns Eric Hassall, Sydney cabinet maker, who is fined £60 for working for less than the award and on Sat. afternoons. Sun.

12 Nov. 1958 to May 1960.

- 7/6/6. Reports and investigations into a number of Housing Commission contracts in Morwell and district for examples of faulty workmanship etc.

8 pp.

16 Oct. to 3 Dec. 1959.

7/6/7. Investigation of Northcote State School contract.

5 pp.

7 March 1960.

7/6/8. Reprint of proceedings before the Legislative Assembly concerning the painting of V.H.C. properties. Lovegrove, MLA, raises the question on behalf of the OPDU. Refers to inferior work carried out by contractors in the Morwell area.

4 pp.

29 March 1960.

7/6/9. Sec. OPDU to Sir T. Maltby, Minister for Public Works, Melb. Asks him to receive a small deputation of reps on the union and the Master Painters Assn. to discuss the question of allocation of work contracts to persons associated with the painting trade.

1 p.

21 April 1960.

7/6/10. Investigation of Oakleigh State School contract re bad workmanship.

11 pp.

6 Sept. to 26 Sept. 1960.

7/6/11. Re Coburg State School contract. Non-payment of wages by contractor/sub-contractor.

3 pp.

June to Nov. 1960.

7/6/12. Wages claim form. OPDU. Slenders v Andrewartha.

5 pp.

9 Dec. 1960.

7/6/13. Ditto. De Sena v Minos Painting and Decorating Co., Oakleigh.

5 pp.

7 Aug. to 4 Sept. 1961.

- 7/6/14. Sec. OPDU to J.V. Stout, sec. THC. Requests Stout to convene a meeting of union reps. with members employed by the P.W.D. to discuss the question of dispensing with the labor of building workers employed on a day labor basis.

1 p.

17 Oct. 1961.

- 7/6/15. Press cuttings. Union protest on PWD dismissals. Herald. 2 Nov. 1961.

Sun. 3 Nov. 1961.

Age. 3 Nov. 1961.

- 8/6/16. Claims officer. OPDU to H.R. Petty, Minister of Public Works, Melb. Refers to Lake Bolac State School Contract, non-payment of wages.

2 pp.

3 Nov. 1961.

- 7/6/18. Notes for G. Lewins re deputation to Minister for Public Works concerning PWD contractors known to have evaded correct determination wage rates.

1 p.

8 Nov. 1961.

- 7/6/19. List of defaulting contractors¹/₂ sub-contractors on work for State Gov. Departments 1955-1960. OPDU claims that there have been well over 200 known cases of wages evasion and non-payment during this period. Asks for day labor work on gov. contracts, properly supervised, to secure better workmanship at proper legal wage rates.

4 pp.

4 July 1962.

- 7/6/20. Memorandum on "bonding" as instituted in America to guarantee good quality of construction, alteration and repair and protection of persons finishing material etc.

5 pp.

6 July 1962.

- 7/6/21. Further list of defaulting contractors/sub-

7/6/21. (contd) contractors on work with State Gov. Departments drawn up by OPDU Vic. Branch 1957-61.

5 pp.

9 July 1962.

7/6/22. Report from the Statute Law Revision Committee on a proposal for the bonding of building contractors ordered by the Legislative Council, Vic. in Oct. 1962. Contains appendices which include: evidence of a number of witnesses from the P.W.D., Country Roads Board, T.H.C., Builders and Allied Trades' Assn., and V.H.C. Discusses the application of the bonding system in Victoria, registration of builders etc.

19 pp.

25 Sept. 1962.

7/6/23. J.V. Stout, Sec. T.H.C. circular to the Bricklayers Builders Labourers', B.W.I.U., Fibrous Plasterers, Plumbers. Re a meeting to consider the report on the proposal for bonding building contractors.

1 p.

16 Oct. 1962.

7/6/24. Resolutions passed by a meeting of building unions on bonding and Gov's duty to guarantee the payment of wages to all employees engaged on Gov. contracts.

1 p.

Undated.

7/7. Long Service Leave.

Note: Concerns a building trades unions' proposal in 1967 that the Victorian State Gov. should introduce legislation allowing a Long Service Scheme to be implemented based on service to industry rather than to a single employer.

7/7/1. Long Service Leave for the Victorian Building Worker. Report submitted by A. Zeeno, BWIU, to a Building Trades Federation meeting.

3 pp.

21 Feb. 1967.

- 7/7/2. B.W.I.U. Federal Office. Notes re long service leave in the building, construction and maintenance industries. Contains written additions.

3 pp.

Feb. 1969.

- 7/7/3. Long Service Leave Building Industry. A history of long service leave negotiations in six Australian States.

4 pp. 2 copies.

Undated.

- 7/7/4. Proposed draft- Building Construction Long Service Leave Scheme Management Ltd. Makes provision for the issue of weekly credit stamps to all employees.

1 p.

June 1969.

- 7/7/5. Building Workers Demand Action on Long Service Leave Proposals. Leaflet issued by the Bricklayers, Builders Labourers', B.W.I.U., Painters, Plumbers.

1 p. 10 copies.

Undated.

- 7/7/6. H.J. Souter, Sec. A.C.T.U. to officers, secretaries of State branches and affiliated unions with members employed in the Commonwealth Public Service and Commonwealth instrumentalities (35 unions listed). Re claim for an additional week annual leave.

2 pp.

14 Aug. 1969.

- 7/7/7. Resolutions carried at an A.C.T.U. Building Industry Group meeting in Aug. 1969. Seeks a conference with the Federal Conference of the Master Builders Assn.

1 p.

20 Aug. 1969.

Group 8. Proposed building trades unions amalgamation.

Note: This material covers the negotiations between 1946 and 1967 for a proposed amalgamation of the B.W.I.U., the O.P.D.U. and the Plasterers. It gives detailed information in particular concerning the lengthy debate and subsequent differences of opinion between O.P.D.U. State branches on this issue.

8/1. Amalgamation ballots, 1947-8.

Box 16 8/1/1. Contains bundles of ballot papers sent to OPDU branches re a Federal Executive resolution of 25 June 1946 concerning negotiations for amalgamation with the B.W.I.U. Includes bundles from Victorian Head branch, Geelong, Yallourn, Bendigo and Ballarat branches, and a list of Yallourn sub-branch members who have received circulars and ballot papers.

6 bundles.

17 Feb. 1947.

8/1/2. Provisional Agreement on Amalgamation. Circular issued by the OPDU.Vic branch. Re negotiations. Concludes with a ballot paper.

1 p. 6 copies.

May 1948.

Box 16 Legal Opinion on amalgamation. 1966. J.B.Sweeney
8/2. discusses the legal aspects of a proposed amalgamation between the B.W.I.U., the Plasterers Federation and the OPDU. Concerns methods of amalgamation, provisions in union rules, other alternatives.

5 pp. 2 copies.

19 Dec. 1966.

Box 16 8/3. Correspondence, circulars etc. 1966-7.

Note: The main correspondents are:

J.Anderson. Gen. Sec. OPDU.

F.Butler. Sec. OPDU. NSW branch.

E.J. Hanson. Sen. Vice-President. OPDU. Q. branch.

G. Lewins. Junior Vice-President. OPDU. Vic. branch.

J.G.White. Fed. Pres. OPDU. W.A. branch.

8/3.

F. Purse. Fed. Sec. B.W.I.U.A. Zeano. Executive member. B.W.I.U.

8/3/1. Speech from the Victorian branch of the OPDU
executive in support of a NSW motion re amalgam-
ation.

5 pp.

Undated.

8/3/2. Propositions on amalgamation carried by a Federa;
Council meeting.

2 pp. 2 copies.

1966.

8/3/3. F. Purse to J. Anderson. Re discussions on amalgam-
ation.

1 p.

6 Jan. 1966.

8/3/4. Circular from Anderson to Executive members.
Concerns Painters' attitude to amalgamation,
proposed conference etc.

2 pp.

3 Feb. 1966.

8/3/5. White to Anderson. Says amalgamation must not result
in a takeover by the BWU. Wants amalgamation in
administration, representation in court etc.
Refers to a Carpenters' Union proposal.

3 pp.

7 Feb. 1966.

8/3/6. Lewins to Anderson. Speaks in favour of amalgamation
and thinks it should involve as many unions as
possible within the building industry.

2 pp.

11 Feb. 1966.

8/4/7. F. Purse to A. Zeano. Re further talks.

1 p. 2 copies.

24 Feb. 1966.

8/3/8. Report on federation between the Victorian Fibrous Plasterers and Plaster Workers' Union and the Victorian Plasterers' Society.

