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Guide to the

Ernest Thompson collection

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Summary

Creator: Thompson, Ernest, 1907-1971

Title: Ernest Thompson collection

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Abstract: Ernest Thompson was a labor leader and one of the founders and the director of organization of the National Negro Labor Council. From 1951-1956, he was also the Fair Employment Practices Committee director for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, a multiracial trade-union expelled from the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) on charges of communist infiltration. Thompson later became involved in efforts to gain African American political representation in Orange, New Jersey, improve education in the state, and eliminate segregation within the school system. The Ernest Thompson collection consists of printed matter and publications of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America on Blacks, women, urban renewal, and the labor movement in the 1950s. Additionally, there is printed material on the student movement of the 1960s, publications of communist youth organizations, and publications about segregation and discrimination in public schools in Orange, New Jersey, in the late 1950s and early 1960s. There is also a speech by Henry Winston about the founding of a Marxist-Leninist youth organization.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American labor leaders
African Americans -- Employment
Community organization
Discrimination in employment
Labor unions, Black
School integration
Urban renewal
Women -- Employment

Names

Thompson, Ernest, 1907-1971
National Negro Labor Council (U.S.)
United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. National Fair Practices Committee
Young Workers Liberation League

Container List

- United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America
 - b. 1 f. 1 Booklets
 - b. 1 f. 2 Fair Employment Practices Committee
- Education
 - b. 1 f. 3-5 Correspondence and pamphlets
 - b. 1 f. 6 Other printed matter (clippings)
 - b. 1 f. 7 National Negro Labor Council
 - b. 1 f. 8 Handwritten notes
- Printed matter
 - b. 1 f. 9-10 Clippings on education, housing, jobs, and urban renewal
 - b. 1 f. 11 *March of Labor* 1952-1953
 - b. 1 f. 12 New York State Commission Against Discrimination, "Article One" ca. 1950s
 - b. 1 f. 13 Booklets and pamphlets on political action
 - b. 1 f. 14 Booklets on women's issues
 - b. 1 f. 15 Housing
 - b. 1 f. 16 Miscellaneous
 - b. 1 f. 17 Young Workers Liberation League 1970
 - b. 1 f. 18 Student and youth affairs 1968