

Reuben G. Soderstrom Foundation



Reuben Soderstrom shaped the course of organized labor in Illinois. As a Representative in the Illinois Legislature from 1918 to 1936 and President of the Illinois AFL and AFL-CIO from 1930 to 1970, he guided Illinois workers through the perils of depression and war, leading them into an era of unprecedented prosperity and influence. By the time he left office in 1970, Soderstrom had grown his organization from a fractious body of fewer than 200,000 members to a major political force more than 1,613,000 strong.

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