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INTRODUCTION

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The Scottsboro case began in the spring of 1931. Nine black youths were removed from a freight train traveling through northern Alabama and accused of raping two white women who had been hitching a ride aboard the same train. On April 10, sixteen days after their arrest, eight of the nine teenagers were sentenced to death in the electric chair. One of the condemned was thirteen years old. The state had sought a life sentence for the other thirteen-year-old, but his case ended in a mistrial when seven jurors insisted on the electric chair.

Long before it became apparent that the charges were false, most Americans responded with outrage to the hastily conducted legal proceedings. In the next six and a half years, the "Scottsboro Boys" (as they were soon called) would become as well known as Sacco and Vanzetti, and their unjust confinement would become a symbol of southern racism and legal injustice.

On one level the case became a judicial cause célèbre as the case shuttled back and forth between the Alabama state courts and the federal courts. The eight youths escaped execution when the U.S. Supreme Court, in the landmark decision of Powell v. Alabama (1932), concluded that the defendants had been inadequately represented by counsel. (They had talked less than thirty minutes with their attorneys before going on trial for their lives.) While the Court emphasized the peculiar circumstances of the case--the defendants were impoverished, illiterate, and charged with a capital crime--the justices concluded by a 7-2 margin that the "right to have counsel appointed when necessary" was an "integral part of due process." It was a long way from the Powell decision to the Supreme Court's requirement that indigent defendants be guaranteed counsel in all felony cases (Gideon v. Wainwright, 1963), but the Court's action in the Powell case marked a significant expansion of the role of the federal courts in scrutinizing the actions of state courts in criminal matters.

The Powell decision did not end the case. In fact, it only seemed to goad white Alabamians to go to greater lengths to ensure the conviction and
execution of the Scottsboro defendants. Despite growing evidence that the rape charge had been fabricated by the two women (Victoria Price and Ruby Bates), the state retried one of the defendants, Haywood Patterson, in the spring of 1933. Even though Ruby Bates recanted her testimony, the north Alabama jury returned a guilty verdict. Presiding Judge James Edwin Horton, Jr., overturned the jury's verdict. However, voters soon removed him from office, and Alabama authorities relentlessly continued the prosecution. Later that same year, in a courtroom dominated by a racist judge, juries convicted defendants Clarence Norris and Haywood Patterson and sentenced the two men to death in the electric chair.

In the appeal that followed, the U.S. Supreme Court once again used the Scottsboro case to expand the rights of defendants—in this case, black defendants. In *Norris v. Alabama* (1934) the Court overturned the verdict on the grounds that the complete absence of blacks from the jury venires was *prima facie* evidence of racial discrimination. While the Court did not specifically require the presence of blacks on juries, it placed local officials on notice that they could no longer systematically exclude all blacks from the jury lists. As in the *Powell* case, the Supreme Court had used the Fourteenth Amendment to expand the rights of individuals and to protect them from discrimination by state and local government.

It was to be the last act of intervention by the U.S. Supreme Court. In trials held in January 1936 and July 1937, all-white Alabama juries convicted five of the nine defendants. Clarence Norris received the death penalty (although the Alabama governor later commuted this to life imprisonment); Haywood Patterson, Charlie Weems, and Andrew Wright each received long prison terms. The state dropped charges against the remaining four defendants. The Supreme Court refused to review the cases, and Alabama officials—beginning in 1943—paroled four of the Scottsboro defendants; the fifth escaped from a road gang and made his way to Michigan.

Simply as a study of constitutional law, the Scottsboro case merits study as one of the most important cases of twentieth-century jurisprudence. The papers of the NAACP, one of the major participants in all stages of the litigation, offer an extraordinary insight into early attempts to expand civil rights through the federal courts. The legal records of the Association include trial transcripts, legal briefs, court decisions, and other judicial documents; they also include insights into the often-agonizing debates over the dilemmas of competing legal strategies.

While the Communist Party had control of the case from 1931 to 1934 through its legal affiliate, the International Labor Defense (ILD), the NAACP contributed financial and legal assistance to the appeals process and it closely monitored these legal developments.
But the Scottsboro case was far more than a legal controversy. During the six and a half years of trials and appeals, the Scottsboro case became known nationally and internationally as a symbol of the repressive racism of southern society. During these years—the height of the Great Depression—the Communist Party and the ILD waged war against more moderate civil rights and civil liberties organizations, particularly the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The hostility between the NAACP and the Communist Party must be understood against the backdrop of the 1930s. Emboldened by the near collapse of the world's capitalist economies in 1930 and 1931, the Communist Party of the United States saw in the Great Depression proof of the coming collapse of the American economic and political system. Following the line laid down by the Soviet Comintern, American Communists predicted revolution in the United States. In the struggle that would follow, they thought, the real threat to a genuine revolution of the proletariat would not come from traditional conservatives, but from the "pseudo-leftist" organizations such as the American Socialist Party and the NAACP—organizations that would siphon off and divert the authentically emerging revolutionary zeal of the masses.

