



*New York State Archives*

**New York State Joint Legislative Committee to Investigate  
Seditious Activities Newspaper Clippings Files L0035**

---

New York State Archives  
222 Madison Avenue  
Albany, NY 12230  
[archref@nysed.gov](mailto:archref@nysed.gov)  
URL: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/>

---

**Table of Contents**

---

Overview of the Records ..... 3

Arrangement ..... 3

Administrative History ..... 3

Scope and Contents ..... 4

Other Finding Aids ..... 4

Use of Records ..... 5

Administrative Information ..... 5

Access Terms ..... 5

## Overview of the Records

---

<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of newspaper articles and editorials on topics such as labor, socialism, radicalism, immigration, and unrest in the United States. The clippings were compiled by the Joint Legislative Committee to Investigate Seditious Activities, known as the "Lusk Committee" for its chairman Clayton R. Lusk, and document several thousand events and activities involving individuals and organizations suspected of radical activity in New York State, the United States, and the world.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Legislature. Joint Legislative Committee to Investigate Seditious Activities
<b>Title:</b>	Joint Legislative Committee to Investigate Seditious Activities newspaper clippings files
<b>Quantity:</b>	14 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	28 microfilm rolls 35mm
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1919
<b>Series:</b>	L0035

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Arrangement

---

Arranged by topic.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Administrative History

---

During its investigation, the committee gathered information on a broad spectrum of individuals, organizations, and events associated with radical activities during the "Red Scare" years. As part of this information gathering, the committee examined articles from newspapers reporting on these activities and their causes in the United States and throughout the world. The committee examined the newspapers not only for information about these activities but also to determine attitudes of the press and public toward radical movements.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Scope and Content Note

---

This series consists of over 20,000 newspaper articles from June through October 1919. Nearly all the stories were taken from seven New York City newspapers (New York American, New York Globe, New York Herald, New York Post, New York Times, New York Tribune, and New York World) and the Baltimore Sun.

The clippings were glued to sheets and fastened into binders by topic. Over 80% of the articles are merely one or two paragraph descriptions of an event. The remainder are longer articles ranging from several paragraphs to several pages. While some editorials or longer in-depth reports are included, the majority are straight news stories.

The topics covered by the clippings include several thousand events and activities of individuals and organizations suspected of radical activity in New York State, the United States, and the world. The clippings are grouped under several major topics, the most significant being: 1) Labor. Articles focus on union activities of a large number of trades and on strikes, particularly the 1919 Steel Strike. 2) Foreign countries. Events in Europe and Russia are emphasized but articles cover many countries elsewhere. 3) Radical organizations in the United States. Clippings center around organization, propaganda, and radical activity. 4) Unrest in the United States. Articles focus in particular on unrest due to high food prices and housing shortages. 5) The United States involvement with the war in Europe. 6) Immigration, naturalization, and deportation. 7) Ethnic groups, particularly Negroes and Jews. 8) Activities of the committee. Several hundred articles document the work of the committee during the period.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Other Finding Aids

---

### Available at Repository

Folder list and an alphabetical listing by major subject heading are available at the repository.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

## Use of Records

---

### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

### Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available for use at the New York State Archives or through interlibrary loan.

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Custodial History

This series was originally accessioned as boxes 28-41 of old collection #281, accessions -236 and -237.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Access Terms

---

- Immigrants--New York (State)
- Labor--United States
- World War, 1914-1918--United States
- Labor movement--United States
- Anti-communist movements--New York (State)
- Labor unions--United States
- United States--Economic conditions
- New York (State)
- Steel Strike, U.S., 1919-1920
- Emigration and immigration
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Clippings files
- Documenting radicalism
- Immigrants--United States
- Labor unions and communism--United States
- Jews--United States
- African Americans
- Investigating radicalism

- Radicalism--United States
- Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921