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Cover: DRUM campaign poster, undated. Front row: Don Jackson, Carlos Williams, Betty Griffith, and Gerald Wooten. Second row: Ron March, Raymond Johnson, and Lafayette Philyaw. Back row: Charles Roberts, Don Gaitor, and Grover Douglas.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection of records of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers (LRBW) consists of the files collected by General Gordon Baker Jr., one of the founding members of the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM) in 1968 and the LRBW in 1969. Baker's involvement in radical politics dated from the early 1960s. He had been a member of UHURU, a Detroit black power group, and the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), an organization that advocated a philosophy of revolutionary black nationalism combining armed self-defense, Pan-Africanism, self-determination, and Marxism. Following the Detroit riot of July 1967, an event known to some as the Great Rebellion, General Baker and his fellow radicals sensed an opportunity for new organizing efforts. In September 1967, Baker, John Watson, Mike Hamlin, and Luke Tripp started a newspaper called the *Inner City Voice*. The paper focused on issues of concern to Detroit's black population, including working conditions, housing, health care, welfare programs, and schools, all from a Marxist perspective. In addition to publishing the *Inner City Voice*, Baker, Hamlin, and other *Inner City Voice* staff members formed a study group to discuss how to implement revolutionary political change.

On May 2, 1968, in response to a work speedup at the Dodge Main plant in Hamtramck, Baker led several thousand workers out of the plant in a wildcat strike. On May 5, the Chrysler Corporation dismissed Baker from his job for violating the no-strike clause of the collective bargaining agreement between Chrysler and the United Auto Workers (UAW). As a result of this strike, Baker and his fellow activists formed DRUM. DRUM saw both Chrysler and the UAW as enemies of African American workers, and from 1968 into the early 1970s, DRUM worked to gain more power for African American workers and to improve working conditions at Dodge Main.

Following DRUM's lead, workers in several of Detroit's automobile plants formed revolutionary union movements, beginning with the Eldon Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement (ELRUM) at Chrysler's Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant in November 1968. Workers at other Chrysler plants and at Ford, Dodge Truck, and Cadillac soon formed their own revolutionary union movements and in June 1969, these organizations joined together in the LRBW. Over the next two years, the LRBW and its affiliated organizations articulated a Marxist philosophy, conducted demonstrations against the automobile corporations and the UAW, published several radical newsletters, and produced a film in support of the goal of winning power for African American workers. In the summer of 1971, the LRBW split as a result of ideological differences. One faction, led by attorney Kenneth Cockrel, Hamlin, and Watson, favored broadening the struggle beyond Detroit, eventually creating a black revolutionary political party. In June 1971, Cockrel, Hamlin, and Watson officially resigned from the LRBW and joined the Black Workers Congress, headed by James Forman, former executive secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Baker and others, however, argued that the LRBW needed to

continue to focus on organizing black workers in Detroit and the LRBW struggled on for the next several years before collapsing in the mid-1970s.

This collection chronicles the rise and fall of the LRBW and its constituent organizations. The materials date primarily from 1967 and 1975 and are arranged into nine series.

Series 1: Correspondence

This series consists of a single letter from the Central Committee of the LRBW to Walter Reuther, president of the UAW. The letter was also printed in Volume III, Number 6 (May 4, 1970) of the DRUM newsletter (see Reel 3, Frame 0378). The letter is a good introduction to the ideology and tactics of the LRBW. The LRBW informed Reuther that it would demonstrate in front of Cobo Hall during the 1970 UAW special convention. The letter listed five goals for the protest:

- 1) To expose UAW racist practices;
- 2) To expose UAW sweetheart union practices;
- 3) To expose totalitarian control of the UAW by the Reuther machine;
- 4) To present a list of demands for the redress of grievances;
- 5) To unite all black workers in the struggle to dispose of you [Reuther] and your henchmen, and to win worker control over the union and the shops.

The LRBW also noted that African Americans held the hardest jobs in the plants, were virtually excluded from the skilled trades, and were underrepresented in the leadership of the UAW. The league concluded the letter by telling Reuther: "We are making the revolution...and we will win."

