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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This series of *Papers of the NAACP* documents the activities of NAACP branch offices and state conferences in Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Washington State. The files are arranged alphabetically by state and span from 1940 to 1955.

During the 1940s, the NAACP grew into a mass membership organization. From a nationwide membership of approximately fifty thousand in 1940, by 1946 the NAACP could boast almost 450,000 members and over one thousand branches. This series of branch files shows that this phenomenal growth in membership was a boon for the NAACP both financially and politically. Local branch membership dues enabled the national office to dramatically augment its staff, especially its legal staff and staff of regional field secretaries. Additionally, the new local branches worked to effect the campaigns of the NAACP in every part of the country. A substantial amount of time and energy was required to maintain and satisfy this enlarged membership, however. Many of the branch files in Part 26, Series D, include complaints about membership cards or failure to receive *Crisis* subscriptions. Documents pertaining to membership campaigns, membership statistics, and visits by national officers to help lead membership drives provide insight into the functioning of local branches and their relationship to the national office.

New branches and new members also led to factional disputes within branches. In the western states, these branch disputes often revolved around the issue of communist affiliations. Files from Richmond and San Francisco, California; Honolulu, Hawaii; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Spokane, Washington, include discussions of this issue. In San Francisco, several different controversies arose between 1940 and 1955. In the early 1940s, branch members Sara Jenkins, Paul Edward Norton, and H. T. Sheppard became involved in a dispute because of their support for segregated low-income housing. In the mid-1940s, concerns about communist members and the involvement of some branch members in the 1948 presidential campaign of Henry A. Wallace created tension in the San Francisco branch. A related problem during these years was the branch's endorsement of political candidates, an action that violated the national NAACP's policy of nonpartisanship.

While some branches occasionally experienced internal problems or violated the policies of the national office, usually the branches worked in cooperation with the national office on campaigns against discrimination in housing, employment, education, and public facilities. In San Francisco, the issue of discrimination in housing culminated in the case of *Banks v. San Francisco Housing Authority*. In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court denied the San Francisco Housing Authority's petition for *certiorari*, thereby upholding the California court decisions, which ordered the housing authority to abandon its discriminatory policies. On the employment front, the Vallejo, California, branch's campaign against discrimination in employment at the Mare Island navy yard reveals the continuing obstacles that African Americans faced in securing employment in war industries during the early to mid-1940s. In the 1950s, the NAACP was victorious in the case of *Terry et al. v. San Francisco Civil Service Commission*, in which the district court of appeals ruled that the San Francisco Civil Service Commission violated the constitutional rights of job applicants by arbitrarily limiting applicants to a select group of colleges.

Perhaps the NAACP's greatest legal triumph came in 1954 when the Supreme Court, in the case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, declared separate but equal educational facilities to be unconstitutional. The *Brown* case was the culmination of an approximately twenty-year campaign against discrimination in education. The case originally came to the NAACP because of unsung local leaders like Oliver Brown in Topeka, Kansas. In this series of *Papers of the NAACP*, letters in the Albuquerque, New Mexico, branch files demonstrate the importance of local leaders in alerting the NAACP to possible legal actions at the local level. A letter from Ella Beatrice Smith of Alamogordo, New Mexico, discusses the inadequate school facilities for African Americans in her area. A reply letter from Thurgood Marshall to Albuquerque, New Mexico, branch president Hobart L. LaGrone notes Marshall's interest in the case.

In addition to the NAACP legal programs for educational equality, desegregation, and fair housing, this series of branch files contains many references to other NAACP initiatives. Cases defending African Americans against police brutality and inside the criminal justice system, as well as many complaints about discrimination in public facilities, provide detail on conditions affecting African Americans in western states between 1940 and 1955. Several cases of direct-action protests; political initiatives to secure state and local civil rights legislation, including fair housing and fair employment legislation; and involvement in voter registration and political campaigns testify to the growing political power and influence of the NAACP and its membership during the 1940s and 1950s. The subject index of the user's guide may be consulted for many of these specific legal and political episodes.

