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PREFACE

This inventory is one of several prepared as a part of the archival preservation program at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of The New York Public Library.

The Schomburg archival preservation program involves the organization and preservation of primary source material held by the Collection and of significance to the study of the Black Experience. It furthermore includes the preparation of detailed inventories of these records making the information contained therein accessible as well as available to scholars.

The necessary staff and supplies for this program were made available through a combination of Library and government funds and private grants from foundations.

NEGRO LABOR COMMITTEE (1935-?). RECORDS, 1925-1969.
37 boxes, 17 reels (15 linear ft.).

Historical Sketch

The formation of the Negro Labor Committee on July 20, 1935 was a major breakthrough in the black man's struggle to involve himself in the labor movement and to bring organized labor to the realization that its aspirations could only be achieved by giving equal consideration to all workers regardless of race, creed or color.

In 1925, Frank R. Crosswaith and a number of other labor leaders founded the Trade Union Committee for Organizing Negro Workers with the goal of encouraging the organization of black workers into unions. Later in 1934, a number of the same leaders, with the active support of the Socialist Party, founded the Harlem Labor Committee with somewhat the same objective.

The First Negro Labor Conference was called together under the auspices of the Harlem Labor Committee and was composed of black and white elected delegates from 110 progressive labor unions. The purpose of the Conference was to consider the economic plight of the black worker and to develop a program of action calculated to aid him in securing better-paid jobs than the more or less menial jobs (dish washer, porter, cook) to which tradition had long confined black people following the abolition of slavery. A second objective of the Conference was to remove the serious threat which the unorganized black worker represented to the organized labor movement.

The Conference elected a committee of 25 members who proceeded to establish a functioning Negro Labor Committee and to map out a program of action. The Committee was headed by Frank R. Crosswaith as Chairman. Other officers were Vice Chairmen A. Philip Randolph (Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters), Thomas Young (Building Service Employee's Union), Julius Hochman (ILGWU), Abraham Miller (Amalgamated Clothing Workers), and Morris Feinstone (United Hebrew Trades), Treasurer, Philip Kapp (Joint Board, Dressmakers Union), Financial Secretary, Winifred Gittens (ILGWU), and Organizer Noah A. Walter Jr. (Laundry Workers Union).

One of the Committee's first projects was the establishment of the Harlem Labor Center, "Labor's Home in Harlem," at 312 West 125th Street. The Center was dedicated on December 15, 1935 and its opening was accompanied by an intensive campaign of education and organization.

The founders of the Negro Labor Committee did not claim credit for anything original in their action for:

...we recall with pride that other minority groups in

the world of work when faced with problems similar to the problems the Negro workers now face, adopted identical methods of meeting and solving their problems....The Negro worker has been referred to as the 'Scab of America'....While the facts do not wholly justify this appellation, nevertheless, it is true that in every major industrial struggle in the U.S. within the last two decades, the Negro worker has played a vital, if not always complimentary role.

Unfortunately, organized labor in too many instances, both by sins of omission and commission, has driven the Negro worker into the open and welcome arms of the employers with the result that the Negro has developed an unfriendly attitude toward the labor movement and a corresponding affection for the employers of labor.

....in spite of some fine resolutions and official pronouncements on the subject there are still unions that either openly bar Negro workers from membership through clauses in their Constitutions, bylaws or rituals, and that covertly discriminate against the Negro worker by practices more eloquent and effective than pronouncements, resolutions, or Constitutions can ever be.

In dealing with the double dilemma of the black worker the Negro Labor Committee sought to organize unorganized black workers and to break down the barriers within the existing labor movement. It sought the affiliation of additional unions and locals with or without black membership in order to provide for the broadest possible participation in its work and to insure the maintenance of the Harlem Labor Center as the home of legitimate labor movement among black and white workers in Harlem. The Committee also lent its support to unions engaged in organization and strike activities among black workers, as well as established a Negro Labor News Service which disseminated information on events about or relating to black labor throughout the country.

