

Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle Chapter records, 1954-2010

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Congress of Racial Equality. Seattle Chapter
Title	Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle Chapter records
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Historical Note

The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) was one of the leading non-violent organizations that spearheaded the 1960s civil rights movement. Although it had been in existence in Chicago for two decades, it was not until the early 1960s that the organization became highly visible and reached its peak, establishing local chapters across the country. Seattle CORE became one of the organization's most ambitious and successful chapters. During the 1960s, Seattle CORE helped support the organization's national campaigns and undertook many projects to fight local discrimination in employment, housing, and education.

In 1942 a group of Chicago pacifists founded the Congress of Racial Equality. However, the group did not receive much attention until 1960 when four African American students in North Carolina violated segregation practices by sitting at a Woolworth's lunch counter. Realizing that the demonstrators had used the non-violent methods that CORE advocated, the organization rushed to assist them after their arrest. CORE was not responsible for this event, but the protest brought widespread publicity and showed the effectiveness that non-violent direct action could have.

The following year was even more pivotal for the organization when it organized the Freedom Rides. Despite the publicity that CORE gained from the Woolworth sit-in, the following year proved to be more momentous and led people in cities such as Seattle to open local chapters. Following a

Supreme Court decision prohibiting segregation in interstate travel, including on buses and in terminal accommodations, CORE organized groups of African Americans to ride buses throughout the South and violate customary segregation wherever they went.

After its founding in 1961, most of Seattle CORE's initial work was to support CORE's national efforts, especially the campaigns in the South. One example was in 1961 when Seattle CORE teamed up with the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to support the Haywood County Civic and Welfare League. This action was to raise money for black sharecroppers and tenant farmers near Brownsville, Tennessee, who had been evicted for registering to vote.

Soon, however, the chapter began to focus on local discrimination. The chapter's first target was employment discrimination, and in October 1961 it began its campaign against the Bon Marché department store. By 1962 protests spread to J.C. Penney, Nordstrom, Frederick & Nelson, A&P, Tradewell, and Washington Natural Gas. Protest methods included a "selective buying" campaign, picketing, and other demonstrations. One of the largest protests came in 1963 when Seattle CORE and the local NAACP led 1,000 marchers to the Bon Marché. At department stores the chapter also led "shoe-ins." During these events CORE flooded the stores with protesters who tried on numerous pairs of shoes without buying any of them. Seattle CORE also picketed A&P grocery stores for fifteen weeks in 1963 until reaching an agreement with management. However, by March 1964 the chapter said that the company had not lived up to its agreement and began protesting again. For the first time, Seattle CORE used the "shop-in," in which protesters filled their carts with non-perishable goods and rang them up at the cash register, then left without buying the items.

By 1964 the chapter's actions had convinced management to agree to start hiring more African Americans at Bon Marché, Safeway, J.C. Penney, A&P, Wonder Bread, Frederick & Nelson, Nordstrom, and other stores. By the end of 1964, Seattle CORE claimed that its actions had resulted in the hiring of more than 250 white-collar employees. In terms of the number of jobs opened to African Americans, Seattle CORE was one of the most successful chapters in the nation.

Despite initial jubilation, many Seattle CORE members began to see their gains as minor compared to the employment discrimination that still existed. Thus the chapter began Operation DEEDS (Drive for Equal Employment in Downtown Stores), one of the most ambitious programs ever undertaken by a CORE chapter. DEEDS was a boycott of the entire downtown shopping area in October 1964, with a demand for 1,200 jobs for African Americans. Members quickly became frustrated when they were unable to obtain their ambitious goal, even though the results of this project compared favorably with previous campaigns.

Housing discrimination was another target of the chapter. Late in 1963, Seattle CORE conducted "Operation Windowshop" which encouraged blacks to look for housing outside the Central District. On designated weekends, CORE encouraged African Americans to visit realtors and attend open houses to try to move into white neighborhoods. However, many homeowners and members of the real estate industry were adamantly opposed to housing integration. As a result, many "for sale" signs came down and many realtors closed their businesses on Operation Windowshop weekends. Seattle CORE then lobbied the city council to pass an open-housing ordinance. When that effort failed, it tried to pass an open-housing referendum in 1964, which the local realtors' association fought vigorously. Seattle voters soundly rejected the measure in eleven of twelve voting districts.

Following the defeat of the open-housing ordinance, Seattle CORE turned to direct action protests to fight housing segregation. In March 1964, it began sit-ins at the Picture Floor Plans Company, one of the local real estate firms accused of discouraging African Americans from buying homes in white neighborhoods. This protest signaled a change in the actions of the chapter's membership in a way that seemed out-of-line with CORE's rules of conduct. For the first time, many CORE protesters chanted and sang, shouted insults, and pushed and shoved when a locked door was opened to admit

a customer. When a salesperson grew hostile and struck a demonstrator, the chapter suspended the protests. The next day a court injunction halted all picketing against realtors.

