

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS.

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters records, 1925-1978

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Historical Note

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was founded by African American employees of the Pullman Company in 1925 in an effort to garner fair and equitable treatment from the company. Early leaders chose A. Philip Randolph to head the union, in part because he was not employed by Pullman and was therefore less vulnerable to attacks from the company. For a decade, the union struggled to organize membership, simultaneously fighting reprisals from the Pullman Company and rejection from the National Mediation Board (NMB) and the American Federation of Labor (AFL). Following changes in federal legislation under the New Deal, in 1935 the NMB certified the union as the official representatives of sleeping car porters. Shortly thereafter, the union received a charter from the AFL, becoming the first African American organization to do so. In 1937, the union signed its first labor agreement with the Pullman Company. Randolph remained president of the union until his retirement in 1968. In 1978, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters merged with the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks, marking the end of the union as an independent organization.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of selected records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters from 1925-1978, including administrative records, membership applications (1925-1930), and printed material. Administrative records contain correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes, agreements between businesses and unions represented by the Brotherhood, and informational sheets for members of the union. Correspondence is primarily between A. Philip Randolph and other labor organizers or government officials. Administrative records also include several statements and addresses by A. Philip Randolph. Membership applications are primarily from 1925 and 1926 and document applicants from Kansas City, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; New York City, New York (and its boroughs); Newark, New Jersey; and Jersey City, New Jersey. Printed material is comprised of clippings, conference and meeting programs, fliers, pamphlets, press releases, and other ephemeral items from the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the A. Philip Randolph Institute, and other labor and civil rights organizations.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order by record type.

Container List

Administrative records

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1	1	Americans for Democratic Action, statement on education, 1967
1	2	"Article V: Officers and Elections," undated
1	3	Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company agreement with train porters, mail porters, chair car attendants, and maids, 1943
1	4	Check voucher, 1940
1	5	Correspondence, undated
1	6	Correspondence, 1925-1928
1	7	Correspondence, 1933-1935
1	8	Correspondence, 1940-1949
1	9	Correspondence, 1950-1959
1	10	Correspondence, 1960-1969
1	11	Correspondence, 1970-1976
1	12	Executive Board meeting minutes, 1939 May 5
1	13	Form, undated
1	14	Grain, S. E., untitled article for <i>The Messenger</i> , undated
1	15	"Information for Members Retiring at Age 65 or Older," undated
1	16	Lehigh Valley Railroad Company Dining Car Department, parlor car attendant advertisement bulletins 1-51 memo, 1951
1	17	Letterhead, undated
1	18	Notes, undated
1	19	"Official Ballot for the New Haven Attendants," undated
1	20	Pulitzer Prize nominations, 1969 [1 of 2]
1	21	Pulitzer Prize nominations, 1969 [2 of 2]
2	1	Railway Labor Executives' Association, meeting agenda, 1958 March 26
2	2	Randolph, A. Philip, address at Brown University, 1962
2	3	Randolph, A. Philip, address at the United Auto Workers Social Justice Award banquet, 1964
2	4	Randolph, A. Philip, "Negro Uncommitted to Any Political Party," 1956
2	5	Randolph, A. Philip, "No Compromise on Segregation," 1956
2	6	Randolph, A. Philip, "An Open Letter to Black Voters," draft, 1968
2	7	Randolph, A. Philip, "Statement before the Subcommittee of Labor and Education of the Hours of Representatives, 81st Congress," 1949
2	8	Randolph, A. Philip, untitled statement, undated
2	9	Rates of pay for New York, New Haven, and Hartford employees, 1957
2	10	Registration list, unidentified event, undated

- 2 11 Resolution, "Urge Eisenhower to Convene Special Session of Congress to Pass Anti-Lynch Law," 1955
- 2 12 "Revised vacation agreement for Pullman porters, attendants, maids, and bus boys," 1954
- 2 13 "A Strategy for Churches and their Councils," draft, undated
- 2 14 Telephone messages, 1945
- 2 15 *The Trustees of Columbia University v. December 4 Movement*, order to show cause, 1970
- 2 16 The Urban Coalition, "Statement of Principles, Goals, and Commitments," 1967
- 2 17 Washington Newspaper Guild agreement with Washington Afro-American Publishing Company, 1946

