



**International Textile, Garment and
Leather Workers' Federation Collection
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Context

Historical Note

The International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation (ITGLWF) grew out of the merger of the International Textile and Garment Workers' Federation and the International Shoe and Leather Workers' Federation (ISLWF) in 1970; the roots of these federations reach back to 1893; the ITGLWF is one of the International Trade Secretariats associated with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

Content and Structure

Content

Collection of printed and processed documents of the ITGLWF and its predecessors, consisting of documents relating to the International Tailors' Conference in London 1896; the International Union of Hatters 1906-1928; congresses and other activities of the International Boot and Shoe Operatives and Leather Workers' Federation (IBSOLWF) 1923-1938; the fate of its former secretary Josef Simon, who was arrested twice by the Nazis 1933-1938; copies of bulletins of the IBSOLWF 1935-1939; the reconstruction of the IBSOLWF 1944-1945; its relations with the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) and its affiliates 1946-1968; its affiliation with the ICFTU 1949-1950; the International Textile and Garment Workers' Federation 1960-1969; the foundation of the ITGLWF in 1970 and its congresses 1970-1980; circulars 1971-1979; the Textile Workers' Asian Regional Organization (TWARO) 1960, 1972.

Arrangement

The collection consists of documents relating to the ITGLWF and its predecessors, which the IISH received from the ITGLWF or collected otherwise. The collection is supplemented by photocopies. The documents are arranged into three different sections. The first and second section contain documents of predecessors of the ITGLWF. The third section contains documents of the ITGLWF itself. The different parts of the collection are arranged chronologically.

Processing Information

List made by Jane Quinn and Marie O Dwyer

Subjects

Geographic Names

Belgium

Persons

Simon, Jospeh

Organizations

Internationale Hutarbeiterbund

International Boot and Shoe Operatives and Leather Workers' Federation

Internationale Hutarbeiterbund

International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation

Themes

International organizations

Workers movements/Workers councils/Workers International organizations

Syndicalism/Trade unions

Material Type

Archival material

Access and Use

Access

Not restricted

Preferred Citation

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Appendices

INTRODUCTION

International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation

The International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation (ITGLWF) has grown out of successive mergers of predecessors, the last of which brought in the International Shoe and Leather Workers' Federation in 1970 . The roots of the ITGLWF reach back to 1893 , when separate international organizations of textile, garment and leather workers were formed. Originally the ITGLWF (or its predecessors) has been mainly a clearing house for information, ensuring that affiliates are regularly informed of wages and conditions prevailing in other countries. But more and more important became the assistance by the ITGLWF to affiliated trade unions in developing countries.

Collection

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Tailors, hatters and other textile workers' organizations

- 1 Agenda and resolutions of the International Tailors Conference in London 1896. 1 folder
- 2 Proceedings of congresses and annual reports of the Internationale Hutarbeiterbund (International Hatters Union). 1906-1912, 1928. 1 folder
- 3 Annual report of the Internationale Kürschner-Sekretariat . 1922. 1 folder
- 4 Circular and a New Year's greeting card from the Internationale Bekleidungsarbeiter Föderation . 1931-1935. 1 folder
- 5 Report of the 7th congress of the Federation Internationale des Syndicats de l'Industrie Textile . 1908. With a pamphlet and clippings. [1895], 1906, 1934. 1 folder
- 6 Reports to and other documents relating to the fifteenth 'Congrès International des Syndicats Ouvriers de l'Industrie Textile' in Blackpool. 1937. 1 folder

International Boot and Shoe Operatives and Leather Workers' Federation

- 7 Questionnaire of the International Union of Saddlers and Associates . [1913]. 1 folder
- 8 Reports to the 5th International Congress of the Boot and Shoe Operatives and Leather Workers by its International Secretary and by the affiliated German organization. 1919. With a report on the period 1919-1923. 1 folder
- 9 Information bulletins of the Internationale Vereinigung der Schuh- und Lederindustriearbeiter . 1923. 1 folder
- 10 Information bulletin of the International Boot and Shoe Operatives and Leather Workers' Federation (IBSOLWF) on the decisions of the sixth International Labour Conference in July 1924. 1 folder
- 11-13 Reports of the IBSOLWF on the activities of trade unions in various countries. 1925-1930. 3 folders
- 14 Report of the international secretary of the IBSOLWF to the executive council. 1926. 1 folder
- 15-17 Reports of the fourth, fifth and sixth conference of the IBSOLWF . 1927-1931. With some circulars and a secretary's report on the period 1931-1932. 1927-1932. 3 folders
- 18 Circulars of the IBSOLWF (Meddalandden fran Internationella Sko-och Läderindustriarbetare-Unionen). 1929-1932. 1 folder
- 19-21 Two-, three- or fourmonthly reports of the IBSOLWF . 1931-1933. 3 folders