When the ILD succeeded in gaining the support of the Scottsboro defendants in the spring of 1931, it launched a two-fold strategy. Despite a professed contempt for the courts as "instruments of ruling class injustice," the first part of that strategy was to mount a vigorous legal defense. The ILD hired the renowned New York trial lawyer Samuel Leibowitz and used such distinguished constitutional attorneys as Walter Pollack for their appeal to the Supreme Court. At the same time, the ILD and the Communist Party waged a relentless campaign against both the Alabama court system and the NAACP. Such a propaganda campaign flew in the face of the NAACP's traditional reliance upon behind-the-scenes political persuasion and a respectful use of the court system.

During this verbal warfare between the Communist Party and the NAACP (particularly between 1931 and 1935), the Association's files became a clearinghouse for all of the participants in the case. For political historians and students of American radicalism and race relations, these records offer a revealing insight into the early stages of the modern civil rights movement and the conflicts and dilemmas of radical and moderate civil rights organizations in the 1930s.

At the same time, the NAACP records of the Scottsboro case offer us an entrée into the racial and political worlds of the white South, the black South, and the emerging black communities of the urban North. NAACP officials maintained communications with a wide range of white southerners: from the "moderates" of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation to the
most reactionary political forces in Alabama, intent on pushing through conviction and execution of the Scottsboro defendants. Nor was the Scottsboro case unique. In the Willie Peterson episode, another civil rights case that failed to gain as much attention, can be seen the pervasiveness of injustice in the southern legal system.

Black southerners and black northerners saw the Scottsboro case, and others as well, as powerful symbols of the racial oppression of southern society. From North and South they mobilized to free the Scottsboro defendants. And in that act of mobilization, their consciousness and commitment were strengthened for the upcoming civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

No single civil rights case can capture the full range of issues that surround the American dilemmas of race in the twentieth century, but the Scottsboro case illuminates some of the most fundamental aspects of these issues.
NOTE ON SOURCES

All documents reproduced on this microfilm are held by the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. The files selected derive from Group I (1909-1939) and Group II (1940-1955) of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) collection.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Each file selected for inclusion in this edition has been microfilmed in its entirety, with the exception of the NAACP Branch Files for Alabama where selections were made of material concerning the Scottsboro and Willie Peterson cases (Files I-G-1-4 and I-G-6-7 on Reel 15 of the microfilm). Copies of the container lists for the original collection are microfilmed at the beginning of Reel 1 of this edition.

In order to facilitate accurate scholarly citation, each file on the microfilm is marked with the Group, Series, and Container number that indicates its place in the original collection. For example, I-C-401 indicates that the file comes from Group I of the collection, Series C, Administrative Subject File, container number 401.

Every file central to the NAACP's role in the Scottsboro case has been selected from the original collection for this edition. In addition to the Scottsboro case materials, the editor has chosen to include the records of the Willie Peterson case and the files on the 1933 Tuscaloosa, Alabama, lynching and the 1933 Tallapoosa, Alabama, race riot. As explained in the Scope and Content Note that follows, all three incidents documented by these files shed light on the Scottsboro episode.

In addition to the files selected for this edition, researchers may wish to consult two other editions of Papers of the NAACP published by University Publications of America (UPA) for additional documentation on the Scottsboro case. In Part 1 of Papers of the NAACP, references to the Scottsboro case can be found in the Board of Director's minutes, the Monthly Reports of NAACP Officers, and the Special Correspondence
series. Part 3 of the series, *The Campaign for Educational Equality, 1913-1950*, should be consulted for the files on the American Fund for Public Service (AFPS) that document the intense competition between the NAACP and the Communist Party for AFPS funding in the years just prior to the Scottsboro affair.

Following is a summary list of the containers drawn upon for this edition:

- **Group I, Series C, Administrative (Financial) File, Boxes 159-160, Special Funds, 1910-1939, Scottsboro**
- **Group I, Series C, Administrative (Subject) File, Box 349, Lynching, Tallapoosa, Alabama, 1933 and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1933**
- **Group I, Series C, Administrative (Subject) File, Box 401, Scottsboro Case**
- **Group I, Series C, Administrative (Subject) File, Box 402, Scottsboro Trials**
- **Group I, Series C, Administrative (Subject) File, Box 432, Newsclippings, Scottsboro Case**
- **Group I, Series D, Legal File, Boxes 68-75 Scottsboro Case; Correspondence**
- **Group I, Series D, Legal File, Boxes 75-78, Scottsboro Case, Newsclippings**
- **Group I, Series D, Legal File, Boxes 79-84, Scottsboro Case, Transcripts and Documents**
- **Group I, Series G, Branch Files, Boxes 1-4 and 6-7 Alabama Branches (Birmingham, Mobile, and Montgomery)**
- **Group I, Series H, Addenda Files, Boxes 1-10, Scottsboro Defense Committee**
- **Group II, Series A, General Office File, Box 488, Publicity—Scottsboro Boys**
- **Group II, Series A, General Office File, Boxes 514-515, Scottsboro Case and Scottsboro Defense Committee**
- **Group II, Series L, Addenda Files, Box 27, Scottsboro Defense Fund**
- **Group II, Series L, Addenda Files, Box 42, *Weems v. Alabama***
- **Group I, Series D, Legal File, Boxes 65 and 66, Willie Peterson Case**
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Part 6 of The Papers of the NAACP, The Scottsboro Case, 1931-1950 contains rich documentation on the course of the case itself and on several broad research themes. The case-related material in the collection contains an abundance of correspondence among participating attorneys regarding legal strategy, financing the case, and competition between the NAACP and the Communist Party. There are also many prison letters from the Scottsboro defendants and communications with their parents and relatives. Both the NAACP and the Scottsboro Defense Committee (SDC) took active roles in helping the Scottsboro defendants adjust to civilian life upon their releases from prison in the late 1930s and on into the 1940s. There is also a large body of legal documents relating to the five separate series of trials and appeals, including trial transcripts, bills of exception, appellate briefs, and copies of judicial decisions.

