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BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

A REGISTER OF ITS RECORDS IN THE  
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### Administrative Information

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.

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.

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Photographs and sheet music have been transferred to the Library's Prints & Photographs Division and Music Division, where they are identified as part of these papers.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied:	70
Approximate number of items:	41,000

## Biographical Notes

### Benjamin F. McLaurin

- 1906, May 26      Born, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 1925              Moved to Chicago, Ill.  
Employed by the Pullman Co.
- 1931              Attended Brookwood Labor College, Katona, N.Y.  
Local organizer, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
- 1935              International field organizer, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car  
Porters
- 1938              Married Margaret L. Frye
- 1945              Labor candidate, city council, New York, N.Y.
- ca. 1959          Eastern zone supervisor, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

### A. Philip Randolph

- 1889, Apr. 15    Born, Crescent City, Fla.
- 1914              Married Lucille E. Campbell
- 1917              Organized small union of elevator operators, New York, N.Y.
- 1921              Socialist candidate, secretary of state for New York
- 1925              Organized Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
- 1935              Member, Fiorello H. La Guardia's Commission on Race
- 1941              Organized March on Washington Movement  
Honorary LL.D., Howard University, Washington, D.C.  
Member, New York City Housing Authority
- 1957-68          Vice president, American Federation of Labor and Congress of  
Industrial Organizations
- 1963              Participated in organization of March on Washington
- 1964              Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom

Ashley L. Totten

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 1920-68, with the bulk of the items dated 1950-68. 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 1937-68, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1950-68. 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 1920-68, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1950-68. 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 1944-57, are primarily confined to his services as international field organizer, while those of Ashley L. Totten, dating 1937-51, 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.

## Description of Series

*Container Nos.*    *Series*

### Part I

- 1-34            General Correspondence, 1940-68, n.d.  
                  Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged  
                  alphabetically by name of person or organization.
- 35-96            Subject File, 1940-68, n.d.  
                  Bulletins, correspondence, financial papers, agreements,  
                  legal papers, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and  
                  printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person,  
                  organization, or topic.
- 97-105            A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1937-68, n.d.  
                  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.

### Part II

- 106             Benjamin F. McLaurin Papers, 1944-57, n.d.  
                  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.
- 106-119            A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1935-68, n.d.  
                  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.

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Part II

- 119-120            Ashley L. Totten Papers, 1937-51, n.d.  
                      Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged  
                      alphabetically by name of correspondent. Miscellaneous  
                      material and speaking engagements. Arranged  
                      chronologically.
- 121-141            Subject File, 1920-68, n.d.  
                      Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches,  
                      and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of  
                      person, organization, or topic.
- 141-143            Financial Papers, 1936-68.  
                      Financial material consisting of correspondence,  
                      statements, and reports. Arranged chronologically.
- 143-144            Miscellany, 1947-63, n.d.  
                      Press releases, newspapers, and statements from various  
                      labor unions, printed matter, and reports. Arranged  
                      alphabetically by type of material.

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| 1 | Africa<br>Alexander, Clifford L.<br>Alexander, Clifford L., Jr.<br>American Committee on Africa (2 folders)<br>American Federation of Labor (2 folders)                  |
| 2 | American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial<br>Organizations<br>Civil Rights Committee (2 folders)<br>Executive Council (3 folders)<br>General<br>(1 folder) |
| 3 | (4 folders)<br>International Affairs Committee<br>(1 folder)   |
| 4 | (1 folder)<br>Association of General Chairmen, Standard Railroad Labor<br>Organizations<br>"Ab-Am" miscellaneous (3 folders)   |
| 5 | "An-Ay" miscellaneous<br>Bethune, Mary McLeod<br><i>The Black Worker</i> (2 folders)<br>Blanchette, A. R.<br>(4 folders)   |
| 6 | (4 folders)<br>Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (2 folders)   |
| 7 | Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks<br>Brown, Theodore E. (4 folders)<br>Burns, James A.<br>"Ba-Be" miscellaneous (2 folders)                                    |