Part 26, Series D: The West of the Papers of the NAACP represents a continuation of the Branch Department files from Part 12 (1913–1939). *Part 27: Selected Branch Files, 1956–1965* and *Part 25: Branch Department Files* supplement Part 26. Of particular value in conjunction with these local branch files are the records of numerous field secretaries in *Part 17: National Staff Files, 1940–1955* and *Supplement to Part 17: National Staff Files, 1956–1965*. The regional staff was one of the chief beneficiaries of increased NAACP dues monies in the 1940s and the national office relied heavily on these staff members for information on local matters. In addition, other parts of *Papers of the NAACP* that document the programs of the NAACP national office also contain a substantial amount on how national campaigns played out at the local level. For the period 1940–1955, these parts include *Part 3: The Campaign for Educational Equality, 1913–1965*; *Part 4: The Voting Rights Campaign, 1916–1950*; *Part 5: The Campaign against Residential Segregation, 1914–1955*; *Part 8: Discrimination in the Criminal Justice System, 1910–1955*; *Part 9: Discrimination in the U.S. Armed Forces, 1918–1955*; *Part 13: The NAACP and Labor, 1940–1955*; *Part 15: Segregation and Discrimination: Complaints and Responses, 1940–1955*; *Part 16: Board of Directors Correspondence and Committee Materials, 1919–1955*; and *Part 19: Youth File*.

SOURCE NOTE

All documents microfilmed for this edition are held by the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. The branch files selected for this edition were drawn exclusively from Group II (1940–1955), Series C (Branch Department File) of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Records collection.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Professors John H. Bracey Jr. and Sharon Harley compiled this edition of *Papers of the NAACP* after a thorough survey of all branch files in Group II of the NAACP Records collection at the Library of Congress. Every branch whose records contained a substantial amount of correspondence regarding substantive issues was selected. Each file selected has been reproduced in its entirety. Those branch files that have not been selected for this edition may be consulted in the original collection at the Library of Congress.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used throughout this guide.

FEPC	Fair Employment Practices Commission
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

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The following is a listing of the folders comprising *Papers of the NAACP, Part 26: Selected Branch Files, 1940–1955, Series D: The West*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title, the date(s) of the file, and the total number of pages. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading *Major Topics*, as are prominent correspondents under the heading *Principal Correspondents*.

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Frame No.

Group II, Series C, Branch Department Files Geographical File

Group II, Box C-6

0001 **Anchorage, Alaska, 1947–1955.** 202 pp.

Major Topics: Formation of branch; list of branch officers; *The Alaska Spotlight* (newspaper); discrimination in housing, public facilities, and employment; speech by Blanche L. McSmith on social and economic status of African Americans; consideration of branch for Thalheimer award because of efforts in employment, housing, and public relations; membership campaign; civil rights conference (1955).

Principal Correspondents: Harold F. Brown; Gloster B. Current; Olivia Harding; Madeline Holmes; Silas M. Jenkins; J. C. Nicholson; Blanche L. McSmith; Audrey A. Clemons; George C. Anderson; Franklin H. Williams; Lucille Black; Richard J. Watts; Ann Gayles; Roy Wilkins; Dolores B. Watson; Clarence Coleman; Nellie G. Smith.

Group II, Box C-12

0203 **Alameda County, California, 1940–1945.** 162 pp.

Major Topic: Memberships.

Principal Correspondents: Mary Dixon Norris; Walter White; E. Frederic Morrow; Walter A. Gordon; Alberta A. Williams; C. L. Dellums; William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; Lucille Black; Alexzenia Danzy; Ida Jackson; Edna Willis; Bertha R. Johnson.

0365 **Alameda County, California, 1946.** 111 pp.

Major Topics: Request to form full-time office; memberships.

Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; C. L. Dellums; Henry S. Clark; Noah W. Griffin; Henry T. S. Johnson Jr.; W. A. Dean.