In addition to documentation on the case itself, the collection can be profitably exploited for research on a range of other topics: the relationship between the NAACP and the Communist Party in the 1930s; Communist activity among blacks in the 1930s, particularly in Alabama; the administrative ability of NAACP executives, especially Walter F. White; southern attitudes on race and toward Communist activities in the 1930s; the operation of the Alabama criminal justice system in the 1930s; the impact of the Scottsboro affair on the black community in Alabama and on many other black communities and black political leaders; the activities of southern white liberals associated with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation (CIC); the activities of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in the 1930s and the attitudes of its director, Roger Baldwin; and the role of the press in interpreting the Scottsboro affair, especially in interpreting the competition between the NAACP and the Communist Party. (The press includes the national press, the local southern press, the black press, and the Communist Party Press.)

Important individuals on whom the collection sheds light include Walter F. White, William Pickens, Roy Wilkins, and Charles H. Houston, all of the NAACP; attorneys Clarence Darrow, Samuel Leibowitz, George Chamlee, Roderick Beddow, and Arthur Spingarn; Roger Baldwin of the ACLU; and Will A. Alexander of the CIC. Representatives of the black press whose work
is well documented in the collection include Claude Barnett, Roscoe Dunjee, Carl Murphy, Robert L. Vann, and Loren Miller. In addition, there is scattered material from Edmund Wilson, Dorothy Parker, Robert Russa Moton, John Henry Hammond, Jr., Joseph Brodsky, and Robert Minor. Finally, it must be emphasized that one of the great strengths of the collection is the wealth of documentation from political leaders in the grassroots of the black community. Their letters frequently reveal their attitudes toward the Communist Party, the NAACP, and American society in the 1930s in general. Moreover, their letters often provoke extensive replies from NAACP executives, which, in turn, reveal many of their thoughts and attitudes.

Following are summaries of the material contained in each series of this edition as they appear on the microfilm:

Boxes I-C-159-160, Administrative (Financial) File--Special Funds, Scottsboro, 1931-1936

These files pertain to the NAACP’s fund-raising efforts on behalf of the Scottsboro defendants from the earliest weeks of the affair in the spring of 1931 up to the formation of the SDC in late 1935. Most of the documents are letters that accompanied contributions to the Scottsboro Fund. They reveal a wide range of contributors including churches, civic associations, and fraternal orders, as well as many individuals. Contribution amounts are usually noted. After the formation of the SDC in November 1935, fund raising was handled directly by that organization. Records of SDC fund-raising activities found in Boxes I-H-1-10, filmed on Reels 15 through 21 of this edition, provide the continuation of this series, but see also II-L-27, Addenda File (Reel 23).

Box I-C-349, Administrative (Subject) File--Lynching, Mob Violence, and Race Riots, Tallapoosa, Alabama, 1933 and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1933

These two files are selected from the voluminous lynching files of the NAACP collection. The motivations for both events—a race riot at Tallapoosa, Alabama, and a lynching at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in 1933—were related to the Scottsboro affair that occurred two years earlier. Both events also shed light on the state of race relations in Alabama during the course of the Scottsboro trials. The Tallapoosa race riot was in reaction to action taken by local white sheriffs and deputies, who gunned down numerous black sharecroppers in an effort to avert the formation of a sharecropper’s union and to drive “Reds” from the county. In Tuscaloosa, the lynchers of a black prisoner justified their crime by their lack of faith in the judicial system to mete out swift justice to blacks allegedly as evidenced by the Scottsboro case. Researchers may wish to consult additional lynching files for Alabama
and elsewhere in the South in the 1930s from UPA's NAACP collection.  
(See Papers of the NAACP, Part 7-A, the Anti-Lynching Campaign--  
Investigative Files, 1912-1953.)

**Box I-C-401, Administrative (Subject) File--Scottsboro Case, 1937-1939**

Taken from the NAACP's office file on the activities of the SDC, this  
subject file covers events that occurred late in the Scottsboro affair--after  
the final round of convictions in 1936--and should be seen as a  
continuation of the main correspondence file in the legal file (Boxes  
I-C-68-75) on Reels 2 through 8 of the present edition. (Apparently, after  
efforts to obtain executive clemency for the five convicted defendants  
failed in 1937, the NAACP began filing Scottsboro material in the  
administrative files rather than in the legal file.) The principal subjects  
covered in this file include attacks on the SDC, efforts to obtain pardons for  
the convicted, and efforts to rehabilitate the four acquitted defendants to  
civilian life after six years of confinement in the Alabama prison system.