4 pp.

1 March 1966.

8/3/9. Text of an ABC News Bulletin broadcast re formation of a national building union with 70,000 members, attitude of the ACTU etc.

1 p.

13 April 1966.

8/3/10. Federal balance sheet. OPDU.

4 pp.

14 April 1966.

8/3/11. Draft programme for a BWU-Painters meeting in the Trades Hall, Sydney. Concerns the holding of informal discussions by federal executives, formation of a drafting committee.

1 p.

18 April 1966.

8/3/12. Statement on amalgamation by the OPDU and BWU.
Re agreed policy on informal talks, combined campaign for holding a plebiscite of financial members and formation of a joint working committee.

2 pp. 5 copies.

19 April 1966.

8/3/13. Article in The Carpenter and Joiner, official organ of the BWU. Concerns the THC's rejection of an Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners application for affiliation with the ACTU.
Says the Carpenters wont amalgamate with the BWU and so must be regarded as a breakaway union.

vol.4.No.3.p.1.

May 1966.

8/3.

88.

8/3/14. Circular re amalgamation which, it is claimed, is the only effective solution to unrest in the building trade

1 p.

16 May 1966.

8/3/15. Report of a joint executive meeting of the OPDU, NSW branch, and the BWU, NSW branch. Re amalgamation. Supports ACTU policy.

2 pp. 3 copies.

2 June 1966.

8/3/16. F. Butler. Re joint executive statement.

1 p.

16 June 1966.

8/3/17. Copy of a resolution carried at a special summoned meeting of the Vic. branch, OPDU. Concerns a proposed meeting of federal building trade unions to discuss industrial unionism and amalgamation, formation of a joint working committee, the holding of amalgamation discussions by the two Carpenters unions.

1 p. 2 copies.

20 July 1966.

8/3/18. Agenda items. Federal Council. OPDU. Lists items re amalgamation.

~~45~~ 6 pp.

12 Sept. 1966.

Box 16

8/3/19. Reports of meetings of the National Working Committee for Amalgamation. Considers the rules of the new union, proposed new name, constitution, representation, membership rights, benefits, funds, joint provisional executives.

3 pp. 2 copies.

19, 20, 21 Sept. 1966.

Box 1

8/3/20. Anderson to Lewins. Re ACTU Building Group meeting.

3 pp.

10 Oct. 1966.

8/3/21. Hanson to Anderson. Says his branch is dissatisfied with the outcome of the discussions of the Working Committee. Thinks the question of a date for the proposed national plebiscite should be adjourned until further discussions have been held on a Federal/ State level.

3 pp.

27 Oct. 1966.

8/3/22. White to Anderson. Re Hanson's proposed adjournment.

1 p.

31 Oct. 1966.

8/3/23. Anderson to members of the Federal Executive. Ditto.

3 pp.

18 Nov. 1966.

8/3/24. White to Anderson. Discusses postponement of the referendum. Says he thinks that it should be held before there is further discussion at an executive level. Refers to legal difficulties.

3 pp. 2 copies.

22 Nov. 1966.

8/3/25. Hanson to Anderson. Refers to the advice of the Registrar of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court as to the manner in which amalgamations may be arranged

2 pp.

24 Nov. 1966.

8/3/26. Ditto. Re legal opinion of Sweeney, Q.C. (See above on proposed amalgamation.

2 pp.

16, 17 Jan. 1967.

8/3/27. Anderson to Federal Executive members. Invites them to a meeting.

1 p.

25 Jan. 1967.

8/3/28. Telegram. Anderson to Lewins. Re accomodation in Sydney.

1.p.

3 Feb. 1967.

8/3/29. Ditto. Arthur Campbell, Vice-Pres. to Lewins. Says his management committee is absolutely opposed to registration.

1 p.

7 Feb. 1967.

8/3/30. Anderson to Lewins. Discusses Federal Council's decision on amalgamation and opening of the campaign. Authorises the Fed. Executive to prepare and issue national statements.

2 pp.

7 Feb. 1967.

8/3/31. Decisions of a special meeting of the Fed. Executive. OPDU in Sydney. Contains items on amalgamation, negotiations with the BWIU and the Plasterers Federation on a national referendum, correspondence between Anderson and Lewins.

2 pp.

6,7 Feb. 1967.

8/3/32. Hanson to Anderson. Re BWIU proposals. Says that amalgamation must be on the basis of full equality for the two amalgamating unions.

2 pp.

8 Feb. 1967.

Box 1 8/3/33. Anderson to Dr. I. Sharp, Industrial Registrar, Melb. Suggests that one union retain registration, other two de-register and amalgamate with it. At the same time, union A. would change its name and rules as agreed to by the other three unions. Asks for a legal opinion on this procedure.

1.p.

9 Feb. 1967.

- 8/3/34. F. Butler to Federal Councillors and State secretaries
Re resolution carried unanimously by the annual
meeting of the NSW branch. Gives unqualified support
to a national referendum and calls on all union
members to be active campaigners for amalgamation.

1 p. 4 copies
16 Feb. 1967.

- 8.3.35. Lewins to Anderson. Thanks him for a galley-proof
of the amalgamation ballot paper.

1 p.
16 Feb. 1967.

- 8/3/36. Anderson to Lewins. Encloses the Minutes of a
Federal Executive meeting.

14 pp.
20 Feb. 1967.

- 8/3/37. Lewins to J.C.White. Asks for his ruling on the
question of the right of the NSW branch to forward
correspondence to all State branches. Says should
have sought authority from the Federal Executive.

1 p.
22 Feb. 1967.

- 8/3/38. Anderson to Lewins. Encloses copies of a booklet on
amalgamation.

2 pp.
23 Feb. 1967.

- 8/3/39. T.G.Butler, acting sec. OPDU .W.A. branch to Lewins.
Acknowledges Lewins correspondence re a ruling on the
NSW branch.

1 p.
24 Feb. 1967.

- 8/3/40. Document signed by Don Scott, which expresses the
views of the Victorian State branch. Reaffirms that
, whilst agreeing to participate in the first plebis-
cite, his Branch resolves to campaign for a "No"
vote amongst Victorian members.

2 pp.
6 March 1967.

8/3/41. Anderson to Purse. Complains about an article in the Carpenter and Joiner and Building Worker headed: Building Operatives Union. Says the article is completely untrue, will tend to defeat the forthcoming ballot and bring Painters' officials into disrepute with their membership.

2 pp.

6 March 1967.

8/3/42. J.G.White to Lewins. Re ruling on the action of the NSW branch.

2 pp.

8 March 1967.

8/3/43. F.Purse to Anderson. Apologises for article referred to above.

2 pp.

9 March 1967.

8/3/44. Anderson to Lewins. Encloses a photo copy of the article. Says it may damage his reputation as an honest unionist; Asks for assistance in securing a retraction by the journal's editors.

3 pp.

10 March 1967.

8/3/45. T.W. Henley, State sec. West Australian Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners Industrial Union of Workers, State branch, BWIU. to Anderson. Re article. Says that by mistake the acting editor published a highly confidential document addressed to him. Expresses regret.

1 p.

13 March 1967.

8/3/46. Hanson to Anderson. More re article. Agrees with Anderson.

2 pp.

14 March 1967.

8/3/47. Lewins to Anderson. Re referendum. Encloses a specimen ballot paper etc.

3 pp. 2 copies.

15 March 1967.

8/3/48. F. Purse to Anderson. Sends a copy of the latest draft of a proposed scheme for amalgamation, which is being considered by the BWIU Fed. Executive. Explains that it must be endorsed by the BWIU and Plasterers Society and approved by the OPDU prior to its submission to members of the first two unions in the forthcoming ballot.

3 pp.

16 March 1967.

8/3/49. Anderson to T.W. Hen ley, Sec. Carpenters and Joiners Industrial Union of Workers, WA. Re journal article. Says his reply is unsatisfactory and that the article damages his good name and the amalgamation campaign. Demands a public apology.

2 pp.

20 March 1967.

8/3/50. Anderson to Lewins. Says branches should receive a report from the Federal Executive on the article.

1 p.

20 March 1967.

8/3/ 51. Ditto. Concerns the death of E.J.(Jack) Hanson.

5 pp.

5 April 1967.

8/3/52. Ditto. Encloses a copy of a proposed ballot paper for the BWIU and asks for his opinion on it.

1 p.

10 April 1967.

8/3/53. Ditto. Encloses a copy of the retraction published in the West Australian Carpenters journal. Says he thinks a draft report should be sent to Councillors and branches.

3 pp.