The actions of protesters at the Picture Floor Plans Company demonstrated the internal divisions that were taking shape within Seattle CORE as well as the national organization itself. Like other local chapters, Seattle CORE maintained a relatively small membership, which was partly by design. Seattle CORE had a “closed membership” policy which meant that people could only receive active memberships after serving a probationary period, participating in action projects, receiving approval from two-thirds of the chapter, and committing themselves to following the CORE rules of conduct. As a result of such stringent requirements, the membership of Seattle CORE usually remained below fifty. One of the reasons that CORE remained so effective was that its sympathizers, who contributed money and participated in demonstrations, outnumbered active members of the chapter. However, with each successive victory more people wanted to join the ranks of the organization and the chapter grew in size through 1964. Some members complained about this growth, arguing that the organization was getting too large and that it was becoming too easy for people to join. The rise of Black Power ideology by 1965 influenced many younger members of the chapter, who believed more fervently in retaliation than in non-violent resistance, and who were less willing to accept white integration in the organization.

Dissidents within CORE, who more readily accepted Black Power, formed themselves into the Ad Hoc Committee and even rented their own office. They were the ones who had inaugurated the confrontations at the Picture Floor Plans Company and had allegedly escalated confrontation at the A&P shop-in. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee accused the chapter leaders of being “too respectable” and not militant enough. When the chapter called off the Picture Floor Plans Company protests, dissident members tried to defeat the leadership in the next election. After failing, members of the committee withdrew from CORE and planned to function as a ghetto-oriented institution, but soon disintegrated. However, their departure did not end the chapter’s internal problems, as many members began leaving the organization. By 1965 Seattle CORE had a membership of only 65, compared to over 200 the year before.

Seattle CORE faced the same problems that were confronting the national organization and chapters across the country. While African Americans held most of the top leadership positions, CORE had always been a multiracial organization. In Seattle and in many other cities with a relatively small black population, it was not uncommon for the membership to include more whites than blacks. Although this issue was not the major one that split Seattle CORE in the mid 1960s, it did become a factor after the 1967 national CORE convention which deleted the word “multiracial” from its constitution. Seattle chairperson John Cornethan publicly criticized this action and declared that it was an effort to drive out white supporters. Dissidents Frances White and Les McIntosh seized on this opportunity to oust Cornethan from his post and then made Seattle CORE the city’s first civil rights group to embrace Black Power. After this event, most whites disappeared from the organization, which continued its decline until its end in 1970.

Despite internal rifts, Seattle CORE managed to continue anti-discrimination campaigns until the late 1960s. In the summer of 1965, it started running “Freedom Patrols” to follow police officers and monitor their behavior. In the spring of 1966 it led a two-day boycott of Seattle public schools to protest de facto segregation of schoolchildren. In the same year it also protested discrimination by labor unions, particularly the Building Trades Union which represented construction workers.

Content Description

Most of the materials relate to Seattle CORE's activities both in local and national civil rights campaigns. The records include correspondence, minutes, case files, financial records, committee

records, convention and workshop materials, and subject files concerning civil rights projects in several southern states as well as housing, education, and employment in Seattle. Included is material relating to the American Civil Liberties Union, the Washington State Board Against Discrimination, James Baldwin, George Washington Bush, and James Farmer.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized into 3 accessions.

Accession No. 1563-001, Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle Chapter records, 1961-1970

Accession No. 1563-002, Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle Chapter records, 1954-2010

Accession No. 1563-003, Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle Chapter records, 1965-1966

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Related Materials

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin holds the records from the CORE national office, the Western Regional Office, the Southern Regional Office, and the archives of the Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality. All but the papers of the national office are available on microfilm, and the University of Washington Libraries' Microforms and Newspapers division has a copy of the Western Regional Office records as well as a guide to the society's entire CORE collection. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, the Bancroft Library at the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Michigan also hold CORE records.

The Special Collections division in the University of Washington Libraries holds three Seattle CORE publications, including two studies by Charles Valentine regarding segregation in public schools and Operation DEEDS.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 1563-001: Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle Chapter records, 1961-1970

5.41 cubic feet (12 boxes)

Scope and Content: Most of the materials relate to Seattle CORE's activities, both in local and national civil rights campaigns. The records include correspondence, minutes, financial records, committee records, convention and workshop materials, and subject files regarding the national and local civil rights movement. Subject files include material on housing, education, employment (including case files), and civil rights projects in various Southern states. The collection also includes civil rights literature from Seattle CORE, national CORE, and other sources.