**Box I-C-402, Administrative (Subject) File--Scottsboro Trials, Financial  
Arrangements with the ILD, 1933-1934**

This file also must be used in close conjunction with the main corre-  
spondence file (Boxes I-D-68-75), where there is other material on the  
agreement between the NAACP and the International Labor Defense (ILD).  
This agreement was made in 1933, just after the convictions were  
anounced in the second round of trials. More than a year before, in  
January of 1932, the NAACP had withdrawn from the case when it became  
clear that a majority of the defendants and their parents desired to be  
represented by the ILD. The NAACP refused to cooperate with the ILD at  
that point because of the ILD's insistance that it retain complete control of  
the case under any cooperative arrangement. However, in the cooperative  
arrangement that the NAACP finally agreed to in April 1933, a concession  
was wrung from the ILD that any funds turned over to the defense by the  
NAACP were to be used for "strictly legal purposes as may mutually be  
determined by the NAACP and the ILD." (See the April 24-29, 1933, folder  
in the main correspondence file for a copy of the agreement as well as the  
correspondence ancillary to the agreement.) The NAACP had insisted on  
this condition because of its unwillingness to support the propaganda and  
"mass action" campaign that the ILD considered essential to the defense.  
Much of the correspondence in this file concerns the heated  
controversy that erupted after the agreement was made and the NAACP  
subsequently refused to finance the ILD's "mass action" tactics. ILD  
Secretary William Patterson's correspondence repeatedly pressures the  
NAACP to commit funds to the more broadly conceived strategy. Walter
White's replies refuse to allow the NAACP to be drawn into the wider ILD program and also complain bitterly of ILD publicity attacks on the NAACP. The file also contains correspondence from Walter White to ILD trial attorney Samuel Leibowitz, assuring him that the insinuations that the NAACP was plotting to take over the case were untrue. There is an exchange regarding William Patterson's efforts to secure speaking engagements at the 1934 NAACP Convention for an ILD attorney and a mother of one of the Scottsboro boys. There are also numerous accounts and expense vouchers documenting the transfer of funds from the NAACP to the Scottsboro defense.

Boxes I-D-68-75, Legal File, Scottsboro Case--Correspondence, 1931-1937

This series is the heart of the Scottsboro material in the NAACP collection. It runs from the earliest reports of the alleged rape in the spring of 1931 through the final round of appeals in 1937. (File I-C-401 provides the continuation of this series through 1939.) The contents of this series provide a detailed record of the NAACP's involvement in the case, with several major themes running throughout the files.

One major group of correspondence is between the NAACP national office and local attorneys in Tennessee and Alabama, secured by the NAACP through an interdenominational ministers' alliance of Chattanooga, Tennessee, to represent the nine defendants in the early stages of the Scottsboro affair. The first local attorneys for the defense were Stephen R. Roddy of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Milo Moody of Jackson County, Alabama. The January-April 1931 file contains a summary of the case by Roddy, and there is scattered correspondence with him on the progress thereafter. Roddy and Moody become more prolific correspondents as they constantly demand lawyers' fees from the national office. There is also a great deal of correspondence about Roddy and Moody, most of which concerns their general competence as criminal attorneys.

There is also extensive correspondence with members of the distinguished Birmingham, Alabama, law firm of Fort, Beddow, and Ray, whom the NAACP brought into the case in May of 1931 to assist Roddy and Moody after the initial trials and convictions. Much of this correspondence concerns legal strategies in appealing the convictions and the competition between the NAACP and the ILD to represent the defendants. Fort, Beddow, and Ray were accepted as the attorneys of record by the Alabama Supreme Court for the purposes of the first appeal, and they compiled the transcript of record and bill of exceptions that were used in subsequent
appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court. This correspondence thus provides valuable insights on the development of an important constitutional case.

Another significant vein of correspondence is between the NAACP and Clarence Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hayes, retained in September 1931 to assist Fort, Beddow, and Ray with the appeals of the first convictions and also to make an impression upon the Scottsboro defendants and their parents that would bolster the NAACP status vis-à-vis the ILD. Walter White's initial approach to Darrow on August 31, 1931, states, "...we are frankly up against what is probably the most delicate and difficult situation in our history." Darrow and Hayes withdrew from the case, however, in late December 1931 when a meeting with the defendants revealed their clear desire to be represented by the ILD. The correspondence with Darrow continues well beyond that date, however, mostly regarding his difficulty returning fees the NAACP had advanced him.

Correspondence between the NAACP and ILD attorneys is less extensive but nonetheless significant. George W. Chamlee of Chattanooga was the ILD's first chief trial attorney, and there are summaries of the case by him in both the May 3-5, 1931, file and in the 1931 undated files. The January 1932 files contain correspondence on the revelation that Chamlee had publicly endorsed lynching while he served as attorney general of Tennessee in 1928. Chamlee ultimately broke relations with the ILD, and there is a statement by him in the October 24-31, 1934, file denouncing the ILD and re-entering the case with Samuel Leibowitz (who by then had also broken with the ILD).