Membership applications

- 2 18 Undated, Emmitt Dickerson
- 2 18 Undated, R.E. Gale
- 2 18 Undated, William W. Miller
- 2 19 1925 August 26, William Henry White
- 2 19 1925 August 29, Eugene Weston Stokien
- 2 19 1925 September 9, J.H. Haulin
- 2 19 1925 September 12, Anthony Welters
- 2 19 1925 September 22, John R. Bruce
- 2 19 1925 September 29, William J. Suggs
- 2 19 1925 October 1, Walter Leonard Gardner
- 2 19 1925 October 5, Richard H. Webster
- 2 19 1925 October 10, James Wallace
- 2 19 1925 October 19, Herbert W. Webb
- 2 19 1925 October 25, William Jordan
- 2 19 1925 November 27, J.N. Freeman
- 2 19 1925 November 27, G.C. Officer
- 2 19 1925 November 27, E.A. Talley
- 2 19 1925 November 27, C.N. Williams
- 2 19 1925 November 28, B. Barrett
- 2 19 1925 November 28, Jess Clemons
- 2 19 1925 November 28, S. Scott
- 2 19 1925 November 30, A. Austin
- 2 19 1925 November 30, M.C. Bourne
- 2 19 1925 November 30, Roy Edwards
- 2 19 1925 November 30, Samuel Flowers
- 2 19 1925 November 30, Lon Gibson
- 2 19 1925 November 30, J. Graves

2	19	1925 November 30, R.H. Jackson
2	19	1925 November 30, Henry Norman
2	19	1925 November 30, C.W. Rector
2	19	1925 November 30, H. Taylor
2	19	1925 November 30, Perry Warner
2	19	1925 November 30, J. Washington
2	19	1925 November 30, Samuel Webster
2	19	1925 November 30, ? White
2	19	1925 November 30, M. Wooden
2	19	1925 December 1, Elmer Deritt
2	19	1925 December 1, Romeo M. Hudson
2	19	1925 December 1, Will Morgan
2	19	1925 December 1, I. Moten
2	19	1925 December 1, Walter Snell
2	19	1925 December 1, J.E. Wallace
2	19	1925 December 1, James L. White
2	19	1925 December 1, W.H. Young
2	19	1925 December 2, A.G. Allen
2	19	1925 December 2, John Hilton Bland
2	19	1925 December 2, J.W. Briscoe
2	19	1925 December 2, John H. Chism
2	19	1925 December 2, William Edwards
2	19	1925 December 2, Edgar L. Winston
2	19	1925 December 5, Gladstone Seymour Alleyne
2	19	1925 December 5, Edward Carter Jenkins
2	19	1925 December 5, James Robert Walker
2	19	1925 December 7, I.R. Franklin
2	19	1925 December 7, William H. Franklin
2	19	1925 December 8, William H. Everett
2	19	1925 December 9, W.L. Pinkston
2	19	1925 December 9, C.J. Skinner
2	19	1926 December 11, John Rufus Allen
2	19	1925 December 11, Robert Sherman
2	19	1925 December 17, George Edward Roberts
2	19	1925 December 18, J.R. Davis
2	19	1925 December 18, B.F. Hubbard
2	19	1925 December 18, C.B. Kimball
2	19	1925 December 19, C. Walker
2	19	1925 December 21, W.G. Anderson