During the 1930's and '40's the Negro Labor Committee played a key role in expanding the ranks of organized black labor and overcoming barriers within the labor movement itself. At its height the Committee represented over a quarter million black and white workers and was widely acknowledged and respected as the voice of black labor. The Committee sponsored conferences, trained organizers, and carried out highly publicized campaigns against discriminatory practices both in labor and in management, and successfully led the fight against Communist efforts to use black labor problems as vehicles toward its own ends.

FRANK R. CROSSWAITH, 1892-1965

Biographical Sketch

Frank R. Crosswaith, founder and long time Chairman of the Negro Labor Committee was born in Fredericksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands on July 16, 1892. While still in his teens he moved to New York City and served in the United States Navy. He aspired to eventually become a lawyer, however his involvement in the labor and socialist movements in Harlem cost him his job. With the aid of a scholarship he enrolled at the Rand School of Social Sciences instead. After graduation his involvement in the labor and socialist movements increased as he became a lecturer for the school, a socialist organizer and lecturer for the League for Industrial Democracy, and later a national organizer for the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Contending that the problems of black people were kindred to those of all working people, and that the aspiration of labor could only be achieved by giving equal consideration to all workers regardless of race, creed, or color, Crosswaith soon gained widespread recognition as an outstanding speaker and proponent for the cause of all oppressed people. His stance as an uncompromising foe of communism earned him the proud distinction of being its number 1 target. He argued quite effectively that communism was merely using the grievances of black people for political propaganda.

The Ku Klux Klan openly threatened Crosswaith for charging them with the infamous race riot among the sharecroppers in Elaine, Arkansas. He was likewise attacked by anti-labor employers for his opposition to their attempts to use black workers as pawns to thwart the efforts of organized labor.

Nevertheless, even those who disagreed with his bitter, though eloquent criticisms of the blemishes of American democracy respected him for his ideals and unswerving devotion to black people and working peoples everywhere. He brought to the surface the ugly sores of racial prejudice, political opportunism, and economic barbarism which were hampering the achievement of constructive progress for Negro civil rights.

Crosswaith was also an effective labor organizer. He helped to organize the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, elevator operators, elevator constructors, mechanics, barbers, laundry workers, moving picture operators, grocery clerks, dining car employees, drug clerks, and many other laborers.

Crosswaith is perhaps best remembered for his work with the Negro Labor Committee. In 1925 he established the Trade Union Committee for Organizing Negro Workers and later the Harlem Labor Committee with the cooperation of a number of labor and liberal

leaders. In July, 1935 a conference of black and white elected delegates was called which expanded and enlarged upon the work of the Trade Union Committee and the Harlem Labor Committee and formed the Negro Labor Committee with Frank Crosswaith as Chairman. Over the next three decades he led the Committee in its continuing struggle to organize black workers; to integrate them into the mainstream of organized labor; and to enlist organized labor in the black struggle for equal rights.

Crosswaith wrote a regular column Looking Around and Beyond, which discussed problems related to black labor and appeared in several black newspapers from 1939-1943. He also served as the first labor member of the New York City Housing Authority, a post to which he was appointed by Mayor LaGuardia and re-appointed by Mayors O'Dwyer, Impelliteri, and Wagner.

At a testimonial dinner in honor of his 70th Birthday, Crosswaith was cited as "the pioneer veteran, champion of labor and loyal public servant who has devoted his life to the economic and social welfare of all workers. Male and female workers of America -- Negro, white and all races have drawn strength and inspiration from the fervor and passion of Frank R. Crosswaith's lifelong devotion to the cause of labor."

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1951	Testimonial Dinner given in Crosswaith's Honor (Proceeds turned over to Frank R. Crosswaith Labor Education Fund)
1952	Co-founder of the Negro Labor Committee, U.S.A.
July 16, 1957	Testimonial Dinner Honoring 65th Birthday
December 8, 1962	70th Birthday Reception
1963	Helped organize March on Washington
June 18, 1965	Died

Scope and Content

The Negro Labor Committee Records consists of the complete non-current office files of the Negro Labor Committee and personal papers of Frank R. Crosswaith. They were transferred to the Schomburg Collection for processing and preservation by the Committee in 1971.

