

# Guide to the Robert Kaplan Papers

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**TITLE:** Robert Kaplan papers

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of correspondence, research materials and unpublished writings of Robert Kaplan. The research materials and writings document John L. Lewis, the UMWA Welfare and Retirement Fund, and Josephine Roche, retirement fund director.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Grace Kaplan, 1978.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Associated Materials

Forms part of the Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy Collection.

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## Biographical / Historical

Robert Kaplan was the research director for the United Mine Workers Union of America (UMWA) from 1942 to 1967. He also served as the archivist in charge of documenting American labor leader John L. Lewis' term as president of the UMWA. As research director, Kaplan often contributed commentaries on economics and labor relations to the *UMWA Journal*.

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b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1943-1971
	Research materials	
	John L. Lewis	
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence	1946-1957
b. 1, f. 3	Memoranda and notices	1948-1957
	Photographs	
b. 1, f. 4 - 6	General	1946-1959
b. 1, f. 7	Portraits	1952-1964
b. 1, f. 8 - 9	Senate Subcommittee on Labor and Public Welfare hearing	1957
	Speeches and statements	
b. 1, f. 10 - 15	General	1920-1952
b. 2, f. 16	Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)	1935
	Josephine Roche	
b. 2, f. 17	Correspondence	1959-1968
b. 2, f. 18	Photographs	1956-1960
b. 2, f. 19	Testimonies and statements	1938-1956
b. 2, f. 20	<i>Wage Earning Women and Girls in Baltimore</i> [monograph], by Josephine Roche	1918
	UMWA Welfare and Retirement Fund	
	Manuscripts	
b. 2, f. 21	"Causes of Conflict Between the UMWA Retirement Fund and Organized Medicine," by Peter Rich English	1960
b. 2, f. 22	"The Medical, Health and Hospital Service of the Welfare and Retirement Fund of the UMWA," by M. L. Ingar English	1958
b. 2, f. 23 - 24	<a href="#">"The Healing Chain: How the Miners Created a New Pattern of Medical Care,"</a> by Alfred Deutsch English	1959
	Photographs	
b. 2, f. 25	Disabled mine workers	1946-1949
b. 2, f. 26	Centralia Mine disaster [for retirement fund pamphlet]	1947-1948

UMWA Welfare and Retirement Fund (continued)

b. 2, f. 27	Printed matter	1930-1959
Writings		
b. 3, f. 28	<i>UMWA Journal</i>	1940-1947
Manuscripts		
b. 3, f. 29	"A Better Life For American Mine Workers" English	undated
b. 3, f. 30	"Credit and Capital" English	undated
b. 3, f. 31	"My Twenty-Five Years with John L. Lewis" English	undated
b. 3, f. 32	"Progress and Plenty" English	undated
b. 3, f. 33	"The United Mine Workers Welfare and Retirement Fund: Its Background and History" English	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Coal miners -- Labor unions  
Coal miners -- United States  
Industrial hygiene  
Labor union welfare funds  
Medicine  
Public health

### **Occupations**

Authors

### **Preferred Titles**

*Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy  
Collection*

### **Names**

Kaplan, Robert  
Lewis, John L. (John Llewellyn), 1880-1969  
Roche, Josephine A. (Josephine Aspinwall),  
1886-1976

### **Corporate Body**

United Mine Workers of America