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BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Born: December 17, 1924, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Education: Clarkson College of Technology, 1942-44;
Yale University, 1946-47.

Spouse: Monica Weil, married 1973.

CAREER HISTORY:

Stock clerk, North American Aviation, Inglewood, California, 1947-55; senior expeditor, 1972-83.

Union committeeman, Local 887, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, 1948-51; editor, the Propeller, 1948-51; vice president, 1950-51; president, 1951-55.

Assistant regional director, Western Region 6, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, 1955-57; regional director, 1962-72.

Member, national aerospace staff, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Detroit, 1957-58; administrative assistant to president Walter P. Reuther, 1958-62.

Los Angeles member, international executive board, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America; chair, labor advisory committee, 1964-72.

POLITICAL AND UNION ACTIVITIES:

Delegate, Los Angeles and California, Congress of Industrial Organizations, 1949-57.

Delegate, Los Angeles and California, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, 1955-57, 1962-72.

Organizer, National Farm Workers Association, 1965.

Labor chair, California, Robert F. Kennedy presidential campaign, 1968.

Member, rules committee, Democratic National Convention, 1972; delegate, national and California conventions, various years.

AFFILIATIONS:

American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, board member and cochair, workers rights committee, 1978-94.

Americans for Democratic Action.

Bread Bakers Guild of America.

Congress of Racial Equality.

Democratic Socialists of America.

Mexican-American Political Association.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

New American Movement.

New Democratic Coalition, national cochair, 1968-72.

Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, board member, 1969-present.

United Civil Rights Committee.

Urban Coalition.

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Watts Labor Action Committee, board member, 1994-present.

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