THE NAT GANLEY COLLECTION

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The papers of Nat Ganley were deposited with the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in June, 1970 by Mrs. Ann Ganley.

Nat Ganley was born Nathan Kaplan in New York City on November 26, 1903. His formal education ended with his completion of the eighth grade in the NYC public schools. Ganley became a Socialist just prior to the Russian Revolution and soon after he joined the Junior Section of the Young Peoples Socialist League in New York.

In 1919 Ganley turned his attention to helping develop the Communist movement in the United States. During the 1920's he worked in many capacities within the Communist movement. Much of his activities centered around the Communist youth movement. While following these interests, Ganley served as first director of communist children's work in the United States and as National Secretary of the Communist youth movement.

In the early 1930's Ganley was on the staff of the <u>Daily Worker</u> and served as the New England District Organizer for the Communist Party. It was during this period that Ganley began to take an active role in union organizing. Specifically, in 1931-1932 he helped organize the National Textile Workers Union in Lawrence, Mass. and Providence, R.I. In 1934 he came to Detroit and used the name Ganley for the first time to avoid being blacklisted by local employers. During the years 1934-1935 he was active in the Trade Union Unity League and helped organize many AFL locals including: the Poultry Workers Union, the Packing House Workers and the Riggers Union.

Next, Ganley joined in early UAW organizing and helped found UAW Local 155 in 1936. Also during that year he collaborated with Stanley Nowak and John Anderson to stage Detroit's first sit-down strikes at the Aluminum Company of America and Midland Steel. During the ten year period between 1937 and 1947 Ganley served as Business Agent for Local 155. In addition, he was editor of "Common Sense", the Local 155 newspaper, during this period.

After arriving in Detroit he became active in Communist Party functions in Michigan while maintaining ties with the party on the national level. Nationally, during the mid-1940's he served on the National Committee of the Communist Political Association and the National Committee of the Communist Party. On the state level, Ganley served on the State Committee of the Communist Party during the 1930's and 1940's. From 1947-1950 he published both the Michigan Herald and the Michigan Edition of the Daily Worker.

Ganley and five others were brought to trial and convicted in 1954 for violation of the Smith Act. The conviction was overturned when the United States Supreme Court ordered a rehearing before the United States Court of Appeals.

Ganley died October 12, 1969.

The Nat Ganley Collection covers the period from 1934 to 1969.

Important subjects:

1955 Auto Contracts Convention Notes 1936-37, 1939-42, 1951, 1955 No Strike Pledge 1941-1945 Post War Reconversion 1945-1946 Homer Martin Struggle 1938-1939 Communist Party Chrysler Strike 1950 Ford Strike 1949 Sitdown Strike 1937 Foley Square Trial Michigan Smith Trial Gerald L.K. Smith CIO Political Action Committee 1952-1956 Communist Party National Programs 1954, 1959, 1966, 1969 Civil Rights Automation Guaranteed Annual Wage

Description of Series

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Ganley and the UAW. This series consists of material reflecting Ganley's varied interests in the UAW and the automobile industry. The series consists of Ganley's notes and articles, printed material and newsclippings on a variety of union-related activities e.g. strikes, conventions and contract negotiations. In addition, materials relating to union issues of interest to Ganley are included e.g. automation, wage scales, production, civil rights and factionalism. 1934-1968

Series II Boxes 13-23

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Series IV Boxes 26-29

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Series V Boxes 30-32

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Series VI Box 33

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