2	19	1925 December 24, S.W. McDonald
2	19	1925 December 31, A. C. Crater
2	20	1926 January 1, A. Burton
2	20	1926 January 1, W.B. Griffin
2	20	1926 January 1, Jesse Tillman
2	20	1926 January 1, James Wesley White
2	20	1926 January 2, M.E. Carroll
2	20	1926 January 2, C. Hurd
2	20	1926 January 2, S. Phelps
2	20	1926 January 4, J.H. Golden
2	20	1926 January 5, Clifton Coleman
2	20	1926 January 7, D.C. Griggs
2	20	1926 January 7, J. Perkins
2	20	1926 January 14, Booker T. Moore
2	20	1926 January 15, P.H. Robinson
2	20	1926 January 16, William Cornelius Thomas, Jr.
2	20	1926 January 19, G.W. Carter
2	20	1926 January 20, Roscoe Barnett
2	20	1926 January 20, Egbert S. Hudson
2	20	1926 January 20, Edward Jussins
2	20	1926 January 20, Gromille McCoy
2	20	1926 January 20, Augustus White
2	20	1926 January 20, George Ralph Worrell
2	20	1926 January 27, H.H. Wyatt
2	20	1926 February 3, Robert Dennie Smith
2	20	1926 February 4, Julius L. Johnson
2	20	1926 February 6, Willis Peter Mims
2	20	1926 February 8, A.B. Woods
2	20	1926 February 9, Edward Collins
2	20	1926 February 17, Joseph Henry Hutchens
2	20	1926 February 17, C.W. Payne
2	20	1926 February 28, John Sapp
2	20	1926 March 1, O.G. Donnell
2	20	1926 March 3, J.S. Davidson
2	20	1926 March 3, J.E. Gilbert
2	20	1926 March 3, David G. Glavin
2	20	1926 March 3, Aaron Green
2	20	1926 March 3, Berlis Y. Tucker
2	20	1926 March 15, Clarence Jones

2	20	1926 April 6, J.M. Hunter
2	20	1926 April 17, Floyd Adams
2	20	1926 April 18, Oswald S. Williams
2	20	1926 April 20, Lion Clarence Audrent
2	20	1926 April 29, Robert H. Avery
2	20	1926 April 30, C. Britton
2	20	1926 April 30, R.E. Dickerson
2	20	1926 May 3, W.L. Lawson
2	20	1926 May 4, H. Mosley
2	20	1926 May 4, William Rice
2	20	1926 May 5, J.C. Davis
2	20	1926 May 6, W. Williams
2	20	1926 May 6, Jessie Kibble
2	20	1926 May 15, E. Nourvle
2	20	1926 May 25, William Brown
2	20	1926 May 28, Roger C. Jackson
2	20	1926 May 31, J.S. Thomas
2	20	1926 June 6, Louis Bradley
2	20	1926 June 18, Joe Able
2	20	1926 June 24, Walter Costen
2	20	1926 June 25, Mabel Long
2	20	1926 June 30, Thomas T. Wattlely
2	20	1926 July 1, G.W. Lucas
2	20	1926 July 1, Lucas Moore
2	20	1926 July 7, I.L. Edwards
2	20	1926 July 8, J.L. Johnson
2	20	1926 July 30, Mrs. M.C. Goosly
2	20	1926 August 5, G.W. Williams
2	20	1926 September 11, Tom Carter
2	20	1926 October 5, E.J. Fontino
2	20	1926 October 15, E.N. Stewart
2	20	1926 October 16, Earnest Norwood
2	20	1926 October 16, Hugh Wadley
2	20	1926 October 29, Ulysses Ward
2	20	1926 October 30, Robert L. Graves
2	20	1926 November 1, Robert D. Harper
2	20	1926 November 2, Junius Stewart
2	20	1926 November 3, Ollie A. Bruce
2	20	1926 November 3, C. Crouch