The NAACP's relations with the second ILD attorney, Walter Pollack, were far more cordial than those with Chamlee. Pollack was hired to direct the appeals in 1932 after the NAACP withdrew from the case. The April 1932 file shows that Arthur Spingarn of the NAACP offered to loan the NAACP's office file on Moore v. Dempsey to Pollack to assist in preparing the appeal. Spingarn also offered to assist Pollack with the oral argument before the U.S. Supreme Court in October 1932, and the NAACP donated $1,000 toward Pollack's legal fees in July of 1932, as appeals were being prepared. Pollack succeeded in winning the first constitutional ruling in the Scottsboro case, Powell v. Alabama, which overturned the first convictions on the ground that the defendants had not been afforded the constitutional guarantee of a competent defense counsel at the trial.

NAACP correspondence with the last and most important ILD trial attorney, Samuel S. Leibowitz, does not begin until well after the April 1933 financial cooperation agreement between the NAACP and the ILD. Leibowitz, a prominent New York criminal attorney, was brought into the case by the ILD to head the defense for the second series of trials in April 1933 (made necessary by the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of the first
convictions in *Powell v. Alabama*). Leibowitz remained at the head of Scottsboro defense through the fifth round of trials in 1936. He also directed the second appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court--*Norris v. Alabama*--which overturned the third series of convictions on the grounds that blacks had been unconstitutionally excluded from the Alabama jury.

Internal NAACP memoranda in the January-March 1933 file indicate that the NAACP offered Leibowitz financial assistance prior to the formal NAACP-ILD agreement of April 1933. The first actual correspondence between the NAACP and Leibowitz does not occur until April of 1934, a full year after Leibowitz tried the second round of cases before Judge James Horton. In this first official communication between Walter White and Leibowitz, White assures the ILD attorney that rumors of the NAACP trying to get control of the case are unfounded.

A second and much more substantial exchange occurs in the October 1934 file as Leibowitz was preparing the appeal in *Norris v. Alabama*. At that time Leibowitz was prepared to break relations with the ILD because of the discovery of an aborted attempt by ILD operatives to bribe Victoria Price, one of the accusers. The file contains a lengthy memorandum of a meeting between Leibowitz and James Marshall, Roy Wilkins, and Walter White of the NAACP, in which Leibowitz aired numerous serious grievances with the ILD. Shortly afterward, he publicly renounced the ILD and formed his own defense committee, called the American Scottsboro Committee. Leibowitz is only sparsely represented in the collection after this incident. (There is, however, substantial correspondence with and about the American Scottsboro Committee.) Correspondence found in the files subsequent to October 1934 concerns the confusion that Leibowitz' split with the ILD brought to the defense of the case. As with the competition between the NAACP and the ILD in 1931, the ILD battled Leibowitz and his American Scottsboro Committee for control of the case. (Leibowitz' public record with the defense is fully documented in the Transcripts and Documents Series, described later in this collection.)

The confusion over who would defend the Scottsboro boys carried into 1935 and was finally resolved with the formation of the Scottsboro Defense Committee in the autumn of 1935. The SDC at last brought together all the contending parties who vied at one time or another to represent the defendants: the NAACP, the ILD, and Leibowitz and the American Scottsboro Committee. The union was made possible in part by a change in the "line" of the Communist International in January 1935, which ordered Communists to cease attacking liberals and social democrats and instead to form "united fronts" with them against Fascist enemies.

The correspondence files for late 1935--September through December--provide background details on the negotiations to form the
SDC. Roger Baldwin of the ACLU and Charles H. Houston, director of NAACP's Legal Department, were instrumental in the negotiations. A separate series of SDC records can be found on Reels 15 through 21 and are described below.

From 1935 on, the tension and acrimony between the NAACP and the ILD from previous years subsides. The SDC and its secretary, Rev. Allan Knight Chalmers, become key figures in the collection from 1936 on. The main correspondence series contains minutes of SDC meetings and correspondence regarding fund raising and efforts to attract a wider circle of SDC sponsors. A good deal of the post-1935 correspondence also concerns efforts to maintain public interest in the drawn-out Scottsboro affair. There are regular press releases on major developments in the case, including the final round of convictions in 1936, failed attempts to secure commutations of the lengthy prison sentences and to appeal the case again to the Supreme Court, and the successful effort to have the one death sentence commuted to a prison term.

Apart from the correspondence between the NAACP and the various attorneys involved in the case, other important correspondence should be mentioned: between Walter White of the NAACP national office and Alabama NAACP leaders relative to the impact of the case on the Alabama black population; between White and southern white liberals; between White and Roy Wilkins of the NAACP and many representatives of the black press; between White and northern liberals such as Forrest Bailey and Roger Baldwin of the ACLU; and between White and politically active blacks from throughout the United States. In addition, there are a large number of prison letters from the Scottsboro boys and a few scattered letters from their parents and relatives.

Walter White's key contact person in the black community in Alabama was Dr. Charles A.J. McPhereson, secretary of the Birmingham branch of the NAACP. McPhereson's frequent correspondence touches on such topics as the background of the local defense attorneys (Roddy, Moody, and Beddow), the impact of Communist activities on the local black population, racial tensions between blacks and whites in Alabama in the 1930s, and support for the Scottsboro defendants (and for the NAACP vis-à-vis the Communist Party) in the Alabama black community.

