The War at Home in Akron: The impact of opposition to the no-strike pledge in the United Rubber Workers: 1940-1960

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Abstract
The Second World War was a turning point in the evolution of the new industrial unions from a militant social movement into a bureaucratic institution. Th union leaders’ embrace of the ware-time ‘no-strike pledge’ in exchange for the government’s compelling industry to recognize and bargain with industrial unions is generally viewed as defining moment of this evolution. This study will focus on the under-studied United Rubber Workers (URW). Our hypothesis is that the opposition to the no-strike pledge was more developed in the URW than other industrial unions, giving the URW a unique trajectory after World War II