PART I: GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1940-68, n.d. (Continued)

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8	"Bi-By" miscellaneous (5 folders) China Citizens Crusade Against Poverty Commission on Civil Rights Committee on Discrimination in Employment
9	Congress of Racial Equality (4 folders) Council Against Intolerance in America "Ca" miscellaneous
10	"Ce-Cu" miscellaneous (6 folders) Defense Department Dellums, C. L.
11	Delson, Levin and Gordon, law firm (5 folders)
12	District of Columbia Douglas, Paul H. "D" miscellaneous (4 folders) 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. Fautroy, Walter E. Federal Housing Administration Ferguson, Homer Finkelstein, Louis Fraser, Donald M. Freeman, Orville L. Fries, Frank W. Fulton, James G. Furness, Betty "F" miscellaneous (3 folders) Gallagher, Cornelius E. Gates, Thomas S. Gavagan, James A.

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13 (cont.)	Geyer, Lee E. Goldberg, Arthur J. Golden, Harry Gore, Albert (1907- ) Government Printing Office Graham, Frank Porter Green, Edith
14	Green, William (3 folders) Griffiths, Martha W. Gruening, Ernest "G" miscellaneous (3 folders) 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 (1 folder)
15	(3 folders) Humphrey, Hubert H. Hutchins, Robert M. "H" miscellaneous (4 folders)
16	Impellitteri, Vincent R. Ingersoll, Ralph Interior Department International Cooperation Administration Interstate Commerce Commission Ives, Irving M. "I" miscellaneous (3 folders) Javits, Jacob K. John F. Kennedy Library, Cambridge, Mass.

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Johnson, Alvin  
Johnson, Charles S.  
Johnson, Lyndon B.  
Johnson, Mordecai  
Johnson, Robert E.  
Justice Department  
"J" miscellaneous (3 folders)  
Kaiser, Edgar F.  
Katzenbach, Nicholas DeB.  
Keating, Kenneth B.  
Kefauver, Estes  
Kennedy, Edward M.  
Kennedy, John F.  
Kennedy, Robert F.  
Kennedy, Stephen  
Kerr, Robert S.  
Keyserling, Leon H.

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King, Martin Luther, Jr.  
Kingsley, Sidney  
Kirchwey, Freda  
Kitt, Eartha  
Knight, Goodwin J.  
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Knox, Frank  
"K" miscellaneous  
Labor Bureau of Middle West (5 folders)

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Labor Department (3 folders)  
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La Guardia, Fiorello H.  
Langer, William  
Lawson, Howard  
Lehman, Edith  
Lehman, Herbert H.  
Levin, Ruben  
Levitas, S. M.  
Lewis, Jerry  
Lewis, John L.  
Library of Congress  
Lindsay, John  
Lucas, Scott W.  
Ludlow, Louis  
"L" miscellaneous (3 folders)

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19	Macy, John W., Jr. Marshall, Thurgood Martin, Thomas E. Martin Luther King Convalescent Fund Mathias, Charles McC., Jr. Mboya, Tom McCarthy, Joseph R. McCormack, John W. McDonald, David J. McFarland, Ernest W. McGrath, J. Howard McKinney, Frank E. McKissick, Floyd B. McLaurin, Benjamin F. McNeal, T. D. (2 folders) McNutt, Paul V.
24	McWilliams, Carey Mead, James M. Meany, George (2 folders)
20	(5 folders) Meyer, Agnes Meyer, Eugene Miller, Dale Miller, William E. Minow, Newton N. Minton, Sherman
21	Mitchell, Clarence M. Mitchell, James P. Morgan, Edward P. Morris, Newbold Morse, Wayne Multer, Abraham J.
25	Murray, James E. Murray, Philip Murrow, Edward R. "M" miscellaneous (6 folders)
22	Nabrit, James M., Jr. Nash, Philleo National Advisory Commission on Rural Poverty NAACP (5 folders) National Mediation Board

