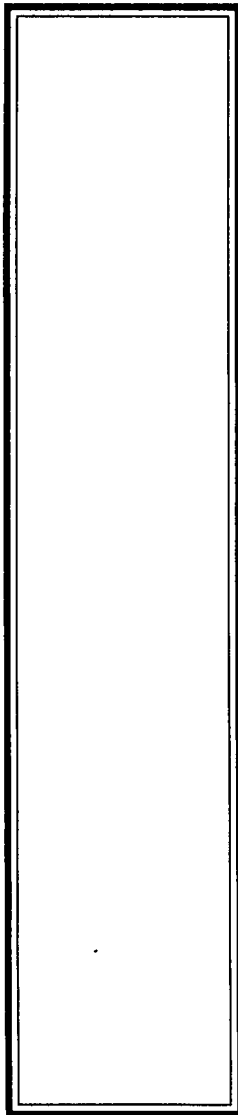


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EDITORIAL NOTE

This microform edition is a continuation of *Papers of the NAACP, Part 1, 1909–1950* and of the *Supplement to Part 1, 1951–1955*. It brings through 1960 the following subseries of records that were begun in the original edition:

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Monthly Reports of NAACP Officers

Records of Annual Business Meetings

Records of Annual Conventions

All files reproduced on this microfilm have been filmed in their entirety, with only carbons and duplicated copies deleted. File series that have been drawn upon for this supplement include:

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Group III, Series A, Boxes A-1 through A-12 for Records of Annual Conventions

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records included in this edition document the main contours of NAACP activity between 1956 and 1960. They summarize all of the major issues confronting the association and each of the NAACP's national programs. In addition, records of the annual business meetings and conventions provide essential information on the organization's growth and development as well as on the background of its leaders.

The historical developments between 1956 and 1960 are outlined in subsequent pages in the description of the minutes of the Board of Directors. This scope and content note focuses on the format of the different records series covered by the supplement.

Minutes of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the highest policy-making body in the NAACP, and its minutes constitute the central record of activities of the organization. The board considers virtually every aspect of NAACP policy from the mundane issues to the broad strategic decisions that determine the course of NAACP action. Each month the national secretary and most of the permanent departments submit reports of their monthly activities to the board, which then has the opportunity to question and make changes in departmental policies. The board also handles a number of important administrative duties, including the oversight of fundraising and major expenses, the certification of new branches, and the adjudication of disputes within branches or between branches and national officers. The board also is responsible for appointing national executive officers, such as the secretary and heads of NAACP departments. Finally, the board shares with the annual convention the responsibility of appointing members to a nominating committee that nominates candidates for the Board of Directors itself. (The selection of new directors is made at the annual business meeting, the records of which are described below.) The best published analysis of the role of the Board of Directors in the overall structure of the NAACP is B. Joyce Ross's *Joel E. Spingarn and the Rise of the NAACP, 1909–1939* (New York, 1972).

Monthly Reports of National Officers

The primary document in this series is the Secretary's Report. In earlier years, each of the NAACP department heads submitted their own monthly reports to the Board of Directors, but by 1956, the Secretary's Report incorporated the reports of most of the national departments. The only departments to file separate reports for the period covered by this edition are the Washington Bureau and the Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDEF), both of which were physically separate from the national headquarters. The Washington Bureau reports on relations with Congress including the progress of civil rights bills, the appointment to congressional committees of friends and enemies of the civil rights cause, and meetings with congressmen. The Reports of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund are subdivided by subjects of the litigation, such as criminal cases, housing cases, university admission cases, etc. In spite of the existence of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the NAACP national office retained an in-house legal department that is covered in the Secretary's Reports. Although the LDEF and the legal department were distinct entities, they seem to have handled many of the same types of cases, and the division of labor between the two groups is unclear.

Records of Annual Business Meetings

The main function of the Annual Business Meeting was to elect the Board of Directors from the list of candidates offered by the nominating committee. The nominating committee itself was composed of six members—three appointed by the Board of Directors and three by the annual convention. The chairman of the board served as a seventh and final member of the committee. The meeting is open to the entire NAACP, but in practice, only a few hundred attend. Attendance lists are included among the records along with background correspondence, press releases, and a few speeches. In addition, there are usually summaries of work done by the association in the preceding year.

Records of Annual Conventions

The NAACP annual conventions served a number of important functions. Foremost among these was attracting publicity for the association. To this end, prominent individuals were invited to address the convention or to submit a written "greeting." The convention passed resolutions on a wide range of political issues that were calculated to attract the attention of the press. Special events, such as testimonial banquets, protests, or commemorative gatherings were scheduled. All the publicity-garnering aspects of the convention were carefully orchestrated by the public relations department, which took painstaking care to inform the local, national, and black press, weekly news magazines, such as *Time* and *Look*, as well as television and radio network news.

Another important function of the convention was to afford regular personal contact between the national office and the NAACP branches. Several sessions of every convention were taken up with "workshops" in which national officers instructed delegates in such things as fund raising and local branch administration, as well as how to initiate and follow through on civil rights litigation at the local level. On occasion, complaints with local branches were taken up at the convention, including matters such as delinquent dues payments or branch administration. For the branch of the host city, the convention presented the opportunity to interest local churches and civic groups in the work of the NAACP and to use the favorable convention publicity to seek new members and new sources of funding.

The convention also afforded NAACP branch delegates a degree of input on the national program. The convention had a minority voice in selecting the membership of the important nominating committee, which chose a list of candidates for election to the Board of Directors. (An equal number of appointees to the nominating committee was made by the Board of Directors itself. The chairman of the board was included as the tie-breaking member of the committee.) The convention voted on the composition of the Board of Directors from among the candidates presented by the nominating committee. Convention delegates also selected members for a number of standing committees governing the operation of the convention itself, including the Committee on Conference Procedure, the Resolutions Committee, and the Credential Committee. Finally, the resolutions approved by convention delegates served as guideposts for NAACP national policy making by the Board of Directors.

Brief summaries of the major subdivisions of the annual convention files follow:

Assessments: The assessments were levied on branches depending on the size of their memberships. To remain in good standing the branches were expected to remit their full assessment to the convention. The records consist of correspondence between the branches and the national office as well as assessment lists for each branch, arranged by state.

