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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This edition provides background files on the work of the NAACP Board of Directors. It is best used in conjunction with the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, which are published as Part 1 of UPA's microfilm collection, *Papers of the NAACP*. The correspondence, reports, and minutes of committee meetings contained in these background files shed light on both the preparation for and the outcome of board meetings. Many of the most important issues that the NAACP confronted are discussed in these files, and many of the NAACP's most influential leaders are represented. The series is divided between a general chronological correspondence file (Reels 1–4) and a series of committee files (Reels 5–8), which are arranged alphabetically by committee name. Although there are a few letters dating between 1915 and 1918 in the first file of the Correspondence series, the bulk of this body of material begins in 1919. With few exceptions, the Committee series covers only the 1930s.

Correspondence Files

These files touch on a wide range of issues, including administrative politics within the NAACP, the operation of NAACP programs, and the general social and political concerns toward which the NAACP directed its attention. Among the subjects covered are reactions to the D. W. Griffith film, *Birth of a Nation*, antilynching publicity, antilynching legislative initiatives, segregation in the World War I-era military, the challenge of the black nationalist movement led by Marcus Garvey, the emergence of the militant black socialist leaders A. Philip Randolph and Chandler Owen, efforts to dissociate the NAACP from pacifism and leftist radicalism, and the development of the NAACP legal campaign against restrictive covenants in housing. Most of the background deliberations on social and political issues for the 1930s may be found in the Committee series, described below. Other key topics that run through the Correspondence series are the effort to establish women's auxiliaries of the NAACP, efforts to network the NAACP with churches, soliciting support from white and black celebrities, and cultural events in the African-American community—particularly in Harlem.

Important intra-organizational issues such as fund-raising and branch organization strategies are covered in depth in the Correspondence series. Of note is a 1923 briefing prepared by Mary White Ovington on strategies for developing the NAACP branch network. Regarding funding, the correspondence shows that the NAACP hoped to rely upon the American Fund for Public Service (AFPS) to finance many of

its initiatives. The AFPS was established in the early 1920s, and although the NAACP never received the entirety of the funds it sought, the AFPS did provide crucial funding for the campaign against educational discrimination during the depths of the Great Depression. Files documenting the AFPS-NAACP relationship can be located by recourse to the subject index in this user guide. The correspondence also covers many other sources of fund-raising, including membership drives and approaches to individuals. The Finance Committee files discussed below further develop the history of NAACP fund-raising strategies.

The correspondence makes apparent philosophical differences and personal frictions. The resignation of W. E. B. Du Bois in 1934 over his advocacy of black self-determination is one of the most significant moments of conflict. Others include the dispute over whether the NAACP should acquiesce in World War I-era military segregation as the price for obtaining black commissioned officers in the U.S. army, and friction over associating the NAACP with leftist and pacifist leaders in the immediate post-World War I era. A sharp letter of protest by Du Bois and other national staff members in March 1931 displays resentment over the administrative style of Executive Secretary Walter F. White. The files also reveal factional fights in local branches (notably in the District of Columbia branch) and differences of opinion about anti-Semitism in the black community during the 1930s.

The key figure in the series until 1932 is Board Chairman Mary White Ovington. After 1932, Walter F. White, although not a board member, is the central figure in the Correspondence series. Also represented in the correspondence is a large number of prominent NAACP board members, including Jane Addams, William English Walling, W. E. B. Du Bois, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Archibald Grimké, Charles Edward Russell, and Dean George W. Cook. Along with Addams and Ovington, other female board members are well represented, including Florence Kelley, Nannie Helen Burroughs, Rachel Davis Du Bois, and Ella Rush Murray. Murray was especially forceful in bringing women's issues to the attention of the board, including a proposal to establish a Women's National Committee of the NAACP in 1923. Several female staff members are also conspicuous in the Correspondence series, including Richetta Randolph, Daisy Lampkin, and Juanita Jackson. The subject index provides listings for each correspondent.

In addition to providing insights into the style, personalities, and political orientation of NAACP board members, the Correspondence series also provides a fair amount of other biographical information. Some of this appears in discussions about individual candidates for the Board of Directors; more of it can be gleaned from obituaries of board members, which become common in the Correspondence series by the late 1920s.

After 1930, the Correspondence series becomes largely a personal file of Executive Secretary Walter F. White on matters pertaining to the board. For the 1930s, the working files of the Board of Directors are concentrated in the Committee series, a description of which follows.

Committee Files

The records of NAACP committees become substantial beginning in the late 1920s. Indeed, only the records of the Budget and Nominating committees antedate this period, the committee structure of the Board of Directors having been mostly undeveloped until the turn of the decade. The fullness of the Committee files during the 1920s and the 1930s is reflected in the fact that the Correspondence files of the board during this period are somewhat intermittent in covering key topics affecting the association. On the other hand, the Committee files for this period provide a very full account of NAACP strategic deliberations and administration.

Administration Committee. This committee provided oversight for the operation of the national program and the national office. Reports to this committee provide a wealth of detail on the day-to-day activities of the NAACP national office in the 1930s. The reports cover fund-raising activities, public relations strategies, membership and recruitment strategies, personnel decisions at the national office, and responses to the steady stream of events during the 1930s with an impact on race relations—lynchings, racially derogatory messages in the mass media, New Deal legislation, the emergence of competing civil rights organizations, and more. These files are an essential source for understanding the operation of the NAACP national office between 1929 and 1939.

Budget Committee, 1920–1921 and 1928–1939. Only a few pieces of this committee's correspondence survive for the early 1920s. The substantive records begin in 1930. Records include breakdowns of membership dues from individual NAACP branches, monthly statements of general expenses (including the salaries of all national staff members), and reports on the result of fund-raising campaigns. The deteriorating financial base of *The Crisis* during the early 1930s is also a recurrent topic.

Constitution Committee, 1936–1937. This was a temporary committee charged with drafting revisions to the NAACP Constitution in accordance with the Report of the Committee on Future Plan and Program adopted by the NAACP in 1935. (See the Plan and Program Committee files below.) The general goals of the revisions were to reorient the NAACP more toward a working-class perspective and to grant more internal power to the general membership via the Annual Conference. The file includes background correspondence and several draft revisions.

Crisis Committee, 1936. This committee was not formed by the Board of Directors but seems rather to have been a voluntary association formed by female NAACP leaders in New York City to raise money to supplement the declining income of *The Crisis* magazine.