The principal southern white liberal correspondent in the collection is Will A. Alexander, secretary of the Atlanta-based Commission on Interracial Cooperation (CIC). Alexander's correspondence is augmented by that of James Burton, the regional CIC secretary for Alabama and Tennessee. Both Alexander and Burton enjoyed access to influential opinion leaders in the South whom they polled regularly, reporting the results to Walter White. Their correspondence provides valuable insights on the attitudes of
prominent southerners and southern liberals about the Scottsboro case in particular and toward blacks, the NAACP, and the Communist Party in general. Alexander was also active in fund raising for the defense and offering advice on the reputations of local attorneys involved in the case.

The correspondence between the NAACP and the black press is often quite revealing of the press' disposition toward the Communist Party in the 1930s and of Walter F. White's abilities as a publicist. Throughout the first four years of the case, the Communist Party sought to destroy the image of the NAACP in the black community, and the black press frequently proved receptive to the propaganda. White and Roy Wilkins wrote many long letters to journalists, editors, and publishers of the black press in an effort to defend the Association's record in the case. One of the most interesting is a letter of Walter White to Roy Wilkins who, in May of 1931, was an editor of the *Kansas City Call*. In April 1934, the records show that the NAACP was exploring a libel suit against the *Daily Worker* in reaction to an especially sensational slander. Throughout the entire series there are circulars drafted by the NAACP national office for distribution to the black press stating the NAACP's position at important junctures of the case. There are also occasional compilations of anti-NAACP propaganda from the Communist press. The Newsclipping Series, which follows the Correspondence Series on the microfilm, can be used with profit to study the role of both the black press and the Communist press in the case.

Yet another significant set of correspondence is that between Walter White and prominent white journalists who were reporting on the case. In the June 13-15, 1931, file, there is a lengthy prepublication critique by White of an article by Edmund Wilson of the *New Republic*. The correspondence with Wilson continues well into 1931. White even provided letters of introduction for Wilson on the latter's visit to the south. John Henry Hammond, Jr., correspondent for *The Nation*, is also a frequent correspondent with White.

White also corresponded with prominent northern liberals, including Roger Baldwin, Forrest Bailey, and Hollace Ransdell of the ACLU; Alfred Baker Lewis of the national executive committee of the Socialist Party; Martha Gruening and Morris Ernst of the American Fund for Public Service; Brand Blanshard, Owen R. Lovejoy, and Vivian Pierce of the American League to Abolish Capital Punishment; and representatives of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Committee on Race Relations of the Society of Friends.

Of these white northern liberals, the most important and conspicuous are the officials of the ACLU, especially Roger Baldwin. The ACLU became active in the case from the earliest stages in 1931 and remained active through the formation of the SDC in December of 1935, of which it was one
of the founding organizations along with the ILD and the NAACP. The May 26-27, 1931, file contains an important report by Hollace Ransdell of the ACLU, who was sent to Alabama in an effort to sort out the facts on the controversy between the NAACP and the ILD. From that time the ACLU frequently served as a mediator between the other two organizations. Baldwin often pressed the NAACP to answer ILD accusations, which brought him and Walter White to many tense exchanges. Baldwin was also an instrumental figure in the 1935 negotiations to form the Scottsboro Defense Committee.

Significant correspondence with black leaders apart from the press is also scattered throughout the correspondence file. Well-known figures include Robert Russa Moton, president of the Tuskegee Institute; poet Countee Cullen; and Howard University Dean Kelly Miller. Efforts to involve Moton in the case at the early stages can be found in the July through August 1931 folders. There is an especially interesting exchange in the August 18-25, 1931, folder between White and black attorney Raymond Pace Alexander concerning ILD activity at the all-black National Bar Association convention in Cleveland that summer. There are also numerous letters to prominent black leaders in the January 1932 files explaining the NAACP's reason for withdrawing from the case.

More abundant than the correspondence with prominent black leaders is that with lesser-known local black political activists. In the wake of the intense Communist publicity campaign against the NAACP, many unsolicited letters came into the NAACP national office seeking clarification on the Association's record in the Scottsboro case. Many of the writers were local NAACP branch presidents whose inquiries often provide insights into their views on the Communist Party and the NAACP. Equally impressive are the typically long and well-considered replies to the letters by national NAACP officers. The replies also reveal the officers' attitudes toward the Communists and provide the NAACP's rationale for its action at numerous points over the course of the affair. Complementing the many letters from the black community are frequent field reports of William Pickens, field secretary of the NAACP. Pickens reported on fund raising in the black community on behalf of the Scottsboro defense and on the general attitudes he uncovered regarding the trial and the controversy with the Communist Party. Pickens's initial involvement in the case played into the hands of the Communists in the spring of 1931, and much of his correspondence at that time relates to his efforts to disentangle himself from an inadvertent endorsement of the ILD involvement in the case.