Series 2: General Documents

The second series consists of the general policy statement of the LRBW and other materials pertaining to the overall league program. The opening line of the LRBW's General Program declares that it "is dedicated to waging a relentless struggle against racism, capitalism, and imperialism" (Reel 1, Frame 0009). The General Program establishes the overall political philosophy of the LRBW and also discusses working conditions for African Americans. Other documents in this series trace the history of the LRBW, the split in the league in June 1971, and the formation of the Black Workers Congress. There is also a chronology of the LRBW and transcripts of interviews with General Baker and John Watson, a member of the LRBW and editor of two LRBW-related newspapers, *Inner City Voice* and *The South End*.

Series 3: LRBW Publications

This series consists of publications of both the LRBW and its affiliated organizations. The first publication is *DRUM*, the newsletter of the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement at the Dodge Main plant. This publication focuses on the ideology of DRUM and the LRBW, relations with the UAW and Chrysler, the conditions faced by workers at Dodge Main, and other issues relevant to African Americans in Detroit. The first issue of *DRUM* describes the origins of DRUM in the May 2, 1968, wildcat strike led by General Baker. This series includes the first ten issues of Volume I of DRUM, issues 13 through 25 of Volume I, eighteen issues from Volume II, three issues from Volume III, two issues from Volume IV, and four unnumbered issues. The issues date from 1968 to 1971. Following the DRUM newsletter are issues of *ELRUM*, the newsletter of the Eldon Avenue Revolutionary

Union Movement, at Chrysler's Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant. This file contains six issues from Volume I, six issues from Volume II, and twelve unnumbered issues. As in the DRUM publication, conditions inside the Eldon Avenue plant and the overall program of the LRBW are covered in detail in *ELRUM*. Both of these publications clearly reveal the LRBW's disdain for Walter Reuther, the UAW, and Chrysler. This series also includes miscellaneous issues from other LRBW organizations. These publications are *BC & BS RUM*, *FORUM*, *FRUM*, *JARUM*, *Rank and File*, and *SPEAR*.

Series 4: Other Publications

Publications from other black radical organizations of the 1960s and 1970s are represented in this series. The Black Student United Front (BSUF) published the *Black Student Voice*. LRBW leader Michael Hamlin served as an adviser to the BSUF and articles in the *Black Student Voice* covered conditions in the Detroit city schools and other political developments affecting African American students. The League of Black Workers, a predecessor of the LRBW, published *Black Vanguard*. The other publications in this series are *BWC News* published by the Black Women's Committee, *Southern Advocate* published by the Southern Equal Rights Congress, and the *Black Voice* published by the United Black Workers at the Ford plant in Mahwah, New Jersey.

Series 5: Detroit Police Files

The Detroit Police files consist of surveillance files on General Baker, the LRBW, DRUM, and ELRUM; the daily incident log from the Dodge Main plant; and miscellaneous police reports on the LRBW. The file on General Baker includes biographical information, arrest records, a digest of newspaper clippings, and surveillance reports on Baker's activities. The LRBW file has surveillance reports, newspaper clippings, and copies of several LRBW newsletters. The newsletters represented are *DRUM*, *ELRUM*, *FORUM*, *UPRUM*, *JARUM*, *Eldon Wildcat*, and *The South End*. The daily log of demonstrations at the Dodge Main plant lists the dates and times, as well as precise details about each incident.

Series 6: FBI Files

The FBI files begin with a folder covering miscellaneous black nationalist organizations, including the Detroit black power organization UHURU and the Fox and Wolf Hunting Club. General Baker was a member of both of these groups. The remainder of this series consists of FBI surveillance reports on the LRBW, issues of LRBW publications, and biographical data on LRBW members.

Series 7: Internal Revenue Service File

In 1970 and 1971, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) investigated General Baker to determine if he filed income tax returns in 1968 and 1969. This brief series consists of documents collected by the IRS during its investigation.

Series 8: Subject Files

The subject files consist of miscellaneous materials collected by General Baker between 1963 and 2000. The first folder contains a report from the Steel Division of the Black Workers Congress on the status of African American steelworkers.

