Collection Summary

Title: Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Records
Span Dates: 1920-1968
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1950-1968)
ID No.: MSS48439
Creator: Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Extent: 41,000 items ; 144 containers ; 70 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Part I consists of general correspondence, subject files, and personal papers of the brotherhood's founder, A. Philip Randolph, documenting the growth and functions of the union chiefly after 1940. Part II consists of correspondence and subject files of brotherhood officials Benjamin F. McLaurin (international field organizer), A. Philip Randolph (founder and president), and Ashley L. Totten (secretary-treasurer), and other subject files, financial records, and miscellaneous records.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Blanchette, A. R. (Arthur Robinson), 1910- --Correspondence.
Bond, Julian, 1940- --Correspondence.
Dellums, C. L. (Cotrell Lawrence)--Correspondence.
Dubinsky, David, 1892-1982--Correspondence.
Farmer, James, 1920-1999--Correspondence.
Green, William, 1872-1952--Correspondence.
King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968--Correspondence.
Marshall, Thurgood, 1908-1993--Correspondence.
Mboya, Tom--Correspondence.
McKissick, Floyd B. (Floyd Bixler), 1922-1991--Correspondence.
McLaurin, Benjamin F., 1905- Benjamin F. McLaurin papers.
McNeal, T. D.--Correspondence.
Meany, George, 1894-1980--Correspondence.
Murray, Philip, 1886-1952--Correspondence.
Powell, Adam Clayton, 1908-1972--Correspondence.
Quill, Mike--Correspondence.
Randolph, Woodruff, 1892-1966--Correspondence.
Rauh, Joseph L., 1911- --Correspondence.
Reuther, Roy, 1909-1968--Correspondence.
Reuther, Victor G. (Victor George), 1912- --Correspondence.
Reuther, Walter, 1907-1970--Correspondence.
Rustin, Bayard, 1912-1987--Correspondence.
Smith, Bennie, b. 1884--Correspondence.
Stone, Chuck--Correspondence.
Totten, Ashley, 1884-1963. Ashley Totten papers.
Webster, Milton P., 1887-1965--Correspondence.
White, Walter Francis, 1893-1955--Correspondence.
Wilkins, Roy, 1901-1981--Correspondence.
Young, Whitney M.--Correspondence.

Organizations

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Records
American Federation of Labor.
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.
Congress of Industrial Organizations.
National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor (U.S.)
National Sharecroppers’ Fund (U.S.)

Subjects
African American labor leaders.
African Americans--Civil rights.
African Americans--Societies, etc.
Civil rights.
Labor movement--Africa.
Labor movement--Canada.
Labor movement--Kenya.
Labor movement--United States.
Local elections--New York (State)--New York.
Pullman porters--Labor unions--Canada.
Pullman porters--Labor unions--United States.
Railroad companies.
Railroads--Employees--Labor unions--United States.
Railroads--Employees.
Women in the labor movement--United States.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters were given to the Library of Congress in 1971 by A. Philip Randolph and the brotherhood and in 1981 by the Chicago Historical Society.

Processing History
The records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters were first arranged and described in 1972. Additional material received was incorporated into the collection in 1985 and this register subsequently revised in 1997.

Transfers
Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Prints & Photographs Division. Sheet music has been transferred to the Music Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Records.

Related Material
In 1983, the Library received a separate collection of the papers of A. Philip Randolph. Other records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters can be found in the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley and at the Chicago Historical Society.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Notes

Benjamin F. McLaurin

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<td>Employed by the Pullman Co.</td>
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<td>Labor candidate, city council, New York, N.Y.</td>
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A. Philip Randolph

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<td>1917</td>
<td>Organized small union of elevator operators, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1921</td>
<td>Socialist candidate, secretary of state for New York</td>
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<td>Organized Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters</td>
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<td>1935</td>
<td>Member, Fiorello H. La Guardia's Commission on Race</td>
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<td>1941</td>
<td>Organized March on Washington Movement</td>
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<td>Honorary LL.D., Howard University, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>Member, New York City Housing Authority</td>
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<td>1957-1968</td>
<td>Vice president, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations</td>
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<td>1963</td>
<td>Participated in organization of March on Washington</td>
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1964     Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom
1979, May 16     Died, New York, N.Y.

Ashley L. Totten

Date            Event
1884, Oct. 11   Born, St. Croix, Virgin Islands
1905            Immigrated to United States
1911            Naturalized as United States citizen
1927            Married Nellie V. Victoria
1932            International secretary-treasurer, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
                 President, American Virgin Islands Civic Association
1937            National reporting officer, Railroad Retirement Board
1963            Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters span the years 1920-1968, with the bulk of the items dated 1950-1968. The collection is arranged into two parts and includes series related to the brotherhood and its officers.

Part I of the records spans the years 1937-1968, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1950-1968. The records are organized into three series: General Correspondence, Subject File, and A. Philip Randolph Papers.