- 22 Report by the secretary of the IBSOLWF for the months May and June 1933 . With correspondence between the British National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives and Joseph Simon on the transfer of the office of the IBSOLWF to London. 1933. 1 folder
- 23 Agenda and proceedings of the seventh conference of the IBSOLWF in Brussels. 1933. With some other documents and a report for the period July to October 1933. 1 folder
- 24 Reports by the secretary of the IBSOLWF , including statistical reports and balance sheets. 1933-1935. 1 folder
- 25 Correspondence concerning Joseph Simon . With a copy of a receipt. 1934. 1 folder
- 26 Correspondence with Joseph Simon Jnr. and other documents on the fate of Joseph Simon . 1935-1938. 1 folder
- 27-36 Copies of bulletins of the IBSOLWF . 1935-1939. 10 folders
- 37 Agenda and proceedings of and reports to the eighth conference of the IBSOLWF , held in Copenhagen. 1936. 1 folder
- 38 Statistical summary by the IBSOLWF relating to affiliated unions for the year 1936. 1 folder
- 39 Agenda and proceedings of and reports to the ninth conference of the IBSOLWF , held in Bournemouth. 1938. 1 folder
- 40 Documents on the reconstruction of the international trade union movement and the position of the IBSOLWF . 1944-1945. 1 folder
- 41 Correspondence concerning and with Joseph Simon . 1946. 1 folder
- 42 Documents on the relationship between the IBSOLWF and the World Federation of Trade Unions and on the planned amalgamation of the IBSOLWF with the International Garment Workers' Federation . 1946-1949. 1 folder
- 43 Letter from M. Lex (Nuremburg) to George Chester , General Secretary of the International Boot and Shoe Operatives (and Leather Workers' Federation) . 1948. 1 folder
- 44 Correspondence by the IBSOLWF on cooperation with the Leather, Shoe, Fur, and Leather Products Workers' Trade Unions International (affiliated with the WFTU). 1949-1957. 1 folder
- 45 Typed copy of the constitution of the IBSOLWF . 1950. With a clipping on the 12th congress, held in Interlaken (Switzerland). 1950. 1 folder
- 46 Report of the thirteenth congress of the IBSOLWF , held in Salzburg. 1952. 1 folder
- 47 Supplementary bulletin on the UNESCO exchange scheme. 1956. 1 folder
- 48 Documents on the foundation of and the cooperation with the Trade Unions International of Textile, Clothing, Leather and Fur Workers (affiliated with the WFTU). 1958-1960, 1967-1968. 1 folder
- 49 Report of the 22nd congress of the IBSOLWF , including a list of delegates from various countries. 1970. 1 folder
- 50 List of international congresses of organizations of shoe workers, leather workers and glovers. 1892-1970. 1 folder

International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation

- 51 Rules of the International Federation of Textile Workers' Associations (IFTWA) in both German and English. 1956. 1 folder
- 52 Circulars, policy statements and reports of the International Textile and Garment Workers' Federation . 1960-1969. 1 folder
- 53 Rules adopted by the special congress in 1970 of the International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation (ITGLWF) in both German and English. 1970. 1 folder
- 54-58 Agenda and proceedings of and circulars, reports and other documents relating to the first Congress of the ITGLWF , held in Amsterdam in October 1972. 5 folders
- 59 Agenda and proceedings of and circulars, reports and other documents relating to the second World Congress in Dublin. With rules in English and German. 1976. 1 folder
- 60 Circular from the ITGLWF on the third World Congress in Wien. 1980. 1 folder
- 61 Rules of and an information pamphlet concerning the ITGLWF . With an address list of its affiliated organizations. 1 folder
- 62 Agenda and minutes of and other documents relating to meetings of the General Council. 1971-1976. 1 folder
- 63 Agenda and minutes of and other documents relating to meetings of the Executive Committee. 1971-1977. 1 folder
- 64 Report of the meeting of the Presidium. 1972. 1 folder
- 65 Reports presented to the ITGLWF seminar, held prior to the congress. 1972. 1 folder
- 66 Report of the seminar organized by the ITGLWF and the Asian regional organization on Multinational Corporations and the trade unions. 1974. 1 folder
- 67-71 Circulars by the ITGLWF. 1971-1979. 5 folders
- 72 Documents relating to the Textile Workers' Asian Regional Organisation . 1960, 1972-1973. 1 folder
- 73 Circular by the ITGLWF on the strike movement in the Netherlands. 1973. 1 folder
- 74 Documents relating to the European Regional Organisation of the ITGLWF . 1975-1977 and n.d. 1 folder
- 75 Two copies of World Digest , information bulletin of the ITGLWF . 1974, 1976. 1 folder
- 76 Copies of Nachrichten , newsletter by the ITGLWF. 1976-1979. 1 folder