Finance Committee, 1932–1939. This committee was formed as an emergency measure to help counteract the impact of the depression on NAACP fund-raising. Originally, the committee undertook a program based upon the sale of securities from an estate that had been willed to the NAACP by a wealthy donor. However, it progressed from the securities sale to several other fund-raising schemes, including applications for foundation grants, solicitations of wealthy sympathizers, celebrity

benefit performances, and other activities. Committee minutes and reports contained in this file provide a detailed overview of measures taken to maintain the solvency of the NAACP during the 1930s.

Legal Committee, 1931–1939. This file documents the deliberations of the NAACP's National Legal Committee. This committee, which never met as a body but whose membership provided substantial prestige to the association, was established much earlier than 1931, when the file begins. It had been composed of prominent members of the American Bar Association and the legal profession. With few exceptions, the older generation of National Legal Committee members were Caucasian, including American Bar Association President Moorfield Storey, Harvard Professor Felix Frankfurter, trial lawyer Clarence Darrow, and Jewish leader Louis Marshall. An important development, which is reflected in the file beginning in 1932, was the concerted effort to recruit African-American lawyers for the Legal Committee. In addition, scattered committee minutes and reports discuss the course of several of the NAACP's most important legal cases starting in 1933. The discussions report on the progress of the litigation and advance ideas about strategy.

National Advisory Committee, 1933–1934. This file documents an NAACP effort to establish a board of advisors consisting of "prominent persons throughout the country" to whom the association would turn in "important crises." The file consists mostly of lists of prospective members and letters of invitation to join the committee.

Nominating Committee, 1922–1939. This committee searched for individuals to recommend as candidates for the Board of Directors. Board members were elected at the NAACP annual business meetings in January of each year from a slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. The files contain numerous lists of candidates along with correspondence regarding board candidates. The records shed important light on the self-perpetuating organizational policies of the NAACP Board of Directors. Factions and political differences within the board are sometimes apparent in disagreements over nominations. There are also bits of biographical information on prospective or current board members. Like the Legal Committee, the Board of Directors evolved from a mostly Caucasian composition to an African-American majority during the period covered by the file. Of note also are the assertive efforts of local NAACP leaders for a greater voice on the Board of Directors during the 1930s. These local protests against the centralized control of the Board included Sidney Redmond of Jackson, Mississippi, A. T. Walden of Atlanta, Roscoe Dunjee of Oklahoma City, L. Pearl Mitchell of Baltimore, and Irvin Mollison of Chicago.

Plan and Program Committee. The Committee on the Future Plan and Program of the NAACP, as this committee was formally known, was formed during a depression-inspired era of soul-searching within the NAACP. The NAACP's traditional reliance on a strategy of legal redress and legislative reform was questioned by many board members during the early years of the depression. This committee was established to mark out a new direction appropriate to the times. The preliminary report of the committee recommended that the association

take more of a labor- and economic-oriented course of action. The report can be found in the July–August 1934 folder at frame 0644 of Reel 8. Subsequent files on Reel 8 include proposed revisions to the report and background correspondence and memoranda. The final report appears on frame 0838 of Reel 8. The background correspondence between Walter White and Abram Harris shows that the association was in part motivated to prevent the NAACP from being outflanked by rival civil rights organizations on the left. The files show that the NAACP Board of Directors was sharply divided between those determined to stay the traditional course and those determined to transform the NAACP into a working-class oriented organization. Some of the material also touches upon the resignation of W. E. B. Du Bois from the NAACP and disagreements over the control of *The Crisis*.

NOTE ON SOURCES

All documents reproduced for this edition are held by the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. The original NAACP collection at the Library of Congress is subdivided into four accession groups: Group I, 1909–1939; Group II, 1940–1955; Group III, 1956–1965; and Group IV, 1966–1975. The records making up *Part 16, Series A* of this publication are drawn exclusively from Group I, Series A, Board of Directors File.

EDITORIAL NOTE

This edition was compiled after a thorough survey by Professors August Meier and John H. Bracey, Jr. of the second accession of the NAACP collection of the Library of Congress. Every file selected for inclusion has been microfilmed in its entirety.

REEL INDEX

The following Reel Index is a guide to *Papers of the NAACP, Part 16, Board of Directors, Correspondence and Committee Materials, Series A: 1919-1939*. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading *Major Topics* as are prominent correspondents under the heading *Principal Correspondents*. The four-digit number to the left is the frame number at which a file folder begins.

Reel 1

File Folder
Frame No.

Group I, Series A, Board of Directors File

Group I, Box A-19 Correspondence

- 0001 **1915-1918.** 9pp.
Major Topics: Reaction to motion picture *Birth of a Nation*; U.S. Supreme Court decisions; voting rights laws in Kentucky; civil rights planks for national party platforms; NAACP board elections and staff matters.
Principal Correspondents: Mary Childs Nerney; Joel E. Spingarn; Archibald H. Grimké; Roy Nash; Charles Young.
- 0010 **January-March 1919.** 49pp.
Major Topics: Social Democratic League of America; conferences; NAACP national conferences, annual meetings, and mass meetings; National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes; committee to study structure of NAACP; enlargement of board of directors; nominations, elections, and resignations; factionalism and internal politics; Pan African Conference; fund-raising; publications; Anti-Lynching Conference; complaints regarding treatment of soldiers at armed services hospitals; Woman Suffrage Amendment; Women's Peace party.
Principal Correspondents: John R. Shillady; William English Walling; Mary White Ovington; Archibald H. Grimké; Joseph P. Loud; John Hurst; W. E. B. Du Bois; George William Cook; James Weldon Johnson; John E. Milholland; Paul Kennaday; Lillian Wald; Jane Addams; Charles H. Studin.
- 0059 **April-May 1919.** 42pp.
Major Topics: Enlargement of board of directors; nominations, elections, and resignations; proposed branch NAACP in Haiti; conference of NAACP with Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Urban League, and National Association of Colored Women; fund-raising; Women's Peace party; factionalism and internal politics; branch activities; editorial policies of *The Crisis* during World War I; Anti-Lynching Conference; membership campaigns; race relations.
Principal Correspondents: John R. Shillady; John Haynes Holmes; V. Morton Jones; Charles H. Studin; James Weldon Johnson; John Hurst; Mary White Ovington; Eugene Kinckle Jones; Jane Addams; Archibald H. Grimké; Hutchens C. Bishop; Lillian Wald; Paul Kennaday; Neval H. Thomas; W. E. B. Du Bois; Florence Kelley.