0476 **Alameda County, California, 1947.** 83 pp.

Major Topics: Memberships; shooting of Henry T. S. Johnson Jr., secretary of Oakland, California, branch; discrimination in public facilities and housing; police brutality.

Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; Noah W. Griffin; Ethel Ray Nance; Walter White; Robert P. Tracy; Mary O. Fountain; E. Rajiah Ruffner.

Frame No.

- 0559 **Alameda County, California, 1948–1950.** 130 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; financial debt owed to national office; voter registration; housing; education; employment; youth council; beating of Leroy Johnson; UNESCO; NAACP opposition to Mundt bill; reelection of C. L. Dellums as branch president; closing of branch office; police brutality; refusal by Professional Golfers' Association to allow three African American golf professionals to participate in tournament at Richmond, California, Golf Club.
Principal Correspondents: Henry T. S. Johnson Jr.; Henry B. Bullock; Gloster B. Current; Roy Wilkins; James E. Jones; C. L. Dellums; Walter White.
- 0689 **Alameda County, California, 1951–1953.** 166 pp.
Major Topics: Payment of debt owed to national office; memberships; resignation of branch president DeWitt A. Buckingham and Buckingham's criticism of regional office structure; formation of Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda City branches to replace Alameda County branch.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; C. L. Dellums; Lucille Black; Dorothy M. Washington; Tarea Hall Pittman; Irma Patrick; Edward Stovall; Fred Stripp.

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Group II, Box C-17

- 0001 **Palo Alto, California, 1952–1955.** 178 pp.
Major Topics: Officers and executive board members; memberships; meeting on fair employment practices legislation and lobbying legislators in Sacramento for fair employment practices legislation; Tarea Hall Pittman; housing; report on forty-fourth annual NAACP convention; discrimination in education; reaction to lynching of Emmett Till.
Principal Correspondents: Myrtle Moore; Gloster B. Current; Ethel Ray Nance; Lucille Black; Tarea Hall Pittman; Franklin H. Williams.

Group II, Box C-18

- 0179 **Richmond, California, 1943–1950.** 120 pp.
Major Topics: Formation of branch; executive committee members; West Coast regional conference resolutions on housing, fair employment practices legislation, immigration, education, civil rights, farm workers, politics, communism, and racial stereotypes; branch resolutions on Gerhart Eisler and peace; communist members, petition by Richmond residents refusing to associate with these members, branch disputes, and NAACP opposition to communist members; Civil Rights Congress.
Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; Cleophas Brown; Margaret H. Starks; Ella J. Baker; Noah W. Griffin; Irene Morgan; Bernard Evans; J. B. Greene; Roy Wilkins; Gloster B. Current; Minnie Lee Luckey; Lofton L. Fowler.
- 0299 **Richmond, California, 1951–1955.** 95 pp.
Major Topics: Boycott of Kress and Woolworth stores; memberships; complaint regarding conduct of 1954 branch election, request for election to be declared null and void, and decision by national board of directors to uphold the election.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Lofton L. Fowler; Frank Trotter; Lizzie M. Lincoln; Ann Keller; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; Tarea Hall Pittman; Wilbur R. Johnson; Robert L. Carter.

Group II, Box C-19

0394 **San Francisco, California, January–May 1940.** 121 pp.

Major Topics: Housing for low-income families; San Francisco Housing Authority; resolutions of Coordinating Committee for Better Housing; concerns about communist members; appointment of African American Advisory Committee to San Francisco Housing Authority and proposal to change personnel of the committee; appointment of George M. Johnson to mediate branch dispute; criticism of Sara Jenkins and her husband, Paul Edward Norton, and H. T. Sheppard.