14 April 1967.

8/3/53. "Special." Circular issued by the Management Committee of the OPDU. Vic. Branch to branch members. Advises them of a special summoned meeting at the Trades Hall to hear a report on the proposed amalgamation.

2 pp. 12 copies.

19 April 1967.

8/3/54. Anderson to all branches and Councillors. Encloses a photo copy of the article and published apology.

2 pp. and copy.

27 April 1967.

8/3/55. Painters Union, Plasterers Union, BWIU Amalgamation. Questions and Answers. Pamphlet issued by the NSW Amalgamation Publicity Committee. Concerns the main benefits, new name, members rights etc.

6 pp.

2 May 1967.

8/3/56. Circular issued by OPDU, NSW branch, which recommends a "Yes" vote for amalgamation.

1 p.

2 May 1967.

8/3/57. Builders Labourers Beware! The BWIU Take-Over. Pamphlet authorised by N. Gallagher, Gen. Sec. Australian Builders Labourers Federation. Opposes amalgamation with the BWIU.

1 p.

Undated.

8/3/58. J.G.White to J.G.Foster acting sec. NSW branch.
Re Victorian branch circular. Says it breaches a
resolution carried at the last Federal Council.

2 pp. 4 copies.

18 May 1967.

8/3/59. White to acting sec. Victorian branch. Concerns
circular.

1 p.

22 May 1967.

8/3/60. Envelope containing ballot paper on amalgamation
issued by OPDU . Vic. branch. Gives results 923-142
"No" vote.

1 p. 2 copies.

30 May 1967.

8/3/61. BWIU. Ballot paper for amalgamation.

2 pp. Photo copy.

June 1967.

8/3/62. Statutory declaration by J.E.Anderson concerning the
results of a ballot for the position of Federal
Senior Vice President of OPDU.

2 pp.

1 June 1967.

8/3/63. Anderson to Lewins. Interim report on amalgamation
ballot. Says a "No" vote seems probable in Victoria.

1 p.

2 June 1967.

8/3/64. M.O'Brien, branch sec. OPDU , Tasmania to Lewins.
Thanks the Vic. branch for its help in putting the
case for a "No" vote.

1 p.

7 June 1967.

8/3/65. Anderson to Lewins. Further interim report on the
ballot in Victoria.

2 pp.

8 June 1967.

8/3.

96.

8/3/66. J.G.White to A.Campbell, Vice- Pres. Melb. Concerns his rulings in regard to propaganda circulated by branches interstate. Suggests a "full and free" discussion between the ^Federal and State officers during the ACTU Congress in Melb.

2 p.

17 June 1967.

8/3/67. Anderson to Lewins. ^Re differences between branches. Says a special ^Federal Council meeting is essential but doubts whether its financial situation will permit it to do so.

3 pp.

19 June 1967.

8/3/68. Ditto. Re letter from O'Brien of Tasmania and an enclosed leaflet titled: Is the BWIU "Fair Dinkum" on Amalgamation? Objects to wording etc. Says it reflects badly on the capability and integrity of White, Lewins and himself.

4 pp.

21 June 1967.

8/3/69. Provisional results of the amalgamation referendum. OPDU. Gives votes recorded in all States.

1 p. 7 copies.

30 June to 4 July 1967.

8/3/70. Anderson to Lewins. Concerns referendum results. Suggests a Special Council meeting. Refers again to financial obstacles.

3 pp.

6 July 1967.

8/3/71. Anderson to editor. Socialist and Industrial Labor. NSW. Re article in vol.9. No.6 p.3. entitled Union Merger. Building Unions to Combine. Asks the journal not to interfere in union affairs and demands a public apology.

1 p.

16 Aug. 1967.

- 8/3/72. A.J. Anderson, sec. Broken Hill Sub-Branch.OPDU.
to Lewins. Explains that his branch has decided to
amalgamate with the Building Trades Union.

1 p.

16 Dec. 1967.

- 8/3/73. J.E. Anderson. Gen.Sec. Federal Office.OPDU.
Encloses correspondence received from Broken Hill
by the NSW and Queensland branches. Says that at
least it will stop them using the name of the
OPDU.

1 p. and photostat.

20 Dec. 1967.

8/4. Pamphlets, circulars, press cuttings. 1966-7.

Box 1

- 8/4/1. Union Unity and You. Policy statement on organiza-
tional unity by the BWIU. Points out that the BWIU
now covers carpenters and joiners, ship carpenters
and ship joiners in all States except South Australia
; bricklayers in NSW, Tasmania and A.C.T.;
stonemasons in Victoria, Tasmania and tilemakers
in Victoria. Urges other building unions to
amalgamate.

8 pp. 2 copies.

Jan. 1966.

- 8/4/2. Copies of Painter's News. Circular to members
issued by G. Lewins on behalf of the Victorian
branch OPDU. Contains articles on amalgamation.
Nos 57, 59. May, Nov. 1966. 4 copies.

- 8/4/3. For Amalgamation. A 'New Look' for a changing world.
Pamphlet issued by the National Working Committee of
the OPDU, BWIU and the Fibrous Plasterers and
Plaster Workers Union. More re ACTU stand.

4 pp.

27 Feb. 1967.

- 8/4/4. Photostat of an article in The Carpenter and Joiner and Building Worker . Perth Building Operatives' Union Draft of a proposed scheme to be submitted to members of the BWIU , OPDU and Fibrous Plasterers. Seeks views of union members.

1 p.

Feb. 1967.

- 8/4/5. Draft of a suggested article sent to the Vic. branch by Anderson for publication in a Perth journal. Says the proposals in the Feb. article have not been submitted to the OPDU. Asks for a public apology from the State management committee of the BWIU, W.A.

2 pp.

Undated.

- 8/4/6. Press cutting. Three unions may merge. Sun, Melb.

14 March 1967.

- 8/4/7. Article. Amalgamation Progressing. Re meeting of building trade unions to explore the areas of agreement . The Carpenter and Joiner. (BWIU)

Vol.4. No.6.

March 1967.

- 8/4/8. Pamphlet issued by the management committee . OPDU. Vic. branch. Concerns a special summoned meeting in Melb. THC at which an amalgamation report will be presented.

1 p. 3 copies.

19 April 1967.

- 8/4/9. Amalgamation. Painters...Carpenters...Plasterers. Pamphlet issued by Queensland branches of the OPDU, BWIU and the Queensland Plasterers' Union. Re postal ballot etc.

1 p. 6 copies.

28 April 1967.

- 8/4/10. Amalgamation or 'Take Over.' Circular to members issued by the Victorian State Branch Management Committee. Says the Vic. Committee opposes endorsement of the ballot recommended by the Painters' Federal Executive and the National Working Committee. Urges members to vote No.

4 pp (2 sheets)

Undated.

8/4/11. Amalgamation Ballot. Article in Painter's News.
Again urges a No vote in amalgamation referendum.
No.61.
May 1967.

8/4/12. Amalgamation Issue. The Other Side of the Story.
"Painters." Circular issued by the Rank and File
Committee for Yes vote. Points out that the union's
Federal Council and ACTU are for amalgamation.
1 p.
Undated.

8/4/13. Is the BWIU "Fair Dinkum" on Amalgamation? Circular
issued by the Tasmanian branch management OPDU
Also advocates a No vote and speaks of the proposed
amalgamation as a "takeover" of their union.
4 pp. (2 sheets)
6 June 1967.

8/4/14. Press cuttings re amalgamation.
May-June 1967.

8/5. Meetings of and correspondence relating to the
National Working Committee for Amalgamation.

8/5/1. Statement by the National Working Committee of
the OPDU, BWIU and Operative Plasterers. Re
a report of discussions with the Industrial
Registrar, the legal opinion of J.B. Sweeney, QC,
the holding of an amalgamation ballot. Requests
federal officers to prepare the ballot papers
and a necessary statement.

1 p. 2 copies.
9 Feb. 1967.

8/5/2. Anderson reports on a meeting of the National
Working Committee held in Sydney, 8,9 Feb.
attended by reps. of the OPDU and BWIU. Discusses
Painters' proposals, amalgamation ballots, proposed
conference of all building unions, distribution of
pamphlets, Plasterers' attitude, legal problems.
2 pp.
17 Feb. 1967.

8/5/3. Minutes of meeting of the Amalgamated Joint Working Committee, held in Sydney 7 March, attended by reps. of OPDU, BWIU and Operative Plasterers. Discusses amalgamation, recommendations of various executives, methods of campaigning.

2 pp.

7 March 1967.

8/5/4. Amendment by Tasmania to NSW Branch item for the agenda of a special Federal Council meeting in Melb. Council endorses the result of the national referendum of membership.

2 pp.