General Baker joined the Communist Labor Party in 1971. The Communist Labor Party folder has correspondence discussing school busing in Detroit and General Baker's campaign for the Michigan House of Representatives in 1976. Documents in the Congress of Racial Equality folder cover that organization's voter registration efforts in Louisiana in 1963 and 1964. Other items in this series include a paper by Muhammad Ahmad, founder and national field chairman of the RAM, on his relationship with Malcolm X, and newspaper clippings on the labor movement in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s.

Series 9: Oversize Materials

This series contains materials larger than the 8.5" x 11" or 8.5" x 14" documents in the other sections of this collection. The items include a DRUM campaign poster, issues of the *Inner City Voice (ICV)* and *The South End*, a draft copy of the Black Student Manifesto, and an LRBW calendar from 1970. There are five issues of *ICV* in this series. The *ICV* staff reported on local Detroit issues, such as police brutality, schools, housing, health care services, working conditions, and LRBW activities. The paper's black power and internationalist perspective is revealed in articles on the Black Panther Party, Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, Mao Tse-tung, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, and radical political movements in Latin America and Africa.

The South End was the daily newspaper of Wayne State University; however, in 1968 and 1969, John Watson, the editor of *ICV* and a member of the LRBW, served as editor of *The South End*. This series includes thirteen issues of the newspaper collected by General Baker, including two issues with feature stories relating to the LRBW. In a January 23, 1969, article entitled "DRUM: Vanguard of the Black Revolution," feature editor and LRBW member Luke Tripp wrote about the history, goals, and organizational structure of DRUM. The May 14, 1969, issue contains an article on ELRUM. Other topics covered in *The South End* include Detroit politics, Wayne State University campus news, and an analysis of the life of Malcolm X. The Black Student Manifesto file reproduces the draft proposal issued by the BSUF in June 1971. The collection concludes with the LRBW calendar for 1970 with photographs of Robert F. Williams, Malcolm X, the Detroit riot of 1967, and LRBW members Glanton Dowdell and Ron March.

Related Collections

Researchers can find other LRBW materials in *The Black Power Movement, Part 3: Papers of the Revolutionary Action Movement, 1962–1996*. Collections microfilmed by LexisNexis that document Detroit in the 1960s and early 1970s include *The Black Power Movement, Part 2: The Papers of Robert F. Williams*; and *Papers of the NAACP, Part 27: Selected Branch Files, Part 28: Special Subject Files, and Part 29: Branch Department*. Additional materials pertaining to black power can be found in *The Black Power Movement, Part 1: Amiri Baraka from Black Arts to Black Radicalism; Centers of the Southern Struggle: FBI Files on Selma, Memphis, Montgomery, Albany, and St. Augustine; Records of the National Commission on Violence, Part 1: Executive Files*; and *Papers of the NAACP, Part 30: General Office Files, 1966–1972*.

SOURCE NOTE

LexisNexis microfilmed the documents in *Part 4 of The Black Power Movement*, entitled *League of Revolutionary Black Workers*, from the personal collection of General Gordon Baker Jr., one of the lead figures in the League of Revolutionary Black Workers. This microfilm publication does not include the documents on deposit at the Walter Reuther Library at Wayne State University.

EDITORIAL NOTE

LexisNexis has microfilmed all of the documents from the personal collection of General Gordon Baker Jr. in their entirety. Every effort has been made to ensure legibility. Due to the unorganized nature of the original documents, LexisNexis has arranged the documents into document-type series under the advice of General Baker. These include Series 1: Correspondence files; Series 2: General Documents, comprising organizational policy statements, programs, and historical analyses; Series 3: LRBW Publications, comprising a variety of pamphlet-type materials, press materials, and newsletters; Series 4: Other Publications, comprising several newsletters, pamphlets, press materials, and strike and demonstration support media, all from organizations other than LRBW; Series 5: Detroit Police Files, comprising the Police Department's intelligence files, police reports, and legal maneuverings against General Baker, the LRBW, and affiliates obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests; Series 6: FBI Files, comprising records of the FBI investigations and intelligence activities against the LRBW and its association with other black nationalist groups; Series 7: Internal Revenue Service File, comprising the IRS investigation of General Baker and the tax status of the LRBW; Series 8: Subject Files, comprising materials on a variety of organizations, political parties, and individuals, as well as miscellaneous newspaper clippings and poster and flyer materials; Series 9: Oversize Materials, comprising a Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement campaign poster, an LRBW calendar, the Black Student Manifesto, an incomplete series of *The Inner City Voice* for the period 1968–1971, and *The South End* for 1969.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used at least three times in this guide.