Correspondence between NAACP officers and the Communists themselves is less frequent but often revealing. One of the major exchanges is in a file described earlier, "Financial Arrangements with the
ILD," (Box I-C-402, Reel 1, frame 0431). The early 1933 files in the present series detail the background negotiations leading to the April 1933 agreement. The very earliest communication between the NAACP and the ILD that can be found in this series occurs in the October 8-15, 1931, file in which the ILD demands to know by what authority the NAACP claims a role in the defense. Over the course of the exchange, Walter White asserts that the NAACP offered a cooperative arrangement with the ILD on May 19, 1931, but no carbon of any such letter can be found in the May or June files in this series. After the shift in the Communist Party line in 1935 and the promotion of "united fronts" with social democrats, the correspondence takes on a markedly more cordial tone. The principal Communist correspondents in this series include William L. Patterson, Jay Lovestone, Robert Minor, Joseph Brodsky, and Anna Dammon. The last noteworthy correspondence in the series is the prison letters of the Scottsboro defendants themselves. Most of these can be found prior to 1932, when the NAACP conceded the case to the Communists. The defendants' letters offer glimpses of prison conditions and reveal some of their own attitudes. They also provide insight on the confusion and competition between the NAACP and the ILD. In addition, there are scattered letters from parents of the defendants, frequently hostile to the NAACP, since the ILD had won the support of most of the parents from the beginning of the case. A great deal of the internal NAACP correspondence prior to January 1932, as well as the correspondence with attorneys Beddow, Darrow, and Hayes, concerns the Association's persistent but fruitless efforts to win over the confidence of the Scottsboro parents.

Box I-D-75-78, Legal File--Scottsboro Case, Newsclippings, 1931-1935

The NAACP national office kept an extensive newsclippings file on the Scottsboro affair. This was apparently done in order to monitor the impact of the vigorous negative publicity campaign that the Communist Party waged against the Association over the course of the case. The file ends in November 1935, when the ILD and the NAACP finally joined together under the umbrella of the SDC.

The newsclippings fall into five general categories, each of which offers distinct research possibilities. These are the national press, the local and southern press, the black press, the Communist press, and the smaller local presses throughout the United States. Clippings from the national press can be used to supplement the background materials in the correspondence file. A number of accomplished journalists covered the trials for major newspapers, and their accounts often provide details from interviewees, including jurors, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and others. Because the clippings provide a continuous chronicle of the trials, they are
also useful in supplementing the trial transcripts and legal documents described in the next series. The local and southern press clippings offer evidence of the impact of the Scottsboro affair throughout the South. Not only do the news articles and editorials evidence the southern attitude to the affair, but there are occasional letters to the editor from the public as well. The clippings from the black press provide a wealth of data on the changing black perspectives on the case and are especially helpful in tracing the impact of the Communist propaganda campaign among black Americans. The Communist press, represented by the Daily Worker, depicts the nature of the anti-NAACP campaign. Many clippings from smaller local papers throughout the United States provide evidence of the impact of the case itself and of the Communist propaganda campaign as well.

The clippings are arranged in chronological order. The user guide provides a list of places of publication for each file, denoting cities whose newspapers are represented in the file. The places of publication for each newsclapping are also indexed in the subject index of the user guide.

Boxes I-D-79-84, Legal File, Cases Supported--Scottsboro Case, Transcripts and Documents

This series of material contains most of the legal documents from the case, including trial transcripts, attorneys' briefs, bills of exception, petitions and motions, and judicial opinions. There were five series of trials between April 1931 and July 1937. These materials provide excellent documentation on the first three series of trials, including trial transcripts and documents relative to appeals. The appeals of the convictions in the first and third trials were carried to the U.S. Supreme Court, and they both resulted in landmark constitutional victories, as described earlier. While these two Supreme Court victories ultimately saved the defendants' lives, neither ruling resulted in the freeing of the Scottsboro boys because the case was remanded for retrial. The fourth and fifth series of trials in 1936 and 1937 resulted in long prison terms for four of the defendants, a death sentence for another (which was commuted to life in prison), and acquittal for four others. These proceedings were handled by the SDC, and the NAACP collection does not have anything approaching a complete set of the records for the last two trials. For a few additional documents from the final appeals in 1937, see II-L-42, Addenda File, Reel 23

Boxes I-G-1-4, 6-7, Branch Files--Alabama--Birmingham, Mobile, and Montgomery

The material in these files complements the local Alabama correspondence in the main correspondence series. Documents selected from
these files provide further detail on the impact of the Scottsboro and Willie Peterson cases on the local black community. They are particularly valuable in describing the activities of the Communist Party among Alabama blacks, and they give some indication as to the strength of NAACP branches in Alabama in the 1930s. These are the only files that have not been reproduced in their entirety for this publication. Researchers may wish to consult the originals at the Library of Congress for additional detail on the role of the NAACP in black communities in Alabama in the 1930s.


This series is not, strictly speaking, NAACP records. Rather it contains the office files of the SDC, left behind at the NAACP national office, where the SDC had apparently shared space. In a sense, they continue the main NAACP correspondence series from the formation of the SDC in late 1935, but they rarely provide the rich background material found in the main series. The present series is further subdivided into three parts: General Correspondence, Branch Correspondence (which should not be confused with NAACP branch correspondence), and Miscellany.