- 0101 **June–August 1919. 50pp.**
Major Topics: Nominations, elections, and resignations; factionalism and internal politics; editorial policies of *The Crisis* during World War I; membership drives; fund-raising; branch activities; publications; U.S. Congress anti-intermarriage legislation; Equal Rights League; violence and intimidation; attack on executive secretary; antilynching; U.S. Congress legislation.
Principal Correspondents: John R. Shillady; W. E. B. Du Bois; Charles H. Studin; Mary White Ovington; Paul Kennaday; Archibald H. Grimké; Neval H. Thomas; Emmett J. Scott; Joel E. Spingarn; John Haynes Holmes; John Hurst; Lillian Wald; John E. Milholland; E. Burton Ceruti; James Weldon Johnson; Moorfield Storey.
- 0151 **September 1919. 26pp.**
Major Topics: Nominations, elections, and resignations; factionalism and internal politics; violence and intimidation; attack on NAACP executive secretary; antilynching; U.S. Congress legislation; NAACP public relations.
Principal Correspondents: George W. Cook; Mary White Ovington; John R. Shillady; Jane Addams; Archibald H. Grimké; Butler R. Wilson; Charles Nagel; Moorfield Storey; Paul Kennaday; John E. Milholland.
- 0177 **October 1919. 28pp.**
Major Topics: Violence and intimidation; attack on NAACP executive secretary; antilynching; U.S. Congress legislation; educational programs; mass meetings; nominations, elections, and resignations; factionalism and internal politics; membership campaigns; NAACP public relations.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; John R. Shillady; Walter White; Archibald H. Grimké; Burton E. Ceruti; John E. Milholland; Joseph P. Loud; Charles H. Studin; Hutchens C. Bishop; Lillian Wald; Paul Kennaday; Charlotte L. P. Stearns.
- 0205 **November 1919. 44pp.**
Major Topics: Nominations, elections, and resignations; fund-raising; attack on NAACP executive secretary; antilynching; criminal justice system in Arkansas.
Principal Correspondents: John R. Shillady; Lillian Wald; Walter White; William English Walling; John Haynes Holmes; George W. Crawford; John Hurst; Archibald H. Grimké; Mary White Ovington; Jane Addams; Joseph P. Loud; Arthur Capper; Harry H. Pace; Charles J. Bonaparte; George W. Wickersham; Jacob H. Schiff; Percy Stickney Grant; Harry E. Davis; Paul Kennaday; Florence Kelley.
- 0249 **December 1919. 19pp.**
Major Topics: Nominations, elections, and resignations; criminal justice system in Arkansas; U.S. Congress legislation; mass meetings.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; Charles Nagel; Arthur B. Spingarn; Neval H. Thomas; John Hurst; John Haynes Holmes; Archibald H. Grimké; Oswald Garrison Villard; John E. Milholland.
- 0268 **January 1920. 49pp.**
Major Topics: Factionalism and internal politics; alleged Bolshevik activities; national conferences; nominations, elections, and resignations; NAACP board elections and staff matters; U.S. Congress legislation.
Principal Correspondents: William English Walling; Charles Edward Russell; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; Walter White; Lillian Wald; John R. Shillady; Arthur Capper; Harry E. Davis; Harry H. Pace; Charles Nagel; John Haynes Holmes; Joel E. Spingarn; J. Max Barber; Paul Kennaday; John Hurst; E. Burton Ceruti; Archibald H. Grimké; Joseph P. Loud; Neval H. Thomas.

- 0317 **February–April 1920. 49pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; alleged Bolshevik activities; public relations; civil rights planks for national party conventions; national conferences; NAACP branch activities; criminal justice system in Arkansas; U.S. Congress legislation.
Principal Correspondents: John R. Shillady; Archibald H. Grimké; Jane Addams; Harry E. Davis; Joseph P. Loud; John Hurst; Walter White; Harry H. Pace; Arthur B. Spingarn; Charles A. Studin; Joel E. Spingarn; James Weldon Johnson; Charles Nagel; George W. Cook; John E. Milholland; Mary White Ovington; Lillian Wald; John Haynes Holmes; Moorfield Storey; Florence Kelley.
- 0366 **[May–]September 1920. 44pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; membership campaigns; fund-raising; publications; appointment of NAACP executive secretary.
Principal Correspondents: John R. Shillady; George W. Cook; Lillian Wald; Mary White Ovington; John Haynes Holmes; Florence Kelley; Joel E. Spingarn; Joseph P. Loud; Archibald H. Grimké; John E. Milholland; E. Burton Ceruti; Neval H. Thomas; William English Walling; Paul Kennaday; Jane Addams; Arthur B. Spingarn; James Weldon Johnson.
- 0410 **October–December 1920. 81pp.**
Major Topics: Political activities; anti–Jim Crowism; NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; fund-raising; Pan-African Congress; Anti-Lynching Committee; publications; anti-Communist activities.
Principal Correspondents: Neval H. Thomas; James Weldon Johnson; Lillian Wald; Arthur B. Spingarn; Mary White Ovington; Walter White; Jane Addams; Charles H. Studin; Harry H. Pace; Robert R. Church; Charles Edward Russell; Hamilton Fish, Jr.; George W. Cook; John Haynes Holmes; V. Morton Jones; Joel E. Spingarn; Moorfield Storey; William English Walling; Harry E. Davis; Archibald H. Grimké; George W. Crawford; William M. Ashby; John E. Milholland; Joseph P. Loud; Hutchens C. Bishop; John R. Shillady.
- 0491 **January–May 1921. 44pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; political activities; Republican party; voting rights; Anti-Lynching Committee; anti–Jim Crowism; Haiti; publications; public relations; mass meetings.
Principal Correspondents: Lillian Wald; James Weldon Johnson; George E. Cannon; Walter White; John E. Milholland; Mary White Ovington; Harry H. Pace; Arthur B. Spingarn; Florence Kelley; Joseph P. Loud.
- 0535 **June–December 1921. 94pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; U.S. Congress lobbying and legislation; League for the Protection of Indigenes; real estate proposals for headquarters of NAACP; fund-raising; political activities; Conference of Colored Republican Leaders of the Eastern States.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Florence Kelley; Lillian Wald; George E. Cannon; William A. Sinclair; Joseph P. Loud; Walter White; Joel E. Spingarn; Archibald H. Grimké; John E. Milholland; Herbert J. Seligmann; Charles H. Studin; V. Morton Jones; George W. Cook; Arthur B. Spingarn; E. Burton Ceruti; Paul Kennaday; John Hurst; George W. Crawford; Butler R. Wilson; G. R. Waller; Ella Rush Murray; Neval H. Thomas; W. E. B. Du Bois; Mary White Ovington; Harvey P. Vaughn; John Haynes Holmes; Harry H. Pace.

