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AV materials

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As We See It 7.5 IPS, full track; subject: the Triangle Fire, participants: Frances Perkins, Leon Stein, reporter: Harry W. Flannery

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In The Words of Frances Perkins - 1) Triangle Shirtwaist Fire ; 2) Social Security

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Photograph Collections

[6037p Labor Leaders and Subjects. Photographs.](#)

Box 1.1 Folder 23 Perkins, Frances

Box 3 Folder 2 Social Security Act signing. Group photo of senators and representatives surrounding Franklin D. Roosevelt, including Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor.

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Box 9 Folder 7 IBEW Conf (Frances Perkins) Summer 1960

Box 9 Folder 25 Conferences - Gen. 25/6-d Frances Perkins - I.B.E.W. Conference – 1960

[5780pn45 ILGWU 4x5 Negatives of Photographs](#)

Box 4 Folder 82 Dubinsky with Green and Madame Perkins (item no.82)

Box 4 Folder 204 Perkins, Frances speaking

Box 6 Folder 81 Roosevelt, Eleanor with Madame Perkins and William Green

Box 7 Folder 67 Dubinsky shakes hands with Madame Secretary, Frances Perkins (NRA)

Box 7 Folder 164 Early delegation to Washington (item no.164) David Dubinsky, William Green, John L. Lewis, Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, and others

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Box 15 Folder 23 Johnson, Lyndon B. (see also: Bx. 50 ff 1) [folder 1 of 14] LBJ and David Dubinsky at ceremony celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the ILGWU Health Center. (folder 23 includes Frances Perkins)

Box 24 Folder 23 National Recovery Administration – selected Includes: Byres H. Gitchell, Frances Perkins, and David Dubinsky, Jan 22, 1934, at official inauguration of NRA label in dress industry

Box 27 Folder 9 Perkins, Frances – selected includes: David Dubinsky with Frances Perkins; Perkins with other women

Box 27 Folder 10 Perkins, Frances Includes: Frances Perkins, July 1960; Perkins and David Dubinsky

Box 30 Folder 8 Roosevelt, Eleanor [folder 1 of 6] Roosevelt and Frances Perkins on the platform at the Triangle Fire memorial, 1961

Box 39 Folder 21 Triangle Fire - 1961 Memorial – selected 1961 Includes: Esther Peterson talking at 1961 Memorial; Francis Perkins and Eleanor Roosevelt;

[5933p Local 1199 Photograph Files](#)

Box 13 Folder 2 Early Labor History, Frances Perkins

Archival Collections

[3012 Alice Cook Papers](#)

Box 2 Folder 29-32 Perkins, Frances 1956-1967 And undated. Correspondence regarding plans for her visit to Cornell as visiting lecturer (Alice Cook asked by Dean Catherwood to represent him and the faculty regarding the invitation); housing/lodging arrangements, proposals

regarding teaching assignments, administrative matters, writing and research, plans for book on Al Smith, personal, and other related documents.

Box 12 Folder 34-41 ILR 650 Labor and Government 1956-1961 Note: taught with Frances Perkins in 1957

Box 104 Folder 40 Cook, Alice H. Rev. of Madam Secretary: Frances Perkins, a Biography of America's First Woman Cabinet Member, by George Martin. NY: Cornell University

[5619 Amalgamated Clothing Workers Of America Records, 1914-1980](#)

Box 31 Folder 47 Perkins, Francis (Secretary of Labor)

Box 76 Folder 23-28 Labor (U.S. Department of) correspondence with the Labor Department's administrative staff (Frances Perkins letters are filed separately) concerning child labor, minimum wage, Walsh Healey Act, old age security, textile workers organizing drive and unemployment insurance, 1935-41

Box 82 Folder 8 Perkins, Frances (Secretary of Labor) 1932-39 Report from the Committee on Employment Problems of Older Workers.

Box 104 Folder 14 Labor Department, including Sidney Hillman's correspondence with Secretary Francis Perkins (1940-41)

Box 142 Folder 55 Perkins, Francis (Secretary of Labor) Schlossberg to (1938)

Box 165 Folder 18 June 5-8, 1933 - Hillman discusses legislative activities and contacts (Roosevelt, Perkins, etc.) re "Black Bill" and "Industrial Bill";

Box 169 Folder 19 Memo sent to Francis Perkins for FDR's consideration; pre NRA legislation c.1932

[5002 American Association for Social Security Records](#)

Box 3 Folder 1 Health Insurance 1936 Correspondence from Mr. Epstein to Francis Perkins, Robert Wagner, and Mayor LaGuardia re AASS's proposed health insurance program for social security; enclosure: "The Case for Health Insurance" by Mr. Epstein