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22 (cont.)	National Urban League (1 folder)
23	(3 folders) Navy Department Neely, Matthew M. Negro American Labor Council Negro Labor Committee Nevins, Allan Niebuhr, Reinhold Niles, David K. Nipson, Herbert Nixon, Richard M. Norton, Mary T. "Na" miscellaneous
24	"Ne-Nu" miscellaneous (4 folders) O'Connor, Basil O'Dwyer, William Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization Office of Economic Opportunity O'Hara, James G. "O" miscellaneous Palmer, Joseph, II Patterson, Robert P. Peale, Norman Vincent Pearson, Drew Pecora, Ferdinand Percy, Charles H. Peterson, Esther Petrillo, James C. Pike, James A. Powell, Adam Clayton President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity
25	"P" miscellaneous (4 folders) Quill, Michael J. "Q" miscellaneous Rabb, Maxwell M. Railroad Retirement Board (4 folders)
26	Randolph, Jennings Randolph, Woodruff Raskin, Abraham H. Rauh, Joseph L., Jr.

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26 (cont.)	Reed, Clyde M. Reid, Ogden Reuther, Roy L. Reuther, Victor G.
29	Reuther, Walter P. Ribicoff, Abraham Robeson, Paul Robinson, Jackie Rockefeller, John D., Jr. Rockefeller, Nelson A. Rogers, William P. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Franklin D., Jr.
30	Roosevelt, James Root, Oren Rosenberg, Anna M. Rusk, Dean Rustin, Bayard "R" miscellaneous (3 folders)
27	Schiff, Dorothy Schwellenbach, Lewis B. Shanker, Albert Shipler, Guy Emery Shriver, Sargent Smith, Bennie (5 folders) Smith, H. Alexander Socialist party Southern Christian Leadership Conference Spalding, Asa T. Speight, Lillian Spellman, Francis Spingarn, Arthur B. Spock, Benjamin Springer, Maida
28	Stanton, Frank Stassen, Harold E. State Department Stevens, Harold Stevenson, Adlai E. Stimson, Henry L. Stokes, Anson Phelps Stone, C. Sumner, Jr. ("Chuck") Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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29	"Sp-Sy" miscellaneous (2 folders) Taft, Robert A. (1889-1953) Telegrafnoe agentstvo SSSR (TASS) Thomas, Elbert D. Thomas, Norman Thye, Edward J. Tobias, Channing H. Tobin, Maurice J. Trade Union Committee for Racial Justice (2 folders)
30	Transportation Department Treasury Department Truman, Harry S. "T" miscellaneous (2 folders) Ulio, James A. United States Information Agency United Transport Service Employees "U-V" miscellaneous (2 folders) Wadsworth, James J. Wagner, Robert F. Walsh, David I. War Department War Manpower Commission Warren, Earl Watson, Thomas J., Jr. Watson, W. Marvin
31	Weaver, Robert C. Webster, Milton P. (8 folders)
32	Wechsler, James A. Wheeler, Burton K. White, Paul Dudley White, Walter Francis (4 folders) Widnall, William B. Wilkins, Roy (3 folders) Williams, G. Mennen Willkie, Edith Wilson, Bob Wilson, Charles E.

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34	Yoshida, Shigeru Young, Robert R. Young, Whitney M., Jr. "Y" miscellaneous Zeckendorf, William, Jr. "Z" miscellaneous Unidentified (3 folders)