The records are divided into two major series, each with a number of sub-series. The series are: Office Files of the Negro Labor Committee and the Personal Files of Frank R. Crosswaith, founder and longtime Chairman of the Committee.

The **OFFICE FILES OF THE NEGRO LABOR COMMITTEE** series is subdivided into three subseries reflecting the general practice of the Committee's office staff under the supervision of Winifred Gittens, secretary of the Committee from 1935. The first subseries **Historical and Administrative** includes records of the organizations which preceded the Negro Labor Committee: Trade Union Committee for Organizing Negro Workers, 1925; and the Harlem Labor Committee, 1934, and items summarizing the Committee's general interests and activities from its founding in 1935 to 1969. This first subseries also contains the general correspondence (Communications Received and Answered) for the Committee arranged chronologically, and finally such administrative records as minutes of meetings, committee reports, financial records, and form letters.

The **General Subject and Activity Files** subseries is arranged alphabetically and includes material on conferences and conventions in which the Committee participated, documents relating to activities and special projects of the Committee (Harlem Labor Center, Scholarship Benefit Fund, Negro Labor Committee - U.S.A., anniversary journals, proposed March on Washington, (1943), and the monthly minutes of the Negro Labor Assembly of which the Negro Labor Committee was an integral part. This subseries furthermore contains the regular press releases of the Negro Labor News Service from 1935 to 1951.

The third subseries, **Affiliated Unions and Locals**, consists of the files of the individual unions that were affiliated with the Negro Labor Committee and that joined it in many of its projects and activities. The files present a cross section of the progressive labor movement in New York City during the 1930's and 1940's.

The **PERSONAL FILES OF FRANK R. CROSSWAITH** series, is subdivided into several subseries, also following the organization employed by the Committee office staff. The first subseries includes Crosswaith's **General Correspondence**, primarily letters of

appreciation, biographical data, and materials related to political campaigns and testimonial dinners. The second subseries consists of Crosswaith's **Writings and Speeches**. Among the materials in this section are typescripts of his column, "Looking Around and Beyond," which appeared regularly in various black newspapers from 1939-1943, as well as other articles and editorials which appeared from time to time in other publications. The subseries also contains copies of Crosswaith's **Letters to the Editor**, 1940-1960, in which he set forth, quite clearly, his views and the official positions of the Negro Labor Committee on many of the major questions of the day. The last section of the subseries includes texts of Crosswaith's speeches and correspondence relating to his many speaking engagements.

The third subseries is an **Organization** subject file which includes material relating to the many organizations in which Crosswaith held membership, served on committees, or simply maintained an interest. These files demonstrate the wide span of his activities and interests. The next subseries, **Friends and Labor Leaders**, is similar to the Organization subseries in that it again demonstrates a broad field of interest, however the emphasis here is on people and personalities, friends and labor leaders with whom Crosswaith worked and whose respect he had gained over the years.

Crosswaith's years on the **New York City Housing Authority**, 1942-1956, can be found in the subseries of the same name. Included are correspondence, reports, project descriptions, and copies of official publications of the Housing Authority (New York City Housing Authority News, Housing Outlook, and NYCHA Bulletin).

The final two subseries; **Scrapbook Material** and **Oversize and Non-textual Material** were established to accommodate records which remained outside of the office staff's organizational scheme. The scrapbook materials generally contain clippings, photographs, copies of programs and publications, and other materials which were apparently set aside for future reference. These have been arranged into general subject categories and placed in the record group alphabetically. The photographs have been transferred to the Photographs and Prints Division.

Related collections housed in the Manuscripts, Archive and Rare Books Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture:

Frank R. Crosswaith Papers
Richard Parrish Papers
Richard Parrish Papers (Additions)

Provenance

The non-current records of the Negro Labor Committee were transferred to the Schomburg Center by the Negro Labor Committee in 1971. They include the office files of the Committee itself and the personal papers of Frank R. Crosswaith, founder and long time Chairman of the Committee.

