

# John S. Daschbach papers, 1936-1957

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Daschbach, John S
<b>Title</b>	John S. Daschbach papers
<b>Dates</b>	1936-1957 (inclusive) 1936 1957
<b>Quantity</b>	3.78 cubic feet (9 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	3050 (Accession No. 3050-001)
<b>Summary</b>	Papers of a salesman, teacher, and civil rights worker from Seattle, Washington.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	The papers are open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

John S. Daschbach was a salesman, teacher, and civil rights worker from Seattle, Washington. He chaired the Washington Civil Rights Congress, the local branch of a national organization organized in 1946 as an association for the "defense of the constitutional rights and civil liberties of the American people, including Communists and Negroes." The Civil Rights Congress, accused of being a Communist front organization, was investigated by the Subversive Activities Control Board and a grand jury. In 1956 the organization and its branches dissolved. The Civil Rights Congress took an interest in cases which involved Communists or Black Americans whom the National Congress supported with legal assistance, fund raising, and publicity. Daschbach was one of seven defendants who were arrested in 1952 as accused Communists and tried in 1953 under the Smith Act in U.S. vs. Huff et. al. Daschbach was also a board member, extension director, and teacher at the Seattle Labor School (also known as the Pacific Northwest Labor School). His wife, Marjorie Daschbach, was also a board member.

## Content Description

The John S. Daschbach papers document Daschbach's activities as chair of the Washington State Civil Rights Congress and as extension director and teacher at the Seattle Labor School. In addition to organizational records, the Civil Rights Congress (Washington State) series includes files concerning a

number of civil rights cases in which the Civil Rights Congress took an interest, for example, the Foley Square Trial and the Seattle Smith Act case. Most cases involved Communists or African Americans whom the National Congress supported with legal assistance, fund raising, and publicity. The series also includes information about the the Washington State House of Representatives' Committee on Un-American Activities, commonly known as the Canwell Committee. The Seattle Labor School series includes minutes, correspondence, teaching materials, newsletters, and ephemera from the school. The Personal Papers series includes collected documentation on the Boeing Strike in 1941.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

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### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged in 4 series:

- Civil Rights Congress (Washington State) records, 1948-1956
- Seattle Labor School records, 1936-1949
- Personal papers, circa 1940-1941, 1956-1957
- Marjorie Daschbach correspondence, circa 1951-1955

### Acquisition Information

Gift of John Daschbach, December 1979 and March 1980.

### Processing Note

Accessions No. 3050-001 and 3050-002 were merged when the papers were processed in 1980.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Civil Rights Congress (Washington State) Records, 1948-1956