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36	(3 folders)
37	Baltimore and Ohio (2 folders)
38	Burlington Lines (3 folders)
39	Canadian Pacific (5 folders)
40	(1 folder) Central of Georgia (2 folders) Chesapeake and Ohio (2 folders)
41	(2 folders) Chicago and Eastern Illinois (2 folders) Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific (1 folder)
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                    Colorado and Southern (2 folders)  
                    Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western  
                    (1 folder)
- 44                   (1 folder)  
                    Denver and Rio Grande (2 folders)  
                    Erie  
                    Erie, Lackawanna (2 folders)
- 45                   Florida East Coast  
56                   Fort Worth and Denver (2 folders)  
                    Grand Trunk Western (2 folders)
- 46                   Gulf, Mobile and Ohio (2 folders)  
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                    (1 folder)
- 47                   (2 folders)  
                    International Great Northern (2 folders)  
                    Kansas City Southern  
                    (1 folder)
- 48                   (1 folder)  
                    Lehigh Valley (2 folders)  
                    Long Island  
                    Louisville and Nashville
- 49                   Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Ste. Marie  
                    Missouri-Kansas-Texas  
                    Missouri Pacific (2 folders)
- 50                   New Haven  
                    New York Central  
                    (2 folders)
- 51                   (1 folder)  
                    New York, New Haven, and Hartford  
                    (2 folders)
- 52                   (5 folders)  
                    Norfolk and Western  
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54	(2 folders) The Pullman Co. (1 folder)
55	(3 folders)
56	(4 folders)
57	(7 folders)
58	<i>Pullman Co. and Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters</i> Vol. 1
59	Vol. 6
60	Vols. 11, 13
61	Vol. 17 St. Louis Southwestern (2 folders) Seaboard Air Line (1 folder)
62	(3 folders) Seaboard Coast Line (2 folders) Soo Line (1 folder)
63	(1 folder) Southern Pacific (3 folders)
64	(1 folder) Southern Railway System Texas and Pacific (2 folders) Union Pacific (2 folders)
65	Western Pacific Atlantic Coast Line Division <i>The Black Worker</i>

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66	Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (3 folders) Bulletins (2 folders)
67	(4 folders)
68	(1 folder) Canadian porters Conferences (4 folders)
69	Constitutions Contributions (3 folders) Conventions (4 folders)
70	(6 folders)
71	(2 folders) Financial papers (2 folders)
72	Bound volume
73	International Executive Board (5 folders)
74	(6 folders)
75	Ladies Auxiliary By state (25 folders)
76	Various states (7 folders)
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78	(1 folder) League for Mutual Aid Legal papers (6 folders)
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82	Legislation Local affiliates of the brotherhood Alabama-Canada (11 folders)
83	Colorado-District of Columbia (5 folders) Florida Jacksonville (3 folders)
84	Miami-Tampa (4 folders) Georgia Albany-Savannah (6 folders)
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85	Macon-Waycross (3 folders) Illinois-Louisiana (6 folders)
86	Maryland-Missouri (10 folders)
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87	Nebraska-North Carolina (3 folders) New York Albany-Buffalo (2 folders) New York (4 folders)
88	(1 folder) North Carolina (3 folders) Ohio Cincinnati (3 folders)
89	Cleveland-Columbus (3 folders) Oklahoma-South Carolina (8 folders)
90	Tennessee-Texas (11 folders)
91	Utah-Washington (6 folders) Louisville and Nashville Railroad Co. Mayor's Board of Survey on Transfer of Relief Administration Membership lists
92	<i>The Messenger</i> Miscellany (5 folders) Press releases (2 folders)

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93	Printed matter (3 folders) Programs (3 folders)
94	(2 folders) Provisional Committee to Organize Colored Locomotive Firemen Publicity Seaboard Airline Railroad Co. Shorter Work Month Movement (4 folders)
95	(2 folders) Sleeping car conductors bill Teachers' unions Union shop
96	Zone conferences (4 folders)

PART I: A. PHILIP RANDOLPH PAPERS, 1937-68, n.d.

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99	Invitations (6 folders)
100	(4 folders) Japan
101	March on Washington, 1963 Memberships in various organizations (2 folders) Negro education Negro history Negro leaders (2 folders) Negro press (1 folder)
102	(2 folders) Political parties (3 folders) Post War World Council

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103	(3 folders) Press releases Race Conference, Washington, D.C., 1956 Speaking engagements (6 folders)
104	(3 folders) White Citizens Councils White press (4 folders)
105	Miscellany Articles (2 folders) Biographical information Family correspondence Blount, Carrie Graham, Willie Mae Randolph, Lucille E. Financial papers (3 folders) Notes Speeches Statements Unidentified

PART II: BENJAMIN F. MCLAURIN PAPERS, 1944-57, n.d.