ACT	Act Collectively Together
AFL-CIO	American Federation of Labor–Congress of Industrial Organizations
BC & BS RUM	Blue Cross & Blue Shield Revolutionary Union Movement
CADRUM	Cadillac Revolutionary Union Movement
COINTELPRO	Counterintelligence Program
CORE	Congress of Racial Equality
DRUM	Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement
DRUM II	Dodge Truck Revolutionary Union Movement
ELRUM	Eldon Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FORUM	Detroit Forge Revolutionary Union Movement
FRUM	Ford Revolutionary Union Movement
GOAL	Group on Advanced Leadership
JARUM	Jefferson Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement
LRBW	League of Revolutionary Black Workers
MARUM	Mack Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement
MERUM	Mound Road Engine Revolutionary Union Movement
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NEWRUM	<i>Detroit News</i> Revolutionary Union Movement
OAAU	Organization of Afro-American Unity
PAIGC	Partido Africano da Independencia da Guine e Cabo Verde (African Independence Party of Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands)
RAM	Revolutionary Action Movement
ROTC	Reserve Officers Training Corps
RUM	Revolutionary Union Movement
SCLC	Southern Christian Leadership Conference

SDS	Students for a Democratic Society
SNCC	Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
UAW	United Auto Workers
UHURU	Word meaning “freedom” in Swahili
UPRUM	United Parcel Revolutionary Union Movement
URUM	Uniroyal Revolutionary Union Movement

REEL INDEX

The following is a list of the folders that compose *The Black Power Movement, Part 4: The League of Revolutionary Black Workers, 1965–1976*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame at which a particular file folder begins. The file title and the date(s) of the file follow the frame number. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading *Major Topics*. Major Topics are listed in order of first appearance and each topic is listed only once for each folder. Abbreviations of organization names are used when a name appears three times or more.

Reel 1

Frame No.

Series 1: Correspondence

0001 **LRBW Correspondence [1969].**

Major Topics: UAW; Walter Reuther; African American workers; employment discrimination; ELRUM; DRUM; FRUM; harassment and intimidation.

Series 2: General Documents

0007 **General Policy Statement [July 1970].**

Major Topics: African American workers; white workers; organized labor; imperialism; Marxism-Leninism; black liberation movement; UAW; unemployment; skilled labor; service industries; agricultural labor; working conditions; DRUM; ELRUM; FRUM; African American women workers; employment discrimination; economic conditions; Leonard Woodcock; strikes; minimum wage; labor standards; job security; hours of work; retirement.

0029 **Overall Program of the LRBW, July 1970.**

Major Topics: African American workers; white workers; organized labor; Marxism-Leninism; LRBW rules and regulations; LRBW organizational structure; unemployment; working conditions; African American women workers; employment discrimination; economic conditions; UAW; Leonard Woodcock; minimum wage; labor standards; hours of work; retirement; strikes; AFL-CIO; formation and early history of DRUM; Dodge Main plant; Black Panther Party.

0176 **Related Documents [1969–1971 and undated].**

Major Topics: Cultural nationalism; Universal Negro Improvement Association; Marcus Garvey; Nation of Islam; Black Panther Party; Amiri Baraka; Chinese Communist Party; cultural revolution; music; motion pictures; theater and plays; Black Workers Congress; African American workers; John Williams; Rufus Burke; Clint Marbury; Communism; Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine;

Marxism-Leninism; Rawsonville Revolutionary Union Movement (RRUM); skilled labor.