Principal Correspondents: Albert J. Evers; Sara Jenkins; Walter White; Robert C. Weaver; Elizabeth Berry; Paul Edward Norton; Virginia Stephens; Marshall Dill; Lucille Black; H. T. Sheppard; Adah Wilson; William Pickens; C. A. Garrard; Roy Wilkins; Corean Brashear; Edward D. Masson; George M. Johnson; Marjorie Williams; Alfred Deal; Nelson Williams; Ruby Williams; Mamie Phillips; Irene Bullocks; Joe Cross; Henry Williams; Claudia A. Riley; Frances McLemore; Alma Anderson; Faye Bachelor; Kara Fontaine; William H. Hastie.

0515 **San Francisco, California, June–December 1940.** 85 pp.

Major Topic: Branch dispute regarding low-income housing, membership in other organizations, executive committee members, and allegiance to NAACP program.

Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; George M. Johnson; H. T. Sheppard; Frederick R. Soule; E. Frederic Morrow; Welford Wilson; Roy Wilkins; Matalize Hutchinson; Walter White.

Group II, Box C-20

0600 **San Francisco, California, 1941–1943.** 117 pp.

Major Topics: Planning for membership campaign; praise for work of E. Frederic Morrow; housing.

Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; Matalize Hutchinson; E. Frederic Morrow; H. T. Sheppard; Walter White; C. A. Garrard; J. H. Williams; Berlinda Davison; Roy Wilkins; William H. Hastie.

0717 **San Francisco, California, 1944–1945.** 173 pp.

Major Topics: Housing; discrimination in labor unions; Shipyard Workers Committee; NAACP concerns about communist members; youth council newsletter; annual report (1944); California branch officers; annual report (1945); resolutions on fair employment practices legislation; Japanese American Citizens' League and resolution on resettlement of Japanese Americans.

Principal Correspondents: William Critz; Adde Critz; William H. Pryor; Nellie Bonner; Thurgood Marshall; Joseph James; Roy Wilkins; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Ellis L. William Jr.; Noah W. Griffin; Helen Edna Williams; Virginia R. Seymour.

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0001 **San Francisco, California, 1946.** 181 pp.

Major Topics: Annual report (1945) covering housing, labor unions, employment, police, and Japanese Americans; officers and executive committee members; membership campaign; rejection by national board of directors of branch request to retain all funds in order to launch a full-time office; endorsement of candidates for office and national headquarters reply stating violation of NAACP's nonpartisan policy; demonstration protesting lynchings in Georgia.

Principal Correspondents: Joseph James; Noah W. Griffin; Ella J. Baker; Margery Pogue; Pauline T. Wood; Lucille Black; Elizabeth H. Williams; Virginia R. Seymour; Roy Wilkins; Walter White; Gloster B. Current; William McKinley Thomas; Carlton B. Goodlett.

