Howard Hursey Papers
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Related Material:
President Office Shanker, 1960-1974
AFT Southern Regional Office,

PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are not necessarily arranged in any particular order. The box folder listing provides an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.
Abstract
Howard Hursey was a national representative for the American Federation of Teachers. This collection documents his time as an organizer from the 1960s through the early 1970s. The American Federation of Teachers experienced huge growth in membership during this time and the collection represents this movement for the AFT external organizing and the strain on AFT workers. Mostly Hursey organized in the Southern United States, but there are materials from Los Angeles and Illinois and points in-between. The correspondences contain contracts, meeting minutes, reports, notes about organizing and issues facing various locals. There are also internal communications about organizing strategies, the growth of AFT, and the treatment if workers in the AFT which is reflected in the Committee for National Representatives.

Important Subjects:
Education
Higher Education
School Employees
Teacher Educators - United States
 Strikes and Lockouts
School integration--1960-1970
Collective bargaining--Education--United States
Collective Bargaining – Louisiana
Collective bargaining--Teachers--Florida
Collective Bargaining -- Tennessee
Mississippi Freedom Schools.

Important Names:
Howard Hursey
Albert Shanker
Charles Cogen
David Selden
Carl Megel
Jim Mundy
Gene Didier
Arrangement
Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any
given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collections.

Box 1
1. Cogen, Charles 1960’s
2. Committee for National Representatives, 1961-64
3. Committee for National Representatives, 1965-67
4. Committee for National Representatives, 1970’s
5. Constitutions of AFT Locals
6. Correspondence, 1961
7. Correspondence, 1962
8. Correspondence, 1963 Jan.-June
10. Correspondence, 1964
11. Correspondence, 1965 Jan.-June
13. Correspondence, 1966 Jan.-March
14. Correspondence, 1966 April-June
15. Correspondence, 1966 July-Sept.

Box 2
1. Correspondence, 1967
2. Correspondence, 1968
3. Correspondence, 1969 Jan.-June
5. Correspondence, 1970
6. Correspondence, 1971
7. Correspondence, 1972
8. Correspondence, 1973 Jan.-June
10. Correspondence, 1974 Jan-May
12. Correspondence, 1975
13. Correspondence, 1976
14. Correspondence, 1977
15. Correspondence, 1978
16. Correspondence, 1979
17. Correspondence, 1980
18. Correspondence, undated
19. Freedom School Papers
20. Megel, Carl, 1964-67
Box 3
1. Newspaper Clippings, 1960’s
2. Newspaper Clippings, 1970’s
3. Newspaper Clippings, 1980’s
4. Newspaper Clippings, undated
5. Pamphlets, numbered-E
6. Pamphlets, F-L
7. Pamphlets, M-S
8. Pamphlets, T-Y
9. Posters, undated
10. Publications, A
11. Publications, B-C
12. Publications, F-H
13. Publications, I-M
14. Publications, N-P
15. Publications, R-T
16. Publications, U-Z
17. Schmid, John. 1960’s

Audio-Visual Materials (Material Sent to Audio-Visual Department)
1. Speech, Butte Montana, 1965, Recording
2. Speech, Committee of National Relations, 1966, Recording

Oversized (Material placed in AFT Poster Collection)
1. Jefferson Federation of Teachers, Poster
2. Right to Eat, Jefferson Federation of Teachers, Poster
3. Unity Through Merger, California Federation of Teachers, Poster
4. Jefferson Federation of Teachers, Poster
5. American Federation of Teachers, Bill of Rights