The Ad Hoc Committee folder in box 3 contains information from the chapter's established leadership about the dissident Ad Hoc Committee. This container also contains a detailed description of the investigation of discrimination at the Picture Floor Plans Company and subsequent protests against the firm, as well as complaints about committee members who allegedly did not adhere to CORE rules during the demonstrations.

In box 3, the Negotiating Committee folder provides the African American employment statistics for each of the stores that Seattle CORE accused of discrimination. Case files in boxes 7 and 8 contain Seattle CORE materials related to their investigations, negotiations with, and protests against specific companies.

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1	1563-001 Constitution	undated
1	1563-001 Organizational materials	undated
Correspondence		

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1	1563-001 General correspondence 7 folders	1961-1968
1	1563-001 American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) correspondence	1965-1966
1	1563-001 Human Rights Commission, bulletins	1964-1965
Washington State Board Against Discrimination		
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1	1563-001 Correspondence	1961-1962
1	1563-001 Restaurant figures	undated
1	1563-001 Notices, reports, miscellaneous	undated
1	1563-001 Miscellaneous	undated
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2	1563-001 Minutes	1963-1966
2	1563-001 Financial records <u>General Notes:</u> see also: oversize box 12: 3 ledgers, 1 cash book	1966
2	1563-001 Reports	undated
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2	1563-001 Attendance <u>Scope and Content:</u> General meetings and orientation meetings.	undated
2	1563-001 Book lists	undated
2	1563-001 Civic organizations and churches	undated

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3	1563-001 Fire inspection requirements for office	undated
3	1563-001 Officers and elections	1964-1965
3	1563-001 Maps of Central Area	undated
3	1563-001 Record of office phone calls	undated
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3	1563-001 Negotiations Committee	undated
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3	1563-001 Speakers Bureau	undated
3	1563-001 Miscellaneous committees	undated

Civil rights literature -- Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle

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3	1563-001 "Freedom Songs"	undated
3	1563-001 "Labor Unions"	1966 November 9
3	1563-001 "Race Relations Exam"	undated
3	1563-001 "Seattle CORE"	undated
3	1563-001 "Some General Goals and Principles of CORE"	undated
3	1563-001 "Talk, Talk, Talk"	undated
3	1563-001 Unauthorized leaflet	undated
3	1563-001 "We Need You"	undated
3	1563-001 "What is CORE?"	undated
3	1563-001 "Why Legislation?"	undated
3	1563-001 "You Can Help"	undated

Conventions and workshops

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3	1563-001 National Congress of Racial Equality Convention	1963
3	1563-001 Seattle Congress of Racial Equality workshop	1963
3	1563-001 California Congress of Racial Equality Conference	1964
3	1563-001 Seattle Congress of Racial Equality Retreat	1964
3	1563-001 National Congress of Racial Equality Convention	1964
3	1563-001 Regional Congress of Racial Equality Convention	1964
3	1563-001 Seattle Congress of Racial Equality Office Open House	1965
3	1563-001 National Congress of Racial Equality Convention	1965
3	1563-001 Seattle Congress of Racial Equality Retreat	1966
3	1563-001 National Congress of Racial Equality Convention	1967

Subject files

Alabama-Selma

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4	1563-001 Sign-up sheet	undated
4	1563-001 Telegram suggestions	undated

Baldwin (James) Benefit

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4	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1963
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4	1563-001 News releases, notes, clippings, photographs	1967-1970
4	1563-001 Ephemera	1967-1970
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4	1563-001 Central Area Coordinating Committee for Civil Rights-- registration forms	undated
Civil rights literature -- other organizations 19 folders		
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4	1563-001 <i>The Advance</i> , Brotherhood Week	1963 February 17-24
4	1563-001 <i>The Afro-American Journal</i>	1968 January, February, April
American Friends Service Committee		
Box	Accession	
4	1563-001 King, Martin Luther, Jr., "Letter From Birmingham Jail"	1963
4	1563-001 <i>The Northwesterner</i> .	1964 February
4	1563-001 Rustin, Bayard, "Non-Violence and the Harlem Riots"	1964
4	1563-001 Statement of Support of the August 28 March on Washington	undated
4	1563-001 Miscellaneous	undated