Church Committee: In 1956, the national office established the Church Department, and in 1957, the Convention set up the Church Committee. The files contain correspondence between the national office and church leaders asking the leaders to attend the convention and, in some cases, to participate in specific workshops. There are also agendas for religious services held during the conventions and rosters of ministers in attendance at the conventions.

Committee on Conference Procedure: This committee prepared rules and regulations for the seating of delegates, established the credentials procedure, and drew up the schedule of convention business sessions. It was responsible for dividing the NAACP branches, youth chapters, and college chapters into geographic regions and then for devising a formula for proportional regional representation of delegates on the various convention committees.

The records of the Committee on Conference Procedure cast valuable light on behind-the-scenes politics of the conventions, including relations between the national office and the larger convention, and on the maintenance of the NAACP internal power structure. They often reveal broad political and strategic objectives of NAACP officers as well.

Committees, General: This series contains the records of all the remaining convention committees, including the Finance Committee (charged with raising the money to pay for local convention expenses), the Housing Committee (responsible for finding suitable hotels or board for delegates), the Citizens Committee (responsible for securing appearances of prominent local citizens such as the mayor of the host city and leading churchmen), the Publicity Committee, the Registration Committee, and the Welcome Committee.

Delegates: The Delegates files contain lists of delegates and visitors to the conventions. In some cases the lists are arranged by state and city. Some of the compilations are made according to affiliation with a union local, as well.

Expenses and Receipts: The Expenses and Receipts files contain a great deal of mundane receipts and accounts but also hold a few items of significance. Included are accounts for travel and per diem expenses of national office staffers and summaries of convention fund raising, expenses, and branch debts that were collected at the convention.

Form Letters: These files contain circular letters sent to the NAACP branches by the national office detailing such matters as the upcoming convention theme, convention rules and procedures, travel and accommodation advice, or any special features of the convention. These letters are often a good starting place for the researcher to gain a sense of the convention agenda.

General: Significant materials in the General Files include internal memoranda between NAACP officials on the outlook for upcoming conventions and assessments made after the convention closed. There is also a mix of correspondence, some with influential fundraisers and other organizations, such as labor unions, local branches, and local voluntary organizations.

Greetings: The Greetings files contain telegrams and letters sent by prominent individuals to the NAACP convention, along with lists of people from whom greetings were solicited. While many of the greetings are brief cordialities, some are quite expansive in their appreciation of the NAACP's work or on the cause of civil rights in general. The files in this collection include statements from President Eisenhower, as well as from numerous U.S. senators, congressmen, federal officials, foreign leaders, state governors, religious, labor, and civil rights leaders, and entertainers.

Lawyer's Conference: The 1957 Convention held a special Lawyer's Conference to assess the mounting problem of anti-NAACP legislation and barratry prosecutions against the association in southern states. The files on this conference contain dispositions of numerous court cases between the NAACP and southern states as well as a treatise on the history barratry. There are also analyses of the various state statutes aimed at crippling the NAACP.

Minutes: These files contain scattered summary minutes of convention sessions, including both the general plenary sessions and specific panels and workshops.

Press Releases: The press releases summarize most of the upcoming features and major events of the convention. Like the Form Letters files, the press releases provide excellent summary material on the progress of the convention.

Program: These files contain both draft and final copies of the convention program. The accompanying correspondence provides insight into the convention planning.

Publicity: These files detail the efforts of the national office, particularly the Public Relations Department, headed by Henry Lee Moon, to secure favorable publicity for the convention. They show the national office efforts to have the convention well publicized in the host city, and they contain correspondence between the public relations director and the mainstream national press, the black press, and television and radio networks.

Resolutions: The Resolutions files are generally divided into two categories: adopted resolutions and drafts of proposed resolutions. The resolutions cover a wide range of political issues ranging from communism and anti-communism; segregation; labor policies; health, welfare, and housing policies; armed services and veterans' affairs; international affairs and colonialism; and many others.

Speeches: These files are divided into two categories—correspondence with prospective speakers and copies of speeches read at the convention. Speeches and authors are itemized in the reel index of the user guide.

Time and Place: The Time and Place Committee was responsible for recommending the site of the upcoming convention. Its files frequently contain discussions of the financial and logistical requirements of the national convention, including hotel accommodations, meeting halls, entertainment, and the general hospitality to many blacks in the proposed host city.

Trade Unions: This series points toward the increased emphasis the NAACP placed on building bridges with the labor movement in the 1950s. Large delegations of guests from local trade unions were typically invited to the convention. National NAACP labor secretary Herbert Hill took responsibility for coordinating the presence of the trade unionists, and the files contain correspondence between Hill and many labor leaders as they planned for the convention.

Workshops: These files contain agendas for the many “workshops” hosted at the convention. Typical workshop themes include “Branch Executive Secretaries and National Field Secretaries”; “Branch Administration”; “NAACP Paid Personnel”; and “NAACP, History, Policy, Program, Structure, and Staff.” Prepared statements and background correspondence are scattered through the workshop agendas.

Youth: These files contain correspondence between the national office and Youth Council leaders, annual reports of the National Youth Work Committee, programs for the youth section of the convention, and workshop agendas.

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Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings with Executive Officers' Reports

1956

By the mid-1950s, the NAACP had initiated a major effort to mobilize blacks in the deep south. However, NAACP organizing drives, voter registration work, and law suits provoked a fierce backlash by segregationist forces. White Citizens Councils sprang up in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, and South Carolina. Private citizens directed economic reprisals at civil rights activists and NAACP members. Retailers, landlords, and merchants denied credit and supplies to the targets of their reprisals. The NAACP mobilized relief in the form of crop loans, food, clothing, and national publicity and fund-raising campaigns. An even more grave development was the rise in official efforts by southern states to repress the activities of the association. Obsolete "registration" and "franchise tax" laws were resuscitated by southern secretaries of state. The major purpose of many efforts was to force the state and local branches to submit their membership lists and financial contributors to hostile state authorities. Certain that harassment was sure to follow the opening of their books, NAACP leaders withheld and challenged the laws. In the meanwhile, they were subject to excessive contempt of court fines, enjoined from operating or even meeting, and offices were ransacked by state police in search of membership lists. In several states the NAACP practically ceased to exist. In addition charges of barratry (initiating frivolous litigation) were thrown up against the association in response to its legal redress activities. Combatting these actions stretched the financial and legal resources of the association.

