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The National Defense Fund of the American Federation of Teachers was established at the National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin on August 23-27, 1937. The fund was included in the union's annual budget and financed by per capital payments from each member of one cent a month. This fund was administered from Chicago, Illinois by executives in the union's national office. A member who was dismissed or demoted unjustly could apply for financial aid from the fund in order to help cover the costs of defense. The National Defense Fund provided coverage for one-third of a teacher's defense costs, the state organization furnished financial assistance for one-third, and the local gave monetary aid for the remaining third.

The papers document various matters that have led to dismissals and demotions of teachers, and reflect the union's efforts to defend the teacher's tenure rights.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Civil liberties  
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Defense policies  
Tenure rights

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