

**Part 1**

**William Oliver Collection**

**Papers, 1946-1951**

**2 linear feet  
4 manuscript boxes**

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The papers of William Oliver were deposited in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in 1963.

William H. Oliver was born in 1915 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he attended public school and later graduated from Tennessee State College. He served as assistant editor of the *Chattanooga World* prior to moving to Detroit in 1937. In 1941, Oliver became the first African American to serve on the executive board of UAW Ford Local 400. He became a staff member of the International in 1945 and since 1946, has served as co-director of the Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department with UAW President Walter Reuther.

**Important subjects in the collection:**

Legal proceedings of several states against the American Bowling Congress  
Elimination of ABC White Rule Only Clause  
NAACP

**Important correspondents in the collection:**

Hubert Humphrey  
Emil Mazey  
Walter Reuther

**Series Description**

Boxes 1-3 UAW Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department co-director files

Box 4 Detroit NAACP board member files, 1950-51

THE WILLIAM OLIVER COLLECTION

Box 1, Abolishing Bowling Color Lines

All-American Bowling League  
American Bowling Clippings  
American Bowling Brief Requested  
BAC Brief  
ABC Amendment  
American Bowling Congress, 1947  
Bowling  
Bowling Reports  
Brooklyn Regional Bowling Commission  
Buffalo Regional Bowling Commission, 1947-1949  
Chicago Regional Bowling Commission, 1947-1949  
Cleveland Regional Bowling Commission, 1947  
Clippings  
Columbus Regional Bowling Commission, 1949

Box 2, Conference Organizations, 1947 (2 folders)

Correspondence - From Miscellaneous Orgins, 1947-1950  
Crossfile - ABC Bowling, 1947-1949  
- ABC Bowling, 1950  
- National #1, 1947-1949  
- National #2, 1946-1948  
- National #3, 1948

Box 3, Corssfile - National #4, 1949-1950

Detroit Regional Bowling Commission, 1947-1948  
Fact Sheet on ABC 'White Rule'  
Hicks, Betty  
Legal Proceedings in Michigan  
Legal Proceedings in New York  
Legal Proceedings in Washington  
Legal Proceedings in Wisconsin  
Los Angeles Regional Bowling Commission  
Mailing List - Regional Commission  
Milwaukee Regional Bowling Commission  
Minneapolis Regional Bowling Commission, 1947-1949  
New Jersey Regional Bowling Commission, 1948-1949  
New York City Regional Bowling Commission, 1950-1951  
Ohio Complaints Against ABC  
Press Releases  
St. Paul Regional Bowling Commission, 1947-1949  
Statement in Support of an Effective Federal FEPC, Walter Reuther, 1952  
United Women's Bowling Association

Box 4, NAACP, January 1950-December 1951 (7 folders)

## **Part 2**

### **William Oliver Collection**

**Papers, 1950-1984  
(Predominantly, 1970s-1980s)**

**8.5 linear feet  
7 storage boxes, 1 oversized flat**

Part 2 of the William Oliver Collection contains correspondence, reports, minutes and meeting notes reflecting Mr. Oliver's involvement with the NAACP throughout the 1970s and 1980s as an NAACP vice-president and as president of the organization's National Housing Corporation, created in 1971. Also included are records of his activities during the late 1950s and early 1960s with the Sunnyhills Cooperative, an integrated, low-income housing community set up under the auspices of the UAW Fair Practices Department. After Walter Reuther's death in 1970, Leonard Woodcock named William Oliver sole director of the UAW Fair Practices Department. Mr. Oliver died in Detroit, Michigan on May 30, 1994.

**PLEASE NOTE: Folders are computer-arranged alphabetically in this finding aid, but may actually be dispersed throughout several boxes in the collection. Note carefully the box number for each folder heading.**

#### **Important subjects in the collection:**

Afro-American labor leaders  
Afro-Americans--Housing  
Congress Park Apartments (Washington, D. C.)  
Hemstead Apartments (New York, N. Y.)  
Discrimination in housing--United States  
Benjamin Hooks  
Ivywood Apartments (Columbus, Ohio)  
McCants Senior Citizen Apartments (Las Vegas, Nev.)  
NAACP--History  
NAACP--Officials and employees  
NAACP--Trials and litigation, etc.  
National Housing Corporation  
Sunnyhills Cooperative (Milpitas, Calif.)  
UAW--Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department

#### **Non-manuscript material:**

A substantial number of books and other publications received with the collection have been transferred to the Archives Library and a few photographs and items of memorabilia have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection.