Box 4 Folder 49 Perkins, Frances - National Conference on Social Insurance 1933-1934 Much correspondence to Sec. Perkins protesting the exclusion of the AASS from the upcoming February general conference on Labor Legislation; telegrams come from many of the AASS's supporters and members; an explanation from the Dept. of Labor is included; correspondence re a conference on social insurance to be sponsored by the Dept. of Labor and the AASS

Box 4 Folder 48 Perkins, Frances 1933-1938 Correspondence between Perkins (Secretary of Labor) and Epstein containing agendas to several labor conferences that Mr. Epstein was invited to attend; topics of the conferences were Safety and Health, Minimum Wages, Old Age Pensions, Unemployment Insurance Legislation, etc.

Box 5 Folder 29 Unemployment Insurance Standards 1933-1936

Correspondence from the AASS to various colleges, the United Mine Workers, Francis Perkins, and others

Box 6 Folder 20 Witte, Edwin E. (Committee on Economic Security) 1934-1935
Correspondence between Epstein and M. Schnopper of the Committee; correspondence with Barbara Armstrong, Frances Perkins, Douglas Brown

Box 30 Folder 31 Social Security - Perkins, Frances (National Conference on Social Insurance) 1933-1934

Box 30 Folder 32 Social Security - Perkins, Frances 1935-1943 Clippings, address by Perkins, "The Beveridge Plan"

Box 106 Folder All Administrative Leaders, Secretary Perkins, Political Leaders

Correspondence

[4039 Milton R. Konvitz Papers](#)

Box 27 Folder 20 P - General Correspondence. Includes greeting card from Frances Perkins and routine and literary correspondence. 1948-1981

Box 27 Folder 21 P - General Correspondence. Includes greeting card from Frances Perkins and routine and literary correspondence. 1948-1981

Box 142 Folder 6 Perkins, Frances.

[5780-002 ILGWU David Dubinsky Correspondence](#)

Box 78 Folder 2 Labor Dept., U.S. 1933 I.c.w. Frances Perkins.

Box 393 Folder 1a-1d U.S. Govt., Depts. Labor Dept. 1937-1961 Letters on programs sponsored by Dept. correspondents, incl. Frances Perkins, Louis B. Schwellenbach, Maurice Tobin, Philip Kaiser, Martin P. Durkin & James P. Mitchell.

[5143 Anna Weinstock Schneider Papers](#)

Box 1 Folder 11 Correspondence RE: Anna Weinstock 1940-1948 May 10-Feb. 6; To and from Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, U.S. Department of Labor

[5277 Workers Education Bureau of America Records](#)

Box 1 Folder 18 General Correspondence 1933 Contains queries from the executive officers of the Bureau regarding the continued solvency of the Bureau; correspondence with Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor regarding establishing an Education Department within the Labor Department

[3007 Maurice Neufeld Papers](#)

Box 57 Folder 28 Perkins Tribute – Correspondence 1965 Routine correspondence re MFN's Tribute to Frances Perkins. May 18, 1965 (Ithaca: NYSSILR, Cornell Univ., 1965).

Box 57 Folder 29 Perkins Tribute – Manuscript Drafts of Perkins tribute manuscript.

[5226 National Council On Household Employment Records](#)

Box 1 Folder 25 Correspondence 1934 January-June 1934. To Frances Perkins from Mrs. F.M. Chase (a domestic servant) re the need for a code for the domestic worker

Box 1 Folder 32 Correspondence 1937 June-July 1937. Correspondence re research project - working out a proposal & obtaining funding, meetings, etc.; letter from Frances Perkins to Wells re support of research project

Box 2 Folder 15 Correspondence 1931 January 1931. Correspondence between Watson, Carner & others re setting up additional planning meetings & problems of unemployment on household workers; & conference arrangements; letter from Frances Perkins, 1/21/31 sending her regrets at not being able to attend a luncheon

[5584 National Archives and Records Service Copies of Federal Documentation on Black Workers](#)

Box 2 Folder 2 American Consolidated Trades Council -1926-1933 Correspondence from Chicago Colored Plumbers Protective Association, predecessor to American Consolidated Trades Council, a Black building trades association, to United Association of Journeyman Plumbers and Steam Fitters. President John Coefield, Building Committee Provident Hospital and Training School; President M.J. McDonough, Building Trades Department, AFL; Chicago Federation of Labor; Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor seeking end to racial discrimination in building trades with negative results.