- 0629 **January–April 1922. 45pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; real estate proposals for headquarters of NAACP; fund-raising; national convention of League of Women Voters.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; William Pickens; Joseph P. Loud; Arthur Capper; Ella R. Murray; James Weldon Johnson.
- 0674 **May–September 1922. 16pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; U.S. Congress lobbying and legislation; antilynching; financial matters affecting *The Crisis*.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; James Weldon Johnson.
- 0690 **December 1922. 18pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; Anti-Lynching Committee.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; James Weldon Johnson; William English Walling.
- 0708 **January 1923. 35pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; Ku Klux Klan; branch activities; League of Women Voters; antilynching; fund-raising; membership campaigns.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; James Weldon Johnson; Walter White; William Pickens; Ella R. Murray; Herbert K. Stockton; John Haynes Holmes.
- 0743 **February 1923. 30pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; Women's Joint Congressional Committee; Anti-Lynching Committee; political activities; discrimination in motion pictures; educational programs.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Mary White Ovington; Florence Kelley; Joseph P. Loud; Ella R. Murray; Walter White.
- 0773 **March–April 1923. 56pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; real estate proposals for headquarters of NAACP; fund-raising; American Fund for Public Service; membership campaigns; antilynching; Inter-Racial Commission; publications.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Mary White Ovington; Joseph P. Loud; Walter White; Joel E. Spingarn.
- 0829 **May–July 1923. 47pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; real estate proposals for headquarters of NAACP; fund-raising; U.S. Congress lobbying and legislation; legal strategies regarding segregated recreational facilities and schools.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Mary White Ovington; Walter White; Herbert K. Stockton; Arthur B. Spingarn.
- 0876 **August–September 1923. 20pp.**
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; American Fund for Public Service; fund-raising; legal strategy regarding segregation.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Florence Kelley; James Weldon Johnson.

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Group I, Series A, Board of Directors File cont.

Group I, Box A-19 cont.

Correspondence cont.

- 0001 **October 1923.** 75pp.
 Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; race relations programs.
 Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; John Haynes Holmes; Herbert J. Seligmann; Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois.

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Correspondence cont.

- 0076 **November 1923.** 41pp.
 Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; Ku Klux Klan.
 Principal Correspondents: Florence Kelley; James Weldon Johnson; Moorfield Storey; Mary White Ovington; Walter White.
- 0117 **November 1923.** 61pp.
 Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; appeal of racially restrictive covenant cases; membership campaigns; press relations.
 Principal Correspondents: Walter White; James Weldon Johnson; Herbert K. Stockton; Mary White Ovington.
- 0178 **December 1923.** 39pp.
 Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; planning for national conferences; fund-raising; Women's Joint Congressional Committee.
 Principal Correspondents: Walter White; James Weldon Johnson; Mary White Ovington; William Pickens; Robert W. Bagnall; Florence Kelley.
- 0217 **January 1924.** 46pp.
 Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; fund-raising; membership campaigns; U.S. Congress antilynching legislation.
 Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Mary White Ovington; Walter White.
- 0263 **February–March 1924.** 35pp.
 Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; Anti-Lynching Fund; lynching and peonage in Florida; fund-raising; membership campaigns.
 Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Walter White; John Hurst; Mary White Ovington; Nannie H. Burroughs.
- 0298 **April–October 1924.** 59pp.
 Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; U.S. Congress educational legislation; national conferences; political activities.
 Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Walter White; Mary White Ovington; Robert W. Bagnall; Nannie H. Burroughs; William Pickens.
- 0357 **November–December 1924.** 67pp.
 Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; U.S. Congress lobbying and legislation; political activities; factionalism and internal politics; legal defense efforts; lynchings in Arkansas.
 Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Walter White; Nannie H. Burroughs; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn.

- 0424 **January–March 1925.** 26pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; employment discrimination.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; William Pickens; Mary White Ovington; Walter White.
- 0450 **April–October 1925.** 28pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; residential segregation cases in California; fund-raising; American Fund for Public Service; legal defense of Dr. O. H. Sweet; violence and intimidation in Michigan.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Mary White Ovington.
- 0478 **November–December 1925.** 40pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; branch activities; factionalism and internal politics; financial matters; legal defense of Dr. O. H. Sweet; violence and intimidation in Michigan; bequests.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Robert W. Bagnall; W. E. B. Du Bois; William Pickens.
- 0518 **January 1926.** 58pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; factionalism and internal politics; press relations; publications; fund-raising.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; James Weldon Johnson; William Pickens.
- 0576 **February 1926.** 32pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; state civil rights legislation in New Jersey; branch activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; W. E. B. Du Bois; James Weldon Johnson; Robert W. Bagnall; Walter White.
- 0608 **March–June 1926.** 40pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; discrimination in jury selection in Texas; residential segregation cases; U.S. Supreme Court decisions; publications; public relations.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Arthur B. Spingarn; James Weldon Johnson; Mary White Ovington.
- 0648 **[July] August–December 1926.** 72pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; fund-raising; grand jury proceedings; American Fund for Public Service; violence and intimidation.
Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; James Weldon Johnson; Mary White Ovington; Walter White; Herbert Welsh.
- 0720 **January–June 1927.** 29pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; Anti-Lynching Conference; factionalism and internal politics; political activities.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Nannie H. Burroughs; Walter White; Mary White Ovington; William Pickens.
- 0749 **July–October 1927.** 30pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; fund-raising; membership campaigns; allegations of peonage conditions in Mississippi; flood relief; parole and probation.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Mary White Ovington.

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- 0779 **November–December 1927.** 44pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; financial matters; fund-raising; planning for national conferences; branch activities.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; James Weldon Johnson; Clarence Darrow; William Pickens; Robert W. Bagnall.
- 0823 **January–May 1928.** 34pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; voting rights cases in Florida, Texas, and Virginia.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; Herbert J. Seligmann; Clarence Darrow; William T. Andrews.
- 0857 **June–September 1928.** 30pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; voting rights cases in Florida, Texas, and Virginia.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; James Weldon Johnson; W. E. B. Du Bois; William T. Andrews; Oswald Garrison Villard.
- 0887 **October–December 1928.** 43pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; voting rights cases in Florida, Texas, and Virginia; proposals to change name of NAACP; legal defense efforts in Arkansas; public schools in the District of Columbia, Indiana, and New Jersey; employment cases in the District of Columbia; violence and intimidation in New York; factionalism and internal politics; federal employment; political activities.
Principal Correspondents: Robert W. Bagnall; Mary White Ovington; William T. Andrews; James Weldon Johnson; W. E. B. Du Bois; Walter White; Neval H. Thomas.