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Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith		
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4	1563-001 The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith	1963
4	1563-001 Review of the 88th Congress	1964
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4	1563-001 Baptists, Clyde Hill Baptist Church, "The Church and Race"	1964
4	1563-001 Baptists, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, <i>Zionews</i> .	1966 October 9
4	1563-001 Berrigan, (Father) Philip, "WAR -- Wrong Approach to Righteousness"	1965
4	1563-001 California Fair Employment Practices Commission, <i>Fair Practices News</i>	1964 March, June
4	1563-001 Central Area Committee on Civil Rights, announcement	undated
4	1563-001 Central Area Community Council, Statement of Purpose and Program	undated
Central Area Motivation Program (CAMP)		
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4	1563-001 General report	1965-1967
4	1563-001 Newsletter	undated
4	1563-001 <i>Trumpet</i>	1967-1968
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4	1563-001 Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Junior, Resolution	1963
Christian Friends for Racial Equality		

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4	1563-001 Statement of Purpose	undated
4	1563-001 <i>Racial Equality Bulletin</i> .	1962 April, 1963 May
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4	1563-001 Christian Social Action Committee, Newsletter	1963 October
4	1563-001 Council of Churches, Seattle, Memo to Ministers	undated
Civil Rights Action Group (CRAG)		
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4	1563-001 "Historical and Social Context of the Civil Rights Movement"	1964
4	1563-001 "Purpose of CRAG"	undated
Civic Unity Committee		
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4	1563-001 <i>Fair Play</i>	1963 June
4	1563-001 "Fair Play in Our Cosmopolitan Seattle"	undated
4	1563-001 "The Housing Situation of Minority Groups in the State of Washington"	1961
4	1563-001 Statement (John F. Gordon)	undated
4	1563-001 Miscellaneous	undated
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4	1563-001 Committee of Women for Freedom Now, miscellaneous	undated
4	1563-001 Convention Center, <i>New Politics News</i> .	1968

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4	1563-001 Council for Civic Unity (San Francisco), "Property Values and Race"	1960
4	1563-001 Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), excerpts regarding the Mississippi Project	undated
4	1563-001 <i>Current</i> , "Federal Action for Civil Rights"	undated
4	1563-001 Democratic Party, King County Democratic Central Committee, Resolution	1963
4	1563-001 East Side Conference on Religion and Race, Workshop Program	1963
4	1563-001 Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, <i>Rights</i>	1966
4	1563-001 Episcopalians, The National Council, "The Church Speaks on Race"	undated
	Fellowship of Reconciliation	
Box	Accession	
4	1563-001 "Freedom, the South, and Non-violence"	undated
4	1563-001 "The Struggle for Racial Equality"	1956
4	1563-001 King, Martin Luther, Jr., "Facing the Challenge of a New Age"	undated
4	1563-001 Smith, Lillian, "The Right Way is Not a Moderate Way"	undated
4	1563-001 "Unwise and Untimely?," a letter from eight Alabama clergymen to Martin Luther King, Jr., and his reply	1963
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4	1563-001 <i>Fortune</i> , editorial - "There Isn't Sny Time"	1964 July
4	1563-001 Friends of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee Newsletter	1967 July 15
4	1563-001 Fund for Public Information: Hall, Gus, "Negro Freedom"	1964 July

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4	1563-001 Getz, William, "The Equal Rights Movement in Seattle"	1964
4	1563-001 Hearde, Oscar, "Inter-Marriage," "To All Christians and Especially of the Pentacostal Faith"	undated
Hillman (Sidney) Foundation		
Box	Accession	
4	1563-001 MacDonald, Dwight, "Our Invisible Poor"	1963
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4	1563-001 Human Rights Commission, Seattle, Proposed Open Housing Ordinance	undated
4	1563-001 King County Library System, "Civil Rights --It's Our Problem, Too"	undated
4	1563-001 League of Women Voters of Seattle, press release	circa 1965
4	1563-001 <i>Liberation.</i>	1963 October
4	1563-001 May Valley (Washington) Co-op Community, Statement of Aims	undated
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)		
Box	Accession	
4	1563-001 <i>The Crisis</i>	1964 February
4	1563-001 Current, Gloster B., "Understanding NAACP Policy"	undated
Newsletter		
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4	1563-001 1961 September	1961 September
4	1563-001 1962 January	1962 January

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4	1563-001 Ovington, Mary White, "How the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Began"	1919
4	1563-001 "What's Your NAACP Been Doing"	1963 July
4	1563-001 Wilkins, Roy, "Humiliation Stalks Them"	1963 July
National Conference on Religion and Race		
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4	1563-001 "An Appeal to the Conscience of the American People"	1963 January
4	1563-001 Reston, James, "The First Significant Test of the Freedom March" (<i>NewYork Times</i> reprint	1963 August 30
Box	Accession	
4	1563-001 National Sharecroppers Fund, "The Condition of Farm Workers and Small Farmers in 1965"	circa 1965
4	1563-001 Northwood, L.K., "A Housing Fact Sheet"	1962
4	1563-001 Parent Youth Camp, Employment Announcement	1966

