

P102 David Lehto and George Prusilla collection
1983 (originally 1958-1967)
120 audio recordings

Biographical Sketch: George Prusilla (19??- 2001) and David Letho, union activists from Sudbury, were members and supporters of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers. They recorded speeches and commentaries aired on radio and television stations.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of copies of interviews, programs, commentaries and news reports aired on Sudbury radio and television stations, including CKSO, CHNO and CBC, from 1958-66. All are related to trade unions in Ontario, but most of the events and activities described took place in the Sudbury region. Particular reference is made to the struggle between the USWA, Local 6500, and the IUMMSW, Local 598, to represent the workers in the mining industry. There are reports on the 1958 Mine Mill strike, the USWA raids in Port Colborne and Sudbury, bargaining issues, and trade unions and communism. Prominent union leaders and activists express their opinions on a variety of issues, including David Lewis, Terry Mancini, Ken Smith, Mike Solski, Don Gillis, Nels Thibault, and Larry Sefton. Some of the talks and speeches are by civic leaders such as Mayor John Fabbro as well as politicians from the federal and provincial ridings for the region.

Note: Immediate source of acquisition: Mrs. Martha Letho donated the copy of the collection in 1989.

: **Location of originals:** The National Archives of Canada has the original set (David Lehto Collection: reference number: R6126-0-X-E). The copies were made by the National Archives in 1983.

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: **Finding aids:** A list of the tapes provided by the National Archives is available at Laurentian University Archives