23-25 Aug. 1967.

8/5/5. Minutes of meeting of the National Working Committee held in Melb. in Sept., attended by reps. of the OPDU, BWIU and Operative Plasterers. Motion re ballot results in favour of amalgamation, views of Painters, Plasterers and BWIU. Agrees to prepare a draft set of rules for the new union.

5 pp. 3 copies.

4 Sept. 1967.

8/5/6. J.R.Vaggers, Branch Sec. OPDU, Queensland to J.E. Anderson, Sydney. Wants to arrange a meeting of the National Working Committee during the meeting of the Federal Executive to discuss amalgamation.

1 p.

21 June 1968.

8/5/7. J.E. Anderson to Federal Executive members. Re Queensland request. Says he considers the main matter to be resolved is the question of representation.

1 p.

26 June 1968.

8/5/8. Report on Amalgamation Debate at Federal Council meeting in Sydney issued by the OPDU. Concludes by recommending that the National Working Committee instructs the 3 Federal secretaries to finalise a draft of federal rules.

7 pp.

23-27 Sept. 1968.

8/5/9. F. Purse, Fed.Sec. BWIU to officers of the Painters and Plasterers unions re amalgamation. Officially confirms that the BWIU Federal Conference adopts the decisions of the Sept. meeting of the National Working Committee. concerning basis of representation, draft rules etc.

2 pp.

6 Nov, 1968.

8/5/10. Minutes of a special meeting of the executive of the OPDU, Queensland branch, held in Jan. 1969 to discuss the draft amalgamation agreement and rules.

2 pp.

15 Jan. 1969.

8/5/11. J.R. Vaggers, sec. OPDU, Queensland branch to J.E. Anderson, Gen.Sec. Encloses a copy of the minutes of Jan. special executive meeting. Says the branch has decided to oppose the amalgamation agreement.

1 p.

3 March 1969.

8/5/12. F. Butler, Sec. OPDU. NSW branch to Anderson. Says that copies of draft rules and a draft agreement have been examined by the NSW branch management committee. Encloses copies of the committee's proposals.

1 p.

4 March 1969.

8/5/13. NSW branch management committee, OPDU. Recommendations re draft of federal rules for proposed new amalgamated union.

3 pp.

4 March 1969.

Box 1

8/5/14. J.E.Anderson to Federal Executive members OPDU . Concerns a meeting of the Tasmanian branch at which a motion of no-confidence in O'Brien was carried. The new sec. is B. Harradine, former sec. of the Clerks Union and member of the DLP.

3 pp.

10 April 1969.

Group 9. Union journal.

Box 33

9/1. Building Workers' Organiser. Official organ of the Building Trades Federation of Victoria . Contains interesting material on the 1930s , 1940s and 1950s.

Vol.1. No. 2. Oct.1. 1937. to
Vol.2. No. 15 Aug. 1951

Box 33

9/2. Painter's News. Circular to members issued by G. Lewins on behalf of the OPDU, Victorian branch.

4 issues.

Nos. 14, 15. Aug., Nov. 1955.
Nos. 16,17 . Feb., May 1956.

Group 10. Ballarat and Geelong Sub-Branchees.

Note: Concerns conflict between Head Branch and the Ballarat and Geelong Sub-Branchees about a new rule introduced 1949 , which the Sub-Branchees believe threatens their local autonomy. Main correspondents are:

G.Lewins. Sec. Vic. branch OPDU.
J.O.Mackay. Sec. Ballarat Sub-Branch.
K.E.Rash. member Ballarat Sub-Branch executive.
W. Taylor. Sec. Ballarat Sub-Branch.
H. Clarke. Geelong Sub-Branch.

10/1. W. Taylor to G. Lewins. Re special committee set up by Head Branch to investigate the position of sub-branches.

1 p.

8 Jan. 1949.

10/2. Asst sec. Ballarat to Taylor. Says no meetings were held in 1949 and the new Head Branch management committee will have to re-appoint the Sub-Committee.

1 p.

21 Jan. 1949.

10/3. K.E. Rash. to Lewins. Encloses membership fees.

2 pp.

22 Feb. 1949.

10/4. Lewins to Taylor. Says he has been informed that the Ballarat Sub-Branch recently paid affiliation fees to the THC on 101 financial members but says its last return to Head Office showed only 54 members.

2 pp.

22 July 1949.

10/5. Taylor to Lewins. Will investigate.

1 p.

23 July 1949.

10/6. Lewins to Taylor. Explains that the last general meeting decided to establish an investigation committee to inquire into the functioning of sub-branches in Bendigo, Ballarat and Geelong. Encloses the minutes of a recent Federal Council meeting in Adelaide.

1 p.

7 Oct. 1949.

10/7. Taylor to Lewins. Gives a list of sub-committee meeting dates.

1 p.

11 Oct. 1949.

10/8. Ditto. Re Federal Council meeting in Adelaide.

Asks about a proposed new rule that all contributions shall be paid to the Head Office. Tenders his resignation as secretary.

2 pp.

15 Oct. 1949.

10/9. Lewins to Taylor. Says the new rule will cover all sub-branches already in existence.

1 p.

25 Oct. 1949.

10/10. Taylor to Lewins. Gives the name of the new secretary J.O. Mackay but says he will assist the investigation committee when it visits Ballarat.

2 pp.

10 Nov. 1949.

10/11. K.E. Rash to Lewins. Encloses union dues.

1 p.

16 Nov. 1949.

10/22. J.O. Mackay to Lewins. Explains that he and Rash have been elected as delegates to attend the Vic. branch general meeting.

1 p.

23 Nov. 1949.

10/13. Lewins to Mackay. Says he has booked accomodation for them.

1 p.

29 Nov. 1949.

10/14. Lewins to Taylor. Thanks him for his past assistance.

1 p.

29 Nov. 1949.

10/15. Lewins to Mackay. Re rates of apprentices, improvers and journeymen in the painting trade.

1 p.

9 Feb. 1950.

10/16. K.E.Rash to Lewins. Encloses union dues.

1 p.

3 March 1950.

10/17. Lewins to Mackay. Speaks of a Ballarat employer's request for a permit to employ a CRTS (Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme) trainee. Refers to correspondence from the Geelong Sub-Branch in which its secretary states that he was elected Secretary of Combined Sub-Branches of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong.

1 p.

14 March 1950.

10/18. Mackay to Lewins. Re Rash motion at annual meeting concerning improvements in the manufacture of materials etc.

1 p.

16 March 1950.

10/19. Ditto. Re Bro. A. Clarke of Geelong. Says that he does represent the three Sub-Branches of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong.

2 pp.

18 March 1950.

10/20. Ditto. Gives him information about some Ballarat union members.

2 pp.

22 March 1950.

10/21.

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10/21. Lewins to Mackay. Advises him of a special summoned meeting of the Head Branch to hear the report of the investigation committee.

1 p. 2 copies.

4 April 1950.

10/22. Ditto. Re correspondence from the Yallourn Sub-Branch requesting that arrangements be made to enable reps. of Ballarat, Geelong and Yallourn Sub-Branches to meet the management committee of Head Branch to discuss questions affecting Sub-Branches. Asks Ballarat to appoint two delegates.

1 p.

10 May 1950.

10/ 23. Mackay to Lewins. Re meeting with management committee

2 pp.

15 May 1950.

10/ 24. K. Rash to Lewins. Sends union dues.

1 p.

18 May 1950.

10/ 25. Lewins to Mackay. Advises him of further correspondence from Yallourn Sub-Branch re Combined Sub-Branches.

1 p.

24 May 1950.

10/26. Mackay to Lewins. Says that he and Rash have been appointed delegates to the meeting with the management committee.

2 pp.

25 May 1950.

10/ 27. Lewins to Mackay. Re meeting with the investigation committee.

1 p.

20 June 1950.

10/ 28

107.

10/ 28. Mackay to Lewins. Concerns delegates' expenses.

1 p.

9 July 1950.

10/ 29. Ditto. More re investigation committee.

2 pp.

20 July 1950.

10/ 30. Ditto. Concerns a visit of the management committee
to ^Ballarat.

1 p.

3 Aug. 1950.

10/ 31. Lewins to Mackay. Ditto.

1 p.

17 Aug. 1950.

10/ 32. Mackay to Lewins. Ditto.

2 pp.

19 Aug. 1950.

10/ 33. Lewins to Mackay. Gives arrival times etc.

1 p.

22 Aug. 1950.

10/ 34. K. Rash to Lewins. Encloses union dues.

1 p.

23 Aug. 1950.

10/ 35. Mackay to Lewins. Concerns a clearance.etc.

