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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

African American politicians
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Subjects

African Americans -- Political activity
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Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government -- 1898-1951
United States -- Politics and government -- 1945-1953

Names

Bruce, Herbert L., 1900-1990
Hulan, Jack
Powell, Adam Clayton, Jr., 1908-1972
Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972
Beaver-Ramapo Democratic Club
Blacks for Truman
Crusader Democratic Club
Democratic Party (N.Y.)
Tammany Hall (Political organization)
Tammany Hall United Colored Democracy of the County of New York