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
	John S. Daschbach papers, 1936-1957	
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Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/1	Organizational Features	1949, 1954-1955
1/2	Outgoing Letters - Appeal Letters	May 1954
1/3	General Correspondence	1949-1955
1/4	Memoranda	1949-1955, undated
1/5	Court Papers	1949, undated
1/6	Speeches and Writings	1949-1950, undated
1/7	Speeches and Writings - William Patterson	1955, undated
1/8-9	Petitions	1949
	Conferences and Conventions	
Box/Folder		
1/10	State Conference of Washington State Civil Rights Congress	1949, 1951
1/11	Chicago Chapters Secretaries Conference	June 4-5, 1949
1/12	Washington State Peace Crusade Peace Conference	November 11, 1951
1/13	National Executive Board Meeting	1950, 1952
1/14	St. Louis Leadership Conference	June 12-13, 1954
Box/Folder		
1/15	Congressional Reports	1948
1/16	News Releases	1948
	Newsletters	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
1/17	<i>Civil Rights Congress Newsletter</i>	1949
1/18-19	<i>Chapter Bulletin</i>	1952, 1954
1/20	Miscellaneous	1949-1952, undated
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
1/21-22	Publications	1949-1950, 1952, undated
2/1	Directories	1949, 1951, undated
2/2	Lists	1954, undated
2/3-5	Clippings	1949-1957
2/6-7	Ephemera	1950-1955, undated
2/7a	Photographs of Tule Lake Relocation Center	1952
	Subject Files	
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
2/8	American Committee to Protect the Foreign Born	1955, undated
	Canwell Committee	
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
2/9	Historical Features	undated
2/10	General Correspondence	1948
2/11	University of Washington Hearings	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/12	Writings	undated
2/13	Court Papers	1950
2/14	Petitions	undated
2/15	Clippings	1948-1949
2/16	Ephemera	undated
Civil Rights Congress (Connecticut)		
Box/Folder		
2/17	General Correspondence	1954-1955
2/18-19	Court Papers	[1954?]
2/20	Ephemera	
Civil Rights Congress (Pennsylvania)		
Box/Folder		
2/21	General Correspondence	1953-1955
2/22	Newsletters	1954-1955
Civil Rights Congress (Pittsburgh)		
Box/Folder		
3/1	Newsletters	1954-1955
3/2	Memoranda	1954, undated
Civil Rights Congress (Massachusetts)		
Box/Folder		
3/3	Ephemera	1952-1954, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Donaldson (Margaret) Case	
Box/Folder		
3/4	Historical Features	1950
3/5	General Correspondence	1950
3/6	Court Papers	1950
3/7	Miscellany	1950
3/8	Clippings	1950
	Foley Square Trial (Trial of the Twelve)	
Box/Folder		
3/9	Historical Features	1949, 1951
3/10	General Correspondence	1948-1949
3/11	Memoranda	1948-1949
3/12	Reports (Trial Summaries)	1949
3/13-14	News Releases	1949
3/15	Speeches and Writings	October- November 1949, undated
3/16	Resolutions	1949
3/17	Petitions	October- November 1949
3/18	Clippings	1949
3/19	Ephemera	1948-1949
	Foley Square Trial -- Rehearing	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/20	General Correspondence	1950-1951
3/21	Court Papers	1949-1951, undated
3/22	Newsletters	1950-1951
3/23	Ephemera	1950-1951
Box/Folder		
3/24	Forgeries (Crank File)	1951-1955
3/25-26	Forgeries (False Want Ads)	1950-1951
	Internal Security Act of 1950 (McCarran Act)	
Box/Folder		
3/27	Historical Features	1950, 1955
3/28-30	General Correspondence	1950-1952, 1955
3/31	Minutes (ILUW Protest)	1950
3/32	Memoranda	1950-1952, undated
4/1	Speeches and Writings	1950, undated
4/2	News Releases	1952, 1955
4/3	Court Papers	1950, 1955, undated
4/4	Clippings	1950-1954, undated
4/5	Ephemera	1951, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
4/6	Jones, Mindel, Davis and Other Cases	1955
	Metaline Miners Strike	
Box/Folder		
4/7	General Correspondence	1949
4/8	Clippings	March-April 1949
4/9	Ephemera	1949
	Nelson (Steve) Case	
Box/Folder		
4/10	General Correspondence	1952-1955
4/11	Memoranda Including petitions.	1952-1955, undated
4/12	Court Papers	1955, undated
4/13	Speeches and Writings	1952-1953
4/14	News Releases	1954
4/15	Clippings	undated
4/16	Ephemera	1955, undated
	Patterson (William L.) Case	
Box/Folder		
4/17	Historical Features	1950
4/18-19	General Correspondence	1951-1954
4/20	Petitions	undated



Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/21	Court Papers	April 1951
4/22	News Releases	1954
4/23	Clippings	1950-1952
4/24	Ephemera	1950, 1954, undated
Patterson (William L.) Tour		
Box/Folder		
4/25	Organizational Features	1951
4/26	General Correspondence	December 1950-February 1951
4/27	Lists	1951
4/28	Miscellany	January 1951
4/29	Ephemera	1951
Rosenberg Trial		
Box/Folder		
4/30	General Correspondence	January-February 1953, undated
4/31	Clippings	December 1952-January 1953
4/32	Ephemera	1953, undated
Seattle Six		
Box/Folder		
5/1	General Correspondence	1950

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/2	Petitions	undated
5/3	Clippings	1950
	Seattle Smith Act Case	
Box/Folder		
5/4	General Correspondence	1952-1955
5/5	General Correspondence with John Caughlin	1952-1956
5/6	General Correspondence regarding Appeal Drive	1954
5/7	Minutes	September 1952, undated
5/8	Financial Records	1952-1955, undated
5/9	Conferences and Conventions - Emergency Civil Liberty Conference	June 5, 1954
5/10	Memoranda	1952-1955, undated
5/11	Speeches and Writings	undated
5/12	News Releases	1952-1953
5/13	Newsletters	1953, undated
5/14	Court Papers	1952, undated
5/15	Petitions	undated
5/16	Notes	undated
5/17	Lists	[1951-1955?], undated
5/18	Clippings	1952-1954

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/19	Ephemera	1953, undated
	Smith Act	
Box/Folder		
5/20	Historical Features	1949, 1951, undated
5/21-24	General Correspondence	1950-1955
5/25	Resolutions	1950-1951, undated
5/26	News Releases	1950-1953
5/27	Memoranda	1951-1955
5/28	Court Papers	1950-1951, undated
5/29	Petitions	1951, undated
5/30	Speeches and Writings	1950-1951, 1954, undated
5/31	Lists	1950-1951, undated
5/32	Newsletters	1950-1954, undated
6/1	Reports	undated
6/2-3	Clippings	1950-1956, undated
6/4-5	Ephemera	1952-1955, undated
Box/Folder		
6/6	Sobell (Martin) Case	1955

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/7	Till (Emmett) Case	1955
	Velde Un-American Activities Hearings, Seattle	
Box/Folder		
6/8	Publicity	1954
6/9	Appeals	1955
6/10	Clippings	1955