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- 0001 **January–April 1929.** 32pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; factionalism and internal politics; legal committee; residential segregation cases in the District of Columbia; public school cases in Indiana; parking garages in New York; financial matters; publications; *The Crisis*.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; William T. Andrews; Mary White Ovington; Walter White.
- 0033 **May–September 1929.** 36pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; residential segregation and voting rights cases in Virginia; racial composition of NAACP National Advisory Committee.
Principal Correspondents: James Weldon Johnson; William T. Andrews; Walter White.
- 0069 **October 1929.** 24pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; NAACP National Advisory Committee.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; T. G. Nutter.
- 0093 **November 1929.** 26pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; public relations.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Herbert H. Lehman; Herbert J. Seligmann.

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- 0119 **November–December 1929.** 24pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; financial matters.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Arthur B. Spingarn; Mary White Ovington.
- 0143 **January–March 1930.** 28pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; fund-raising.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; T. G. Nutter.
- 0171 **April–August 1930.** 26pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; factionalism and internal politics.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; James Weldon Johnson; Joel E. Spingarn; Mary White Ovington.
- 0197 **September–November 1930.** 30pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations.
Principal Correspondent: Walter White.
- 0227 **November–December 1930.** 12pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; voting rights cases in Arkansas; resignation of NAACP executive secretary.
Principal Correspondents: William T. Andrews; Walter White; James Weldon Johnson.
- 0239 **December 1930.** 21pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; resignation of NAACP executive secretary; alleged factionalism and internal politics.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Robert W. Bagnall; Mary White Ovington.
- 0260 **January–March 1931.** 48pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; fund-raising; financial matters; alleged factionalism and internal politics regarding election of white president of NAACP; selection of new NAACP executive secretary.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; William Pickens.
- 0308 **March–July 1931.** 38pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; appointment of new NAACP executive secretary; segregated hospitals and medical facilities; Scottsboro Boys case; press relations; Nathan Margold report on NAACP legal strategy.
Principal Correspondents: W. E. B. Du Bois; Walter White; Carl Murphy; William T. Andrews; Mary White Ovington.
- 0346 **August–October 1931.** 46pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Joel E. Spingarn; Mary White Ovington.
- 0392 **October–November 1931.** 31pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; financial matters; political activities.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Arthur B. Spingarn; John Haynes Holmes; William Pickens.

- 0423 **December 1931.** 33pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; financial matters; staff reductions; factionalism and internal politics; effect of economic depression on work of NAACP.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; William T. Andrews; W. E. B. Du Bois; Herbert J. Seligmann; William Pickens; Robert W. Bagnall; Roy Wilkins; Joel E. Spingarn.
- 0456 **January 1932.** 32pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; retirement of chairman of the board.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; William Pickens; Joel E. Spingarn.
- 0488 **February 1932.** 23pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; Florence Kelley.
- 0511 **March 1932.** 45pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; *The Crisis*.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; John Haynes Holmes.
- 0556 **April 1932.** 42pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; *The Crisis*; factionalism and internal politics.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Joel E. Spingarn; Mary White Ovington; Charles H. Studin.
- 0598 **May 1932.** 31pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; *The Crisis*; effect of economic depression on NAACP; bequests.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; Joel E. Spingarn.
- 0629 **June–October 1932.** 33pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; press relations.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Charles H. Studin; Mary White Ovington; James Weldon Johnson.
- 0662 **November–December 1932.** 15pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; effect of economic depression on NAACP; *The Crisis*.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Carl Murphy; Mary White Ovington.
- 0677 **January–February 1933.** 53pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; resignations of NAACP director of publicity and director of branches; financial matters; effect of economic depression on NAACP; membership campaigns; criminal justice system in Georgia; segregated hospitals and medical facilities in South Carolina; U.S. presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; Robert W. Bagnall; Herbert H. Lehman.
- 0730 **March–May 1933.** 37pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; Scottsboro Boys case; factionalism and internal politics; resignation of NAACP president and chairman of the board.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Carl Murphy; Joel E. Spingarn; George W. Crawford; Roy Wilkins.

- 0767 **June–October 1933.** 33pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; press relations; fund-raising; American Fund for Public Service; NAACP legal strategy; North Carolina public school cases; criminal justice cases in Alabama; branch activities; political matters; effect of economic depression on NAACP.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; James Weldon Johnson; Joel E. Spingarn; Arthur B. Spingarn.

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- 0800 **November–December 1933.** 17pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; effect of economic depression on NAACP; *The Crisis*.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Ella R. Murray.
- 0817 **January–March 1934.** 54pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; U.S. Congress lobbying and legislation; antilynching; effect of economic depression on NAACP; *The Crisis*.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Roy Wilkins; James Weldon Johnson.
- 0871 **April–May 1934.** 56pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; residential segregation; urban renewal; press relations; fund-raising; factionalism and internal politics; resignation of editor of *The Crisis*; NAACP policy regarding segregation; public education and peonage system in Georgia; financial matters; effect of economic depression on NAACP.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; James Weldon Johnson; William Pickens; John P. Davis; Carl Murphy; W. E. B. Du Bois; Mary White Ovington.

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- 0001 **June 1934.** 107pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; resignation of editor of *The Crisis*; press relations; factionalism and internal politics; public opinion; NAACP policy regarding segregation.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; Walter White; James Weldon Johnson; Joel E. Spingarn; W. E. B. Du Bois; William Pickens; Charles H. Houston.
- 0108 **July 1934.** 62pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; resignation of editor of *The Crisis*; press relations; factionalism and internal politics; public opinion; NAACP policy regarding segregation; citizenship education.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Abram L. Harris; W. E. B. Du Bois; William Pickens; George Streater.
- 0170 **August–September 1934.** 31pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; resignation of editor of *The Crisis*; press relations; factionalism and internal politics; public opinion; financial matters; formulation of NAACP policy and plan of action; legal strategy.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois; George S. Schuyler; James Weldon Johnson; Roy Wilkins.