2 pp.

13 Nov. 1950.

10/36. Lewins to Mackay. Re letter from B. James.

1 p.

15 Nov. 1950.

10/37. Lewins to James.

1 p.

15 Nov. 1950.

10/38. K. Rash to Lewins. Encloses union dues.

1 p.

18 Nov. 1950.

10/39. Lewins to Rash. Encloses receipts.

1 p.

23 Nov. 1950.

10/40. Mackay to Lewins. Re annual meeting.

2 pp.

24 Nov. 1950.

10/41. Ditto. Concerns transfers, clearances etc.

1 p.

6 Jan. 1951.

10/42. Lewins to Mackay. Re hire car for annual meeting.

1 p.

12 Jan. 1951.

10/ 43. Ditto. Re clearance.

1 p.

18 Jan. 1951.

10/ 44. Mackay to Lewins. Concerns clearance, car hire etc.

2 pp.

23 Jan. 1951.

10/45. Ditto. Re meeting.

1 p.

15 March 1951.

10/ 46. Telegram concerning Lewins visit.

19 March 1951.

10/47. K. Rash to Lewins. Says his branch is unable to hold its special meeting because of the centenary celebrations.

1 p.

31 March 1951.

10/48/ Lewins to Rash. Concerns his recent visit to Ballarat
Asks Rash to call a special meeting as soon as possible.

1 p.

5 April 1951.

10/ 49. Lewins to Mackay. Refers to his correspondence with Rash and his refusal to give the names and addresses of members of the Ballarat Sub-Branch. Asks Mackay to help arrange a special meeting to iron out misunderstandings.

1 p.

5 April 1951.

10/ 50. Rash to Lewins. Says he will write soon.

1 p.

12 April 1951.

10/ 51. Ditto. Re conference.

1 p.

21 April 1951.

10/ 52. Lewins to Rash. Ditto.

1 p.

26 April 1951.

10/ 53. Mackay to Lewins. Concerns a deputation from the management committee to the Ballarat Sub-Branch.

1 p.

10 May 1951.

10/54. Rash to Lewins. Encloses a cheque for union fees.

1 p.

16 May 1951.

10/55. Lewins to Rash. Ditto.

1 p.

21 May 1951.

10/ 56. Ballarat Sub-Branch. circular. Re a new ^Federal Rule governing the control of sub-branches. Reaffirms a decision that their local autonomy should be maintained and says that they have been threatened with legal action by Lewins.

1 p.

12 June 1951.

10/57. Rash to Lewins. Refers to circular which, he says, is being forwarded to all sub-branches in Australia.

1 p.

15 June 1951.

10/ 58. J.R. Taggart. Queensland Branch OPDU to Lewins. Explains that the circular was discussed at the general meeting and it was decided to forward it to him to take action.

1 p.

4 July 1951.

10/ 59. Lewins to Mackay. Advises him that the Ballarat Sub- Branch will be given one month to submit to the Head Branch names and addresses of branch members.

1 p.

11 July 1951.

10/ 60. Mackay to Lewins. Re Mackay's expenses as a branch delegate to the annual meeting.

1 p.

16 July 1951.

10/61. Lewins to Mackay. Ditto.

1 p.

3 Aug. 1951.

10/62. Mackay to Lewins. Declares that the members of the Ballarat Sub-Branch are not prepared to accede to Head Branch's request for a list of financial members and says they may take legal action.

2 pp.

18 Aug. 1951.

10/63. Ditto. Asks for more money for delegate's expenses.

2 pp.

19 Aug. 1951.

10/ 64. Telegram. Rash to Lewins re meeting.

12 Sept. 1951.

10/65.

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10/65. Ditto.

12 Sept. 1951.

10/ 66. Notes re telegram.

1 p.

Undated.

10/67. Lewins to Mackay. Re delegate's expenses.

1 p.

4 Oct. 1951.

10/ 68. Ditto. Encloses a copy of the rules of the West Australian Branch, which have been sent by the Federal President, Jim White.

1 p.

17 Oct. 1951.

10/ 69. Ditto.

1 p.

25 Oct. 1951.

10/70. Mackay to Lewins. Re cheque.

1 p.

27 Oct. 1951.

10/71. Notes to Lewins. Re Ballarat Sub-Branch withholding a receipt.

1 p.

30 Oct. 1951.

10/72. Lewins to H. Clarke. Geelong. Requests the Geelong Sub-Branch to convene a special summoned meeting to permit Head Branch officials to submit a report on the new Federal Rule covering sub-branches.

1 p.

15 Nov. 1951.

10/73. Rash to Lewins. Encloses cheque and receipt.

1 p.

21 Nov. 1951.

10/74. Lewins to Rash. Encloses receipt.

1 p.

23 Nov. 1951.

10/75. Mackay to Lewins. Discusses request for receipt and asks for information about some branch members.

2 pp.

24 Nov. 1951.

10/76

112.

10/76. Lewins to Mackay. More re cheques, receipts.

.1 p.

18 Dec. 1951.

10/77. Mackay to Lewins. Encloses information about office-bearers etc.

2 pp.

7 Jan. 1952.

10/78. Lewins to Mackay. More re receipts.

1 p.

21 Jan. 1952.

10/79. Rash to Lewins. Encloses cheque for membership fees.

1 p.

17 March 1952.

10/80. Lewins to Rash. Official receipt.

1 p.

18 March 1952.

10/81. Lewins to Mackay. Forwards 210 members cards.

1 p.

5 May 1952.

10/82. A.G.Booth Ballarat to Lewins. Encloses contributions and asks for a clearance to Perth.

1 p.

8 May 1952.

10/83. H.Clarke Geelong to Lewins. Encloses Geelong Sub-Branch half-yearly affiliation dues.

1 p.

21 May 1952.

10/84. Lewins to Clarke. Send receipt.

1 p.

27 May 1952.

10/85. Mackay to Lewins. Encloses affiliation fees.

1 p.

14 June 1952.

10/86.

113.

10/86. Lewins to Mackay. Re affiliation fee.

1 p.

17 June 1952.

10/ 87. Ditto. Says he has received a complaint from a former member of the Ballarat Sub-Branch, A.G. Booth re a Ballarat firm.

1 p.

11 July 1952.

10/88. Mackay to Lewins. Re Ballarat firm. Denies that Booth is a member of his branch.

1 p.

20 July 1952.

10/89. Lewins to Mackay. Explains that Booth was a member of Head Branch and has obtained a clearance to Perth. Commends Mackay on the action he has taken in regard to the complaint. Encloses Booth's letter.

2 pp.

25 July 1952.

10/90. Ditto. Asks for a clearance for Charles Andrews, who is now domiciled outside the Ballarat area.

1 p.

29 Aug. 1952.

10/91. Mackay to Lewins. Thanks him for copies of the latest wage increases etc.

1 p.

4 Sept 1952.

10/92. Lewins to H. Clarke, Geelong. Encloses a copy of agenda items to be placed before the Federal Council meeting.

1 p.

4 Sept. 1952.

10/93. Lewins to Mackay. Thanks him for sending cheque.

1 p.

5 Sept. 1952.

10/94. Mackay to Lewins. Concerns Andrew's transfer.

3 pp.

13 Sept. 1952.

10/95. Lewins to Mackay. Forwards him 150 rule books.

Refers to the Ballarat Sub-Branch refusal to grant Andrew's clearance which, he says, is a contravention of Federal and State rules.

2 pp.

8 Oct. 1952.

10/96. Lewins to H. Clarke. Re new rule books.

1p.

8 Oct. 1952.

10/97. Clarke to Lewins. Ditto.

1 p.

25 Oct. 1952.

10/98. Lewins to Clarke. Ditto.

1 p.

28 Oct. 1952.

10/99. Mackay to Lewins. Encloses cheque for affiliation fees.

1 p.

24 Nov. 1952.

10/1000. Lewins to Mackay. Forwards 100 copies of the latest issue of Painter's News for distribution to members of the Ballarat Sub-Branch. Discusses Master Painters attempt to take away painters' tool allowance and the inclusion of a shift work clause in the determination. Encloses a couple of petitions.

3 pp.

25 Nov. 1952.

10/101. Ditto. Sends receipts for affiliation fees.

1 p.

28 Nov. 1952.

10/102. Ditto. Refers to the case of Albert Tucker, who paid money to Head Branch by mistake.

1 p.

4 Dec. 1952.

10/103. Mackay to Lewins. Re Tucker.

1 p.

8 Dec. 1952.

10/104. Lewins to Mackay. Asks him to call a special summoned meeting of the Ballarat Sub-Branch to allow an address to be given by Head Branch re constitution and to iron out differences.

