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Ted Poston scrapbook

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Summary

Creator: Poston, Ted, 1906-1974

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Abstract: Ted Poston was the first full-time African-American journalist for the "New York Post." There he covered many major black oriented news stories as well as mainstream items, working from 1936 until his retirement in 1972. Prior to this appointment, he wrote for the "Pittsburgh Courier," "Amsterdam News," and the "New York Contender." He was also on the staff of the Federal Writers' Project. From 1940-1945 Poston was a member of the "Black Cabinet," an informal network of African Americans serving in or advising the Roosevelt administration. He remained in Washington as head of the Negro News Desk in the Office of War Information and was responsible for relations with the Negro press until the end of World War II, whereupon he returned to his position with the "New York Post." "The Dark Side of Hopkinsville," a book of his short stories, edited by Kathleen Hauke, was published posthumously in 1991. The Ted Poston Scrapbook contains newspaper articles by journalist Ted Poston, for four series: "Dixie's Fight for Freedom" (1959) called the Little Scottsboro Case concerning three African-American youth convicted of raping a white woman in Tavares, Florida in 1949, "Nine Kids Who Dared: Human Drama in Little Rock" (1957), "Inside the Policy Racket" focusing on the Harlem numbers racket (1960), and "Prejudice and Progress in New York," n.d., all published by the "New York Post." Ted Poston won the George Polk journalism award for the rape case article and was nominated for additional awards for other articles.

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