Despite the vehemence of the opposition, local officials of the association, such as Medgar Evers, continued a massive campaign of voter registration and political action throughout the South and in other regions of the country. Membership campaigns and fundraising activities also proceeded vigorously at the local level.

On the national level, the association pushed for federal civil rights legislation and for reform of U.S. Senate filibustering rules. The association also worked with the major political parties toward including a civil rights plank in their national platforms. Work with government agencies for fair employment practices in the federal bureaucracy and the integration of airport facilities was carried out by the Washington Bureau.

The NAACP labor secretary worked to nurture the association's relationship with the labor movement. Efforts moved ahead to develop cooperation between the NAACP and the newly created Civil Rights Department of the AFL-CIO. Pressure was brought to eliminate Jim Crow locals, and integrated apprenticeship programs were launched in cooperation with the national labor federation.

On the legal front, NAACP lawyers, taking advantage of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, pressed for school integration from Delaware to Texas. Teacher security cases in Missouri and South Carolina sought to protect educators from being

victimized for NAACP membership or from having their jobs eliminated through the consolidation of previously segregated schools. Other legal cases sought the admission of qualified students to public universities in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. Recreation cases sought the integration of public swimming pools and parks in North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. Transportation cases brought a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring the integration of intrastate bus lines. Criminal cases brought new protections against the exaction of forced confessions and involuntary pleas and included the defense of leaders of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Housing issues included public housing projects, urban renewal, and lending policies of the Federal Housing Administration.

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- 0015 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. February 14, 1956. 15pp.
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- 0047 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. March 12, 1956. 8pp.
- 0055 Report of the Secretary for the Month of February 1956. March 12, 1956. 12pp.
- 0067 Report of the Washington Bureau. March 8, 1956. 4pp.
- 0071 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. April 9, 1956. 12pp.
- 0083 Report of the Secretary for the Month of March 1956. April 9, 1956. 14pp.
- 0097 Report of the Washington Bureau. April 5, 1956. 6pp.
- 0103 Report of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. March 1956. 8pp.
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- 0168 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. June 27, 1956. 6pp.
- 0174 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. September 10, 1956. 8pp.
- 0182 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. October 8, 1956. 10pp.
- 0192 Report of the Secretary for the Month of September 1956. October 8, 1956. 4pp.
- 0196 Report of the Washington Bureau. October 4, 1956. 4pp.
- 0200 Report of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. September 1956. 6pp.
- 0206 Report on Cases Involving the NAACP and Its Officials. Undated, ca. October–November 1956. 5pp.
- 0211 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. November 13, 1956. 9pp.
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1957

Major activities of the NAACP in 1957 continue to cover a wide range of topics. The U.S. Congress passed right to vote legislation in August after a hard-fought battle on the part of the NAACP and its allies. This legislation, which was hailed as the first of such laws to reach the floor of Congress since Reconstruction, established the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, provided for the Civil Rights Division in the U.S. Department of Justice, and gave new protections for voting rights in federal, state, and local elections. The association immediately began to push to amend the new law to allow for damage suits and the use of injunctions in civil rights cases. The association continued to intercede with various government agencies regarding their employment practices and other matters.

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In Little Rock, Arkansas, implementation of court-ordered school integration was briefly blocked by the Arkansas National Guard, and U.S. troops were eventually ordered to the scene by President Eisenhower to protect the students. The litigation of education cases continued throughout the south from Delaware to Texas. University admission cases progressed in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas. Housing cases against segregated public housing projects were filed in Georgia and Kentucky. Teachers security cases in Missouri and South Carolina continued, and the South Carolina case was taken by the U.S. Supreme Court on appeal. A newly created NAACP Department of Teacher Information and Security undertook a survey of the professional status of educators and the impact of integration. In a criminal justice case begun by the NAACP in Alabama, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the admissibility of forced confessions in criminal cases. Segregated public transportation facilities in Montgomery, Alabama, and Miami, Florida, were successfully challenged by NAACP litigation.

The NAACP Housing Department started a campaign among state legislatures for fair housing practices legislation at the state level, and continued work with urban renewal and public housing issues. The Labor Department continued to focus on the elimination of Jim Crow locals and supported job training and apprenticeship programs. The newly created Church Department began active work with local and national religious leaders in support of NAACP programs and membership campaigns.

The Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom was held in the District of Columbia in May. Co-chairmen for this event were Roy Wilkins, A. Philip Randolph, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. During November a conference of branch leaders from throughout the southern states was held in Atlanta, Georgia, to coordinate work on voting and registration campaigns. Plans for making an impact on the 1958 and 1960 elections were announced. Harassing legislation and lawsuits continued to strain the association's resources and it was also forced to confront red-baiting charges.

- 0258 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. January 7, 1957. 9pp.
- 0267 Minutes of Annual Meeting. January 7, 1957. 2pp.
- 0269 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. February 11, 1957. 12pp.
- 0281 Report of the Secretary for the Month of January 1957. February 11, 1957. 12pp.
- 0293 Report of the Washington Bureau. February 8, 1957. 4pp.
- 0297 Report of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. January 1957. 7pp.
- 0304 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. March 11, 1957. 6pp.
- 0310 Report of the Secretary for the Month of February 1957. March 11, 1957. 13pp.
- 0323 Report of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. February 1957. 4pp.
- 0327 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. April 8, 1957. 9pp.
- 0336 Report of the Secretary for the Month of March 1957. April 8, 1957. 15pp.
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- 0355 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. May 13, 1957. 5pp.
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- 0376 Report of the Washington Bureau. May 9, 1957. 4pp.
- 0380 Report of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. March–April 1957. 7pp.
- 0387 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. June 10, 1957. 6pp.
- 0393 Report of the Secretary for the Month of May 1957. June 10, 1957. 15pp.
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1958

During 1958, the association continued to fend off legal challenges and harassing legislation in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Texas, and Virginia. These challenges were fought in state and federal courts, and often went before the U.S. Supreme Court. Activities of White Citizens Councils and other reactionary groups and red-baiting charges of Communist influence in the NAACP commanded ever more attention from the secretary and other officials.