2 pp.

23 Jan. 1953.

10/ 105. Mackay to Lewins. Re meeting. Encloses receipt.

2 pp.

29 Jan. 1953.

10/106. Circular from Head Branch to members. Concerns a special summoned meeting of the Ballarat Sub-Branch.

1 p. 2 copies.

26 Feb. 1953.

10/107. Unsigned letter to Lewins. Gives an interpretation of the new Federal Rule sand a Victorian State Branch rule.

2 pp.

17 March 1953.

10/108. Lewins to Manager, Commonwealth Bank, Geelong. Says he has been authorised to take proceedings against the Geelong Sub-Branch to compel its officials to comply with the provisions of union rules. Demands that until further order no operation shall be permitted on the Geelong Sub-Branch account.

1 p.

19 March 1953.

10/109. W.N.L. Horne, for the Manager, to Lewins. Says the bank has "frozen" the funds and will await further information.

1 p.

23 March 1953.

10/ 110. Memo re OPDU Federal Executive decision to "freeze" accounts of Geelong and Ballarat Sub-Branches. Says Ballarat may "fall into line." Suggests that an Affidavit be drawn up and Order Nisi re Geelong Sub-Branch first.

1 p.

Undated.

10/111. Mackay to Lewins. Says he wants to resign as

10/11(Contd) secretary.

2 pp.

25 March 1953.

10/112. Lewins to manager, Commonwealth Bank, Ballarat.
Asks him to "freeze" account of Ballarat Sub-Branch.

1 p.

27 March 1953.

10/113. E.A.G. Smith, manager, to Lewins. Says the bank has done so.

1 p.

28 March 1953.

10/114. Lewins to Smith. Re Smith's letter.

1 p.

31 March 1953.

Group 11. Miscellaneous material.

Box 4 11/1. Correspondence, circulars.

Note: Inwards and outwards correspondence concerning wages, general working conditions, the 1967 National Wage Case, awards, determinations and the OPDU's policy on Vietnam.

11/1/1. Correspondence, circs. 1919 to 1936. Contains material on procedure in police summonses, warrants of distress, and examples of notices sent to union members.

11/1/1/1. Summons in Court of Petty Sessions, Melb. OPDU Vic. Branch v John McDermott. Re dues.

1 p. 2 copies

23 April 1919.

11/1/1/2. Statement and particulars of complainant's demands.

1 p. 3 copies

April 1919.

11/1/1/3. Const. D. Provis, Sgt. Gorman, West Melb. Reports that McDermott has moved.

1 p.

28 April 1919.

11/1/1/4. Sec. OPDU to Constable in Charge, police station. Asks him to serve a summons on McDermott.

1 p.

24 Sept. 1919.

11/1/1/5. Notes re summonses served on members working
contrary to the rules.

1 p.

Undated.

11/1/1/6. Advert. Age. Ditto.

10 March 1920.

11/1/1/7. Warrant of distress for dues owing to OPDU by W.D.
Humphries, Cheltenham. Not issued.

1 p. 2 copies

20 March 1922.

11/1/1/8. Copy of a letter from union sec. to member re verdict
in Court of Petty Sessions, Melb. re payment of debt.

1 p. 2 copies

27 July 1923.

11/1/1/9. Sec. to Constable in Charge, police station. Encloses a
Debt Summons.

1 p.

11 Oct. 1923.

11/1/1/10. Notes for Wages Board re tea money, hot water for
lunch etc.

1 p.

2 Nov. 1925.

11/1/1/11. Nominations for the Painters Wages Board. Includes
shorthand notes.

6 pp.

17 Oct. to 1 Nov. 1928.

11/1/1/12. Notices to members, membership card.

6 pp/ and card.

25 Sept. 1933.

11/1/1/13. Notes re powers in Federal, Branch rules, union
minutes to prosecute union members.

1 p.

(1933?)

11/1/1/14. Press cutting. The Shorter Hours Question. Letter to the Age.

15 June 1936.

11/1/1/15. Union contribution card.

Undated.

11/1/1/16. Statement of receipts/ expenditure for the half-year ending 30 June 1926 for branches in all States.

1 p.

30 June 1936.

11/1/1/17. Proposition form. Federated House and Ship Painters Paperhangers and Decorators' Employees' Association of Australasia. NSW Branch.

1 p.

Undated.

Box 4 11/1/2. Correspondence, circa 1947 to 1968. Includes correspondence with NSW Branch and with the Federal Executive.

11/1/2/1. Definition of a painter and decorator.

1 p.

Undated.

11/1/2/2. Scale of wages. Federated ~~House~~ Clerks' Union of Australia (Victorian Branch). Trades Hall section.

1 p.

30 Jan. 1947.

11/1/2/3. Salary and Wages ^Return. Colin Willman. Trade union clerk.

29 July 1947.

11/1/2/4. Copies. Ballot paper. OPDU. Vic branch.

11/1/2/5. Notes re amalgamation.

2 pp.

1966.

11/1/2/6. J.E.Anderson, OPDU Federal Office to Lewins. Encloses a copy of notes of a motion for the amendment of NSW rules for submission to the Executive. Asks for Vic. endorsement. New provision covers suspension of a member for misconduct, fines etc.

2 pp.

14 April 1967.

11/1/2/7. F. Butler, sec. NSW branch to Anderson. Discusses the recent National Wage Case, the NSW decision etc.

2 pp.

20 June 1967.

11/1/2/8. J.R. Vaggers, acting sec. Queensland branch, to Anderson. Re total wage decision. Points out that the Queensland State Basic Wage is not related to the Federal Basic Wage.

2 pp.

23 June 1967.

11/1/2/9. Anderson to Lewins. Concerns an announcement by the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission in the National Wage Case in favour of the introduction of a total wage and abolition of a basic wage and margins. Asks for the views of the Vic. branch.

2 pp.

3 July 1967.

11/1/2/10. M.C. Jordan, sec. THC. Circular to affiliated unions. Protests about Premier Bolte's proposal to ask people to pay both State and Federal income tax.

1 p.

10 July 1967.

11/1/2/11. List of safety rules for guidance of contractors.

1 p.

Undated.

11/1/2/12. Lewins to Anderson. Re conference between the Victorian and Federal Branches to consider a new rule book, policy on the Vietnam war, implications of the Arbitration Commission's decision on a total wage concept.

1 p. 2 copies.

1 Aug. 1967.

11/1/2/13. Anderson to Lewins. Re Federal Executive meeting

1 p.

3 Aug. 1967.

11/1/2/14. Ditto. Concerns Anderson's attendance of a meeting of the Victorian management committee.

1 p.

3 Aug. 1967.

11/1/2/15. Ditto.

1 p.

3 Aug. 1967.

11/1/2/16. R.J.Young, First Assistant Commissioner, Public Service Board, Arbitration Division, Melb. to Gen.Sec. OPDU Sydney. Concerns variations in Determination No.212 of 1965 to allow for payment of compensation on termination of services by the Department within 12 months of engagement.

1 p.

7 Sept. 1967.

11/1/2/17. Anderson to Public Service Arbitrator. Re Claim No. B.G. 27. BWIU and others and the Minister of Works and the Public Service Board.

1 p.

14 Sept. 1967.

11/1/2/18. Copy of proceedings before the Public Service Arbitrator Application to vary Determination No.212 of 1965.

1 p (extract).

14 Sept. 1967.

11/1/2/19. Anderson to secretaries of union parties to Determination 212/65 and branches of the Painters Union. Circular. Encloses copy of an application to vary Determination in regard to pro rata Annual Leave for employees with less than 12 months' service.

2 pp.

14 Sept. 1967.

11/1/2/20. Anderson to Federal Executive members. Discusses the costs of a Federal Council meeting in Sydney.

2 pp.

27 June 1968.

11/1/2/21. Ditto. Re South Australia value case and the classification of painters, brush hands etc.

3 pp.

2 July 1968.

11/1/2/22. Anderson to all branch secretaries/ Ditto.

2 pp.

3 July 1968.

11/1/2/23. Lewins to Anderson. Discusses developments in South Australia. Agrees with Anderson on six points laid down in his correspondence and suggests he should visit S. Australia. Also refers to correspondence with the Queensland branch on the question of representation for proposed amalgamated building union.

2 pp.

4 July 1968.

11/1/2/24. Ditto. Encloses items listed by Anderson for submission to Federal Council. Discusses question of branches paying salaries of delegates.

1 p.

5 July 1968.

11/1/2/25. Anderson to secretaries of all branches. Encloses a reply received from the NSW branch.

1 p.