106	Correspondence "A-W" miscellaneous Circular letters Subject file Campaign for New York city council Miscellaneous biographical material Writings
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PART II: A. PHILIP RANDOLPH PAPERS, 1935-68, n.d.

	Correspondence "A-B" miscellaneous (2 folders) Blanchette, A. R. (1 folder)
107	(4 folders) "C" miscellaneous

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Dawson, William L.  
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International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions  
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine  
Workers  
"I" miscellaneous  
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- 109 "J" miscellaneous  
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Merson, Edna A.  
"M-P" miscellaneous (3 folders)  
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- 110 Reuther, Walter P.  
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- 112 American Association for the United Nations (2 folders)  
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Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
217 West 125th Street, Suite 301  
New York 27, New York

Dear Chief:

After going over the recommendations of the Emergency Board and taking time to discuss them with what I considered a cross-section of the porters or rather some key porters that I could reach both here and in Los Angeles, I am convinced that the men would for rather accept the recommendations of the Emergency Board than going on strike. Of course, they all realize that if the Company does not at least go along with the recommendations that we have no other alternative.

Therefore, I wish to make the following suggestion: As soon as the conferences are set up, I would go in, and you don't need a large Committee, you and any other vice-president, except Bennie, and tell the Company that we are bitterly disappointed with the Board's recommendations but after careful deliberation have decided that we would go along with it if the Company will agree to cut down the span in reducing the hours from 2½ years to 18 months. If they refuse then I think you should call in the Mediation Board so that they can make an effort to bring the Company down some.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph

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November 11, 1963

It must be pointed out that our members also, of course, are disappointed and that the hardest thing for the men most seriously involved in this, extra men, is number one, not getting the 173 hour-month now and number two, having to give up a rule that allows them to make a little money during the summer months when they do get a little **wor**k. After your first days conference with the Company, I would appreciate your phoning me, or sending me a night letter, telling me how they seem to be reacting.

Fraternally yours,

*C. L. Dellums, ad.*  
C. L. DELLUMS

CLD:aw

CC: Milton P. Webster  
T. D. McNeal

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January 26, 1959

Mr. C. L. Dellums  
International Vice President  
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Dear C. L.:

Since I note that Max Mont sent you a copy of the letter he sent me concerning communist developments in the NAACP branch in Los Angeles, I want to suggest that you write L. B. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Los Angeles Division, who I understand is active in the branch, to take a strong stand as well as wage a vigorous fight to prevent the communist from establishing control and domination of the NAACP branch.

If fact, according to Max Mont, the communists are rising to leadership in the Negro community which is an alarming situation, to say the least. If this is true, it will mean that the noble cause of civil rights will be prostituted through subtile and camouflage moves for the advancement of the cause of the Kremlin.

This will certainly result in the Negroes losing some of their most effective allies, especially the labor movement. In my opinion, the Negroes cannot win their civil rights alone and the most trusted, reliable, valuable and effective ally is organized labor. We will lose the support and cooperation of organized labor if we permit communist agitators and their fellow-travelers to assume ascendancy in the Negro community and various Negro institutions.

We do not want to oppose communists merely because we want to keep organized labor but we want to oppose their policy, tactics and strategy because they are morally wrong. They are not only undemocratic but anti-democratic. They are opposed to our concept of the dignity of the human personality, the heritage of the Judeo-Christian philosophy and hence, they

Mr. C. L. Dellums  
January 26, 1959  
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represent a totalitarian system in which civil rights and civil liberties cannot live.