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4	1563-001 Peace News Pamphlets (London), Henry David Thoreau, "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience"	1963
4	1563-001 Rich, Marvin, "Civil Rights Strategy after the March" (<i>New Politics</i> reprint) <u>Scope and Content:</u>	1963
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4	1563-001 The Congress of Racial Equality and Its Strategy (<i>Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Sciences</i> reprint)	1965
4	1563-001 Rosen, Ellsworth E., "When A Negro Moves Next Door" (<i>Saturday Evening Post</i> reprint)	1959 April
4	1563-001 Seattle Citizens Against Goldwater, "Why Not Goldwater?"	1968
	Seattle Conference on Religion and Race	1963 June 5
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4	1563-001 Literature display	1963 June 5
4	1563-001 Statement on the proper role of the clergy	1963 June 5
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4	1563-001 Seattle Women for Peace, announcement of Frank Wilkinson lecture	1963 November 20
4	1563-001 Socialist Party, <i>New America</i>	1963 August 31
	Southern Christian Leadership Conference	
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4	1563-001 Newsletter	1963 October
4	1563-001 Some Important Fiscal Facts about Southern Christian Leadership Conference	undated
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4	1563-001 Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, <i>The Student Voice</i> .	1963 December 30
United Church of Christ		
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4	1563-001 "Samples of Congregational Involvement"	undated
4	1563-001 "Shall We Still Betray Our Lord?"	1963 September 3
Box	Accession	
4	1563-001 United Nations, "Universal Declaration of Human Rights"	1948
Urban League, Boston		
Box	Accession	
4	1563-001 McPherson, J. Westbrook, "A Change of Heart on Picketing"	1963 October 31
Urban League, National		
Box	Accession	
4	1563-001 "The Urban League Role: Unique and Crucial"	1964
Urban League, Seattle		
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4	1563-001 Annual reports	1961, 1962
4	1563-001 "Better Schools for a Better Tomorrow"	undated
4	1563-001 "Doors are Opening"	1963
4	1563-001 "Ed Pratt-- Dedicated Urban League Director" (<i>Argus</i> reprint)	1965 April 30

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4	1563-001 Finley, Otis E., Jr., "Discrimination"	1963
4	1563-001 "In Pursuit of Equal Opportunity"	1963
4	1563-001 Memorandum regarding Central Area schools	1963 September 4
4	1563-001 Memorandum regarding school transfers	1963 September 27
4	1563-001 Newsletter	1962 October, 1963 January-October, 1965 July
4	1563-001 "Progress in Race Relations"	1966 January 2
4	1563-001 "Seattle Urban League Prepares for Future"	1966 April 15
4	1563-001 "Social Welfare Agencies and the Negro"	undated
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4	1563-001 War Resisters League, "What Is the War Resisters League?"	1964
4	1563-001 Washington Citizens Committee for Civil Rights Legislation, Newsletter	1962 December 15
4	1563-001 World Without War Conference, letter	1963 September 20
Education		
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5	1563-001 Miscellaneous <u>Scope and Content:</u> NAACP-CORE - Transfer plan pledge cards.	undated
5	1563-001 Freedom School <u>General Notes:</u> see also: oversize box 12 - card file of Freedom School participants	
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6	1563-001 Class materials	1966-1967

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6	1563-001 Evaluation sheets	1965
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6	1563-001 California Fair Employment Practices Division	1964, undated
6	1563-001 Chamber of Commerce, Seattle	1965
6	1563-001 United States Army	1964
6	1563-001 United States Coast Guard	1964
6	1563-001 United States General Services Administration	1965
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7	1563-001 Employment records	undated
7	1563-001 Returned employment coupons	undated
7	1563-001 Drive for Equal Employment in Downtown Seattle pledge cards	undated
Box	Accession	
7	1563-001 Restaurant file <u>Scope and Content:</u> Principal correspondent: Washington State Restaurant Association. <u>General Notes:</u> see also: Case files--Clark's Restaurant Enterprises; Mannings Coffee Cafes	undated
	Case files	
	A & P Tea Company	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Accession	
7	1563-001 Incoming correspondence	1963 September-1964 October
7	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1962 October-1964 July, undated
7	1563-001 Minutes	undated
7	1563-001 Reports	undated
7	1563-001 Lists	undated
7	1563-001 News releases	undated
7	1563-001 Notes	undated
7	1563-001 Clippings	undated
7	1563-001 Ephemera	undated
Box	Accession	
7	1563-001 Albertson's Food Store	1962 January
7	1563-001 Bartell's survey	undated
	Bon Marché 9 folders	
Box	Accession	
7	1563-001 Incoming correspondence	1963 June- October
7	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1963 May-1964 February
7	1563-001 Minutes	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7	1563-001 Reports	undated
7	1563-001 Lists	undated
7	1563-001 News releases	undated
7	1563-001 Clippings	undated
7	1563-001 Ephemera	undated
Box	Accession	
7	1563-001 Carnation Company	1964 June-August
7	1563-001 Clark's Restaurant Enterprises, Inc.	
Box	Accession	
7	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1966
7	1563-001 Minutes	1966
7	1563-001 Reports	undated
7	1563-001 Reports - survey	undated
7	1563-001 Notes	undated
7	1563-001 Ephemera	undated
7	1563-001 Crown Zellerbach Corporation	1965 February
7	1563-001 Darigold (Consolidated Dairy Products)	1963-1964
8	1563-001 Fisher Flouring Mills	1965
8	1563-001 Frederick & Nelson	1963
8	1563-001 Greyhound Bus Lines	1964
8	1563-001 Lucky Grocery Stores	1962-1963

