

Mike Solski Collection:  
International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers

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Introduction:

The Mike Solski Collection is in two parts, and contains various physical mediums (cassette tapes, photographs and photo-copied correspondence) pertaining to the activities of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (I.U.M.M.S.W.), and the Northern Workers' Adult Education Association (N.W.A.E.A.). Mr. Solski is a former President of the I.U.M.M.S.W. and collected this material for his book, "Mine Mill: the history of the I.U.M.M.S.W. in Canada since 1895".

Scope/Contents:

The first part of the collection consists of eight files of the Northern Workers' Adult Education Association (N.W.A.E.A.) salvaged by Mr. Solski from among the records of the Extension Department of Sudbury University (now Laurentian University) which he donated to Special Collections in 1988. The N.W.A.E.A. traces its origins to a union leadership course offered in 1957 by the Extension Department, whose purpose it was to promote adult education amongst working people in the Sudbury, Ontario area. The Association sponsored lectures, short courses and study clubs, which tended to be critical of what was perceived to be a communist infiltration of Local 598 of the I.U.M.M.S.W..

The second part of the collection contains: two Charters of the I.U.M.M.S.W.; twelve photographs of Union members and union functions; and a collection of 75 cassette tapes relating to his union's activities which date from 1958 to 1966 (a binder describing the content and date of each tape accompanies the collection).

The Mike Solski Collection provides an interesting perspective in the development of the I.U.M.M.S.W. in Canada.

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- FILES:                   NORTHERN WORKERS' ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
- 1 - 1                    Two essays (1982, 1985): Hogan, Brian F.  
Hard Rock and Hard Decisions: Catholics,  
Community and the I.U.M.M.S.W. - Sudbury  
Confrontations. Unpublished, 1985.  
Arnopoulous, Sheila M. Chapter Seven,  
Voices from French Ontario. Montreal: Queen's  
University, 1982.
- 1 - 2                    Various photo-copied items (1959-61): Correspondence  
regarding the Extension            Program; class lists; course  
outline; press release; Canadian Labour Congress briefs,  
trade union newsletter, and Court Order.
- 1 - 3                    N.W.A.E.A.: 1958-62  
Course on Communism
- 1 - 4                    N.W.A.E.A.: 1960-61  
Discussion Groups on Communism
- 1 - 5                    N.W.A.E.A.: 1963-67  
Attendance sheets; phone lists; By-laws regulating  
Association; annual membership roll.
- 1 - 6                    N.W.A.E.A.: 1960-66  
Various photocopied Correspondence regarding union  
leadership program: United Steelworkers of America,  
University of Sudbury, Dept. of Labour.
- 1 - 7                    N.W.A.E.A.: 1960-63  
Meeting notices and agenda; correspondence regarding  
functions.
- 1 - 8                    N.W.A.E.A.: no date  
Copies of two speeches (French, English)  
concerning Communism.
- CHARTERS:                INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MINE AND SMELTER WORKERS
- 2 - 1:                    Alberta Nitrogen Products Union No. 690  
(March 1944)  
Calgary Metal Workers' Union, No. 800 (May 1944).

PHOTOGRAPHS:           INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MINE AND SMELTER WORKERS

The persons in this series of photographs are identified by an accompanying list.