Thus, Negroes, along with other minorities and labor, have no alternative except to fight and oppose communists and fascists because they are in opposition to true liberty, democracy and human dignity.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph  
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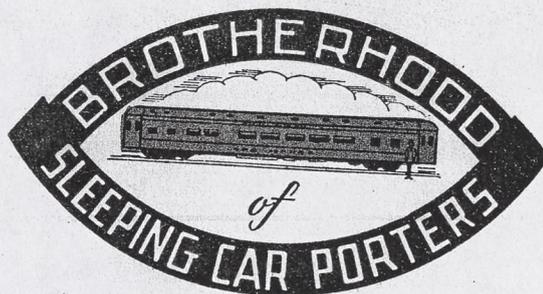
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Dear Chief:

I know about the scholarship for Union labor members' internship because the director of the of the Institute of Industriail Relations is at the University of California, main campus which is, in Berkeley. Most of us represnting the railroad unions have agreed the program does not fit the needs of railroad unions which negotiates nationally and not too often at that. The program is designed for the other types of unions which negotiates locally and are largely autonomous.

But even if the program fitted our needs, I can give you plenty reasons why L. B. Thompson should not be reccomended. You know his attutude toward Brother Issacs, and Jewel Brown, and his conduct at the Chicago Convention before the International Executive Board, should have convinced you not to build him up. I thought by now, you knew that this man is only concerned with the brotherhood as an instrument to build himself up. And now that he is running a bail-bond business, he devotes very little time to the brotherhood. He is seldom in the office. His wife runs the bail-bond business when he is out, and he runs it when he is in. Further than that, as you know, he has appealed a decision rendered by me to you and he is the type that would consider this a slap in the face at me.

By the way, you are supposed to write him, and send me a copy, telling him that my ruling on the last local election was correct and that he must abide by it.

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sufficient. I think you should write Mr. Meyers, that you are not recommending anyone for the 1964 internship and will let him know later if you have anyone to recommend for 1965.  
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*C. L. Hellum*

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Dear Chief:

Enclosed you will find strike preparation pictures for Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Oakland. Seattle and Portland didn't send in representative pictures. I thought I would send these pictures to you because you would be interested in seeing them and might decide to write an article for the Black Worker about the fight for shorter hours and at that time may decide to run a few pictures.

Fraternally yours,

*C. L. Dellums, aw*  
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SLEEPING CAR  
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40 HOUR WEEK  
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Mr. A. Philip Randolph, President  
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Dear Chief:

For many years I have made a practice of being extremely careful of what and when I told the men what was coming. I have done this because when they are told too quick and it doesn't really materialize, or materialize as soon as you indicated, then the men are disappointed. I would rather surprise them than disappoint them. It has paid off many times.

My method paid off again unfortunately, because the up-grading of two Oakland porters to conductors have "blown up". Oakland only had two conductors on the extra board, and they were making too much overtime, so the company decided to fall in line and upgrade two porters. But now one conductor transferred here permanently, I don't recall where from, and another transferred from Nashville temporarily. Now if the Western Pacific is allowed to discontinue the California Zephyr the up-grading will never happen in Oakland, because there is 14 of our conductors on the Zephyr.

Fraternally yours,

*C. L. Dellums, (C.S.)*

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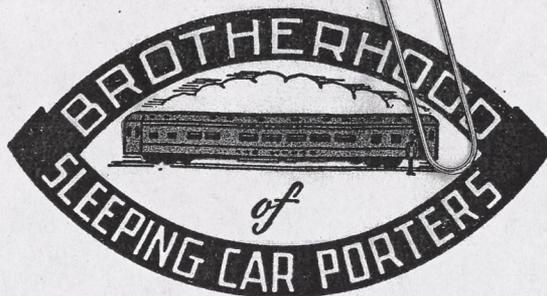
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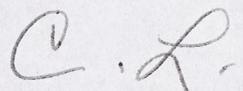
Dear Chief:

Just a few final thoughts that came to mind while driving back from southern California; under the circumstances the two most serious points are, effective date which has a bearing on the second point, the severance pay. If a reasonable agreement can't be reached on these two points, I would be willing to chance arbitration, provided an arbitration board could be setup and meet not later than March 18th, and render their decision not later than April 1st.

One final thing could be injected, if there is too much trouble in reaching an agreement, "every pullman employe, represented by the Brotherhood, with fifteen or more years 'service' who has worked thirty or more days during the previous five years, other than those who have retired, died, or didn't work because of leave of absence or other personal reasons, shall be entitled to a severance allowance of 300 days pay at the present pay rate."