- 0182 **San Francisco, California, 1947.** 135 pp.
Major Topics: Finances; memberships; communism; violation of NAACP policy by endorsing candidates for office; meeting of supporters of Henry A. Wallace; voter registration; Progressive Citizens of America.
Principal Correspondents: Carlton B. Goodlett; Lucille Black; Noah W. Griffin; Gloster B. Current; R. J. Reynolds; Anthony M. Hart; Roy Wilkins; Bernice Cofer; Ethel Ray Nance; Walter White; Buell G. Gallagher.
- 0317 **San Francisco, California, 1948–1950.** 155 pp.
Major Topics: Meetings of supporters of Henry A. Wallace's presidential candidacy; communism; NAACP's nonpartisan policy; strike by maritime unions; resignation of Jane R. Bosfield from board of directors; Civil Rights Congress; request for resumption of trade with China; Committee for Democratic Foreign Policy; Communist Party; branch election dispute; Congress of Industrial Organizations; endorsement of Archie Brown for governor.
Principal Correspondents: Pauline T. Wood; Walter White; Carlton B. Goodlett; Gloster B. Current; Margery Pogue; Lucille Black; Noah W. Griffin; Jane R. Bosfield; Terressa E. Griffin; Muriel E. Bullard; Roy Wilkins; Julia B. Smith; Cecil F. Poole; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Mrs. Carlton B. Goodlett; Alfred Baker Lewis.
- 0472 **San Francisco, California, 1951–1955.** 198 pp.
Major Topics: Election dispute and decision to hold new election; Communist Party; memberships; *Terry et al. v. San Francisco Civil Service Commission* (discrimination in employment); discrimination in housing; Fight for Freedom rally; *Banks v. San Francisco Housing Authority* (discrimination in housing).
Principal Correspondents: Noah W. Griffin; Lucille Black; Julia B. Smith; Walter White; Franklin H. Williams; Cecil F. Poole; Lannie C. Sholars; Jefferson A. Beaver; R. J. Reynolds; Roy Wilkins; Ora Gilbert Griffin; Jane R. Bosfield; Ethel Ray Nance; Terry A. Francois.
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- 0670 **Vallejo, California, 1941–1955.** 266 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; discrimination in employment at Mare Island navy yard; beating of Mathew Anderson, worker at Mare Island navy yard; election dispute; request for removal of branch president James M. Owens; demand for resignation of James B. Richardson, executive director of Vallejo Housing Authority, because of illegal searches and seizures in residences of African Americans in Vallejo housing project; request that office of first vice president William G. Jackson be declared vacant and related correspondence; resolutions on racial discrimination; Ernest Hall rape case; newsletters for April and May 1952 covering northern area conference, discrimination in housing, and branch accomplishments.
Principal Correspondents: E. Frederic Morrow; George W. Carter; Walter White; Lucille Black; Roy Wilkins; Theodore Asbury Jr.; M. S. Tisdale; James Lewis Hicklin III; Marie Anderson; Mathew Anderson; Samuel Mitchell; Mrs. Willie Burns; Edward R. Dudley; Dallas G. Corbin; Ganzia Washington; Ella J. Baker; Noah W. Griffin; Dolly O. Flucker; William G. Jackson; Joseph Tregle; Dorothy H. Bey; Edward J. Mitchell; Shirley Montgomery; Horetense A. Love; Gladys B. Scott; James M. Owens; Gloster B. Current; Loyce A. Phillips; Arthur W. Scott; George D. Krouse; Odessa Westbrook.

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0001 **Colorado State Conference, 1943–1952.** 25 pp.

Major Topics: Inquiry into NAACP action regarding civil rights legislation and reply by Madison S. Jones Jr.; membership statistics.

Principal Correspondents: Ruth Cash Pointer; Gloster B. Current; Leroy E. Carter; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Charles Banks; Lucille Black; Mildred Stevenson; Joe Gurule.

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0026 **Honolulu, Hawaii, 1941–1945.** 132 pp.

Major Topics: Formation of Honolulu branch; petition for charter and granting of charter by national board of directors; racial and ethnic divisions in Hawaii.

Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; Roy Wilkins; H. Parke Williams; James P. Russell Jr.; Lucille Black; Jacob Praeger; Harry E. Davis; Irving Townsend; Oscar C. Brown; Ella J. Baker; Kenneth Sano; Cecil Peterson; Carolyn Davenport Moore; Henry J. Green Sr.; Katharine Lackey.

0158 **Honolulu, Hawaii, 1946.** 122 pp.

Major Topics: Speech by Katharine Lackey on NAACP in Hawaii; support of statehood for Hawaii.

Principal Correspondents: Irving Townsend; Luther E. Williams; Lucille Black; Kenneth Sano; Katharine Lackey; Ella J. Baker; Lucille M. Davis; Fleming R. Waller; Frederick Myrick; Charles Mackey; Madison S. Jones Jr.

0280 **Honolulu, Hawaii, 1947–1948.** 108 pp.

Major Topics: Branch officers and executive committee members; resignation of president Fleming R. Waller; internal dispute; murder of Frederick Penman.

Principal Correspondents: Julia E. Baxter; Fleming R. Waller; Charles T. Mackey; Gloster B. Current; Lucille M. Neal; Roy Wilkins; James Neal; Lucille Black; Genoa S. Washington; William O. Green; Dan Liu; Clarence Mitchell; Morris L. Murray.

