

Don Garcia Fonds

An inventory of records held by BC Labour Heritage Centre

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Title:	Don Garcia Fonds
Dates:	1937-1985
Physical Description:	Printed material, Handwritten notes, one photograph
Administrative History:	Donald ("Don") Peter Garcia (1926-1995) served multiple terms as the President for the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Canadian Area and Local 502, a career which spanned 45 years. Garcia also served on the executive of the BC Federation of Labour, the Vancouver Port Corporation (National Harbours Board) and was a founding member of WESTAC (Western Transportation Advisory Council). The items were donated by his daughter in 2024.
Scope/Content:	This collection includes mainly textual items relating to the various boards and organizations on which Garcia served, primarily from the 1970s and 1980s.
Title Source:	Title based on the contents of the fonds.
Finding Aid:	File list and inventory attached.

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2025.1	Don Garcia Fonds		
2025.1.1	BC Federation of Labour		28
2025.1.1.1	12th Annual Convention resolutions, reports	Oct 23-27, 1967	28
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2025.1.1.2.1	Grape boycott, handwritten notes	1968	28
2025.1.1.3	Policy statements	1977	28
2025.1.1.4	23rd Annual Convention, resolutions, reports	Nov 20 - 24, 1978	28
2025.1.1.4.1	23rd Annual Convention, summary of proceedings, circulars	Nov - Dec 1978	28
2025.1.1.5	24th Annual Convention, resolutions, reports	Nov 19 - 23, 1979	28
2025.1.1.6	30th Annual Convention, resolutions, reports	Nov 25 - 29, 1985	28
2025.1.2	ILWU Canadian Area		
2025.1.2.1	Proposals, minutes and reports	1963-1964	29
2025.1.2.2	Officers reports, minutes, resolutions Canadian Waterfront News (3 issues)	1964	29
2025.1.2.3	Proceedings of Fifth Annual Convention	1963	29
2025.1.2.3.1	Summarized Minutes, Eighteenth Convention	1984	29
2025.1.2.4	Financial reports, minutes	1965-1970	29
2025.1.2.5	Correspondence, Arbitration award	1972	29
2025.1.2.6	Proceedings, Canadian Area Caucus	1974	29
2025.1.2.7	Empire Stevedoring correspondence, arbitration	1982, 1984	29
2025.1.2.8	ILWU Canadian Area Caucus minutes, resolutions, reports, financial summaries	Nov 21, 1977 - Feb 15, 1979	29
2025.1.2.9	Constitution 1990	1990	29
2025.1.2.10	Agreements		30
	Burrard Dry Dock	1976-1978	30
	BC Wharf Operators Association	1963	30

	Waterfront Industry Pension Agreement	1970	30
	Supplementary Pension Agreement	1970	30
	Marine Workers Welfare Plan	n.d.	30
2025.1.2.11	Vancouver the Alternative Report, Authors: D.P. Garcia, D.B. McLennan	1983	30
2025.1.3	Local 502		29
2025.1.3.1	ILA correspondence, New Westminster charter (copy); meeting notes; Gang Plank Bulletin, Oct 3, 1969 (with notes)	1937, 1964,1969,1970, 1985	29
2025.1.4	Vancouver Port Authority		29
2025.1.4.1	Port of Vancouver Northern European Port Promotion Trip September 1976	1976	29
2025.1.4.2	European Port Promotion Trip May 1977	1977	29
2025.1.4.3	Container Traffic through the Port of Vancouver and work opportunity for longshoremen, Final Report	1976	29
2025.1.4.4	Port Vancouver News, Autumn 1979, June 1982, Summer 1982 Port of Vancouver Promotional Brochure	1979-1982	29
2025.1.4.5	Vancouver Port Authority Meeting, July 9, 1979	1979	30
2025.1.4.6	Vancouver Port Authority Meeting, April 5, 1979	1979	30
2025.1.4.7	Vancouver Port Authority Meeting, June 4, 1979	1979	30
2025.1.4.8	Port Labour Relations Committee, August 18, 1964	1964	30
2025.1.5	Western Transportation Advisory Committee		30
2025.1.5.1	Fourth Annual Report	1978	30
2025.1.5.2	Sixth Annual Report	1980	30
2025.1.6	Canadian Labour Congress		30
2025.1.6.1	Constitution	1970	30
2025.1.6.2	Leaflet: Labour and Co-ops	n.d.	30
2025.1.6.3	Notebook: Look for the Union Label Shop Card and Service Button (with handwritten notes)	n.d.	30
2025.1.6.4	Official Directory: Union Label Printing Offices	n.d.	30
2025.1.6.5	Leaflet: Your Voice in Your Community	n.d.	30