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8	1563-001 Mannings Coffee Cafes	1966
8	1563-001 Nordstrom-Best	
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Incoming correspondence	1964-1965
8	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1964
8	1563-001 Minutes	undated
8	1563-001 Reports	undated
8	1563-001 Lists	undated
8	1563-001 News releases	undated
8	1563-001 Notes	undated
8	1563-001 Clippings	undated
8	1563-001 Pay 'n' Save Corporation	1965
8	1563-001 J.C. Penny Company, Inc.	1962-1963
8	1563-001 Rainier Brewery	1965
8	1563-001 Rhodes of Seattle	1962
8	1563-001 Safeway Stores, Inc	1961-1963
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Incoming correspondence	1963-1964
	Outgoing correspondence	1961-1963
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Minutes, reports, lists, notes, clippings, ephemera	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8	1563-001 Seattle Police Department	undated
8	1563-001 <i>Seattle Observer</i>	undated
	Taxi survey	
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Incoming correspondence	1963-1965
8	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1963-1964
8	1563-001 Reports	undated
8	1563-001 Notes	undated
8	1563-001 Clippings	undated
8	1563-001 Ephemera	undated
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Thriftway Stores, Inc.	1962
	Tradewell Stores, Inc. 7 folders	
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Incoming correspondence	1962-1965
8	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1962-1964
8	1563-001 Minutes	1961-1964
8	1563-001 Lists and news releases	undated
8	1563-001 Notes	undated
8	1563-001 Clippings and ephemera	undated
Box	Accession	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8	1563-001 United Air Lines	undated
	Washington Natural Gas Company	
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Incoming correspondence	1964
8	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1964
	Minutes	1963-1964
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 News releases	undated
8	1563-001 Notes, clippings, ephemera	undated
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Western International Hotels	undated
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Miscellaneous discrimination complaints	undated
	Farmer, James 2 folders	1965
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1965
8	1563-001 Financial records	undated
8	1563-001 Clippings	undated
8	1563-001 Ephemera	undated
8	1563-001 Miscellaneous - reservation lists and cards	undated
	Freedom Patrols	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Memo	undated
	Reports	
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)	undated
8	1563-001 Citizens' Committee on Police Practices	undated
8	1563-001 Morris, Arval, "Constitutional Controls over Criminal Procedure"	undated
Box	Accession	
8	1563-001 Clippings	undated
8	1563-001 Miscellaneous	undated
	Housing	
Box	Accession	
9	1563-001 Incoming correspondence <u>Scope and Content:</u> Major correspondent: Harmony Homes, Inc.	1963-1964
9	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1963-1965
9	1563-001 Reports	undated
9	1563-001 Reports - other organizations	undated
9	1563-001 News releases	undated
9	1563-001 Legislation	undated
9	1563-001 Notes	undated
9	1563-001 Clippings	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
9	1563-001 Ephemera	undated
9	1563-001 City Hall demonstration--clippings	1963
Fair Housing Listing Service		
Box	Accession	
9	1563-001 Newsletters	1963-1965
9	1563-001 Ephemera	undated
Box	Accession	
9	1563-001 Injunction--real estate board case	1965
	Operation Window Shop 2 folders	1963
Box	Accession	
9	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1963
9	1563-001 Reports	1963
9	1563-001 News releases	1963
9	1563-001 Legislation	1963
9	1563-001 Notes	1963
9	1563-001 Clippings	1963
9	1563-001 Ephemera	1963
Picture Floor Plan Demonstration		
Box	Accession	
9	1563-001 Report	1964
9	1563-001 Clippings	1964