Although the main focus of Part I is the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the records are dominated by the personality and activities of the organization's founder, A. Philip Randolph. The Subject File contains a large quantity of material on the growth and functions of the union from 1940 to 1968 and includes agreements reached between the brotherhood and the nation's major railroad lines. Included also is material exchanged between the local unions and the brotherhood's headquarters, as well as files relating to biennial conventions, financial matters, and the ladies auxiliary. There are no records relating to Randolph's creation of the union in 1925 or to the brotherhood's subsequent struggles for existence while organizing various union locals.

The General Correspondence series contains exchanges between Randolph and his principal aides, A. R. Blanchette, C. L. Dellums, Benjamin F. McLaurin, T. D. McNeal, Bennie Smith, and Milton P. Webster, as well as extensive correspondence with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and a lesser amount with labor organizations representing dining car employees, locomotive firemen, and railway clerks. Among the major labor leaders represented in the correspondence are Dave Beck, David Dubinsky, William Green, George Meany, Philip Murray, Michael J. Quill, Woodruff Randolph, and Roy, Victor, and Walter Reuther. There is also correspondence of political figures and an abundance of letters exchanged with civil rights organizations and leaders including Julian Bond, James Farmer, Martin Luther King, Jr., Floyd B. McKissick, Thurgood Marshall, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., Bayard Rustin, Arthur B. Spingarn, C. Sumner (Chuck) Stone, Jr., Walter Francis White, Roy Wilkins, and Whitney Young, Jr. Of particular interest is a group of letters from the African labor organizer, Tom Mboya, concerning his activities among the workers of Kenya.

Also received with Part I were papers of A. Philip Randolph which are not directly related to the brotherhood. These papers, organized by subject and type of material, constitute the last series of this original portion.
Acquired at a later date, Part II of the records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters spans the years 1920-1968, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1950-1968. This portion of the records is organized into the Benjamin F. McLaurin Papers, the A. Philip Randolph Papers, the Ashley L. Totten Papers, Subject File, Financial Papers, and Miscellany.

The records in Part II generally cover the same time period and supplement the correspondence and files of Part I. Although A. Philip Randolph remains the dominant individual in the collection, files of other brotherhood officers are included in most of the series. Randolph’s correspondence contains letters from members of the brotherhood, officials of other labor unions, members of the United States Congress, educators, individuals involved in civil rights efforts, persons seeking relief from economic distress, and admirers. The most voluminous correspondence is with A. R. Blanchette, the brotherhood’s international field representative in Canada, and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. The letters of Benjamin F. McLaurin, which span the years 1944-1957, are primarily confined to his services as international field organizer, while those of Ashley L. Totten, dating 1937-1951, relate to his duties as secretary-treasurer of the brotherhood.

The Subject File in Part II contains additional agreements between the brotherhood and the railroad companies, but most of the files concern the participation of the union in railway and labor organizations. The most informative material relating to the organizing activities of the union can be found in the files pertaining to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. These activities were carried out under the auspices of the Provisional Committee To Organize Colored Locomotive Firemen. The records document the struggles of African-American firemen to retain their jobs and seniority rights with the railroad companies while seeking to be represented by a labor union. Briefs of legal cases brought by the brotherhood on behalf of the African-American firemen are also included in the files. Some of the material in the files relating to Canada also touches on the organizing activities of the brotherhood.

The papers of A. Philip Randolph, Benjamin F. McLaurin, and Ashley L. Totten also contain material not directly related to the activities of the union, although some may be the result of their prominence as officers in the brotherhood. Randolph’s files include material on the organization of agricultural workers, the National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor, and the National Sharecroppers’ Fund, which shows his concern for farm laborers and his support of organizations seeking to better their working conditions. A significant file in McLaurin’s papers relates to his campaign for a seat on the New York city council in 1945. Correspondence and a file of speaking engagements constitute the papers of Ashley L. Totten. A letter written while he was president of the American Virgin Islands Civic Association is also among his papers.

**Organization of the Papers**

The collection is arranged in two parts composed of nine series:

**Part I:**
- General Correspondence, 1940-1968
- Subject File, 1940-1968
- A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1937-1968

**Part II:**
- Benjamin F. McLaurin Papers, 1944-1957
- Ashley L. Totten Papers, 1937-1951
- Subject File, 1920-1968
- Financial Papers, 1936-1968
- Miscellany, 1947-1963
Description of Series