Box 3 Folder 4 National Urban League 1933-1934 Correspondence to NRA and Frances Perkins supporting uni-level wage plans for establishment of Emergency Advisory Councils;

Box 11 Folder 8 Labor Department - Perkins, Frances M. - 1934-1937 Correspondence and pamphlets, including general facilitative office correspondence to Perkins, Oxley, and other officials in the Labor Department. Contains routine solicitation for information on Black employment and general information on Secretary of Labor and the Labor Department.

Box 11 Folder 9 Labor Department - Perkins, Frances M. - 1934-1936 Correspondence, reports and pamphlets.

[4057 James Gross NLRB Files](#)

Box 1 Folder 5 Correspondence 1934 3/2/34-5/21/34; Memo from Frances Perkins (Secretary of Labor) to the President recommending Leon Marshall and Clay Williams to serve as vice-chairmen of the Board

Box 1 Folder 6 Correspondence 1934 from Perkins to McIntyre about Hook's letter of 6/1/34 and the idea of "economic coercion".

Box 1 Folder 27 Correspondence 1934 6/5/34-7/16/34; Letter from A.P. Lamneck M.C. to the President on the proposed Wagner Labor Disputes Bill; from Perkins, Wagner, Donald Richberg and Charles Wyzanski (Solicitor General, Dept. of Labor) to the President regarding Public Resolution 44 (Executive Order creating the NLRB);

Box 1 Folder 29 Correspondence 1934 from Millis and Edwin S. Smith (Executive Board Member, NLRB) to Frances Perkins discussing Garrison's resignation; from Garrison to Hugh L. Kerwin (Director of Conciliation) outlining a proposed working arrangement between the Dept. of Labor and the NLRB

Box 1 Folder 33 Correspondence 1934 from Frances Perkins to Francis Biddle (Chairman, NLRB) concerning problems with labor relations and compliance in the textile industry; Millis' discussion of the Textile Board; letter from Frank E. Coffee (Director, Region 6) to Benedict Wolf about the cotton textile strike, (Standard-Coosa-Thatcher Mills); from W.H. Davis to Sol A. Rosenblatt on the Textile Labor Relations Board; memo regarding the conference between Perkins, Millis, Walter P.(Judge) Stacy (Chairman Textile Labor Relations Board), William H. David(s?) concerning the NLRB/Textile Labor Relations Board Relationship

Box 1 Folder 35 Correspondence 1934 from Edwin S. Smith to Frances Perkins about missing an important meeting; from Biddle to Perkins with unattached draft of Wagner Bill; letter from Biddle to Perkins in regard to the Executive Order of 11/15/34, Sec.2 (budgetary control), includes mention of a fundamental difference of opinion about the NLRB and its purpose; Biddle's reply, includes a 7 point discussion of the Wagner Bill, and a reference to Perkins as "her Ladyship"

Box 1 Folder 37 Correspondence 1935 from Biddle to Perkins and Howe forwarding correspondence between Biddle and Harvey J. Kelly (Chairman, Newspaper Industrial Board) regarding the Newspaper Industrial Boards' ineffectiveness in handling Sec.7a cases; from Francis Biddle to Perkins on the proposed statement of jurisdiction

Box 1 Folder 38 Correspondence 1935 Perkins' and Biddle's discussion of staff investigators, and the lack of power to issue subpoenas;

Box 1 Folder 39 Correspondence 1935 from Biddle to Perkins discussing the ineffectiveness of regional boards

Box 2 Folder 18 Correspondence 1935 J. Warren Madden, Frances Perkins and A.L. Wirin discussion of use of the Bureau of Labor Statistics files

Box 3 Folder 5 Correspondence 1937 letter to Perkins about David Moskovitz, the Communist Party, and the Yale Mfg. Co.

Box 4 Folder 3 Correspondence 1940 Perkins to Early about Madden

5225 ALES Records

Box 12 Folder 23 P Mildred Price re her M. A. thesis, benefit performance of "Parsifal" for summer schools, and note from Frances Perkins

5676 International Fur and Leather Workers Union Records

Box 13 Folder 26 P General 1928-1936 letter with attachments to Frances Perkins re deportation of Dominick Sallitto and Vincent Ferrero; and routine.

5549 Edwin S. Smith Papers

Box 1 Folder 1 Correspondence 1925-1935 Smith's letter of resignation from the NLRB to President Roosevelt and abbreviated version to Frances Perkins (Secretary of Labor).

5221 Max Meyer Papers

Box 8 Folder 25 Washington – Miscellaneous 1937-1944 Includes correspondence arranging appointments with Frances Perkins, Eleanor Roosevelt and others; and routine.