<b>Box-folder</b>	<b>Folder heading</b>
11-17	Crisis Publishing Co.; financial statements, accountant's report, 1981, 1982
12-2	Detroit riot; scrapbook of clippings, 1943
12-1	Fair practices, civil rights; scrapbook of clippings, 1946-48
8-7	NAACP Advance Resolutions Drafting Committee; corres., notes, 1981
7-17	NAACP; AFSCME contract neg., 1980-83
8-4	NAACP; agenda proposals; corres., notes, re:, 1983
11-5	NAACP; annual election campaign materials, 1982
10-8 thru 12	NAACP Annual Elections Committee; materials, 1979-82
7-18	NAACP; audit materials, 1981-82
9-19	NAACP; budget narrative, 1984
9-11	NAACP; Certificate of Incorporation amendment, 1982
10-15	NAACP Committee on Time and Place; corres., memos, notes, 1980-81
10-1 thru 2	NAACP Convention Planning Committee; corres., memos, notes, 1982-83
11-14	NAACP Convention Planning Committee; meeting materials, 1981
8-6	NAACP Convention Planning Committee; meeting materials, 1982
9-20	NAACP Department of Public Relations; annual report, 1983
10-17	NAACP; economic policy statement; corres., notes, statements, re:, 1981
8-5	NAACP; elections; corres., printing materials, 1978-80
10-7	NAACP Executive Committee; meeting materials, 1981
8-21 thru 22	NAACP Executive Committee; meeting materials, 1981-83
7-20	NAACP Executive Committee; meeting materials, 1982
9-15 thru 16	NAACP Executive Committee; meeting materials, 1982-83
11-18	NAACP; financial statements, accountant's report, 1981; 1982
10-22	NAACP; Fraser, Douglas; memos from Wm. Oliver, 1978-80
9-21	NAACP General Counsel; reports, 1979; 1982
10-21	NAACP; Gibson, W.F.; corres. re:, 1982
6-1	NAACP Hamtramck, Michigan Branch; election dispute, documents re:, 1979
7-21	NAACP; Hooks, Benjamin; contract corres., 1981-83
7-22	NAACP; Hooks, Benjamin; evaluation by committee, corres. re:, 1982-83
7-23	NAACP; Hooks, Benjamin; suspension by Wilson, clippings, corres., re:, 1983
8-1 thru 3	NAACP; Hooks vs. Wilson dissension; materials re:, 1983
9-1 thru 2	NAACP; Hooks vs. Wilson dissension; materials re:, 1983
10-19	NAACP; housing resolutions, 1967-80
9-26	NAACP Legal Defense Educational Fund; NAACP dispute with, court decision, 1983
7-12 thru 15	NAACP Legal Defense Educational Fund; NAACP dispute with, documents re:, 1979-83
11-13	NAACP legal department report, 1981
10-18	NAACP Miami urban crisis; clippings, corres., memos, notes, re:, 1980
10-14	NAACP Michigan Branch; corres., notes, etc., re:, 1982-83
9-22	NAACP; misc. corres., memos, notes, 1970-83
10-13	NAACP; misc. minutes, reports, 1981-83

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10-4	NAACP National Board of Directors; caucus notes, etc., 1982
10-3	NAACP National Board of Directors; convention session corres., reports, etc., 1983
9-18	NAACP National Board of Directors; corres., minutes, notes, resolutions, 1983
9-17	NAACP National Board of Directors; Executive Director's Report, 1983
8-14 thru 15	NAACP National Board of Directors; financial & legal documents, 1981
10-5	NAACP National Board of Directors: meeting materials, 1980
8-9 thru 13	NAACP National Board of Directors; meeting materials, 1981-83
11-12	NAACP National Board of Directors; meeting minutes, reports, 1982
11-15	NAACP National Convention; Jackson, Miss., proposed site; materials re:, 1981
7-10	NAACP National Housing Corp.; 4th quarter meeting materials, 1983
10-35	NAACP National Housing Corp.; annual audit, 1980
10-28	NAACP National Housing Corp.: annual membership meeting; memos, reports, 1983
10-34	NAACP National Housing Corp.; annual report, 1980
10-33	NAACP National Housing Corp.: board meeting materials, 1981
9-4 thru 6	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Board meeting materials, 1981-83
10-36	NAACP National Housing Corp.; board meeting minutes, 1979-80
11-1	NAACP National Housing Corp.; board meeting minutes, 1983-84
7-9	NAACP National Housing Corp.; by-laws, n.d.
10-29	NAACP National Housing Corp.; conferences, corres., reports, re:, 1982-83
5-28	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Congress Park Apts., corres., memos, etc., re:, 1979-82
5-27	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Congress Park Apts., mortgage insurance application materials, 1981
10-31	NAACP National Housing Corp.; housing summit meeting draft report, 1981
10-32	NAACP National Housing Corp.; HUD prospective employees, corres. re:, 1980-81
6-3 thru 6	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Ivywood Apts., materials re:, 1971-84
10-25 thru 27	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Ivywood Apts., materials re:, 1971-84
7-3	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Las Vegas City Housing Authority; management agreement, 1979
6-9 thru 22	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Las Vegas (McCants Senior Citizen Apts.) project materials, 1977-83
7-1 thru 2	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Las Vegas (McCants Senior Citizen Apts.) project materials, 1980-82
7-4	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Las Vegas (McCants Senior Citizen Apts.) dedication program, 1984