School cases from Delaware to Texas were also litigated. Noteworthy are the Virginia cases that challenged the Commonwealth's policy of "massive resistance"; Florida cases tested the Pupil Assignment Law of Florida; and non-compliance of the Little Rock, Arkansas, school system with the court order required additional appearances before the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as local arrangements for the transportation and protection of integrated students. A case against segregated public transportation facilities in Memphis, Tennessee, was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Missouri teachers security case was appealed in the federal courts. Housing cases in California and Georgia fought racial discrimination in Federal Housing Administration developments and public housing projects. A Lawyers Conference with NAACP local counsel was held in January and February to discuss barratry, representation at legislative hearings, and future handling of litigation involving racial discrimination.

The NAACP joined the fight in Congress against southern and conservative attempts to restrict the jurisdiction of the U.S. Supreme Court. The association networked with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights on plans to pressure the new Congress to change the U.S. Senate rule on filibusters and to enact a stronger civil rights bill. Work on voter registration proceeded in conjunction with congressional, state, and local elections. A massive southwide campaign to register three million new voters by 1960 was implemented. Work continued with federal agencies including the newly created Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested in Montgomery for loitering, the NAACP tried unsuccessfully to get the Department of Justice to intervene.

The Church Department continued to work with membership campaigns and acted as liaison with representatives of various faiths. Labor Department work with national and international unions stressed fair employment practices and apprenticeship training programs, as well as opposition to Jim Crow local unions. Youth Council members in Wichita, Kansas, and Oklahoma City staged successful lunch counter sit-ins. Membership campaigns in the south were seriously impaired, however, by the disarray in branches and state conferences due to the application of state "registration" and "franchise tax" laws and lawsuits directed against branch leaders. A nationwide recession also had a negative effect on membership.

- 0508 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. January 6, 1958. 8pp.
- 0516 Minutes of Annual Meeting. January 6, 1958. 3pp.
- 0519 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. February 10, 1958. 11pp.
- 0530 Report of the Secretary for the Month of January 1958. February 10, 1958. 13pp.
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- 0544 Report of the General Counsel. February 1958. 6pp.
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- 0558 Report of the Secretary for the Month of February 1958. March 10, 1958. 7pp.
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- 0624 Report of the Secretary for the Month of May 1958. June 9, 1958. 13pp.
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- 0641 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. July 9, 1958. 6pp.
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- 0677 Memorandum to the Board of Directors from the Secretary. August 21, 1958. 1p.
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- 0685 Report of the Secretary for the Month of September 1958. October 14, 1958. 12pp.
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- 0730 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. December 8, 1958. 8pp.

1959

Harassing lawsuits and/or state legislation against the NAACP in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Virginia were appealed vigorously during 1959 with many going before the U.S. Supreme Court. These activities proved a disruption in the South, but nationwide membership increased over 1958.

Litigation of school cases resulted in a victory over "massive resistance" in Virginia. The association continued to support integrated students in Little Rock, Arkansas, as well as supporting efforts to accomplish public school integration in other parts of the state. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to review the North Carolina Pupil Placement Law, marking a retreat from earlier decisions. New York City school cases resulted in increased funding for schools in ghetto neighborhoods, and the ruling was accompanied by demands for state legislation to compel integration. The Missouri teachers security case was lost on appeal, but application was made for a writ of *certiorari* to the U.S. Supreme Court. The association won a partial victory for bus desegregation in Memphis, Tennessee, and entered new cases in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Criminal cases in Florida, Mississippi, and North Carolina resulted in new protections for defendants. The disallowal of segregated juries in one Mississippi county put state officials in a quandary when it was realized that there were no black voters eligible for jury service in that county.

The lynching of Mack Charles Parker in Mississippi prompted a Federal Bureau of Investigation inquiry, refusal by a local grand jury to indict, and a promise by the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice to convene a federal grand jury, which subsequently also failed to indict. Other acts of violence in the South brought similar mixed results.

Work with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in Congress was stymied by obstructionism on the part of Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson and the retreat by the Eisenhower administration from its position of previous years. Efforts to change Senate rules on filibusters and enact stronger civil rights bills were thus undermined. The Civil Aeronautics Board and Federal Aviation Administration stonewalled attempts to end segregated facilities at airports in the South. The association supported the report issued in September by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights calling for public housing reform by executive agencies and protection of voting rights in Mississippi and Louisiana through the appointment of federal registrars, where necessary.

An NBC telecast on February 1, 1959, entitled "The Second Agony of Atlanta," featured an attack on the NAACP by Chet Huntley. Protests to the network brought arrangements for a rebuttal by the secretary, but also required the pro-segregationist views of South Carolinian Thomas Waring to be heard along with a recapitulation by Huntley. The association supported A. Philip Randolph in a Youth March for Integrated Schools in the District of Columbia on April 18, 1959. Strong support for Randolph was also offered when he was attacked by AFL-CIO president George Meany for introducing a resolution at the labor federation's annual conference in September condemning the continued existence of Jim Crow local unions.

State legislation was pushed for fair employment practice laws and fair housing laws. The Housing Department started a bimonthly newsletter for distribution to branch housing committees. Church Department work with membership campaigns and liaison with various religious organizations continued. Concern over publicity given to black crime rates and juvenile delinquency prompted the association to call for statistical analysis by the federal government and proposals for the establishment of youth work camps. Efforts of the South-wide registration campaign increased, with positive results. Red-baiting attacks on the association persisted, necessitating renewed public relations efforts to combat the charges. The association was forced to reiterate its support for non-violent principles, when its branch president for Monroe, North Carolina, made widely publicized statements that could be construed as advocating violence in the wake of unfavorable court decisions.