- BC1916-01           April 24, 1949: First Conference of the Alberta Mine  
Mill Union, Calgary, Alberta (25 x 20 cm).
- BC1916-02           March 5-7, 1953: Fifth Annual Canadian  
I.U.M.M.S.W. Convention, Calgary, Alberta (20 x 20 cm).
- BC1916-03           January 18-20, 1954: Eleventh Annual Convention  
of the I.U.M.M.S.W., Vancouver, B.C. (47 x 18 cm).
- BC1916-04           March 1954: Sixth Annual convention of the I.U.M.M.S.W.  
Delegates to the Convention, Port Colburne, Ontario (25 x 19 cm).
- BC1916-05           July 18-23, 1955: Seventh Annual Canadian Constituent Convention  
of the I.U.M.M.S.W., Rossland, B.C. Delegates to the Convention  
(25 x 17 cm).
- BC1916-06           February 25, 1957: Eighth Annual Canadian Convention of the  
I.U.M.M.S.W. Sudbury, Ontario. Delegates to the Convention (20 x  
17 cm).
- BC1916-07           Febraury 25, 1957: Ninth Annual Canadian Convention of the  
I.U.M.M.S.W., Kimberly, B.C. Delegates to the Convention (20 x 20  
cm).
- BC1916-08           September 18-20, 1961: Twelfth Annual Canadian Convention of the  
I.U.M.M.S.W., Edmonton, Alberta  
(40 x 20 cm).
- BC1916-09           District Two Convention, Local 598, Mine Mill, I.U.M.M.S.W.,  
Sudbury, Ontario.
- BC1916-10           57th Convention of the I.U.M.M.S.W., The King Edward Hotel,  
Toronto, Ontario (35 x 17 cm).
- BC1916-11           Third Annual District Two Convention, I.U.M.M.S.W., Local 598,  
Mine Mill, Sudbury, Ontario. Delegates to the Convention (25 x 10  
cm).

BC1916-121964      The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Western District  
I.U.M.M.S.W., Vancouver, B.C. (36 x 23 cm).

TAPES:

SP 47 (1-74)      1958-66: Copies of 75 cassette tapes of "Local Labour Shows and  
News Reports", recorded by Dave Lehto, a Local 598 Steward at Mine  
Mill. Mike Solski made these copies from the original set at the  
National Archives of Canada.

2 - 2              Binder: listing and description of the above 75 tapes (105  
pages).

SP 76/1            Interviews conducted by Mike Solski of retired mine  
workers. Side 1: Al King, Emil Bjarnason; Side 2:  
Carl Warder. 3-5 Sep 1977.

    /2              Interviews of Emil Bjarnason. 31 Aug 1977.

    /3              Side 1: Buddy DeVito    31 July 1978  
                    Side 2: Buddy DeVito    31 July 1978  
                                Roy Scranton    31 July 1978

ADDITION

Box

2-4                Photocopy of cheque from Cominco, Ltd. to Trail and  
District Smelter Workers' Union, Trail, B.C. 1951.

2-5                Transcript of Alice Hoffman's interview of Harvey  
Murphy. (copy) 31 March 1976.

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Interviews with Western Canadian leaders of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers (Canada), 1981

NO.	SPEAKER, TITLE & SOURCE	DATE	CASS.
SP 62:1	Neil McLeod Winnipeg Man. Int. by Mike Solski	May 25/81	1
SP 62:2	Pat Etmanski Kimberley B.C. Int. by Mike Solski	May 27/81	1
SP 62:3	Remo Morandini Kimberley B.C. Int. by Mike Solski	May 27/81	1
SP 62:4	Ed Pendry & Dick Stittle Kimberly B.C. Int. by Mike Solski	May 27/81	1
SP 62:5	Bob Eccelston-Jim McFarlane, Frank Malone Kimberley B.C. Int. by Mike Solski	May 28/81	1
SP 62:6	Bob Eccelston-Jim Farland, Frank Malone Kimberley B.C. Int. M. Solski	May 28/81	1
SP 62:7	Jim Patterson Kimberley B.C. Int. by Mike Solski	May 28/81	1
SP 62:8	Kimberly, B.C. Clem Thompson-Seahorse Johnson-Jim Patterson by Int. by M. Solski	May 28/81	1
SP 62:9	Kimberley B.C. Clem Thompson-Seahorse Johnson-Jim Patterson by M. Solski	May 28/81	1
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SP 62:13	Doug Gold Trail B.C. Int. by M. Solski	May 30/81	1
SP 62:14	Frank Jurick Trail B.C. Int. by M. Solski	May 30/81	1
SP 62:15	Jack Kelly Trail B.C. Int. by M. Solski	May 30/81	1
SP 62:16	Ken Smith Whistler B.C. Int. by M. Solski	June 6/81	1
SP 62:17	Ken Smith Whistler B.C. Int. by M. Solski-Rod Black in background	June 6/81	1
SP 62:18	Rod Black & Ken Smith Whistler B.C. Int. by M. Solski	June 6/81	1