Box 9 Folder 18 Condolence Letters, Memorial Services, Obituaries 1953-1979 Includes letters from Frances Perkins, Eleanor Roosevelt, Herbert Lehman and many other notable individuals.

Box 1 Folder 7 Applicants (Part 1 of 2) 1937-1941 Many letters of recommendation for employment of immigrants and others from Meyer; correspondence from Frances Perkins (10/3/38) in the form of a recommendation for employment of an acquaintance.

Box 7 Folder 15 Perkins, Frances (New York State Industrial Commissioner; Secretary of Labor) 1930-1953 Personal and routine.

5616 Isaac Max Rubinow Papers

Box 3 Folder 29-30 Epstein, Abraham 1934 letter to Rubinow re events in Washington, mentions Bakke, Frances Perkins, Elizabeth Brandeis, Mary VanKleek and others; William Green mentioned in letter (10/12/3*+) re article by Green attacking workers contributions; letters re Epstein's illness; re Ohio's old age insurance plan; disagreements with Frances Perkins re insurance plans and conferences

Box 7 Folder 35 Perkins, Frances 1932-1934 Correspondence with Miss Perkins (Secretary of Labor (193*0 and NYS Industrial Commissioner (1932-33) re unemployment insurance; includes letter inviting Rubinow to Washington to National Conference on Economic Security and his acceptance; also invitation letter to Rubinow to meet with William Beveridge, Director of London School of Economics re unemployment insurance

Box 10 Folder 12-18 Unemployment - Elizabeth Magee - Executive Secretary, Ohio Commission on Unemployment Insurance, 1931-33; Executive Secretary, Consumer's League of Ohio, 1933-36 Correspondence re legislation, committee meetings, public hearings, studies, Miss Perkins' conference re labor legislation (2/23/3U), Ohio Plan vs. Wagner Bill

Box 3 Folder 9 Douglas, Paul H. 1928-1936 correspondence re cooperation between John B. Andrews, Epstein, Rubinow and Douglas re Ohio Plan for social insurance, re U.S. political situation; re German problem; re disagreements between Andrews and Rubinow; re literary correspondence, "Quest for Security,"; and re Frances Perkins, no invitation to Rubinow for unemployment conference

Publications

[6047-03 Archives Information File](#)

Box 52 Folder 17 Item 9: Two Views of American Labor 1965 Author: Frances Perkins, J. Paul St. Sure

[5956-01 Archives Organization File Additional records, Section 1: Boxes 1-22](#)

Box 2 Folder 1 Item 12: P.W.A and Industry A Four-year Study of Regenerative Employment By Frances Perkins; Isador Lubin.

Box 12 Folder 5 Item 5: Two Views of American Labor By Frances Perkins; J. Paul St. Sure.

Box 16 Folder 18 Item 4: Extent of Week-end Shut-Downs in Selected Defense Industries By Frances Perkins Secretary; Isador Lubin

Box 17 Folder 17 Item 4: Age and the Job By Frances Perkins, Verne Zimmer.

Box 22 Folder 4 Item 1: Injury Experience in the Iron and Steel Industry 1939 and 1940 By Frances Perkins. Item is in English.

Box 22 Folder 4 Item 2: Earnings and Hours in Blooming Rail, Structural, Plate, and Billet Mills, Iron and Steel Industry 1933 and 1935 By Frances Perkins; Isador Lubin.

[5001pam American Association for Labor Legislation Pamphlet File](#)

Box 2 Folder 7 Item 2: R.E. Sheehan Company and Aetna Life Insurance Company, Plaintiffs in Error, vs. George K. Shuler, as State Treasurer of the State of New York; John D. Higgins, Richard H. Curran, and Francis Perkins, as and Constituting the State Industrial Board of the S 1923

Box 2 Folder 16 Item 12: Fee-Charging Job Agencies in New York State Need State Supervision 1930 Author: Frances Perkins

Box 2 Folder 17 Item 3: Progress Report 1931 Author: Frances Perkins

Box 3 Folder 17 Item 9: December Survey Graphic Magazine of Social Interpretation 1934 Author: Frances Perkins

Microfilm Collections

[5724mf Cigar Makers International Union Records on Microfilm](#)

[5001 mf American Association for Labor Legislation Records](#)

[5831mf CIO Files of John L. Lewis, Pt. II: CIO General Files on Microfilm](#)

[5863mf Department of Justice Investigative Files on Industrial Workers of the World, Part 1 on Microfilm](#)