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- 0001 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. January 5, 1959. 7pp.
- 0008 Minutes of Annual Meeting. January 5, 1959. 3pp.
- 0011 Summary of Annual Report of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. January 2, 1959. 4pp.
- 0015 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. February 9, 1959. 10pp.
- 0025 Report of the Secretary for the Month of January 1959. February 9, 1959. 11pp.
- 0036 Report of the Washington Bureau. February 5, 1959. 1p.
- 0037 Report of the General Counsel. January-February 1959. 4pp.
- 0041 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. March 9, 1959. 7pp.
- 0048 Report of the Secretary for the Month of February 1959. March 9, 1959. 18pp.
- 0066 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. April 13, 1959. 14pp.
- 0080 Report of the Secretary for the Month of March 1959. April 13, 1959. 16pp.
- 0096 Report of the General Counsel. April 1959. 2pp.
- 0098 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. May 11, 1959. 7pp.
- 0105 Report of the Secretary for the Month of April 1959. May 11, 1959. 14pp.
- 0119 Report of the Washington Bureau. May 8, 1959. 1p.
- 0120 Report of the General Counsel. May 1959. 3pp.
- 0123 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. June 8, 1959. 7pp.
- 0130 Report of the Secretary for the Month of May 1959. June 8, 1959. 16pp.
- 0146 Report of the Washington Bureau. June 3, 1959. 1p.
- 0147 Report of the General Counsel. June 1959. 4pp.
- 0151 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. July 15, 1959. 8pp.
- 0159 Findings and Recommendations in re Hearing on Robert Williams Before the Committee on Branches. June 3 and 8, 1959. 4pp.
- 0163 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. September 14, 1959. 9pp.
- 0172 Report of the Secretary for the Months of July and August 1959. September 14, 1959. 15pp.
- 0187 Report of the Washington Bureau. September 11, 1959. 1p.
- 0188 Report of the General Counsel. July, August, and September 1959. 5pp.
- 0193 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. October 13, 1959. 13pp.
- 0206 Report of the Secretary for the Month of September 1959. October 13, 1959. 12pp.
- 0218 Report of the Washington Bureau. October 9, 1959. 2pp.
- 0220 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. November 9, 1959. 9pp.

- 0229 Report of the Secretary for the Month of October 1959. November 9, 1959. 9pp.
- 0238 Report of the Washington Bureau. November 5, 1959. 3pp.
- 0241 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. December 14, 1959. 7pp.

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Voter registration was targeted as the top priority of the association and its branches during 1960. A major campaign by the NAACP-led Leadership Conference on Civil Rights resulted in both major American political parties adopting civil rights planks in their national platforms. Rallies for Civil Rights were conducted at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, California, and the Republican National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Before the elections, the Washington Bureau prepared a memorandum of possible executive actions the new U.S. president could take for the cause of civil rights. Upon the election of John F. Kennedy, work began on influencing appointments, planning new civil rights bills, and changing U.S. Senate filibuster rules.

A weak civil rights bill passed in Congress during April. The act provided limited protections for voting rights and the use of federal referees. These provisions were substantially diluted from the original bill backed by the association. A Federal Aid to Education Bill also cleared Congress in May, representing a major victory for integration by including the Powell Amendment, which restricted the use of federal funds for segregated schools.

NAACP Youth Councils were extremely active during the year, launching lunch counter sit-ins and recreational facility wade-ins throughout the South. State and local branches often hired defense attorneys for those arrested in these demonstrations. The youth secretary conducted training sessions for student leaders. National office officials pressured officials of S. H. Kress & Co. and F. W. Woolworth & Co. to end lunch counter discrimination. The White House Conference on Children and Youth was attended by representatives of the association and embraced wide-ranging support for the cause of civil rights. Departments continued to work with church, housing, and labor issues at the national, regional, state, and local levels.

Harassing lawsuits and anti-NAACP state legislation continued in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Virginia. Appeals against these activities required extensive legal efforts. School cases in Arkansas fought discrimination in public education. Financial and other support continued for integrated students in Little Rock. A teacher security case challenged employment discrimination in Arkansas. A gerrymandering case in Alabama fought racially discriminatory political redistricting in Tuskegee, Alabama. Attempts to integrate beaches in Biloxi, Mississippi, led to a U.S. Department of Justice suit against the state. Federal action also challenged voting practices in Haywood County, Tennessee. Violence and persecution of blacks in the South continued, particularly in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas.

A December 1959 meeting with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, resulted in a January 1960 decision to support that organization and others working for increased voter registration in the South. Later financial support for the Montgomery Improvement Association was used to defend sit-in demonstrators in Alabama. Cooperation with the American Committee on Africa resulted in NAACP participation in the Emergency Action Conference on South Africa. The association also worked with United Nations officials to improve access to public accommodations and end racial discrimination in New York City against delegates from African nations.

- 0248 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. January 4, 1960. 9pp.
- 0257 Minutes of Annual Meeting. January 4, 1959. 2pp.
- 0259 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. February 8, 1960. 14pp.
- 0273 Report of the Secretary for the Month of January 1960. February 8, 1960. 16pp.
- 0289 Report of the Washington Bureau. February 5, 1960. 1p.
- 0290 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. March 14, 1960. 12pp.
- 0302 Report of the Secretary for the Month of February 1960. March 14, 1960. 19pp.
- 0321 Report of the General Counsel. February 1960. 4pp.
- 0325 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. April 11, 1960. 9pp.
- 0334 Report of the Secretary for the Month of March 1960. April 11. 1960. 5pp.
- 0339 Report of the General Counsel. March 1960. 3pp.

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- 0342 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. May 9, 1960. 8pp.
- 0350 Report of the Secretary for the Month of April 1960. May 9, 1960. 21pp.
- 0371 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. June 13, 1960. 8pp.
- 0379 Report of the Secretary for the Month of May 1960. June 13, 1960. 13pp.
- 0392 Report of the Washington Bureau. June 10, 1960. 1p.
- 0393 Report of the Department of Branches. May 1960. 15pp.
- 0408 Report of the General Counsel. May 1960. 4pp.
- 0412 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. June 22, 1960. 4pp.
- 0416 Memorandum to Mr. Wilkins from Mr. McClain. June 22, 1960. 1p.
- 0417 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. September 12, 1960. 13pp.
- 0430 Report of the Secretary for the Months of July and August 1960. 15pp.
- 0445 Memorandum to Cooperating Organization from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. August 5, 1960. 1p.

- 0446 Report of the General Counsel. June, July, and August 1960. 4pp.
- 0450 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. October 10, 1960. 6pp.
- 0456 Report of the Secretary for the Month of September 1960. October 10, 1960. 13pp.
- 0469 Report of the Washington Bureau. October 6, 1960. 1p.
- 0470 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting. November 14, 1960. 10pp.
- 0480 Notice of Cancelled December Board of Directors Meeting. Undated. 1p.
- 0481 Report of the Secretary for the Month of November 1960. December 12, 1960. 14pp.
- 0495 Report of the Washington Bureau. December 1960. 2pp.
- 0497 Report of the General Counsel. November 1960. 3pp.

