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Economist, writer, labor activist, union director, and Professor of Economics and Research Associate of the Labor Center at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Contains biographical and bibliographical materials, including clippings, news releases, and photographs; correspondence, published and unpublished writings, including lectures, pamphlets, booklets, articles, reports, reprints, and transcripts of hearings; and typewritten manuscripts, edited works, bound reports and proceedings, and one audiotape.

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Background on Solomon Barkin

Solomon Barkin was born in New York City in 1902. He received his bachelor's degree from the College of the City of New York (CCNY) in 1928, and went on to receive his master's degree in economics from Columbia University the following year. He was an instructor at CCNY from 1928 to 1931. Among the posts he held in the 1930s were the Assistant Director of Research for the New York State Commission on Old Age Security, and the Assistant Director of the Labor Advisory Board of the National Recovery Administration. From 1937 to 1963, Barkin served as Director of Research for the Textile Workers Organizing Committee (TWOC), and its successor, the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA). In 1963, Barkin left to become deputy to the director and head of the Social Affairs Division, Manpower and Social Affairs Directorate, of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in Paris. He returned to the United States in 1968, to join the faculty of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, as Professor of Economics and Research Associate of the Labor Center. He retired in 1978.

Scope of collection

Biographical and bibliographical materials, including clippings, news releases, and photographs; correspondence, and published and unpublished writings, which comprise the bulk of the collection. Publications authored by Barkin cover the period 1930 to 1988, and include lectures, pamphlets, booklets, articles, reports, reprints, and transcripts of hearings. Also included, individually, are typewritten manuscripts, edited works, bound reports and proceedings, and one audiotape.

Papers are organized into three series, and arranged chronologically within each series, including Biographical/Bibliographical, Correspondence (1936, 1966-1988), and Publications (1930-1988).

An item listing for Barkin's published and unpublished writings can be found in the Appendix.

Arrangement

This collection is organized into three series:

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Series 3. Publications, 1930-1988

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Tributes

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Yearbook: Columbia Graduate School of Business

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See Appendix for item list of materials in bound notebooks.

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Old Age Security: Report of New York Commission

1930

Box 2

The Older Worker in Industry: -Joint Legislative Committee on Unemployment, State of New York

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Box 2

Labor Advisory Board, Bulletins on Labor Problems

1933-1935

Box 2

Wages and Hours in American Industry: NRS Source Material, Volumes I and II of III

1936

Box 3

Bound Notebook

1936-1937

Box 3

"Collective Bargaining and Section 7(b) of NIRA in Problems of Organized Labor, The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Volume 184,

March 1936

Box 3

The Labor Program Under the NIRA: Development, Contents, Operation, and Effect

1937

Box 4

Textile Workers' Organizing Committee, Weekly Newsletter for Regional Directors

1937-1938

Box 4

Vocational-Technical Training for Industrial Occupations: Report of the Consulting-Committee on Vocational-Technical Training Appointed by the US Commissioner of Education

1944

Box 4

Statement of TWUA re Cotton-Rayon Industry to the National War Labor Board

1944

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Towards Fairer Federal Labor Standards

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Bound Notebooks

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Clippings about the Decline of the Labor Movement

1961-1962

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"The Changing Workforce: Labor's Problems" in American Enterprise: The Next Ten Years, Martin R. Gainsbrugh, ed.

Box 15

Reappraisal of Business Taxation Symposium, Tax Institute

1962

Box 15

Current Needs in Research Relevant to the Interests of the US Textile Industry, National Academy of Sciences

1962

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Bound Notebooks

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Bound Notebooks

1963-1964

Box 17

Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting, Industrial Research Association

December 28 and 29, 1964

Box 17

The Crisis in the American Trade-Union Movement, The Annals of The American Academy of Political and Social Science,

November

1963

Box 17

Automation und technischer Fortschritt in Deutschland und den USA

1963

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Additional materials

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Bound Notebook

1965

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Bound Notebook

1966

Box 18

Management and Growth, Proceedings 14th CIOS International Management Congress, Rotterdam

1966

Box 18

Industrial Society and Rehabilitation--Problems and Solutions, ISRD, Proceedings of the Tenth World Congress, Wiesbaden

1966

Box 18

Employment Problems of Automation and Advanced Technology: An International Perspective, Proceedings of a Conference

held at Geneva by the International Inst. for Labour Studies, 1964, ed. Jack Stieber, Macmillan and St. Martins Press

1966

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Additional materials

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Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

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