
Los Angeles Urban League Records, 1933-1945

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Abstract: The Los Angeles branch of the National Urban League stems from a 1921 organization founded by Katherine Barr and others who attended Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. The league gathered information about racial discrimination against African Americans and other minorities in jobs, health services, and housing; helped develop fair employment programs during World War II, and was active in the formation of the City Human Relations Commission. The collection consists of correspondence and papers relating to African Americans, immigrant labor and problems of social planning in Los Angeles.

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Biography

The Los Angeles branch of the National Urban League stems from a 1921 organization founded by Katherine Barr and others who attended Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Institute in Alabama; gathered information about racial discrimination against African Americans and other minorities in jobs, health services, and housing; helped develop fair employment programs during World War II, and was active in the formation of the City Human Relations Commission; membership changed from 90% black in 1970 to 40% Hispanic by the late 1990s; works in partnership with business and government to serve disadvantaged and poor people.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of correspondence and papers relating to African Americans, immigrant labor and problems of social planning in Los Angeles. Correspondents include Ralph Bunche, and papers include Carey McWilliams' Report on importation of Negro labor to California. Also contains forms related to the Carnegie-Myrdal study.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Los Angeles Urban League--Archives.

African Americans--Employment--California--Los Angeles.

African Americans--California--Los Angeles--Economic conditions.

Box 1, Folder 1

Research headings / resources, and unidentified typescript page, undated.



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Bruce, Helen E. *Occupations for Negro Women in Los Angeles, 1933.*

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Burch, Edward A. *Civil Rights and the Negro, 1936.*

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Box 1, Folder 7	Burger, Alice. <i>Negro Labor Unions in the Transportation Industry in Los Angeles</i>, 1938.
Box 1, Folder 8	Burger, Alice. <i>The Vocational Guidance and Training of Negro Youth in Los Angeles</i>, 1938.
Box 1, Folder 9	Glenn, Sollace, Harlem Artists Guild. <i>Survey of Number of Negro Artists Employed by the Federal Art Project</i> [Letter only], undated.
Box 1, Folder 10	Evans, Roy. <i>Negro Building and Spending Power of Los Angeles, California</i>, undated.
Box 1, Folder 11	O'Neal, Joseph B. <i>Vocation and Industry</i>, 1939(?).
Box 1, Folder 12	Lamb, Bonnie Theodora. Letter to [Exploratory Committee on Negro Welfare?], 1939.
Box 1, Folder 13	Council of Social Agencies of Los Angeles. Division of Family Welfare and Adult Services Subcommittee on the Negro Community. Findings, 1940.
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Box 1, Folder 14	Holton, Karl. Deteriorating Zone Committee. Notes on the Negro Districts in Los Angeles ... including "Central Avenue" Area, 1940.
Box 1, Folder 15	Eastside Labor's Protective Committee [Letterhead only], 1942.
Box 1, Folder 16	Gooden, J.E. "What can Negroes Do Themselves, in the Los Angeles Area, to Help Create a More Respectful Attitude on Part of the White People of This Area" [questionnaire answer].
Box 1, Folder 17	Jones, Lillian. <i>The Negroes of Los Angeles</i>, undated.
Box 1, Folder 18	Gowens, Norman C. Correspondence with Floyd Covington [Executive Director, Los Angeles Urban League] re "The Right Action," 1944.
Box 1, Folder 19	Houston, Norman O. <i>Survey on Negro Business and Businessmen</i>, 1944.
Box 1, Folder 20	Simmons, Herbert. National Urban League, 1945.
Box 1, Folder 21	Institute of Social Research. Interview and survey instructions, undated.
Box 1, Folder 22	Miller, Loren [Survey response?], undated.
Box 1, Folder 23	McWilliams, Carey. <i>Report on Importation of Negro Labor to California</i>. Division on Immigration and Housing, 1939-1942.
Box 1, Folder 24	Baruch, Dorothy W. Resumé and Guggenheim proposal, and related correspondence, 1943-1944.
Box 1, Folder 25	Floyd Covington / Charles S. Johnson (Fisk University) correspondence, 1940, 1942.
Box 1, Folder 26	Covington, Floyd. Employment figures of Negroes in War Industries (letter dated April 6, 1943), 1943.
Box 1, Folder 27	Covington, Floyd. Exploratory Survey Racial Tension Areas, 1942.
Box 1, Folder 28	Floyd Covington / Charles Johnson (Fisk University) correspondence, 1943.
Box 1, Folder 29	Taylor, Alfred Marie. Program Changes in Local Urban Leagues. Schedule and correspondence, 1943.
Box 1, Folder 30	Covington, Floyd. Field Report, <i>Trends of Race Relations</i>, 1944.
Box 1, Folder 31	Floyd Covington / Charles Johnson [Fisk University] correspondence, 1944-1945.
Box 1, Folder 32	Smith, William T. <i>The Negro in Hollywood</i>, n.d. [1937?].
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Box 1, Folder 33	Floyd Covington / Carnegie Institute correspondence re <i>The Negro in Motion Pictures</i>, 1940.
Box 1, Folder 34	Historical Background of Negro Survey, undated.
Box 2, Folder 1	Hart, LeRoy S. <i>The Negro is L.A. County</i>, undated.
Box 2, Folder 2	"Negroes in Outstanding Positions and Who Have Achieved Much in the Several Fields of Business" (Charleston, West Virginia)--Letter form I.J.K. Wells and nomination form, 1936.
Box 2, Folder 4	National Urban League correspondence, 1940.
Box 2	Carnegie-Myrdal Study, 1939-1940
Box 2, Folder 3	Correspondence from Ralph Bunche and questionnaire, 1939.

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- Box 3, Folder 3 **The Carnegie-Myrdal study questionnaire 1939**  [ark:/13030/hb967nb7n3](https://n3.ark:/13030/hb967nb7n3)
Scope and Content Note
Questionnaire sent to Mr. Floyd C. Covington on the status of the Negro in the American life. Sent by Bunche in his capacity as staff member of the Carnegie-Myrdal Study of the Negro in America.
- Box 38, Folder 13 **Letter, 1939 November 2, Washington D.C. to Mr. Floyd C. Covington, Los Angeles, California 1939 November 2**  [ark:/13030/hb138nb26t](https://n26t.ark:/13030/hb138nb26t)
Scope and Content Note
Cover letter to Mr. Covington from Bunche, Staff Member, Carnegie-Myrdal Study of the Negro in America. Bunche introduces the Carnegie Corporation which is sponsoring the survey on the status of the Negro in American life. Bunche requests that Covington please take the time to answer the questionnaire.
- Box 2, Folder 5 **Outline and William Shapiro's Suggested Outline Negro Research Projects (California), 1940.**
- Box 2, Folder 6 **Form 1) Community for which report is made, 1940(?).**
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- Box 2, Folder 8 **Form 3) Recreation & Leisure Time Schedule, undated.**
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- Box 2, Folder 11 **Form 6) Relief and Housing, 1940.**
- Box 2, Folder 12 **Form 7) Churches & Lodges Schedule, 1940(?).**
- Box 2, Folder 13 **Form 8) Education, 1940(?).**
- Box 2, Folder 14 **Form 9) Migration Schedule, 1940(?).**
- Box 2, Folder 15 **Form 10) Racial Attitudes Schedule, 1940(?).**
- Box 2, Folder 16 **Incomplete copy [of study], 1940(?).**