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- 0500 Annual Meetings—General. 1956–1958. 206pp.
- 0501 Press Release regarding 47th Annual Meeting. January 3, 1956. 7pp.
- 0508 Statement of the Special Counsel to the Annual Meeting. January 3, 1956. 7pp.
- 0515 Correspondence, Enclosures, Memoranda, and Minutes of Meetings. January 3, 1956–January 7, 1957. 24pp.
- 0539 Report of the Secretary to the Annual Meeting. January 7, 1957. 5pp.
- 0544 Report of the Washington Bureau to the Annual Meeting. Undated. 18pp.
- 0562 Report of *The Crisis* to the Annual Meeting. Undated. 3pp.
- 0565 Report of the Branch Department to the Annual Meeting. January 7, 1957. 4pp.
- 0569 Report of the Secretary to the Annual Meeting. January 7, 1957. 6pp.
- 0575 Correspondence, Enclosures, Memoranda, Minutes of Meetings, and Press Releases. January 7, 1957–January 6, 1958, and January 5, 1959. 35pp.
- 0610 Press Releases regarding 49th Annual Meeting. January 6, 1958. 17pp.
- 0627 Correspondence, Enclosures, Memoranda, Minutes of Meetings, Notes, and Press Releases. January 6–7, 1958. 16pp.
- 0643 Report of the Church Department to the Annual Meeting. 1958. 4pp.
- 0647 Report of the Director of Public Relations to the Annual Meeting. January 5, 1958. 12pp.
- 0659 Excerpts from the Report of the Labor Secretary to the Annual Meeting. January 6, 1958. 2pp.
- 0661 Report of the General Counsel to the Annual Meeting. January 6, 1958. 4pp.
- 0665 Report of the Secretary to the Annual Meeting. January 6, 1958. 6pp.
- 0671 Correspondence, Enclosures, Memoranda, Notes, and Press Releases. January 4–7, 1958 and Undated. 35pp.

- 0706 Annual Meeting—General. 1959–1960. 132pp.
0707 Correspondence, Enclosures, Memoranda, and Press Releases.
December 17, 1958–January 4, 1959. 36pp.
0743 Report of the General Counsel to the Annual Meeting. January 4, 1959. 4pp.
0747 Report of the Secretary to the Annual Meeting (Insert). January 5, 1959. 1p.
0748 Report of the Labor Secretary to the Annual Meeting. January 5, 1959. 3pp.
0751 Report of the Director of Public Relations to the Annual Meeting. January 5,
1959. 3pp.
0754 Report of the Secretary to the Annual Meeting. January 1959. 6pp.
0760 Agenda, Correspondence, Enclosures, Memoranda, and Press Releases.
January 5–December 30, 1959 and Undated. 26pp.
0786 Resolutions of the Annual Meeting. January 4, 1960. 2pp.
0788 Report of *The Crisis* to the Annual Meeting. Undated. 3pp.
0791 Minutes of Meeting and Notes. January 4, 1960. 20pp.
0811 Report of the Secretary to the Annual Meeting. January 4, 1960. 5pp.
0816 Press Releases. January 4, 1960. 16pp.
0832 Lists of Persons Attending Annual Meeting. January 3, 1960 and Undated.
6pp.

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47th Annual Convention. June 26–July 1, 1956

- 0001 Assessments. April 4–December 9, 1956. 102pp.
0002 Correspondence, Enclosures, and Memoranda. April 4–December 9, 1956.
39pp.
0041 Fee Lists. April 10–August 2, 1956. 62pp.
0103 Cleveland, Ohio, Branch [Site of 1958 Convention]. May 22–August 1, 1956. 4pp.
0107 Committees—Conference Procedure. May 8–June 13, 1956. 19pp.
0126 Committees—General. February 2–July 10, 1956. 29pp.
0155 Delegates—Correspondence. April 19–June 21, 1956. 48pp.
0203 Delegates—Credentials. May 24–June 17, 1956 and Undated. 144pp.
0245 Lists of Delegates by State and County. Undated. 102pp.
0347 Delegates—Registered. June 21–22, 1956 and Undated. 44pp.
0348 Lists of Delegates by Region, State, and County. June 21–22, 1956 and
Undated. 43pp.
0391 Detroit, Michigan, Facilities [Site of 1957 Convention]. July 5–November 8, 1956. 28pp.
0419 Expenses and Receipts, April 5–August 21, 1956. 142pp.
0561 Form Letters. February 6–August 13, 1956 and Undated. 60pp.
0621 Freedom Fund Dinner Report. May 2–June 18, 1956. 19pp.

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- 0640 General. January–June 1956. 124pp.
0764 General. July –December 1956. 168pp.
0832 Greetings. June 1956. 70pp.
0902 Housing [Accommodations]. February–May 1956. 10pp.
0912 Minutes. June–August 1956. 25pp.

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47th Annual Convention. June 26–July 1, 1956 cont.

- 0001 National Youth Work Committee. January 16–December 7, 1956. 56pp.
- 0057 New York Branch (Metropolitan Area) [Site of 1959 Convention]. January 18–February 6, 1956. 6pp.
- 0063 Press Releases. June 23–July 5, 1956. 9pp.
- 0072 Program. March–June 1956. 179pp.
- 0251 Publicity. May–August 1956. 25pp.
- 0276 Resolutions—Adopted. June 26–July 1, 1956. 86pp.
- 0362 Resolutions—Considered. April 9–November 2, 1956. 137pp.

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- 0499 San Francisco, California, Branch [Site of 1956 Convention]. January–June 1956. 116pp.
- 0615 Speakers. February–September 1956. 52pp.
- 0667 Speeches. June 1956. 79pp.
- 0670 Keynote Address by Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel. June 26, 1956. 11pp.
- 0681 Address by Gloster B. Current, Director of Branches. June 26, 1956. 13pp.
- 0694 Address by A. Philip Randolph, June 27, 1956. 7pp.
- 0701 Address by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. June 27, 1956. 10pp.
- 0711 Excerpts from Address by Rep. Hugh Scott. June 29, 1956. 6pp.
- 0717 Address by Rep. Sidney R. Yates. June 29, 1956. 22pp.
- 0739 Address by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary. July 1, 1956. 7pp.
- 0746 Staff. March–June 1956. 62pp.
- 0808 Trade Unions. February–July 1956. 49pp.
- 0857 Travel. January–November 1956. 18pp.
- 0875 Workshops. February–July 1956. 120pp.