5 July 1968.

11/1/2/26. F. Butler, sec. NSW branch to Anderson. Puts his branch's views on representation of branches at the Federal Conference/ National Council of the proposed new union. Lists the present bases of representation of the three amalgamating unions.

3 pp.

9 July 1968.

- Box 4 11/1/3. Painters' policy on Vietnam. Correspondence, circulars , journal articles, press cuttings. relating to OPDU Vic. branch support for the Seamen's Union ban on ships sending arms to Vietnam. 1966-7.
- Box 4 11/1/3/1. Copy of Seamen for Peace. The Boonaroo and Vietnam. Special edition of The Seamen's Journal. Contains articles on the Seamen's Union protest against the manning of the Boonaroo , carrying supplies to the Vietnam war zone, history of Seamen's Union pacifist demonstrations over 96 years, decisions of stop-work meetings.
12 pp.
Vol. 21.No.6. May 1966.
- Box 4 11/1/3/2. Leaflet. We cannot support a war against children. Front and back covers show reproductions from another leaflet The Children of Vietnam - colour plates of war-injured children. Centre pages display statements by members of the Seamen's Union , telling why they refuse to handle war cargo. Issued by the Seamen's Union , Sydney.
4 pp (2 sheets)
1966.
- 11/1/3/3. F.Butler, sec. OPDU NSW branch to J.E.Anderson, Gen.Sec. Advises him of a resolution passed by NSW branch general meeting , which expresses support for the Seamen's refusal to man the M.V.Jeparit. Wants a copy of this resolution sent to the Fed. Gov., the ACTU and the Seamen's Union.
1 p.
16 March 1967
- 11/1/3/4. Lewins to Anderson. Says the State branch Executive strongly condemns the decision of the ACTU interstate executive in their failure to support the policy of the Seamen's Union re the Boonaroo. Also criticises Anderson's stand as a member of the ACTU executive.

11/1/3/5.

125.

11/1/3/5. Anderson to Lewins. Encloses a copy of letters from the NSW branch and Vic. branch re Boonaroo. Asks for information of charges made against himself.

2 pp.

12 April 1967.

11/1/3/6. Copy of the Seamen's Journal. Contains more articles on Seamen's Union dispute over the manning of Vietnam supply ships.

Vol.22. No.4.

April 1967.

Box 4 11/1/3/7. Copy of talk by B.M.Nolan, sec. Seamen's Union. Vic branch. over 3kz Labor Hour. Re Vietnam war, ACTU change of policy etc.

4 pp.

2 July 1967.

Box 4 11/1/3/8. Copies of a resolution passed by a Special Federal Council meeting of the OPDU, which supports the action of the Seamen's Union. Condemns the ACTU. Calls for peace.

1 p. 9 copies.

25 Aug. 1967.

Box 19 11/2. Printed material.

Note: This material, which covers the period 1883 to 1971, includes a number of interesting documents, such as the 1883 Stonemasons' pamphlet on the origins of the 8 hour movement, ACTU Congress reports, a report of the 1920 44 hour week inquiry, an article on the ALP adoption of a socialist objective, and material on the setting up of a Department of Industrial Hygiene in the Commonwealth Health Department in 1927, the 1938 Fair Rents Act and the 1967 THC suspension of the Metal Trades unions.

11/2/1. Report of the committee appointed by the Victorian Operative Masons' Society to inquire into the Origins of the Eight-Hours' Movement in Victoria.

11/2/1(Contd) Adopted at the annual meeting 11 June 1884.
 Issued by the Melb. THC.

24 pp.

Dated 6 Nov. 1883.

Reprinted Labor Call Print, Melb. 1912.

11/2/2. Transcript of Two Grades of Painters, 1903. Consists of the hearing and judgement in an industrial dispute between the Sydney Trade Union of Painters and the Master Painters' and Decorators' Assn. of NSW, which resulted in the passage of the 1904 Award by the Arbitration Court. Contains provisions for the definition of various grades of painters, hours of labor, wages, over-time, holidays, indenturing apprentices, preference to unionists etc. Issued by the OPDU NSW branch. 21 Jan. 1972.

151 pp.

15 Dec. 1903 to 21 March 1904.

11/2/3. Official report. Federal Trades Union Congress.
 Melb. Issued by The Worker Trades Union Directory.
 Sydney.

23 pp.

Feb. 1907.

21/2/4. The Commonwealth Electoral Law Explained. Booklet prepared under instructions from King O'Malley, MP, Minister of State for Home Affairs.

32 pp.

15 Jan. 1913.

11/2/5. Brief Synopsis of the Forty-four Hour Week Inquiry.
 A case presented before Mr. Justice Higgins on behalf of the Australian Trade Union Movement by E.J. Holloway, Sec. THC. Includes evidence from the Masons, Builders Laborers, Carpenters, Bootmaker etc. in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Great Britain, USA, Europe, Japan etc. Concludes with Higgin's judgement granting 44 hours. Issued by THC, Melb.

68 pp.

Sept. 1920.

- 11/2/6. The Old Way and the New. An open letter to the President of the All-Australian Conference in Melb. on the ALP's adoption of a socialist objective in 1920. Henry Watson, THC, Melb. compares the 1902 and 1921-2 Commonwealth Labor Conference. Issued by Labor Call Print. Melb.

1 p.

7 July 1922.

- 11/2/7. NSW Painters' Conciliation Committee's application for a new award, which includes claims for increased wages and over-time rates, 46 hour week, preference to unionists etc. Article in The Decorator and Painter for Australia and New Zealand, a journal for the paint, oil, color, varnish and wall paper trades.

Vo. xxi. No. 10. pp. 297-8.

1 July 1926.

- Box 19 11/2/8. Royal Commission on the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Contains information on the duties of the Commission, various evidence, and a discussion of the activities of the Division of Industrial Hygiene of the Commonwealth Department of Health e.g. clinical examination of Bendigo mine employees, dermatitis among rubber workers, inquiry into lead poisoning in the painting trade. Issued by the Government Printer, Canberra.

125 pp.

19 Sept. 1927.

- 11/2/9. "White Australia?" What Does It Mean. By Lily White (Pure-but-not-Simple). Pamphlet issued by the NSW Labor Council. Justifies the formation of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat, to which the ACTU was officially affiliated. Opposes all racial and national barriers.

16 pp.

Undated. (1930s?)

11/2/10. Quarterly Adjustments of Wages and Wage

Reductions in accordance with movements of retail prices. Pamphlet issued by P.J. Clarey to a conference of reps. of affiliated unions called to consider the system by the Melb. THC.

7 pp.

24 Nov. 1932.

11/2/11. Statements relating to Building Permits in Greater Melbourne, released by the Gov. Statist.

Contains information about numbers of private flat and new buildings; types of buildings within these classifications; numbers of alterations/ additions; value of all types of buildings. Statistics issued monthly. 1937-8.

11/2/11/1. Building Permits. Greater Melbourne 1937.

Contains value of permits issued for all buildings (excluding Gov. buildings) 1929 to 1937; building permits issued for buildings in each municipality 1934 to 1937.

5 pp.

31 Dec. 1937.

11/2/11/2. Ditto. Month of December, 1937. Compares the value of permits issued during Nov. and Dec. 1937 with those issued in Dec. 1936. Lists private dwellings, flat buildings, other new buildings, alterations and additions. Covers the period 1933 to 1937.

4 pp.

Dec. 1937.

11/2/11/ 3. Ditto. Month of Jan. 1938. Shows a decrease in value of permits compared with Dec. and Jan. 1937. Lists private dwellings, flat buildings etc. Covers period 1934 to 1938.

4 pp.

Jan. 1938.

11/2/11/4. Ditto. Month of Feb. 1938. Shows an increase since Jan. 1938 and decrease since Feb. 1937. Covers period 1934 to 1938.

4 pp.

Feb. 1938.

11/2/11/5. Ditto. Month of March. 1938. Covers period 1934 too 1938.

4 pp.

March 1938.

11/2/11/6. Ditto. Month of April 1938. Covers period 1934 to 1938.

4 pp. 2 copies..

April 1938.

11/2/11/7. Ditto. Month of May 1938. Covers same period as above.

4 pp.

May 1938.

11/2/11/8. Ditto. Month of June. Covers same period as above.

4 pp.

June 1938.

11/2/11/9. Ditto. 1937-8. Covers period 1935 to 1938.

6 pp.

1937-8.

11/2/11/10. Ditto. Month of July 1938. Covers period 1934 to 1938.

3 pp.

July 1938.

11/2/12. Fair Rents Act. 1938. No. 4626 of 1938.