Container(s)	Description	Dates
9	1563-001 Ephemera	1964
Box	Accession	
9	1563-001 Rent strike	1964
9	1563-001 Miscellaneous discrimination complaints	undated
Mississippi 6 folders		
Box	Accession	
9	1563-001 Adopt-A-Civil-Rights-Worker Project	1964
9	1563-001 Freedom Democratic Party	1964-1965
9	1563-001 Liberty House	1966-1969
Box	Accession	
9	1563-001 Incoming correspondence	1966-1969
9	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	1966-1969
9	1563-001 Notes	1966-1969
9	1563-001 Order	1966-1969
9	1563-001 Ephemera	1966-1969
9	1563-001 Newsletters from John Fawcett	1965
9	1563-001 Mississippi Summer Program <u>Scope and Content:</u> Principal correspondent: COFO (Council of Federated Organizations).	1964
9	1563-001 Petitions regarding Mississippi	1964
National Congress of Racial Equality and other Congress of Racial Equality offices 10 folders		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
National Congress of Racial Equality		
Box	Accession	
10	1563-001 Correspondence 9 folders	1961-1969, undated
10	1563-001 Minutes	1962-1968
10	1563-001 Reports	undated
10	1563-001 Newsletter - <i>National CORELator</i>	1961-1965
Civil rights literature		
Box	Accession	
10	1563-001 "All About CORE"	undated
10	1563-001 Barry, Joseph, "On Going to Jail" (<i>New York Post</i> reprint)	1961 September 20
10	1563-001 "Breaking the Noose"	undated
10	1563-001 Buckley, Helen, "The CORE Way" (<i>Survey Graphic</i> reprint)	1946 February
10	1563-001 Calendar of Coercion	1964
10	1563-001 Christmas cards	1962-1966
10	1563-001 "Columbia Class Stresses Protest" (<i>New York Times</i> reprint)	1967 February 20
10	1563-001 "McKissick Opens Training Center" (<i>The Sun</i> , Baltimore, reprint)	1966 December 6
10	1563-001 "Cracking the Color Line"	undated
10	1563-001 "Equality Is Goal of Race Congress" (<i>New York Times</i> reprint)	1960 February
10	1563-001 Farmer, James, "Louisiana Story"	1963

Container(s)	Description	Dates
10	1563-001 Fresh Air Fling Announcement	1964
10	1563-001 "Have You Ever Started a Fad?"	undated
10	1563-001 "Haywood Handicrafters"	undated
10	1563-001 "Here We Stand" (regarding Black Power)	undated
10	1563-001 "Holiday Gift Suggestions"	undated
10	1563-001 "Introduction to a Sit-in" (<i>LOOK</i> reprint)	1961 January 3
10	1563-001 Johns, Major and Moore, Ronnie, "It Happened in Baton Rouge, U.S.A."	1962
10	1563-001 "Justice?" (regarding committee of inquiry into the administration of justice in the freedom struggle)	1962
10	1563-001 Kempton, Murray, "The Trial" (<i>New York Post</i> reprint)	1962 March 21
10	1563-001 McCain, James T., "The Right to Vote"	1962
McKissick, Floyd B.		
Box	Accession	
10	1563-001 "A Black Manifesto"	circa 1966
10	1563-001 "Constructive Militancy"	1966
10	1563-001 "Genocide, U.S.A."	1967
10	1563-001 "Is Integration Necessary?" (<i>The New Republic</i> reprint)	1966 December 3
Box	Accession	
10	1563-001 March on Washington album announcement	1963
10	1563-001 Memorial service (Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner) announcement	1964

Container(s)	Description	Dates
10	1563-001 <i>The Movement</i>	1965
10	1563-001 "Position of the Congress of Racial Equality on the War in Vietnam"	undated
10	1563-001 "Rules for Action"	1961
10	1563-001 "Something New - Freedom Schools"	undated
10	1563-001 "A Strong Civil Rights Bill by Christmas"	1963
10	1563-001 "Summer Training Programs in NON-Violence"	1962
10	1563-001 Support Black Power sticker	undated
10	1563-001 "Target City Project, 1966 - A Beginning"	circa 1966
10	1563-001 "This Is CORE"	1962
10	1563-001 Wechsler, James A., "The Recruit" (<i>New York Post</i> reprint)	1962 December 3
10	1563-001 "What Do Black People Know about the War in Viet Nam?"	1964?
10	1563-001 "What Is a CORE Community Center?"	undated
10	1563-001 "What Is CORE Doing Now?"	1966 October
10	1563-001 "Where Is Democracy?"	undated
10	1563-001 "Your Invitation to Join CORE"	undated
Western Regional Field Office		
Box	Accession	
11	1563-001 Memos and newsletters	1962-1966
11	1563-001 Miscellaneous mailings	1963-1966
Box	Accession	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
11	1563-001 Southern Regional Core: correspondence (mailings)	1965
11	1563-001 Other chapters: newsletters	undated