0259 **LRBW Historical Analyses [1968–1980].**

Major Topics: LRBW chronology; John Watson; Stokely Carmichael; Black Panther Party; Kwame Nkrumah; Ahmed Sekou Toure; Amilcar Cabral; Pan-Africanism; origins of *Inner City Voice* (newspaper); Marxism-Leninism; split of LRBW after resignations of Kenneth Cockrel, Mike Hamlin, and John Watson; Black Workers Congress; DRUM; ELRUM; LRBW ideological divisions; Black Economic Development Conference; *Finally Got the News* (film); Parents and Students for Community Control; James Forman; revolutionary black nationalism; Ernie Mkalimoto; integration; General Gordon Baker Jr.; African American workers; role of white radicals in black liberation movement; UAW; AFL-CIO.

Series 3: LRBW Publications

0335 **DRUM (Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement) [1968–1970].**

Major Topics: Dodge Main plant wildcat strike (May 1968); UAW Local 3; Willie Brookins; labor-management relations; Chrysler Corporation; employment discrimination; Ed Benford; Poor People's Campaign; Dupree Hill; reaction to assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.; Montgomery bus boycott; SNCC; CORE; NAACP; SCLC; Robert F. Williams; Walter Reuther; health care facilities at Dodge Main plant; working conditions; Curtis Lee; Hamtramck police department; John Matthew Jr.; Robert Brooks; Ronald Mathis; endorsement of George C. Wallace by UAW Local 326; Ron March; UAW Local 3 elections; Huber Avenue Foundry (Chrysler); Ed Liska; Sherman Patterson; medical personnel at Huber Avenue Foundry; FRUM; ELRUM; anniversary of assassination of Malcolm X; United Black Brothers of Mahwah Ford; Kenneth Cockrel; UAW Local 906; National Labor Relations Board; Fred Lyles; United Tenants for Collective Action; Ku Klux Klan; Sidney Lewis; urban renewal; James Johnson; UAW Local 961; Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant (Chrysler); International Black Appeal; Albert Dawkins.

0565 **ELRUM (Eldon Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement) [1969–1970].**

Major Topics: Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant (Chrysler); employment discrimination; working conditions; UAW Local 961; demonstration by ELRUM at Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant; anniversary of assassination of Malcolm X; Vietnam War; Howard Davis; urban renewal; National Association of Manufacturers; Walter Reuther; UAW; UAW Local 600; labor-management relations; Leonard Woodcock.

0634 **Various Revolutionary Union Movement Chapters [1970–1975 and undated].**

Major Topics: Blue Cross and Blue Shield Revolutionary Union Movement (BC & BS RUM); ELRUM; Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant (Chrysler); United Black Brothers of Mahwah Ford; anniversary of assassination of Malcolm X; George Jackson; FORUM; Chrysler Corporation; International Black Appeal; FRUM; UAW Local 600; DRUM; United Mine Workers of America; General Gordon Baker Jr.; JARUM; inflation; unemployment; UAW Local 7; James Johnson; *Rank and File* (newsletter); *SPEAR* (LRBW newsletter); welfare programs; welfare rights organizations.

0722 **Related Groups [1971–1972 and undated].**

Major Topics: Michigan Strike Support Organizing Committee; UAW Local 889; National Welfare Rights Organization; strike by workers at the Commission on

Professional and Hospital Activities (Ann Arbor, Michigan); UAW Local 157; welfare programs; Welfare Employees Union; oil crisis; United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO; farm workers strike in California; Black Student United Front; UAW; May Day rally (1972).