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9-3	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Las Vegas (McCants Senior Citizen Apts.) dedication, corres., notes, re:, 1984
5-29	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Linden Court Apts., limited partnership agreement, 1976
7-11	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Local Initiatives Support Corp., proposal to, n.d.
11-3	NAACP National Housing Corp.; Martin, Edward, Executive Director corres. with Wm. Oliver, 1983-84
11-2	NAACP National Housing Corp.; NHC files, location of; corres. re:, 1983
10-30	NAACP National Housing Corp.; president's report, 1982
9-7	NAACP National Housing Corp.; proposed Chicago, Ill. housing project materials, 1984
9-9	NAACP National Housing Corp.; proposed Pontiac, Mich. housing project materials, 1981
9-8	NAACP National Housing Corp.; proposed Portland, Oregon housing project materials, 1982
6-2	NAACP National Housing Corp.; proposed retirement housing, Milpitas, Calif., documents re:, 1979
10-37	NAACP National Housing Corp.; report to NAACP board of directors, n.d.
6-7	NAACP National Housing Corp.; summary status reports, 1978-79
11-4	NAACP National Housing Corp.; summit meeting corres., notes, re:, 1981
11-7	NAACP National Steering Committee: at-large election, uncounted ballots; documents, 1982
11-6	NAACP National Steering Committee; constitutional amendments, meeting materials re:, 1981
7-16	NAACP National Steering Committee; corres., notes, resolutions, 1980
11-8 thru 11	NAACP National Steering Committee; meeting materials, 1980-83
10-6	NAACP National Steering Committee; meeting materials, 1981
8-8	NAACP National Steering Committee; meeting materials, 1983
9-25	NAACP National Steering Committee; meeting materials, 1983
7-5 thru 8	NAACP Nevada Housing Development Corp.; Board meeting minutes, 1979-80
6-8	NAACP Nevada Housing Development Corp.; legal corres., 1979-80
7-19	NAACP Pension Survey Committee; corres., notes, 1982-83
9-12	NAACP Policy Guide, 1983
8-16 thru 20	NAACP Site Selection Committee; blueprints, corres., memos, notes, 1981-83
9-13 thru 14	NAACP Site Selection Committee; meeting materials, 1982-83
9-23	NAACP Special Contribution Fund; annual report, 1983
10-16	NAACP Special Contribution Fund; annual report, 1985
11-16	NAACP Special Contribution Fund; corres., minutes, notes, reports, 1980-83
9-24	NAACP Special Contribution Fund; memos, minutes, reports, 1981-82
9-10	NAACP Springern Medal Committee; corres., notes, 1982-83

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9-27	NAACP St. Louis, Missouri Branch inquiry; documents re:, 1982
10-20	NAACP; state conference president's roster, 1979
10-23	Oliver, William; misc. corres., 1978-79; 1984
11-19	Oliver, William; misc. personal documents, 1950; 1986
5-13	Sunnyhills Cooperative #1 & #2; corres., minutes, member lists, notes, 1959
5-14	Sunnyhills Cooperative #2; corres., minutes, reports, 1960-61
5-15	Sunnyhills Cooperative #3; corres., notes, 1959
5-16	Sunnyhills Cooperative #3: sales; corres. & notes re:, 1959
5-18	Sunnyhills Cooperative #4; agreements, articles of incorporation, by-laws, corres., minutes, 1959-60
5-17	Sunnyhills Cooperative #4; financial & legal documents, 1958-60
5-2	Sunnyhills Cooperative; blueprints, specifications, 1958-60
5-10	Sunnyhills Cooperative; Brookell Investment Co. corres., notes, 1955
5-19 thru 20	Sunnyhills Cooperative; corres., memos, notes, re:, 1957-61
5-22	Sunnyhills Cooperative; corres., minutes, notes, 1959
5-26	Sunnyhills Cooperative; corres., minutes, notes, 1960
5-7	Sunnyhills Cooperative; FHA mortgage documents, 1959
5-25	Sunnyhills Cooperative; foreclosures, corres., notes, 1958-59
5-12	Sunnyhills Cooperative; Hughes, Arnold, manager; corres., notes, reports, 1958-60
5-3	Sunnyhills Cooperative; Kavanagh Bldg. Co., blueprints, corres., notes, 1957
5-4	Sunnyhills Cooperative; Kavanagh Bldg. Co. contract, 1957
5-1	Sunnyhills Cooperative; land purchase; corres., legal documents, 1954-56
5-5	Sunnyhills Cooperative; marketing analysis, promotional literature, 1957-60
5-23	Sunnyhills Cooperative; Peckham, Robert legal corres. & notes, 1959
5-8	Sunnyhills Cooperative; sales authorization, reports, 1956-57
5-9	Sunnyhills Cooperative; Santa Clara County Contractors & Home Builders Association corres., 1955
5-11	Sunnyhills Cooperative; sewage system connection; clippings, corres., minutes, 1955
5-21	Sunnyhills Cooperative; Smith & Klein Builders, blueprints, corres., 1958
5-6	Sunnyhills Cooperative; Townsend, Dwight, FHA, corres., notes, 1958-59
5-24	Sunnyhills Cooperative; unethical conduct by real estate agents, corres., notes, re:, 1958
10-24	UAW Region 1D Conference; racial tension, equality notes, 1979