Container       Series
BOX 1-34        Part I: General Correspondence, 1940-1968
                Incoming and outgoing correspondence.
                Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization.
BOX 35-96       Part I: Subject File, 1940-1968
                Bulletins, correspondence, financial papers, agreements, legal papers, memoranda, newspaper
                clippings, speeches, and printed matter.
                Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.
                Subject File consisting of correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and
                printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.
                Miscellany consisting of articles, biographical information, family correspondence, financial
                papers, and speeches. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 106         Part II: Benjamin F. McLaurin Papers, 1944-1957
                Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or
                organization.
                Subject File consisting of writings, biographical information, and printed matter. Arranged
                alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.
                Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or
                organization.
                Speeches and writings. Arranged chronologically.
                Subject File consisting of correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and
                printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.
BOX 119-120     Part II: Ashley L. Totten Papers, 1937-1951
                Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.
                Miscellaneous material and speaking engagements. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 121-141     Part II: Subject File, 1920-1968
                Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and printed matter.
                Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.
BOX 141-143     Part II: Financial Papers, 1936-1968
                Financial material consisting of correspondence, statements, and reports.
                Arranged chronologically.
BOX 143-144     Part II: Miscellany, 1947-1963
                Press releases, newspapers, and statements from various labor unions, printed matter, and
                reports.
                Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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Alexander, Clifford L., Jr.  
American Committee on Africa  
(2 folders)  
American Federation of Labor  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 2     | American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations  
Civil Rights Committee  
(2 folders)  
Executive Council  
(3 folders)  
General  
(1 folder) |
| BOX 3     | International Affairs Committee  
(1 folder) |
| BOX 4     | Association of General Chairmen, Standard Railroad Labor Organizations  
"Ab-Am" miscellaneous  
(3 folders) |
| BOX 5     | "An-Ay" miscellaneous  
Bethune, Mary McLeod  
The Black Worker  
(2 folders)  
Blanchette, A. R.  
(4 folders) |
| BOX 6     | (4 folders)  
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 7     | Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks  
Brown, Theodore E.  
(4 folders)  
Burns, James A.  
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(6 folders)  
Defense Department  
Dellums, C. L. |
| 11        | Delson, Levin and Gordon, law firm  
(5 folders) |
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Douglas, Paul H.  
"D" miscellaneous  
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Edwards, Don  
Eichelberger, Clark M.  
Eisenhower, Dwight D.  
Epstein, Henry  
Ethridge, Mark  
Evers, Myrlie B.  
"Ea-En" miscellaneous |
| 13        | "Ep-Ez" miscellaneous  
Farbstein, Leonard  
Farmer, James  
Farrell, James T.  
Fauntroy, Walter E.  
Federal Housing Administration  
Ferguson, Homer  
Finkelstein, Louis  
Fraser, Donald M.  
Freeman, Orville L.  
Fries, Frank W.  
Fulton, James G.  
Furness, Betty  
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Gallagher, Cornelius E.  
Gates, Thomas S.  
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|           | Hall, Leonard W.  
|           | Hammarskjöld, Dag  
|           | Harriman, W. Averell  
|           | Harrington, Michael  
|           | Health, Education, and Welfare, Department of  
|           | Henderson, Leon  
|           | Hennings, Thomas G.  
|           | Hertzberg, Sidney  
|           | Hill, Lister  
|           | Hodges, Luther H.  
|           | Hoffman, Paul  
|           | Holland, Elmer J.  
|           | Holmes, John Haynes  
|           | Hoover, J. Edgar  
|           | Hotel & Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union, Joint Council Dining Car Employees Union  
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| BOX 15    | Humphrey, Hubert H.  
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|           | (4 folders)  
| BOX 16    | Impellitteri, Vincent R.  
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|           | Interior Department  
|           | International Cooperation Administration  
|           | Interstate Commerce Commission  
|           | Ives, Irving M.  
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|           | Javits, Jacob K.  
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|           | Johnson, Charles S.  
|           | Johnson, Lyndon B.  
|           | Johnson, Mordecai  
|           | Johnson, Robert E.  
|           | Justice Department  

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Records
"J" miscellaneous  
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Kaiser, Edgar F.  
Katzenbach, Nicholas DeB.  
Keating, Kenneth B.  
Kefauver, Estes  
Kennedy, Edward M.  
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Kerr, Robert S.  
Keyserling, Leon H.  

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King, Martin Luther, Jr.  
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Kirchwey, Freda  
Kitt, Eartha  
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"K" miscellaneous  
Labor Bureau of Middle West  
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Labor Department  
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La Farge, John  
La Guardia, Fiorello H.  
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Lehman, Edith  
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Levin, Ruben  
Levitas, S. M.  
Lewis, Jerry  
Lewis, John L.  
Library of Congress  
Lindsay, John  
Lucas, Scott W.  
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Martin Luther King Convalescent Fund  
Mathias, Charles McC., Jr.  
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McCormack, John W.
McDonald, David J.
McFarland, Ernest W.
McGrath, J. Howard
McKinney, Frank E.
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Minton, Sherman

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Mitchell, Clarence M.
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Morgan, Edward P.
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Morse, Wayne
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"M" miscellaneous
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Nabrit, James M., Jr.
Nash, Philleo
National Advisory Commission on Rural Poverty
NAACP
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National Mediation Board
National Urban League
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Negro American Labor Council
Negro Labor Committee
Nevins, Allan
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|           | Alton Railroad  
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|           | Delaware, Lackawanna and Western  
|           | Denver and Rio Grande Western  
|           | Erie Railroad  
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