- 0201 **October–December 1934.** 89pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; U.S. Congress antilynching legislation; state and local civil rights laws; educational programs; Young Women's Christian Association; financial matters; formulation of NAACP policy and plan of action; membership campaigns; discrimination in federal programs; fund-raising.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Lillian A. Alexander; James Weldon Johnson; Rachel Davis Du Bois; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; Abram L. Harris; W. E. B. Du Bois.
- 0290 **1935–1936.** 58pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; educational programs; legal committee; financial matters; fund-raising; membership campaigns; U.S. Congress legislation and lobbying; picketing; anti-Semitism.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Rachel Davis Du Bois; Nannie H. Burroughs; Joel E. Spingarn; Arthur B. Spingarn; William Pickens; Juanita E. Jackson; Charles H. Houston; Roy Wilkins; Charles Edward Russell.
- 0348 **1937.** 47pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; fund-raising; branch factionalism and internal politics; educational programs; anti-Semitism; discrimination in department stores.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Charles H. Houston; Roy Wilkins; Thurgood Marshall; Juanita E. Jackson; Nannie H. Burroughs; Rachel Davis Du Bois; Joel E. Spingarn; Arthur B. Spingarn; Mary White Ovington.
- 0395 **January–September 1938.** 81pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; public relations; U.S. Congress antilynching legislation and lobbying; youth councils; mass meetings; branch activities; factionalism and internal politics; educational programs; recreational facilities; religious groups and churches; policy on intermarriage; legal committee; financial matters.
Principal Correspondents: Roy Wilkins; Nenien C. McPherson; William Pickens; Juanita E. Jackson; Walter White; Arthur B. Spingarn; Isadore Martin; Robert E. Treman.
- 0476 **October–November 1938.** 77pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; financial matters; fund-raising; finance committee; legal committee; branch factionalism and internal politics; segregated recreational facilities; bequests; educational programs; union organization in Alabama.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Douglas P. Falconer; Arthur B. Spingarn; Robert E. Treman; Roy Wilkins; Thurgood Marshall.
- 0553 **December 1938.** 62pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; fund-raising; finance committee; U.S. Congress antilynching legislation and lobbying; recreational facilities; press relations; legal committee; U.S. Supreme Court decision in University of Missouri case.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; William F. Illig; Robert E. Treman; Douglas P. Falconer; Thurgood Marshall; S. D. McGill; Paul S. Livermore.
- 0615 **January–March 1939.** 71pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; finance committee; fund-raising; membership campaigns; branch activities; mass meetings; U.S. Congress wage and hour legislation.
Principal Correspondents: Douglas P. Falconer; Walter White; Nenien C. McPherson; Robert E. Treman; Roy Wilkins; William Pickens; Frances H. Williams; Louis T. Wright.

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- 0686 **April–June 1939.** 65pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; finance committee; fund-raising; legal committee; criminal justice system cases in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, and South Carolina; educational cases in Alabama, Maryland, Missouri, and Virginia; recreational facilities cases in Louisiana; press relations; youth programs.
Principal Correspondents: Douglas P. Falconer; Walter White; Louis T. Wright; Thurgood Marshall; William Pickens; Arthur B. Spingarn.
- 0751 **July–September 1939.** 56pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; finance committee; fund-raising; membership campaigns; discrimination by labor unions; U.S. Congress legislation and lobbying; selection of NAACP president; racial criteria in selecting national officers; publications; legal committee.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Louis T. Wright; Roy Wilkins; William Pickens; Douglas P. Falconer; Thurgood Marshall; E. Frederic Morrow; Arthur B. Spingarn.
- 0807 **October–December 1939.** 69pp.
Major Topics: NAACP board elections and staff matters; nominations, elections, and resignations; finance committee; publications; fund-raising; youth activities; resignation of NAACP chairman of the board; public education cases in Maryland.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Douglas P. Falconer; Louis T. Wright; Roy Wilkins; Arthur B. Spingarn; Marian Anderson; Robert E. Treman.

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Committee Correspondence and Reports

- 0001 **Administration Committee, September–December 1929.** 82pp.
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; American Fund for Public Service; publications; antilynching.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois; Joel E. Spingarn; Isadore Martin; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; Robert W. Bagnall.
- 0083 **Administration Committee, January–March 1930.** 57pp.
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; American Fund for Public Service; publications; antilynching.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois; Joel E. Spingarn; Isadore Martin; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; Robert W. Bagnall; William T. Andrews; William Pickens.
- 0140 **Administration Committee, April–December 1930.** 70pp.
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; American Fund for Public Service; publications; antilynching; branch factionalism and internal politics; press relations; political matters; planning for national conferences; membership campaigns.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois; Joel E. Spingarn; Isadore Martin; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; Joseph P. Loud; William Pickens; Robert W. Bagnall; Daisy E. Lampkin.

- 0210 **Administration Committee, January–April 1931. 54pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; American Fund for Public Service; publications; antilynching; planning for national conferences; membership campaigns; Scottsboro Boys case; factionalism and internal politics.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois; Joel E. Spingarn; Isadore Martin; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; William Pickens; Robert W. Bagnall; William T. Andrews.
- 0264 **Administration Committee, May–December 1931. 31pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; American Fund for Public Service; publications; antilynching; planning for national conferences; membership campaigns; political activities; youth activities; mass meetings; unemployment relief.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois; Joel E. Spingarn; Isadore Martin; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; James Weldon Johnson; William Pickens; Robert W. Bagnall; William T. Andrews; Herbert J. Seligmann; Roy Wilkins.
- 0295 **Administration Committee, January–December 1932. 74pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; American Fund for Public Service; publications; antilynching; planning for national conferences; membership campaigns; John Brown Memorial; Scottsboro Boys case; political activities; *The Crisis*; branch factionalism and internal politics; Communist activities.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois; Joel E. Spingarn; Isadore Martin; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; James Weldon Johnson; William Pickens; Robert W. Bagnall; William T. Andrews; Herbert J. Seligmann; Roy Wilkins; Herbert C. Hoover.
- 0369 **Administration Committee, January–December 1933. 40pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; publications; antilynching; planning for national conferences; membership campaigns; medical education and hospitals; Carnegie Corporation; Communist activities.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois; Joel E. Spingarn; Isadore Martin; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; James Weldon Johnson; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; George S. Schuyler; Herbert J. Seligmann.
- 0409 **Administration Committee, January–December 1934. 63pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; publications; antilynching; planning for national conferences; membership campaigns; *The Crisis*; press relations; educational programs; branch activities; Joint Committee on National Recovery.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; W. E. B. Du Bois; Joel E. Spingarn; Isadore Martin; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; James Weldon Johnson; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; Louis T. Wright; Hubert T. Delany; George S. Schuyler.