0388 **Honolulu, Hawaii, 1949–1951.** 134 pp.

Major Topics: Race relations; communism; Hawaiian Civil Liberties Committee; vote by national board of directors to revoke branch charter and related correspondence.

Principal Correspondents: Roy Wilkins; Carl Beckwith; Eleanor Agnew; Gloster B. Current; Catherine Christopher; Helena G. Wideman; Alfred P. Stacy; Robert Greene; William H. Eubanks; Edward Cox; Morris L. Murray; Edward Berman; Charles S. Bouslog; Walter White; Lucille Black.

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0522 **Boise, Idaho, 1947–1952.** 44 pp.

Major Topic: Memberships.

Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; Willie Mae Johnson; Charles Hubbard; Joseph W. Brooks; W. O. Eareckson; Gloster B. Current; Leodell Phillips.

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0566 **Butte, Montana, 1946–1955.** 36 pp.

Major Topics: Branch chartered; discrimination in public facilities.

Principal Correspondents: Ophelia Fenter; Laura Kelly; Gloster B. Current; Corrine S. James; William H. Oliver.

0602 **Helena, Montana, 1946–1951.** 20 pp.

Major Topics: Branch chartered; memberships.

Principal Correspondents: Ella J. Baker; Lucille Black; James Allen; Gloster B. Current; Joan Smith; Norman C. Howard.

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0622 **Reno, Nevada, 1945–1955.** 157 pp.

Major Topics: Memberships; branch chartered; discrimination in college football; complaints regarding 1954 branch election and decision by board of directors to uphold election.

Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; Noah W. Griffin; Ella J. Baker; Alfred O. Smith; L. J. Moore; Alice Smith; Frederick J. Frye; Ruby Hurley; Aurelia D. Watson; Roy Wilkins; Ralph Turner; Robert L. Carter; C. B. Wilcox.

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0779 **Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1940–1945.** 135 pp.

Major Topics: Suggestion to appeal to Spanish-speaking people for NAACP membership; memberships; discrimination in education in Alamogordo; opposition to proposed National Service Act; civil rights legislation.

Principal Correspondents: E. Frederic Morrow; A. L. Mitchell; J. N. Earl; William Pickens; Hobart L. LaGrone; Lucille Black; S. B. Allen; C. Marie Wharton; Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Anna Manning; Thurgood Marshall; Ella Beatrice Smith; Melvin D. Rueckhaus; E. S. Foster; Morris Johnson; U. Simpson Tate.

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0001 **Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 1946–December 1948.** 163 pp.

Major Topics: Memberships; National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax; youth centers; discrimination in public facilities; Carey McWilliams; letters to congressman requesting passage of antilynching bill; discrimination in high school football; communism; resolution condemning the Mundt bill (bill to prohibit communists and other “subversive” organization members from holding public office); discrimination in the armed forces; opposition to right to work bill; branch officers; Phillippa Duke Schuyler.

Principal Correspondents: Hobart L. LaGrone; Lucille Black; Ella J. Baker; Madison S. Jones Jr.; Gloster B. Current; Muriel Hazel; Donald Jones; Roy Wilkins; Walter White; Dennis Chavez; Clarence Mitchell; Marian Wynn Perry.

0164 **Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1949–1955.** 244 pp.

Major Topics: Civil rights legislation; New Mexico FEPC legislation; discrimination in education; red-baiting by New Mexico State senators to defeat bill to outlaw segregated public schools; discrimination in public facilities; Ralph J. Bunche; memberships; annual report (1955) covering labor and industry, housing, civil rights, education, entertainment, membership, and leadership training institute.

Principal Correspondents: Hobart L. LaGrone; William J. Parish; Lucille Black; Madison S. Jones Jr.; A. L. Mitchell; Gloster B. Current; Thelma Brown Cook; Roy Wilkins; Margretta Ellis LeRoy; Walter White; Ralph J. Bunche; W. J. LeRoy; Fred M. Strait; William H. Royal; Henry Lee Moon; Viva Acosta; Alvin Arnold.