2	20	1926 November 3, Fred Young
2	20	1926 November 17, Alexander K. McIntosh
2	20	1926 November 17, James V. Roberts
2	20	1926 November 22, Joseph Franklin Greatheart
2	20	1926 November 22, D. Tamadge Massey
2	20	1926 November 22, C.R. Walton
2	20	1926 December 1, Wolbert Houston Marr
2	20	1926 December 7, Arthur L. Ryce
2	20	1926 December 8, Charles J. Braxton
2	20	1926 December 29, John Little
2	21	1927 January 5, William B. Montgomery
2	21	1927 January 7, D. Caldwell
2	21	1927 January 10, Albert A. Adams
2	21	1927 January 10, Edward Jones
2	21	1927 January 10, E. Wilkins
2	21	1927 January 12, B.O. Taylor
2	21	1927 January 14, Henry W. Aikens
2	21	1927 January 15, Mel Berryman
2	21	1927 January 22, Charles W. Howard
2	21	1927 January 25, Thomas Henry Steele
2	21	1927 January 27, S. McGary
2	21	1927 February, Garrett Morrow
2	21	1927 March 2, Marshall Newsome
2	21	1927 March 16, Williams Henry Nickens
2	21	1927 March 18, W.H. Dedman
2	21	1927 April 11, E. Hopkins
2	21	1927 April 11, William H. Taylor
2	21	1927 May 5, P. Gregory
2	21	1927 May 16, Eura Smith
2	21	1927 May 17, William J. Edwards
2	21	1927 May 26, William C. Elston
2	21	1927 May 31, B.F. Tillery
2	21	1927 June 15, J.A. Birchett
2	21	1927 June 15, S. Shears
2	21	1927 June 15, Zuller Williams
2	21	1927 June 20, Theodore Swain
2	21	1927 June 22, Joseph Lemons
2	21	1927 July 15, G. Rivers
2	21	1927 July 15, John D. Robinson

2	21	1927 July 15, G.W. Williams
2	21	1927 July 20, Eliazer A. Miller
2	21	1927 July 28, Clarence Ryles
2	21	1927 August 1, W. Hilton
2	21	1927 August 2, Rufus McRae
2	21	1927 August 12, Troy Bowman
2	21	1927 August 17, James Edmund Bush
2	21	1927 September 12, George Kingston Jones
2	21	1927 September 20, John Autha Washington
2	21	1927 September 23, C.F. Mercer
2	21	1927 October 14, George Edward Kitchens
2	21	1927 October 18, A.W. Jolly
2	21	1927 October 29, Robert Coleman
2	21	1927 October 31, W.M. Percy
2	21	1927 November 4, Carl McGee
2	21	1927 November 10, Sydney A. Bradford
2	21	1927 November 10, George W. Jones
2	21	1927 November 15, Lee Forest Smith
2	21	1927 December 7, Octavius Danielson
2	22	1928 January 31, Lonnie Torrance
2	22	1928 July 16, O.D. Williford
2	22	1928 September 26, L.E. Greene
2	22	1928 October 1, Reginald D. Davis
2	23	1929 February 20, Barney Steele
2	23	1929 February 22, Albert Adams
2	23	1929 March 1, Clyde Lawson
2	23	1929 March 8, J.D. Reeves
2	23	1929 March 8, I. Wyatt
2	23	1929 March 15, Louis W. Neal
2	23	1929 March 23, James H. Huntley
2	23	1929 July 19, Wiley Howard Jackson
2	23	1929 August 2, Fleming G. Dillard
2	23	1929 August 24, Marshall Finley
2	23	1929 September 9, James L. White
2	23	1929 October 3, Reuben McCray
2	24	1930 May 2, Ernest Kearney
2	24	1930 June 14, LeRoy Davis
2	24	1930 June 14, Louis W. Neal
2	24	1930 June 14, King David Price

2	24	1930 June 15, Plumiss Earley
2	24	1930 June 16, Clarence Ryles
2	24	1930 June 18, James Edward Tribu
2	24	1930 June 23, Thomas David Spears
2	24	1930 July 15, James Cleveland Watts
2	24	1930 August 19, F. Stewart
2	24	1930 September 18, Theodore Cannon

Printed material

2	25	A. Philip Randolph Institute, "A 'Freedom Budget' for All Americans," 1967
2	26	Brooklyn, New York, map, 1972
2	27	Calendar, 1959
2	28	Clippings
2	29	Conference and meeting programs, 1945-1976
2	30	Fliers, circa 1945-1970
2	31	Lowell Thomas' War Map of the World, undated
2	32	March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, newsletter, 1963
3	1	"News Media and News Broadcasters: A Special Report for CBS News," 1966
3	2	"An Open Letter to the Baltimore and Ohio Train Porters," undated
3	3	Pamphlets, circa 1954-1973
3	4	Postcards, undated
3	5	Press releases, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, circa 1943-1950
3	6	Press releases, other organizations, circa 1952-1978
3	7	Quiz, "Test Your Labor IQ," 1958