- 0472 **Administration Committee, 1935–1936. 93pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; publications; antilynching; educational programs; medical education and hospitals; National Negro Congress; youth activities; Communist activities; political matters; proposed Legal Defense/Anti-Lynching Fund Campaign; mass meetings.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Charles H. Houston; Selma Borchardt; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; Juanita E. Jackson; Joel E. Spingarn.
- 0565 **Administration Committee, January–December 1937. 75pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; publications; antilynching; factionalism and internal politics; branch activities; youth activities; educational programs; anti-Nazi activities.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; Joel E. Spingarn; Sidney R. Redmond; Hubert T. Delany; Louis T. Wright; Grace B. Fenderson; Juanita E. Jackson; Charles H. Houston; Rachel Davis Du Bois.
- 0640 **Administration Committee, 1938. 71pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; publications; antilynching; U.S. Congress lobbying and legislation; National Negro Congress; educational programs; American Society for Race Tolerance; youth activities; branch activities.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; Joel E. Spingarn; Hubert T. Delany; Louis T. Wright; Grace B. Fenderson; Juanita E. Jackson; Charles H. Houston; E. Frederic Morrow; George B. Murphy, Jr.
- 0711 **Administration Committee, 1939. 109pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; board of directors elections and nominations; publications; antilynching; U.S. Congress lobbying and legislation; educational programs; youth activities; branch activities; anti-Nazi activities; World's Fair; legal committee; finance committee; Council for Pan American Democracy.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; James H. Robinson; Grace B. Fenderson; Juanita E. Jackson; Charles H. Houston; Thomas L. Griffith, Jr.; Thurgood Marshall; Douglas P. Falconer; E. Frederic Morrow; Gardner Jackson.

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Committee Correspondence and Reports cont.

- 0001 **Budget Committee, 1920–1921 and 1928–1931. 119pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; branch activities; *The Crisis*; effect of economic depression on NAACP; office procedures and supplies.
Principal Correspondents: Mary White Ovington; George W. Cook; James Weldon Johnson; Herbert J. Seligmann; Robert W. Bagnall; William Pickens; Walter White; Louis T. Wright; Charles H. Studin; Joel E. Spingarn; Nannie H. Burroughs; Charles Edward Russell; Isadore Martin; W. E. B. Du Bois.

- 0120 **Budget Committee, March–December 1932. 97pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; branch activities; *The Crisis*; effect of economic depression on NAACP; office procedures and supplies.
Principal Correspondents: Irene C. Malvan; William Pickens; Walter White; Charles H. Studin; Mary White Ovington; Robert W. Bagnall; Isadore Martin; Joel E. Spingarn; Hutchens C. Bishop; W. E. B. Du Bois; George W. Crawford; William A. Neilson; Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.; Louis T. Wright; Arthur B. Spingarn.

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- 0217 **Budget Committee, January–December 1933. 87pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; branch activities; *The Crisis*; effect of economic depression on NAACP; American Fund for Public Service; bequests; office procedures and supplies.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Daisy E. Lampkin; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; George W. Crawford; Isadore Martin; Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.; Louis T. Wright; Joel E. Spingarn; Roy Wilkins; James Marshall; James Weldon Johnson; Richetta G. Randolph.
- 0304 **Budget Committee, April–November 1934. 73pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; branch activities; *The Crisis*; effect of economic depression on NAACP; legal committee; educational programs; public relations; office procedures and supplies.
Principal Correspondents: Joel E. Spingarn; Charles H. Studin; William Pickens; Hubert T. Delany; Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.; Marion Cuthbert; Louis T. Wright; Mary White Ovington; Walter White; Richetta G. Randolph; Rachel Davis Du Bois; Abram L. Harris; Roy Wilkins.
- 0377 **Budget Committee, March–November 1935. 56pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; branch activities; *The Crisis*; effect of economic depression on NAACP; Joint Committee on National Recovery; antilynching; public relations.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; William Pickens; Hutchens C. Bishop; Marion Cuthbert; Hubert T. Delany; Arthur B. Spingarn; Joel E. Spingarn; Mary White Ovington; Richetta G. Randolph; George S. Schuyler; James Marshall; Louis T. Wright; Carl Murphy; Roy Wilkins; Charles H. Houston; Daisy E. Lampkin.
- 0433 **Budget Committee, 1936–1937. 119pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; branch activities; *The Crisis*; effect of economic depression on NAACP; American Fund for Public Service; legal department; office procedures and supplies.
Principal Correspondents: Roy Wilkins; Hubert T. Delany; Joel E. Spingarn; Louis T. Wright; Isadore Martin; Walter White; Juanita E. Jackson; Richetta G. Randolph; Charles H. Houston; Daisy E. Lampkin; Lillian A. Alexander; Grace B. Fenderson; Arthur B. Spingarn.
- 0552 **Budget Committee, 1938. 37pp.**
Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; branch activities; *The Crisis*; effect of economic depression on NAACP; public relations; office procedures and supplies; press relations; antilynching; American Fund for Public Service.
Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Richetta G. Randolph; Roy Wilkins; Arthur B. Spingarn; Allan Knight Chalmers; Charles E. Toney; Joel E. Spingarn; Mary White Ovington; Hubert T. Delany; Marion Cuthbert; Frances Williams.

- 0589 **Budget Committee, 1939.** 69pp.
 Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; staff matters; branch activities; *The Crisis*; effect of economic depression on NAACP; office procedures and supplies; membership campaigns; public relations; youth activities; legal department.
 Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Richetta G. Randolph; George S. Schuyler; Douglas P. Falconer; Louis T. Wright; Marion Cuthbert; Mary White Ovington; Arthur B. Spingarn; Charles E. Toney; Allan Knight Chalmers; Frances Williams; Thurgood Marshall; William H. Hastie; Carl Murphy; John Hammond; Lillian A. Alexander.
- 0658 **Constitution Committee, 1936–1937.** 64pp.
 Major Topics: Revision of NAACP constitution and by-laws; branch activities; publications; office supplies and procedures; youth activities.
 Principal Correspondents: Walter White; William Pickens; Charles H. Houston; Roy Wilkins; Richetta G. Randolph; Lillian A. Alexander; Lucille Black.
- 0722 **Crisis Committee, 1936.** 15pp.
 Major Topics: Fund-raising; arrangements for committee meetings; effect of economic depression on NAACP.
 Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; Juanita E. Jackson; Louise Logan; Alta Douglas; Lucille Armistead; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Frances Williams.
- 0737 **Finance Committee, 1932–1933.** 14pp.
 Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; effect of economic depression on NAACP.
 Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Arthur B. Spingarn; James Marshall; Mary White Ovington; Joel E. Spingarn.
- 0751 **Finance Committee, 1937–1938.** 84pp.
 Major Topics: Branch activities; arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; effect of economic depression on NAACP; Carnegie Foundation; youth activities; legal committee; administration committee; staff matters; membership campaigns.
 Principal Correspondents: Louis T. Wright; Douglas P. Falconer; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Thurgood Marshall; Ruth C. Marvin; Frank Murphy; Joel E. Spingarn; Richetta G. Randolph; E. Frederic Morrow.
- 0835 **Finance Committee, 1939.** 64pp.
 Major Topics: Branch activities; arrangements for committee meetings; financial matters; fund-raising; effect of economic depression on NAACP; Carnegie Foundation; youth activities; legal committee; administration committee; staff matters; membership campaigns; *The Crisis*; publications; antilynching; U.S. Congress lobbying and legislation; U.S. Treasury Department refusal of tax-exempt status for NAACP; benefit performances; social teas; nomination and election of board of directors; legal defense efforts in South Carolina.
 Principal Correspondents: Walter White; George S. Schuyler; Douglas P. Falconer; Louis T. Wright; Roy Wilkins; Ruth C. Marvin; Arthur B. Spingarn; Lillian A. Alexander; Daisy E. Lampkin; William A. Neilson.