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47th Annual Convention. June 26–July 1, 1956 cont.

- 0001 Youth. April–July 1956. 77pp.

48th Annual Convention. June 25–30, 1957

- 0078 Assessments. April 4–July 10, 1957 and Undated. 87pp.
- 0079 Correspondence, Enclosures, and Memoranda. 48pp.
- 0127 Fee Lists. Undated. 38pp.
- 0165 Committees—Conference Procedure. May 22–27, 1957. 22pp.

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- 0187 Cleveland, Ohio, Branch [Site of 1958 Convention]. April 23–December 18, 1957. 15pp.
0202 Committees—General. March 5–June 27, 1957 and Undated. 41pp.

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- 0243 Delegates—Credentials. May 29–June 21, 1957 and Undated. 81pp.
0244 Correspondence, Enclosures, and Memoranda. May 29–June 21, 1957. 28pp.
0272 Lists of Delegates by State and County. Undated. 52pp.
0324 Delegates. June 21, 1957. 27pp.
0325 Lists of Delegates by Region, State, and County. June 21, 1957. 26pp.
0351 Delegates—Voting. June 17, 1957 and Undated. 60pp.
0352 Lists of Delegates by State and County with Statistics on Branch Memberships. June 17, 1957 and Undated. 59pp.
0411 Detroit, Michigan, Branch [Site of 1957 Convention]. August 22, 1956–August 13, 1957 and Undated. 107pp.
0518 Expenses and Receipts. March 27–July 29, 1957. 138pp.
0656 Form Letters. March 5–June 14, 1957 and Undated. 51pp.
0707 General. February 8–December 16, 1957. 128pp.
0835 Greetings. April 15–July 9, 1957. 29pp.
0864 Housing. May 27–September 6, 1957. 107pp.

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- 0001 Lawyers Conference. September 29, 1956–June 6, 1957. 152pp.
0002 Memorandum to Roy Wilkins regarding Lawyers Conference, June 7–9, 1957. May 22, 1957. 8pp.
0010 Memorandum to Thurgood Marshall from Robert L. Carter regarding Lawyers Conference, June 7–9, 1957. May 23, 1957. 1p.
0011 Agenda of Lawyers Conference and Memorandum to Conferees. Undated. 29pp.
0040 Memorandum to NAACP State Conferences and Branches from Robert L. Carter regarding Lawyers Conference. June 6, 1957. 1p.
0041 Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, Texas, and Virginia State Anti-NAACP Legislation and Papers relating to Lawsuits and Appeals. September 29, 1956–April 29, 1957. 112pp.
0153 Minutes. June 25–27, 1957. 10pp.
0163 New York Branch [Site of 1959 Convention]. May 9–November 15, 1957 and Undated. 36pp.
0197 Press Releases. June 13–July 3, 1957. 16pp.
0213 Program. May 23–June 12, 1957 and Undated. 81pp.
0294 Publicity. December 10, 1956–September 24, 1957. 170pp.
0354 Letter to the Editor of the *Amsterdam News* regarding Cooperation Among the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in Planning the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in the District of Columbia. June 4, 1957. 4pp.

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- 0464 Resolutions—Adopted. June 25–30 and September 5, 1957. 113pp.
0577 Resolutions—General. April 5–June 30, 1957. 77pp.
0654 Speakers. April 2–June 19, 1957. 45pp.

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- 0699 Speeches. June 24–30, 1957. 95pp.
0700 Statement by Roy L. Carter, General Counsel. June 24, 1957. 1p.
0701 Keynote Address by Channing H. Tobias, Chairman, Board of Directors.
June 25, 1957. 22pp.
0723 Draft of Keynote Address with Memorandum from Henry Lee Moon to Roy
Wilkins. June 14, 1957. 22pp.
0745 Welcoming Remarks by Judge Ira W. Jayne, Detroit, Michigan, Branch.
June 25, 1957. 3pp.
0748 Statement by Victor R. Daly, American Bridge Association. June 25, 1957.
2pp.
0750 Remarks by Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., Americans for Democratic Action. June 26,
1957. 4pp.
0754 Address by Shad Polier, American Jewish Congress Commission on Law and
Social Action. June 27, 1957. 4pp.
0758 Remarks by Reverend Richard S. Emrich, Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan.
June 28, 1957. 10pp.
0768 Excerpts from Address by Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr. June 28, 1957. 7pp.
0775 Remarks by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. June 28, 1957. 5pp.
0780 Remarks by Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel. June 30, 1957. 5pp.
0785 Address by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary. June 30, 1957. 6pp.
0791 Remarks by Jackie Robinson. June 30, 1957. 3pp.
0794 Staff. March 14–July 22, 1957. 25pp.
0819 Time and Place. January 27–July 17, 1957. 6pp.
0825 Trade Unions. February 20–July 26, 1957. 50pp.
0875 Travel. December 13, 1956–December 30, 1957. 18pp.

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48th Annual Convention. June 25–30, 1957 cont.

- 0001 Workshops. June 5–October 22, 1957. 56pp.
0057 Youth. January 4–July 25, 1957. 169pp.

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- 0226 Assessments. April 4–October 14, 1958 and Undated. 74pp.
0227 Correspondence, Enclosures and Memoranda. April 4–October 14, 1958.
40pp.
0267 Fee Lists. Undated. 33pp.
0300 Church. May 22–July 10, 1958 and Undated. 62pp.
0362 Cleveland, Ohio, Branch [Site of 1958 Convention]. January 9–September 23, 1958.
76pp.
0438 Committees—Conference Procedure. April 17–July 8, 1958. 60pp.

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- 0498 Committees—General. January 22–December 6, 1958. 30pp.
- 0528 Delegates—Credentials. March 12–July 7, 1958 and Undated. 93pp.
 - 0529 Correspondence, Enclosures, and Memoranda. March 12–July 2, 1958. 65pp.
 - 0594 Lists of Delegates by Region, State, and Branch. July 3, 1958. 24pp.
 - 0618 Correspondence. July 3–7, 1958 and Undated. 3pp.
- 0621 Delegates—Voting. April 11–July 2, 1958 and Undated. 51pp.
 - 0622 Correspondence, Enclosures, and Memoranda. April 11–June 27, 1958. 7pp.
 - 0629 Lists of Delegates by Region, State, and Branch. July 2, 1958 and Undated. 43pp.