### Seattle Labor School Records, 1936-1949, (bulk 1945-1949)

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
6/11	Organizational Features	undated
6/12	Organizational Information Concerning Committees and Classes	1948-1949
	Minutes	
Box/Folder		
6/13	Advisory Board	February-September 1946
6/14	Shareholders	February-July 1948
6/15	Board of Directors	1948-1949
6/16	Staff Meetings	May 1947-January 1948
6/17	Labor School Forum	Winter 1948
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/18	Incoming Letters -- Board of Advisors	1946
6/19-20	Outgoing Letters	December 1945- October 1946
6/21-23	General Correspondence	
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
6/24-25	International Woodworkers of America (Extension Classes)	May-December 1947
6/26-27	Bremerton (Extension Classes)	January 1946- July 1948
6/28	Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, International Union (and Tacoma Smeltermen)	1947-1948
7/1	Regarding Proposed Affiliations	December 1945- August 1946
7/2	Regarding Finances	November 1947- January 1948
7/3-6	Regarding Courses and Instructors	December 1945- October 1947
7/7-10	Regarding Forums	August 1946- September 1947
7/11-13	Regarding Social Functions	December 1945- November 1946
7/14	Regarding Dissolution of Seattle Labor School	1947-1949
7/15	Financial Records	1946-1948
7/16-17	Financial Records -- Audit Reports	1945-1948
7/18	Memoranda	1945-1947
7/19	Resolutions	1946, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/20	Curriculum	1946-1947
7/21	Reports on Extension Courses	undated
7/22	Speeches and Writings	1946, undated
	Conferences and Conventions	
Box/Folder		
7/23	Seattle Labor School Conference	October 6, 1945
	Lists	
Box/Folder		
7/24	Seattle Businessmen	undated
7/25	Board of Advisors, Directors	1945, undated
7/26	Attendance, Registration	1946-1947
Box/Folder		
7/27	News Releases	1946-1947, undated
	Newsletters	
Box/Folder		
7/28	<i>Seattle Labor School News</i>	March 1946
7/29	<i>Labor School News</i>	1946-1947
	Teaching Material	
Box/Folder		
7/30	Agreements/Grievances	1947-1948, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/31	Labor History	1947-1948, undated
8/1	Parliamentary Law	1948, undated
8/2	Shop Stewards	1948, undated
8/3	Miscellany	1946-1948. undated
Box/Folder		
8/4	Clippings	1946-1947
	Ephemera	
Box/Folder		
8/5	Announcements	1946-1948
8/6	Seattle Labor School Pamphlets	1946-1947
8/7	Labor Songs	undated
8/8-11	Publications and Miscellaneous	1936-1948
	Subject Files	
Box/Folder		
8/12	Cannery Workers, CIO, Local 7	1948
	Labor Education	
Box/Folder		
8/13	General Correspondence	1946, undated
8/14	Ephemera	1946, undated

## Personal Papers, 1940-1941, 1956-1957, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
9/1	Biographical Features	undated
	Subject Files	
	Boeing Strike in 1941 Despite the fact that Daschbach collected materials about the Boeing Strike in 1971, there is no evidence that he participated in the stike.	
Box/Folder		
9/2	Minutes	1940
9/3	Resolutions	1941
9/4	Legal Papers	February 1941, undated
9/5	Bulletins	1941, undated
9/6	Photograph (Unidentified)	undated
9/7-15	Clippings	1940-1941
9/16	Ephemera	undated
	International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local 184: Ephemera	1940
Box/Folder		
9/18-19	Clippings	1956-1957

## Marjorie Daschbach Correspondence, 1951-1955, undated

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## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Aircraft industry--Washington (State)

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Civil rights workers--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives  
Civil rights--Washington (State)  
Civil rights--Washington (State)--Societies, etc  
Communist trials--Washington (State)  
Strikes and lockouts--Aircraft industry--Washington (State)--Puget Sound Region  
Teachers--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives  
Trials (Political crimes and offenses)--Washington (State)

**Personal Names :**

Caughlan, John, 1909-1999  
Daschbach, John S.--Archives  
Daschbach, Marjorie  
Patterson, William L. (William Lorenzo), 1890-1980  
Velde, Harold Himmel, 1910-1985

**Corporate Names :**

Boeing Aircraft Company  
Seattle Labor School (Seattle, Wash.)  
United States. Congress. House. Committee on Un-American Activities  
Washington Civil Rights Congress

**Geographical Names :**

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government--20th century  
Washington (State)--Politics and government--20th century

**Form or Genre Terms :**

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
conferences  
correspondence  
criminal court records  
curricula  
financial records  
Memorandums  
minutes  
Newsletters  
Pamphlets  
Petitions  
Photographs  
Press releases  
reports  
Speeches, addresses, etc  
writings

**Titles within the Collection :**

Labor School News  
Seattle Labor School News

**Other Creators :**

**Corporate Names :**

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(creator)

## Names and Subjects

**Subject Terms :**

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