Series 4: Other Publications

- 0754 **Black Student United Front [*Black Student Voice*, 1971–1976 and undated].**
Major Topics: Black Student League; Central High School (Detroit); James Johnson; mob attack on Osborn High School (Detroit) students; Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC); teachers; Malcolm X; Highland Park High School.
- 0791 ***Black Vanguard* [League of Black Workers, 1965].**
Major Topics: Strikes; labor-management relations; Chrysler Corporation; UAW; Moise Tshombe; Ray Shoulders; Martin Luther King Jr.; James Farmer; Roy Wilkins; Whitney M. Young Jr.; Dodge Main plant; Glynn Vickers; Detroit Police Department; Gabriel Prosser; Robert F. Williams; self-defense; economic conditions; Lorraine Hansberry; assassination of Malcolm X; assassination of John F. Kennedy.
- 0849 ***BWC News (Black Women’s Committee)* [1969].**
Major Topics: Birth control; civil war in Zimbabwe; James Forman; “The Black Manifesto”; students; street gangs; Muhammad Ahmad; Pan-Africanism; Stokely Carmichael; Black Student Union.
- 0874 ***Southern Advocate* [Southern Equal Rights Congress, 1980].**
Major Topics: Committee for Justice; International Chemical Workers Union; Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union; Louisiana Hunger Coalition; food stamps; John McCombs Jr.; Charlotte (North Carolina) Equal Rights Council; People United for Justice; boycott of Greene County, Alabama, dog racing track; working conditions; Alabama Dry Docks and Shipbuilding Co.; school desegregation in Alabama; Ku Klux Klan; AFL-CIO; demonstrations at Winn-Dixie supermarkets by United Food and Commercial Workers Union; Afro-American Association, University of Alabama.
- 0886 **United Black Workers [*The Black Voice*, 1974–1975 and undated].**
Major Topics: United Black Workers, Ford Mahwah Plantation; UAW Local 906; Black Panther Party; United Workers Movement (MOU); May Day.

Reel 2

Series 4: Other Publications cont.

- 0001 **Miscellaneous [1969–1993].**
Major Topics: Slavery; post–Civil War Reconstruction; employment; Marcus Garvey; A. Philip Randolph; African American workers; DRUM; wildcat strikes; John Watson; UAW; Chrysler Corporation; health care facilities at Dodge Main plant; UAW Local 3; ELRUM; Kenneth Cockrel; Ron March; Malcolm X; automation; religion; mass media; students; police brutality; housing; drug use and abuse; Spike Lee; health care facilities and services; arts and culture; National Organizing Committee; JARUM; Charles Wooten.

Series 5: Detroit Police Files

- 0220 **Index Cards: General [Gordon] Baker [Jr., 1962–1971].**
Major Topics: Biographical information for General Gordon Baker Jr.; Detroit police surveillance of Baker; UHURU; RAM; GOAL; Fox and Wolf Hunting Club; League of Black Workers; DRUM; UAW Local 3.
- 0251 **Intelligence Bureau File: General [Gordon] Baker [Jr.] (1) [1964–1972].**
Major Topics: Fox and Wolf Hunting Club; Poor People's Campaign; Wayne State SDS demonstration in front of Chrysler Corporation offices in Highland Park, Michigan; GOAL; Freedom Now Party; Richard Henry; Medgar Evers Rifle Club; Deacons for Defense and Justice; RAM; National Rifle Association; Detroit NAACP branch; Milton R. Henry; LRBW demonstration in front of Cobo Hall; UAW; International Black Appeal; arrest of Wilvern McClendon, James Robertson, and Clarence Reed on inciting-to-riot charges; arrest of General Gordon Baker Jr., Nobel Smith, Rufus Griffin Jr., and Glanton Dowdell on carrying-concealed-weapons charges; selective service system; arrest of Baker for resisting arrest and obstructing a police officer in the performance of his duty; split of LRBW after resignations of Kenneth Cockrel, Mike Hamlin, and John Watson.
- 0409 **Intelligence Bureau File: General [Gordon] Baker [Jr.] (2) [1963–1975].**
Major Topics: Police seizure of weapons from General Gordon Baker Jr. and Glanton Dowdell and arrest of Dowdell and Baker for carrying concealed weapons; UAW; UHURU; Fox and Wolf Hunting Club; Student Committee for Travel to Cuba; Cuban Federation of University Students; Detroit NAACP branch; demonstration at Olympic torch ceremonies and arrest of David Niederhouser, John Watson, John Williams, and Gwendolyn Kemp for disturbing the peace; Richard Henry; Malcolm X; demonstration by ELRUM in front of Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant; demonstrations by DRUM in front of Dodge Main plant; Mike Hamlin; Ron March; Milton R. Henry; Charles E. Simmons III; Luke Tripp; Robert David Mates; Charles Wallace Johnson Jr.; selective service system; UAW Local 3; charges of inciting to riot against Thomas Abston, James Roberts, Moses Wedlow, and Alvin Harrison; draft resistance; League of Black Workers; RAM; JARUM; MARUM; NEWRUM; UPRUM; CADRUM; Michigan Communist Party; SDS; General Motors Corporation; Charles Wooten; SDS and DRUM demonstration in front of Chrysler Corporation offices in Highland Park.
- 0516 **Intelligence Bureau File: LRBW (1) [1968–1972 and undated].**
Major Topics: Split of LRBW after resignations of Kenneth Cockrel, Mike Hamlin, and John Watson; Black Workers Congress; UAW Local 3; DRUM; Medical Committee for Human Rights, Detroit chapter; General Gordon Baker Jr.; John Williams; International Black Appeal; Medical Committee for Human Rights meeting in Chicago; UPRUM; FRUM; JARUM; Black Student United Front; Coleman A. Young; Communism; UAW; Michigan Communist Party; Highland Park Rehabilitation Corp.; Uniroyal Revolutionary Union Movement (URUM); Labor Defense Coalition request for abolition of Detroit Police Department's Intelligence Bureau.
- 0606 **Intelligence Bureau File: LRBW (2) [1969–1972 and undated].**
Major Topics: MERUM; May Day; Vietnam War; Communist League; UPRUM; ELRUM; Chrysler Corporation; UAW; ELRUM demonstration at UAW Local 961 meeting hall; ELRUM demonstration in front of Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle

plant; CADRUM; anniversary of assassination of Malcolm X; James Johnson; Workers Labor Alliance; plans for LRBW demonstration in front of Cobo Hall; NEWRUM; Lafayette Clinic Revolutionary Union Movement (LRUM); JARUM; Rushie Forge; FORUM; General Motors Corporation; Glanton Dowdell; James Johnson; DRUM.

0721 **Intelligence Bureau File: DRUM [1968–1970 and undated].**

Major Topics: Sherman Patterson; Huber Avenue Foundry; Dodge Main plant; UAW Local 3; Chrysler Corporation; medical personnel at Huber Avenue Foundry; health care facilities at Dodge Main plant; apprenticeship training programs; endorsement of George C. Wallace by UAW Local 326; Curtis Lee; John Matthew Jr.; FRUM; ELRUM; anniversary of assassination of Malcolm X; Ed Liska; Herman Hastings; John Patrick McGuire; Dodge Truck Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM II); Detroit NAACP branch; Ron March; UAW Local 140; Huber Avenue Foundry employment office; employment discrimination; skilled labor; Rushie Forge; UAW Local 3 elections at Dodge Main plant; Ed Benford; Sidney Lewis; urban renewal; United Black Brothers of Mahwah Ford; formation of Alliance for Labor Action by UAW and International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

0886 **Intelligence Bureau File: ELRUM [1969–1970 and undated].**

Major Topics: James Johnson; police brutality; Leonard Woodcock; labor-management relations; UAW Local 961; Gary Thompson; Communism; United Rubber Workers; wages and salaries; working conditions; wildcat strikes; Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant; James Edwards; Robert McKee; Alonzo Linwood Chandler; John Taylor; Mamie Williams; visit to Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant by James Johnson and jury in Johnson's murder trial; Eldon Workers' Safety Committee; UAW Local 1245; Sterling Township Stamping plant (Chrysler); ELRUM demonstration at Solidarity House; James Edwards; anniversary of assassination of Malcolm X; Ed Rickard; Howard Davis; Chrysler Corporation car prices and sales; election for delegates to UAW convention; Walter Reuther; wages and salaries; Elroy Richardson; formation of Alliance for Labor Action by UAW and International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Reel 3

Series 5: Detroit Police Files cont.

0001 **Dodge Main Plant Protection Daily Log Regarding Demonstrations [1968–1975].**

Major Topics: Demonstrations in front of Dodge Main plant; General Gordon Baker Jr.; Hamtramck police; demonstration in front of Chrysler Corporation offices in Highland Park; R. C. Kobus; JARUM; MERUM; school busing.