North Carolina--Monroe

Incoming correspondence

Box	Accession	
11	1563-001 Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants	1962
11	1563-001 NAACP	1962

Box	Accession	
11	1563-001 News releases	1962
11	1563-001 Ephemera	1962

Police brutality

Box	Accession	
11	1563-001 Incoming correspondence	1964-1966
11	1563-001 Outgoing correspondence	undated
11	1563-001 Reports	undated
11	1563-001 Resolutions	undated
11	1563-001 Clippings	undated
11	1563-001 Ephemera	undated
11	1563-001 Miscellaneous complaints	undated

Miscellaneous oversize items

Box:Oversiz	Accession	
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Container(s)	Description	Dates
12	1563-001 Financial records 3 ledgers	undated
12	1563-001 Financial records 1 cash book	undated
12	1563-001 Lists--membership file cards 2 boxes	undated
12	1563-001 Education--Freedom School participants file cards 1 box	undated

Accession No. 1563-002: Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle Chapter records, 1954-2010

1 cubic foot (1 box)

Scope and Content: Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle chapter documents on civil rights activities from 1961-1968 collected by Don Matson.

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1/1	1563-002 Ad Hoc Committee	1962-1964
1/2	1563-002 Bon Marche Employment Project	1963
1/3	1563-002 Boycotts	c1962-1963
1/4	1563-002 CORE and Black Power	1967
1/5	1563-002 CORE pamphlets and informational mailers	1961-1965
1/6	1563-002 Crosstown bus opening	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/7	1563-002 Employment activities	1964
1/8	1563-002 Employment activities	1964
1/9	1563-002 Employment - Unions	1964-1966
1/10	1563-002 Exhibits and pamphlets	1961-2009
1/11	1563-002 Freedom Riders	1961-2010
1/12	1563-002 Fundraising projects	1962-1964
1/13	1563-002 Housing Committee	1962-1964
1/14	1563-002 Housing Committee	1964-2009
1/15	1563-002 Interviews	2006-2009
1/16	1563-002 Labor unions and racial bias	1964-2009
1/17	1563-002 Letters	1964
1/18	1563-002 Membership lists	1961-1965
1/19	1563-002 Police files from the Human Rights Commission	1964
1/20	1563-002 Police Patrol/ Freedom Patrol	1965
1/21	1563-002 Report on Research Leading to the Drive for Equal Employment in Downtown Seattle	1964
1/22	1563-002 Seattle chapter by-laws	1961
1/23	1563-002 Seattle Public Schools/Desegregation	1964-1999
1/24	1563-002 Seattle Public Schools	1964-2010
1/25	1563-002 Stationary & brochures/ Summary of CORE activities	1954-2007
1/26	1563-002 Taxis	1964
1/27	1563-002 Walt Hubbard file	1963-2009

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/28	1563-002 Housing - Picture Floor Plans, Inc.	1964
1/29	1563-002 Employment - Grocery stores	1961-1963
1/30	1563-002 Copies of court documents from Seattle Real Estate Board & Picture-Floor Plans, Inc. v. Seattle Congress of Racial Equality	1964
1/31	1563-002 CORElators & other fliers	1961-19686
1/32	1563-002 Bumper stickers	undated

Accession No. 1563-003: Congress of Racial Equality, Seattle Chapter records, 1965-1966

.23 cubic feet (1 box)

Scope and Content: Clippings, newsletters, call for volunteers, handwritten notes, fact sheets, meeting minutes, and more, primarily relating to school integration and the racial imbalance in Seattle Public Schools in the 1960s, emphasis on the 1966 school boycott and Freedom Schools.

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 Civil rights demonstrations--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Civil rights movements--United States
 Civil rights workers, Black--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Civil rights workers--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Civil rights--Southern states
 Civil rightsUnited States--Societies, etc
 Civil rights--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Civil rights--Washington (State)--Seattle--Societies, etc
 Discrimination in employment--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)
 Race discrimination--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Race--Religious aspects
 Right to education--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Right to housing--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Right to labor--Washington (State)--Seattle

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Bush, George Washington, active 1845

Farmer, James, 1920-1999

Corporate Names :

American Civil Liberties Union

Congress of Racial Equality

Congress of Racial Equality. Seattle Chapter--Archives

Washington State Board Against Discrimination

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Southern states--Race relations

Form or Genre Terms :

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Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

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financial records

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