I am enclosing copies for you to give the two Mac's, and the three of you can pick it to pieces among yourselves, and decide whether or not it is a good idea, ~~or not~~, and if it needs any refinements or alterations.

Fraternally yours,

  
C. L. Dellums

CLD:or

CC : Mr. T. D. McNeal  
Mr. B. F. McLaurin

September 6, 1966

Mr. William H. Bowe, Secy-Treas.  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
217 West 125th Street  
New York, New York 10027

Dear Brother Bowe:

As you no doubt know, I haven't requested any 'overtime' for the girl in my office for quite a number of years, if ever. But, almost everytime I am out of the office for several days, I have to work her a little overtime, and sometimes have her to come for three or four hours on Saturday. Sometimes I pay her something myself, but things kind of piled up while I was down in San Diego attending the California Labor Federation Convention, and no doubt I will be working her some overtime since I am leaving Friday. Therefore, I wish to hereby put in overtime for Miss Shelbon for \$25.00

Fraternally yours,

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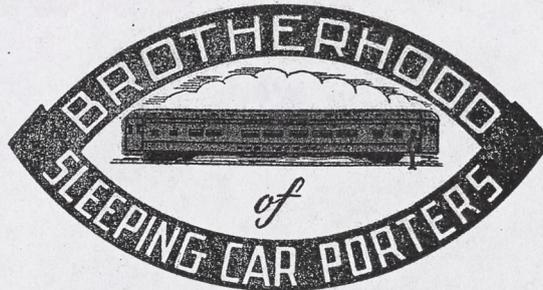
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May 19, 1966

"MEMORANDUM"

DINING CAR COOKS AND WAITERS

To: Other Members of the International Executive Board

From: C. L. Dellums

Subject: Dining Car Cooks and Waiters

They signed an agreement with the Grand Trunk Railroad, two (2) days after we were notified that beginning January 1, 1966, the Grand Trunk was taking over the operation of the sleeping cars from the Pullman Company and to operate them themselves. Not one (1) porter involved belonged to their union, nor did a single one (1) of our men sign an authorization card for them to represent him, so they signed an agreement to represent men they did not represent, and this is how "sweetheart contracts" get started. Further, they signed to represent the porters for \$2.40 an hour, though the men were at that time making \$2.68 an hour, for the attendants they signed a \$2.51 hourly rate, while the men were getting \$2.74. These men were ofcourse, working under agreement signed by us. Therefore, when a union signs a contract to represent men they do not represent, and for working conditions not as good as the already had and for less pay, then, that union has beyond a question of doubt signed a "sweetheart contract", and the International President of

Members of International Executive Board  
May 18, 1966  
Page Two

to expose them.

The fact that we filed charges against them and succeeded in them being found guilty, does not change the basic facts.

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Dear Chief:

In thinking about yours of June 16th, concerning what Brother Webster, signed with the Burlington, when he signed up for the 174 hour month; I wouldn't be a bit surprised, if the Company didn't have the "usual" closing paragraph of the memorandum, which states that this agreement disposes of the notices served under \_\_\_\_\_ date or dates, and that nothing particular was said, about withdrawing the notice of May 25, 1964. I recall, when I went in to sign for the 8 holidays, I think it was, with the Western Pacific, that they had that standard paragraph. I called their attention to it, and told them, that this didn't dispose of the job stabilization service. They stated that the paragraph was routinely drafted, but that I could be assured that they wouldn't stand on that when the stabilization matter was settled, and if I didn't want to take their word for it, that they would redraft the paragraph.

On the other hand, assuming that the Burlington, particularly, made an issue of this, and that Web agreed to withdraw it, the question, then, would be did Webster consider he was withdrawing it forever? The answer is obviously no. Next question, then, would be how long should we wait for a new service without appearing to be breaking faith? I would say one year, that is 1 year from the date he signed the 174 hour agreement. I think the Company, must be made to understand, that no union official would have withdrawn anything forever.

Fraternally yours,

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