An Act to provide for the determination of fair rents for dwelling houses and other purposes.

7 pp.

22 Dec. 1938.

- 11/2/13. Log of claims issued on behalf of the Metal Trades Employers Assn. and the Motor Traders Assn. of NSW. Affects workmen in japanning, enamelling, painting etc of metallic objects.

12 pp.

24 May 1939.

- 11/2/14. Amenities, Safety, Health on House- Construction Sites. Issued by the Department of Labour and National Service. Leaflet No. 13.

28 pp.

1946.

- 11/2/15. Social Security. What Labor has done. Leaflet issued by the ALP (State of Victoria). Lists age and invalid pensions, widows' pensions, maternity allowance, child endowment and sickness benefits.

8 pp. (4 sheets)

July 1947.

- 11/2/16. Off to do a job for Australia. Article on sending an Australian task force to Vietnam by air. Daily Telegraph, Sydney.

20 April 1966.

- 11/2/17. THC, Melb. circular. to all affiliated unions. Re the 1967 National Wage Case. Speakers' notes urging groups of workers to ask their employer to pay at least the basic wage levels attained by the ACTU.

5 pp.

17 April 1967.

- 11/2/18. Articles on the suspension of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, Sheetmetal Workers' Union. and the Moulders from representation on the THC until Jan. 1968 for stoppages over margins claims, which are opposed to ACTU policy. The Unionist. Vol. 2. No. 2.

8 pp. (4 sheets)

April 1967.

11/2/19. Report of Northern Territory Trade Union Survey.
By S. Vaughan. Visit of unionists organized by
the North Australia Workers Union. Contains
valuable material about rates of pay, amenities;
number and value of new buildings and alterations
etc. in the Territory 1967-8; agreements with
building contractors; conditions for employees
of mining companies. Concludes that trade
unionism virtually does not exist in the building
industry, excluding gov. departments and building
operations where employees are members of the
North Australia Workers Union or the Amalgamated
Engineering Union.

17 pp.

6-13 Aug. 1968.

11/2/20. Material for use in the Long Service Leave Campaign.
1970.

11/2/20/1 Leaflet re campaign.

1 p.

5 May 1970.

11/2/20/2. Photo stencils frpm Paint and Colour Journal of the Master
Painters for use as talking point in campaign.

2 pp.

April 1970.

11/2/20/3. More notes re campaign by J.E.A. (Anderson?)

1 p.

April 1970.

11/2/20/4. R.S. Prentice. Pres. Master Builders' Federation of
Australia, Inc. to H.J. Souter. Sec. ACTU. Refers to
correspondence between the ACTU and the Master
Builders on Long Service Leave in the building
industry. Says his organization cannot agree to
ACTU and building unions' proposals to alter the
basis of Long Service Leave from service to an employer
to service to the industry.

1 p.

7 April 1970.

11/2/10

130.

11/2/20/5. Information re Long Service Leave schemes in various States. 1957 to 1969.

4 pp.

Undated.

11/2/21. Article on Long Service Leave campaign proposed national stoppage in Painter's News. (See above)

4 pp. (2 sheets)

No. 73 May 1970.

11/2/22. Notice to Builders' Labourers. Leaflet issued by the Master Builders' Assn. of Victoria. Re : withdrawal of the over-award payments in the Building Industry Agreement to builders' labourers because of strikes in the building industry.

1 p.

20 May 1970.

11/2/23. Minutes of the ACTU Congress, Melb. Aug.-Sept. 1971

Contains R.J.Hawke's presidential address to 1971 ACTU Congress etc.

85 pp.

30 Aug. to 3 Sept. 1971.

Box 15 11/3. Labor Study League.

This small black exercise book kept by Colin Willman, OPDU official, records some discussions of a Labor Study League from 1937 to 1942. Topics include questions and answers on political economy such as: What is price? Discuss supply and demand. Define the class struggle from a working-class view point. Lists group attendance in Dec. 1942.

8 pp handwritten.

Nov. 1937 to Dec. 1942.

Box 15 11/4. Building Workers Social and Political Picnic Committee.

11/4/1. G. Lewins, Sec. OPDU. Vic. branch. to J. Alexander and Sons. Carlton. Appeals for a donation to

11/4/1 (Contd) finance a re-formed Building Workers Social and Political Picnic Committee function at Hurstbridge.

1 p.

7 March 1956.

11/4/2. Peter Millar and Co. to Lewins. Encloses a cheque for Hurstbridge picnic.

1 p.

9 March 1956.

11/4/3. Lewins to bank manager, Commonwealth Bank, Melb. Encloses a copy of the rules and constitution of the new body and asks the bank to transfer money from the account of the Building Trades Federation Picnic and Social Committee.

4 pp.

9 March 1956.

11/4/4. Copy of form drawn up by Commonwealth Bank for Picnic Committee.

1 p.

13 March 1956.

11/4/5. Pettigrews Pty. Ltd. Brunswick to Lewins. Encloses cheque for picnic.

1 p.

15 March 1956.

11/4/6. E.H. Johns. Essendon to Lewins. Ditto.

1 p.

18 March 1956.

11/4/7. Circular. Monster Building Trades Picnic. Sent to all building trade union stewards. Says the Picnic Committee includes reps. from the Painters, Plumbers, BWU and Builders Laborers. Encloses a collection list.

2 pp.

Undated.

11/4/8 Balm Paints. Pty. Ltd. to Lewins. Encloses a cheque
for picnic.

1 p.

22 March 1956.

11/4/9. Lewins to Balm Paints. Receipt.

1 p.

23 March 1956.

11/4/10. Statement of account from Commonwealth Bank.

1 envelope.

22 March 1956.

11/4/11. Copies of letters asking for donations from
a number of firms.

8 pp.

22,23 March 1956.

11/4/12. List of more firms approached for donations.

5 pp.

Undated.

11/4/13. Souvenir programme. Sydney Trade Union Club.
Sixth Annual Picnic.

32 pp.

25 March 1956.

11/4/14. Cheque and receipt/ Wesco(Aust) Pty.Ltd.Box Hill.

2 pp.

28 March 1956.

11/4/15. Ordnance Factory, Bendigo to Lewins. Says members
can't attend picnic and so returns collection
list.

1 p.

28 March 1956.

11/4/16. Lewins to A.C. Mence Pty. Ltd. Melb. Encloses receipt

1 p.

28 March 1956.

11/4/17. Rough copy of Hurstbridge picnic programme.

5 pp.

Undated.

11/4/18. Expenditure list and receipts.

2 pp.

Undated.

11/4/19. J.T.Holmes, West Sunshine to Lewins. Returns collection list.

1 p.

2 April 1956.

11/4/20. Lewins to C.Prosser, Carlton Football Club. Appeals for the loan of two footballs for union picnic.

1 p.

6 April 1956.

11/4/21. Official programme.

8 pp.

22 April 1956.

11/4/22. Copies of admission tickets.

3 tickets.

22 April 1956.

11/4/23. Receipt for cheque from Lewins.

1 May 1956.

11/4/24. Statement of receipts and expenditure. Building Trades Ball.

1 p.

7 Dec. 1956.

11/4/25. Plumbers and Gasfitters Union to Lewins. Requests a joint meeting of executives of the combined building unions to discuss the financial situation of the Building Workers Picnic and Social Committee. Complains that a catering firm is still owed £120 for Dec. Ball. Suggests Committee should go into bankruptcy.

2 pp.

28 May 1957.

11/4/26. R. Podesta, sec. Building Workers Picnic and Social Committee to Lewins. Says that following discussions at a meeting of combined building union executives, it has been estimated that the deficit from the Building Trades Ball and Picnic is approx. £200. OPDU share is £50. Notes the subsequent sending of a cheque by the Painters.

11/4.

11/4/26 (Contd)

1 p.

5 June 1957.

11/4/27. List of proceeds from a sale of raffle books by the
m Picnic Committee.

1 p.

5 June to 24 June 1957.

11/4/28. Circular from Picnic Committee to union secs.
Gives a number of resolutions passed by Committee
for discussion by unions re raising finance,
representation etc.

2 pp.

5 Aug. 1957.

Box 15 11/4/29. Podesta to Lewins. Thanks him for his services as
president.

1 p.

6 Aug. 1957.

Group 12. Photographs.

12/1. Five photographs of members of the OPDU Vic. branch.
Un-named, undated.

21/2. Certificate of life membership. The Amalgamated House
and Ship Painters Paperhangers and Decorators Employes
Assn. of NSW. Decorated with Australian emblems,
surrounded by a border of gum-nuts and Christmas
bells. Printed by W.C. Penfold and Co. Sydney.
Undated.