0408 **Raton, New Mexico, 1940–1942.** 193 pp.

Major Topics: Finances; branch dispute and request for removal of branch treasurer; discrimination in the armed forces.

Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; De Soto Jordan; Inez Z. Jordan; Leonard E. Baker; India Lee; E. Frederic Morrow; John P. Walters; John Williams; Walter White; Lucille Black; John B. Wright; Handsel G. Bell; Mary Thornton; Rossella Mangram; Bertha Mae Cook; Jossie Williams; O. T. Jordan; Mary L. Cook; G. B. Oliver; Willie J. Davis Sr.; Arthur Johnson.

- 0601 **New Mexico State Conference, 1947–1951.** 118 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; plans for establishment of state conference; opposition to right to work bill; history of NAACP; discrimination in education; establishment of state conference; officers; board of directors meetings; discrimination in housing; election of Hobart L. LaGrone as state conference president; state conference constitution.
Principal Correspondents: Lucille Black; Donald Jones; Gloster B. Current; Hobart L. LaGrone; U. Simpson Tate; Frank S. Fields Jr.; Franklin H. Williams; Margretta Ellis LeRoy.

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- 0001 **New Mexico State Conference, 1953–1955.** 164 pp.
Major Topics: Newsletters for September 1953 covering New Mexico elections, Government Contract Committee, discrimination in housing, education, and hospitals, and fair employment practices legislation; branch officers; school desegregation; racial discrimination in Roswell; fourth annual meeting (1955); memberships; youth councils and college chapters; complaint regarding election held at fourth annual meeting.
Principal Correspondents: Gloster B. Current; Hobart L. LaGrone; Edward L. Boyd; Margretta Ellis LeRoy; Lucille Black; Fred M. Strait; Cecilia A. Suyat; U. Simpson Tate; Roy Wilkins; Ann T. Manning; Rosie Richey; William H. Royal; John T. Tallie.

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- 0165 **Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1943–1945.** 102 pp.
Major Topics: Discrimination in public facilities; branch officers; fund-raising.
Principal Correspondents: Ella J. Baker; Clarence T. R. Nelson; Jonas G. Schwartz; Roy Wilkins; Lucy E. Ashley; Mrs. Oscar Bridgewater; Lucille Black.
- 0267 **Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1946–1955.** 102 pp.
Major Topics: Branch officers; memberships; National Brotherhood Month.
Principal Correspondents: Lucy E. Ashley; Ella J. Baker; Mrs. Oscar Bridgewater; Lucille Black; Gloster B. Current; Ida Coats; M. Stapleton.

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- 0369 **Spokane, Washington, 1940–1954.** 199 pp.
Major Topics: Memberships; women's auxiliary; murder of Private Hicks; discrimination in the Women's Army Corps; request to discontinue funding of Booker T. Washington Community Center and to expand recreational programs in nonsegregated community centers; red-baiting of F. A. Stokes by Rosa D. Malone.
Principal Correspondents: William Pickens; F. A. Stokes; Lucille Black; Walter White; E. Frederic Morrow; L. S. McNeil; Roy Wilkins; Hazel Bowman; Ella J. Baker; Arline N. Paiya; Daniel Lyons; J. W. Strong; Gloster B. Current; Thurgood Marshall; Helen C. McCannon; Marian Blanc; Noah W. Griffin; James F. Morton; Rosa D. Malone; James E. Chase; Lillian C. Stokes.

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Major Topics: Excerpts from speech on history of NAACP by Noah W. Griffin at sixth annual meeting; state conference officers; state conference by-laws; resolutions adopted at sixth annual meeting on civil rights, labor, housing, education, racial stereotypes, civic organizations, social security, politics, law enforcement, automobile insurance, and veterans organizations; reports from committees on housing, civil rights and legal redress, education, public relations, veterans affairs, and membership; reports from Bremerton, Tacoma, and Yakima branches.
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