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- 0001 **Legal Committee, 1931–1932.** 38pp.
 Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings and assignments; public relations; nomination of qualified black lawyers; federal employment cases; National Bar Association; voting rights cases in Texas; federal, state, and local antidiscrimination laws.
 Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Arthur B. Spingarn; Herbert J. Seligmann; James Marshall; Nathan R. Margold; James A. Cobb; Roy Wilkins; Louis L. Redding; Jesse S. Beslip; N. J. Frederick; Charles H. Houston; Alice Dunbar Nelson.
- 0039 **Legal Committee, 1933–1935.** 66pp.
 Major Topics: Arrangements for committee meetings and assignments; legal defense cases in Virginia; lynching cases in Alabama; International Labor Defense; U.S. Congress antilynching legislation and lobbying; nomination of qualified black lawyers; Howard University School of Law; American Association of Law Schools.
 Principal Correspondents: Walter White; Charles H. Houston; Leon A. Ransom; Karl Llewellyn; Edward P. Lovett; Arthur B. Spingarn; Roy Wilkins; Homer Brown; William H. Hastie; James Marshall; William Pickens; Felix Frankfurter; M. T. Van Hecke; W. W. Cook; Arthur Garfield Hays; Louis L. Redding; Herbert K. Stockton.
- 0105 **Legal Committee, 1936–1937.** 94pp.
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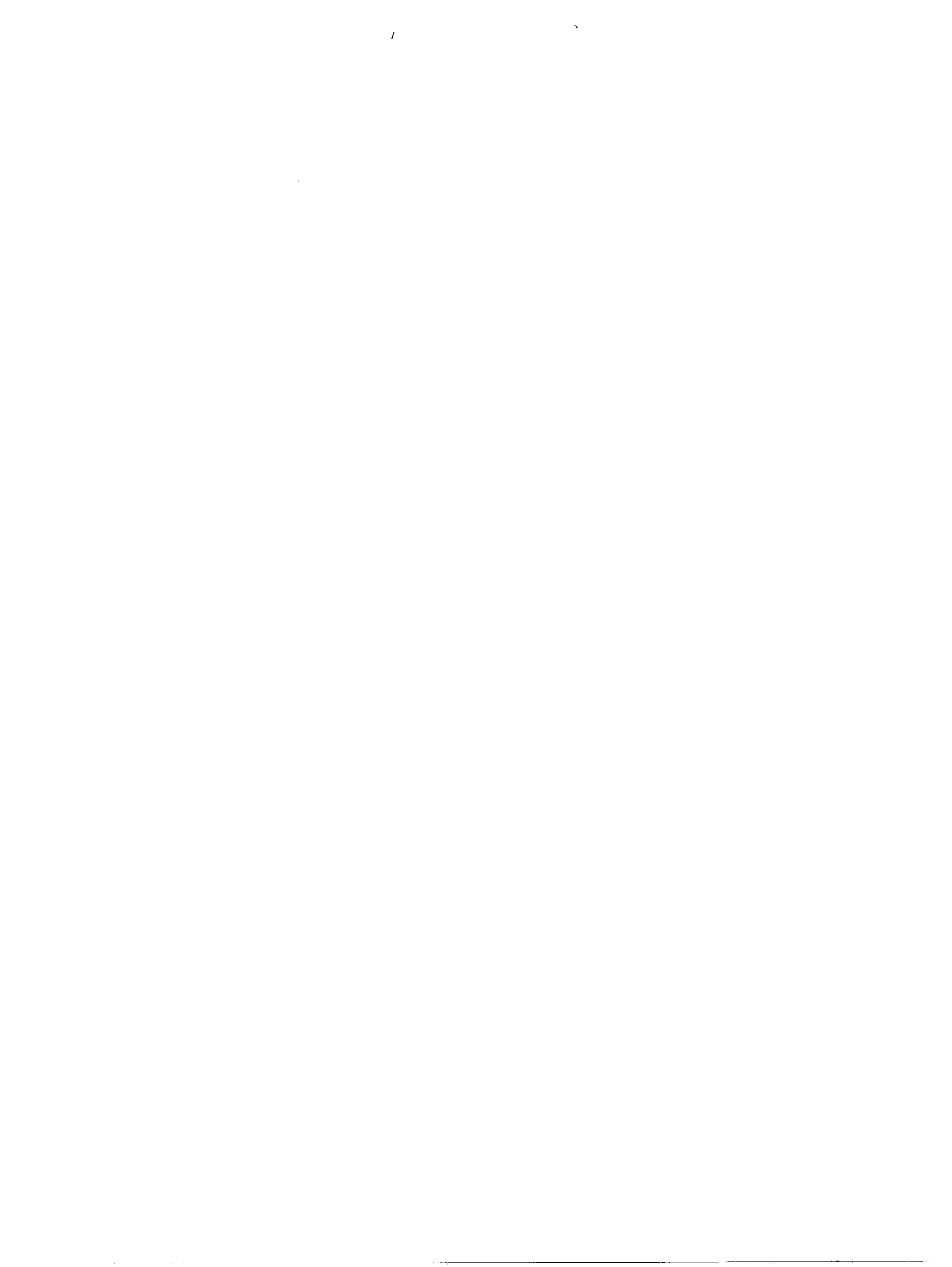
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