2025.1.6.6	Leaflet: You're the boss!	n.d.	30
2025.1.6.7	Leaflet: Labour's Voice in Your Province	n.d.	30
2025.1.6.8	Leaflet: The International Responsibilities of the Canadian Labour Congress	n.d.	30
2025.1.6.9	Canadian Labour [periodical], Vol. 17, No. 4	April 1972	30
2025.1.6.10	Canadian Labour [periodical], Vol. 18, No. 1	January 1973	30
2025.1.7	BC Federation of Labour		30
2025.1.7.1	Constitution	1978	30
2025.1.7.2	Minutes: Right to Work Committee Meeting	1979	30
2025.1.7.3	Minutes: Women's Rights Committee Meeting	1979	30
2025.1.7.4	Minutes: Officer's Meeting	1979	30
2025.1.7.5	Sisterhood [Periodical], Vol. 3, No. 3	1979	30
2025.1.7.6	Hot [periodical]	1979	30
2025.1.8	External Organizations		30
2025.1.8.1	Leaflet [Vancouver and District Labor Council and Trade Union Research Bureau], Picking Up the Pieces	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.2	Leaflet [Canadian Union of Public Employees], As a Boss how do you rate? (with handwritten notes)	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.3	Leaflet [Vancouver and District Labor Council and Trade Union Research Bureau], Inflation - Why? The Housing Scandal	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.4	Leaflet [Vancouver and District Labor Council and Trade Union Research Bureau], Inflation - Why? Interest or Usury?	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.5	Leaflet [Vancouver and District Labor Council and Trade Union Research Bureau], Inflation - Why? The Productivity Hoax	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.6	Leaflet [Vancouver and District Labor Council and Trade Union Research Bureau], Inflation - Why? Real Cause...Real Cure	n.d.	30

2025.1.8.7	Leaflet [SFU 18 Defence Committee] Drop the Charges	1979	30
2025.1.8.8	Correspondence [SFU 18 Defence Committee] Dear Sisters and Brothers	1979	30
2025.1.8.9	News Bulletin [periodical], Workmen's Compensation Board of British Columbia, Vol. 6, Number 3	March, 1963	30
2025.1.8.10	News Bulletin [periodical], Workmen's Compensation Board of British Columbia, Vol. 6, Number 9	October, 1963	30
2025.1.8.11	Correspondence, [International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers] To All Canadian Trade Unionists	1964	30
2025.1.8.12	Statement of National Executive Board, Canadian Textil Council re Maritime Trusteeship	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.13	Minutes [New Westminster & District Labour Council] regular meeting	1967	30
2025.1.8.14	Circular [Beverage Dispensers Union Local 676] Liquor Law: Time for a Change	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.15	Leaflet [Saskatchewan Federation of Labour] The First Fight for Medicare	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.16	Broadsheet, The Petrocan Connection	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.17	Leaflet [British Columbia NDP] Paving Farmland, Hard to Swallow.	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.18	Seasonal greetings card, ILWU Dispatcher newspaper	n.d.	30
2025.1.8.19	Invitation [Hon. W.S. King, Minister of Labour], Conference on Labour Legislation	1973	30
2025.1.8.20	Leaflet: [ILWU Canadian Area], A Look at Labour's Problems	early 1960s	30
2025.1.8.21	Photograph: ILWU Canadian Area 11th Convention First Biennial	n.d.	30