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		d31	Deaths of Labor Leaders and Friends, 1953-957
		d32	Draft Board #76
		d33	East Bronx Peoples Open Forum, 1949-1941
		d34	Endorsements, 1954-1958
		d35	"Famous People" - Clippings
		d36	Get Well Cards Received, 1956
		d37	Greeting Cards and Post Cards, 1931-1948
		d38	Historical Weddings - (Queen Elizabeth/Prince Reiner/etc.)
		d39	Job Campaign (See also Scrapbook on Job Campaign, Box 37)
		d40	Labor College (Lincoln University), 1946- 1947
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21	10	d42	Lawsuit (<i>Boulin v. Levinson</i>), 1940 Letters
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		d47	"Letters from Notables," 1960-1963
		d48	Pamphlets
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		d51	Politics, 1953-1955
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		d53	References (Personal), 1943-1956
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		d56	Journal
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		d59	Sponsors and Honorary Chairmen

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		d68	1947-1952 (Sponsors)
			Writings and Speeches
			Articles
23	11	e1	1928-1934
		e2	Index to Articles, June 25, 1939- April 25, 1942
		e3	"Looking Around and Beyond" June 20, 1938-June 26, 1939 (<i>The Guardian</i>)
		e4	July 3, 1939-June 3, 1940 (<i>The Guardian</i>)
		e5	July, 1940-October, 1941 (<i>Boston Chronicle</i>)
		e5a	October 2, 1941-July 31, 1942 (<i>Amsterdam News</i>)
		e6	August, 1942-April, 1943 (<i>Amsterdam News</i>)
		e7	1950-1951
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		e9	1957
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24	11	e11	1963-1965
		e12	Undated
		e13	Special Articles for reference (not by Crosswaith)
			Letter to the Editors
		e14	1940-1943
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		f7	Association for the Blind, New York Chapter
		f8	Atlantic Union Committee, 1949-1955
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		f10	Catholic Inter-racial Council, 1946-1951
		f11	City Center for Music and Drama Inc., 1947-1959
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		f22	Harlem Trade Union Council, April 2, 1949
		f23-f26	International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union
		f27	Chicago
		f28	Clippings and Pamphlets
		f29	Educational Classes, 1934-1942
		f30	"They Came to a City" (play written by J.B. Priestly and Adapted by Elizabeth Rose)
30	14	f31	International League for the Rights of Man, 1951-1955
		f32	F.H. laGuardia Memorial Association, 1948-1956
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		f41	Rand School of Social Science, 1953
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		f43	Tresca Memorial Committee, 1947-1956
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			Friends and Labor Leaders
31	15	g1	Debs, Eugene V. Dubinsky, David
		g2	Correspondence, 1937-1958
		g3	Clippings
		g4	Eisenhower, Dwight D., 1949-1955
		g5	Granger, Lester (Urban League)
		g6	Green, William (President, AFL), 1946- 1950
		g7	Harriman, William Averell (Governor, New York State), 1954
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		g9	Jack, Hulan, 1959 - Clippings
		g10	Lane, Layle Lewis, Alfred Baker
		g11	1950-1960
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		g13	1940-1960 (Personal)
		g14	McDougald, Mrs. Ayers, 1954-1955, 1958
		g15	McLaurin, B.F. (Campaign
		g16	McDowell, Arthur
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		g38 Walter, Noah, "Struggle for Unity of Negro and White Workers in Your Union"
		g39 White, Walter - Clippings
		g40 Young, Thomas G.
		New York City Housing Authority
		h1 Congratulations on Appointment
		h2 Articles and Releases, 1942-1955
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		h5 Daily Time Reports (Sample Forms)
		h6 Employees
		h7 "Housing News" and "Housing Outlook," 1942-1944
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		i5	Free and Accepted Order of Ethiopia
		i6	Housing
		i7	International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union
			Labor
		i8	1950
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		i12	McLaurin, B.F.
		i13	March on Washington, 1963 - Clippings
			Miscellaneous
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		i17	Mooney, Tom, 1939
			Personal
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