The bulk of the documentation in all three parts concerns SDC fund-raising efforts. There are hundreds of letters accompanying small donations, as well as occasional summary accounting statements, publicity flyers, and reprints of articles about the case. These sorts of materials are highlighted in the Reel Index portion of the user guide. Of particular interest in the January 1937 General Correspondence file are copies of neuropsychiatric examinations administered to eight of the Scottsboro boys by a prison doctor. There are also many original prison letters from the Scottsboro boys scattered throughout the General Correspondence subseries. The Branch Correspondence is even more heavily weighted with material relative to collecting small donations. There are, however, scattered minutes of meetings of local Scottsboro defense committees, particularly in the files for the larger cities. The Southern States Branch file also contains some substantive correspondence with Will A. Alexander of the CIC. The description of this subseries as Branch Correspondence is something of a misnomer. Researchers should note that these files are not for local NAACP branches (contained in Series G of the original collection), but rather concern the activities of local Scottsboro defense committees. The Miscellany subseries contains receipts for small office expenses, contribution lists apparently compiled by street solicitors, a few ILD expense accounts, and a file of newsclippings for 1938 and 1939.
The fifteen years documented by these files essentially provide the epilogue of the case. The files contain scattered prison letters and documents relative to parole, which each of the five convicts eventually received. The bulk of the documentation concerns SDC efforts to help the defendants with readjustment to civilian life, including finding jobs, providing financial allowances, and attempting to extricate several of them from desultory habits, including several further episodes with the criminal justice system. These later records are chiefly valuable for documentation on these rehabilitation efforts, and as evidence of the commitment of the NAACP to the defendants long after the attention had subsided.

The title of these files is somewhat misleading in that the SDC did not come into existence until November 1935. The contents of both files, however, relate to fund raising. The first file, 1931-1936, contains lists of contributors for the Scottsboro defense kept by the NAACP for 1931 and for 1933. These lists indicate NAACP branches, along with fraternal organizations, churches, and individuals. There is also a statement of NAACP expenses and disbursements on Scottsboro for 1931 and summaries of attorneys' fees paid to the several lawyers hired by the NAACP for the case in 1931.

After the 1933 materials, the remainder of the file pertains to the SDC's fund-raising efforts beginning in 1936. There are copies of fund-raising circulars issued by the SDC and many individual replies from contributors. These later materials supplement the SDC materials described above in boxes I-H-1 through 10.

This file contains three additional legal documents that supplement the main legal file, I-D-79-84. The contents include an opinion of the Alabama Supreme Court rejecting the appeal of Charlie Weems after the final round of convictions in 1937; an opinion of the Alabama Supreme Court rejecting the appeal of Andy Wright on the same 1937 conviction; and the appellants' brief to the Alabama Supreme Court appealing the 1937 convictions.

The Willie Peterson case was a rape case in Birmingham, Alabama, that paralleled the Scottsboro case. Peterson was charged with rape and murder in the summer of 1931 on extremely flimsy evidence, convicted, and sen-
tenced to death in the electric chair. The case is significant in connection with the Scottsboro affair in two respects. On one hand it illustrates the hypersensitivity of the Alabama white population on the question of interracial rape, which then has bearings on the question as to whether any accused black person could have expected a fair trial at the time under such a charge. On the other hand, the NAACP succeeded in winning the right to represent the case despite efforts by the ILD to do so. Peterson’s conviction, however, played squarely into the hands of the Communist propaganda campaign against the NAACP. It was charged that the NAACP legalistic approach was incapable of defending blacks and that only the mass action approach led by the ILD would fit the purpose. The Peterson case is also valuable because it was one of the first cases in which Charles H. Houston became involved on behalf of the NAACP. Houston, the accomplished dean of Howard University Law School, was director of the NAACP legal department.

This case file contains much of the same type of documentation found in the main Scottsboro correspondence file: correspondence with local trial attorneys, regular reports on local conditions in Birmingham from Dr. Charles A.J. McPhereson, internal NAACP memoranda regarding the Communist publicity attacks, and correspondence with prominent persons such as Will A. Alexander and Robert Russa Moton. The NAACP took on the Peterson case at the appellate level in January 1932 after withdrawing from the Scottsboro case. Charles McPhereson’s reports kept the national NAACP office well informed from the earliest stages, however. As in the Scottsboro file, McPhereson reports on Communist and white supremacist (especially KKK) activities in Birmingham and generally describes racial tensions in the city. Charles Houston was heavily involved in the case by 1933 and proved instrumental in drawing Robert Russa Moton into the efforts to obtain a commutation of Peterson’s death sentence. In addition to the correspondence, there are also newsclippings and legal documents relative to the case.


These files contain additional legal documents and correspondence relative to the failed appeal of the Peterson conviction. There is also an additional file of newsclippings.


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ACRONYM LIST

ACLU  American Civil Liberties Union
AFPS  American Fund for Public Service
CIC   Commission on Interracial Cooperation
ILD   International Labor Defense
NAACP National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NPLD  Non-Partisan Labor Defense
SDC   Scottsboro Defense Committee
YWCA  Young Women's Christian Association
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