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- 0672 Form Letters. January 10–May 23, 1958 and Undated. 23pp.
- 0695 General. January–May 1958. 48pp.
- 0743 General. June 1958. 127pp.

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- 0001 General. July–December 1958. 78pp.
- 0079 Greetings. January 6–August 21, 1958. 127pp.
- 0206 Housing. July 1, 1958 and Undated. 4pp.
- 0210 Life Membership. June 11–August 4, 1958 and Undated. 15pp.
- 0225 Minutes. July 8–11, 1958. 10pp.
- 0235 New York, as Site of 1959 Convention. March 10–December 4, 1958 and Undated. 25pp.
- 0260 Press Releases. May 21–July 17, 1958. 26pp.
- 0286 Program. April 7–October 28, 1958. 153pp.
- 0439 Publicity. June 14–July 30, 1958. 39pp.
- 0478 Resolutions. March 26–September 2, 1958 and Undated. 90pp.
- 0568 St. Paul, Minnesota, Branch [Site of 1960 Convention]. April 28–September 23, 1958. 28pp.
- 0596 Souvenir Journal. May 13–July 28, 1958. 10pp.
- 0606 Speakers. April 3–August 23, 1958. 39pp.
- 0645 Speeches. June 30–July 13, 1958. 41pp.
 - 0647 Keynote Address by Channing H. Tobias, Chairman, Board of Directors. July 8, 1958. 19pp.
 - 0666 Speech by Sen. Paul H. Douglas. July 9, 1958. 3pp.
 - 0669 Speech by Sen. Jacob Javits. July 9, 1958. 5pp.
 - 0674 Excerpts from Address by Thurgood Marshall, Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defence and Educational Fund, Inc. July 11, 1958. 2pp.
 - 0676 Remarks by William E. Stevenson. 2pp.
 - 0678 Address by Mrs. L. C. (Daisy) Bates, Arkansas State Conference of Branches. July 11, 1958. 2pp.
 - 0680 Address by Ernest Green. July 11, 1958. 1p.
 - 0681 Address by Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary. July 13, 1958. 5pp.

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- 0686 Time and Place. January 20–June 13, 1958. 8pp.
0694 Trade Unions. May 13–June 30, 1958 and Undated. 37pp.
0731 Travel. February 12–March 7, 1958. 4pp.
0735 Workshops. May 13–October 2, 1958. 80pp.
0815 Youth. April 23–October 7, 1958. 82pp.

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50th Annual Convention. July 13–19, 1959

- 0001 Assessments. April 8–December 9, 1959 and Undated. 34pp.
0002 Fee Lists. Undated. 8pp.
0010 Correspondence, Enclosures, and Memoranda. April 8–December 9, 1959. 25pp.
0035 Church. June 3–July 25, 1959 and Undated. 45pp.
0080 Committees—Convention Procedure. Undated. 26pp.
0106 Committees—General. January 15–July 18, 1959. 31pp.
0137 Committees—Registration. Undated. 5pp.
0142 Delegates—Credentials. May 20–July 10, 1959. 75pp.
0143 Correspondence, Enclosures, and Memoranda. May 20–July 9, 1959. 38pp.
0181 Lists of Delegates by Region, State, and Branch. July 10, 1959. 36pp.
0217 Delegates—Voting. July 1–10, 1959 and Undated. 31pp.
0248 Form Letters. May 4–July 10, 1959 and Undated. 31pp.
0279 General. February–June 1959 [and Undated, ca. July–December, 1959]. 203pp.
0292 Report after the Convention by Gloster B. Current, Director of Branches. Undated, ca. July–August 1959. 24pp.
0482 General. July 1959. 97pp.
0579 General. August–December 1959. 68pp.

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- 0647 Greetings. April–June 1959. 52pp.
0699 Greetings. July–December 1959. 100pp.
0799 Housing. June 5–July 24, 1959. 69pp.
0868 Life Membership. February 9–November 11, 1959. 40pp.

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50th Annual Convention. July 13–19, 1959 cont.

- 0001 Minutes. July 13–18, 1959. 26pp.

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- 0027 New York Branch (Metropolitan Area) [Site of 1959 Convention]. February 20–July 20, 1959. 117pp.
- 0144 New York Coliseum. March 16–June 17, 1959. 32pp.
- 0176 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania [Possible Site of 1961 Convention]. March 31–April 15, 1959. 3pp.
- 0179 Press Releases. April 16–July 24, 1959. 50pp.
- 0229 Programs. January 6–July 19, 1959 and Undated. 209pp.
- 0438 Publicity. April 23–December 22, 1959. 32pp.

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- 0470 Resolutions. March 11–July 19, 1959. 125pp.
- 0595 St. Paul, Minnesota, Branch [Site of 1960 Convention]. January 2–December 16, 1959. 38pp.
- 0633 Souvenir Journal. January 8–September 25, 1959 and Undated. 90pp.

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50th Annual Convention. July 13–19, 1959 cont.

- 0001 Souvenir Journal—Unpaid Bills in 1960. May 1, 1959–March 29, 1960. 56pp.
- 0057 Speakers. March 18–August 3, 1959. 51pp.
- 0108 Speeches. July 13–19, 1959. 131pp.
- 0109 Address by Hulan E. Jack, Manhattan Borough President. July 13, 1959. 2pp.
- 0111 Excerpts from Address by Governor Nelson Rockefeller. July 13, 1959. 2pp.
- 0113 Keynote Address by Channing H. Tobias, Chairman, Board of Directors. July 13, 1959. 13pp.
- 0129 Excerpts from Remarks by Robert C. Weaver, housing consultant. July 14, 1959. 1p.
- 0130 Unidentified Remarks regarding the NAACP National Housing Program. July 14, 1959. 4pp.
- 0134 Remarks by Sen. Hugh Scott. July 14, 1959. 2pp.
- 0136 Address by Oliver W. Hill, Virginia State Conference of Branches. July 14, 1959. 3pp.
- 0139 Excerpts from Remarks by Charles Abrams, New York State Commission against Discrimination. July 14, 1959. 1p.
- 0140 Remarks by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey. July 15, 1959. 3pp.
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