Part 1
William Oliver Collection
Papers, 1946-1951
2 linear feet
4 manuscript boxes

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
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Box 4 Detroit NAACP board member files, 1950-51
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Fact Sheet on ABC "White Rule"
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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:

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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.
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