0094 **Government Testimony and Police Reports [1968–1970 and undated].**

Major Topics: DRUM; General Gordon Baker Jr.; Dodge Main plant; demonstrations in front of Dodge Main plant; UAW; ELRUM; incorporation of LRBW; JARUM; MARUM; NEWRUM; FRUM; UPRUM; CADRUM; Michigan Communist Party; Socialist Workers Party; SDS; Grover Douglas; Ron March; Donald B. Jackson; Mike Hamlin; Aaron Pitts; Luke Tripp; John Watson; Sidney Lewis; Charles Wooten; Fox and Wolf Hunting Club; GOAL; Ameer I. Ismail; Samuel Cottrell; Thomas Gabay; Lee E. Moros; William J. Smith.

Series 6: FBI Files

0113 **Black Nationalist Groups [1964–1972].**

Major Topics: Malcolm X; GOAL; Medgar Evers Rifle Club; UHURU; Direct Action Committee (Ann Arbor, Michigan); Muslim Mosque, Inc.; Richard Henry; Fox and Wolf Hunting Club; Milton R. Henry; LRBW members; employment discrimination; Nation of Islam; Lewis G. Robinson.

0141 **League of Revolutionary Black Workers (1) [1964–1972].**

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0307 **League of Revolutionary Black Workers (2) [1965–1972].**

Major Topics: First Independence National Bank; International Black Appeal; Communist League; Mike Hamlin; Black Workers Congress; General Gordon Baker Jr.; Jerome Scott; Charles Wooten; Fox and Wolf Hunting Club; Willie Brookins; UAW Local 3; DRUM; Chrysler Corporation; Dodge Main plant; plans for LRBW demonstration in front of Cobo Hall; UAW Local 3 elections; Vietnam War; Mamie Williams; ELRUM; Gary Thompson; wildcat strike at Eldon Avenue Gear and Axle plant; Eldon Workers' Safety Committee; Huber Avenue Foundry; wildcat strike at Dodge Main plant; employment discrimination; UAW; Walter Reuther; Isaac Jernigan; automobile prices and sales; FRUM; National Organizing Committee; Martin Glaberman; UAW Local 600; Mike Hamlin; Ron March; UAW Local 961; New Detroit Committee.

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Major Topics: Taxation; Highland Park Rehabilitation Corp.; DRUM; Bank of the Commonwealth; Black Star Publishing Company; Glanton Dowdell; RAM; Chrysler Corporation; Luke Tripp; Black Arts Development Center.

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- 0467 **Black Workers Congress, Steel Division [1970].**
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- 0482 **Communist Labor Party [1976 and undated].**
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- 0488 **CORE [Congress of Racial Equality], Louisiana, 1963–1964.**
Major Topics: James Farmer; Joseph Carter; voter registration in West Feliciana Parish; Mary Hamilton; Ronnie Moore; Rudy Lombard; Gordon Carey; voter registration in Iberville Parish; Plaquemine City Council; demonstrations in Plaquemine and arrest of demonstrators for disturbing the peace; police brutality; boycott of Plaquemine retail stores; harassment and intimidation; CORE Summer Task Force, Louisiana, 1964; James Van Matre; Sharon Burger; James H. Tredinnick; Jackie Germann; Ronnie Siegal; voter registration in St. Helena Parish; Peggy Ewan; Charles Fenton; voter registration in Monroe; Arthur G. Greenberg; Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee; Lolis Elie.
- 0507 **DRUM Reunion [undated].**
- 0515 **Glanton Dowdell Memorial [2000 and undated].**
Major Topics: RAM; Al Ware Bey; Muhammad Ahmad; Wilbur Gratton; Harold Mitchell; General Gordon Baker Jr.; Marian Kramer; accomplishments of Glanton Dowdell; Stockholm Committee support of Dowdell after his flight to Sweden; International Black Appeal.
- 0534 **Malcolm X [1993].**
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- 0542 **New Bethel Defense Fund Benefit [undated].**
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- 0571 **Newspaper Clippings [1968–1992].**
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0591 **Posters and Flyers [1968–1992 and undated].**

Major Topics: DRUM; George Merrill; Houston 12 Defense Committee; Gloria Rodriguez; National Organizing Committee; Malice Green; police brutality; International Black Appeal; General Gordon Baker Jr.; African Liberation Day.

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Major Topics: DRUM; UAW; labor-management relations; automobile prices; wages and salaries.

0606 **Inner City Voice [1968–1971].**

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