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TOWNSEND M. LUCAS PAPERS

Collection 66-1 to 66-2

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Scope Note

The Townsend M. Lucas Papers consist of 1/2 document box of materials and one scrapbook that span the period 1948-1958.

Mr. Lucas donated the materials to Howard University in 1958.

The collection relates to activities in Africa, particularly

Liberia from ca. 1950-1955 And includes news articles, photographs, programs and correspondence. Also, there is a scrapbook containing biographical data about Townsend Lucas and the members of his family.

Biographical Data

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| 1948 June 23 | Graduated from Armstrong High School, Washington, D.C. |
| 1948-1951
1954 | Served as hospital corpsman in the U.S. Coast Guard.
Served as business manager of Del Mehari Inc. a Howard University student operated firm for purchasing African art |
| 1954 March 9 | Inducted as charter member of the Howard University Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society in political science. |
| 1954-55 | Served as program director of Station ELBC Liberian Broadcasting Company, Monrovia. |
| 1955 | Employed at the Washington Post Library. |
| 1958 | Received B.A. degree from Howard University in Political Science. |
| 1958 | Awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study French-African affairs at the University of Paris, Institute of Political Science. |
| 1958 Feb.
1960 | Married Geraldine West (children: Yvette and Veronica)
Received M.A, degree from Howard University in African Studies. |
| 1960 | Began employment at The Port of New York Authority, holding positions of Administrative Trainee, Management Analyst I, and Administrative Assistant to the Director of the World Trade Center. |
| 1964 | Second recipient of the Howard S. Cullman Service Fellowship, (for employees of Port of New York Authority), to study trade relations between newly independent countries in Africa, Europe and the U.S. |

Series Description

Series A Correspondence

Box 66-1 Several letters, personal and business from 1956-1958.

Series B Congo

Box 66-1 Two photographs: 1) drummer in Conquihatville, Belgian Congo, 1957 2) Henry Morton Stanley with his exploration party soon after journey down the Congo River 1877.

Series C Ethiopia

Box 66-1 Newspaper clippings and pamphlets on Haile Selassie.

Series D Liberia

Box 66-1 Resolution, legal brief, and newspaper articles about political activities in Liberia during the 1950's.

Series E Scrapbook

Box 66-1 Biographical data about Townsend Lucas and members of his family ca. 1948-1956. Includes photographs, certificate, correspondence, news articles, programs, and pamphlets. (The scrapbook has been disassembled and xeroxed for preservation purposes.)

Container List

A Correspondence

Box 66-1 Folder 1 Correspondence

B Congo

2 Photographs

C Ethiopia

3 Newspaper clippings

4 Memorabilia - Haile Selassie

D Liberia

Documents

- 5 Indictments for treason and sedition against Liberia (1951)
- 6 A joint resolution declaring irresponsible the editors of the "independent" newspaper of the Independent True Whig Party ...

Manuscript

- 7 Liberia's Government and Political Cycle
- 8 Extract from the 55th Annual Report of the American Colonization Society
- 9 The True Whig Party
- 10 Tubmanism
- 11 Liberia: Budget 1958
- 12 Liberia - Notes

Newspaper Articles

- 13 Acceptance Speech of D. Twe, at the Party Convention of the Reformation Party - April 12, 1951
- 14 Four arrested in connection with surreptitious leaflets - April 15, 1955

D Liberia (cont'd)

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| Box 66-1 | Folder | 15 The Independent editor again displays yellow journalism - Dec. 18, 1954 |
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- 16 Independent editor's investigation records - March 23, 1955
- 17 Independent's new editor maintains Party's Lying Tactics
- 18 Liberia & Mr. Twe - June 2, 1958
- 19 No cause for alarm, ITWP and RP plan riots in Capital - April 15, 1955
- 20 Opposition lies nailed - Feb. 21, 1955
- 21 Perfidious Didwo Again - April 26, 1951
- 22 President Tubman addresses the citizens from Maryland, Grand Bassa, Sinoe ..
- 23 Record from the Joint Committee Room, Hall of Representatives March 16, 1955
- 24 S.T.A. Richards expelled from the Party - Jan 12, 1954
- 25 Several arrests made as investigations open in assassination attempt - June 24, 1955
- 26 There is rumor of a design to create a "Coup d'etat"...
- 27 To the Liberian Age the mouth-piece of the Government - April 27, 1954

- 28 The truth about the attempted registration of the Article of association - April 25, 1951
- 29 Tubman escapes death - June 24, 1955
- 30 What National Chairman and Secretary of the T.W.P. have to say about the Reformation Party - April 10, 1951
- 31 Wreh, S. Tuan - Why I Was Dismissed from telling the truth - January 11, 1955
- 32 Liberia - newspaper clippings

Box 66-1 Scrapbook 1948-1956 (disassembled into folders)

Item 66-2 Scrapbook 1948-1956 (original oversize and fragile items DO NOT CIRCULATE ; xerox copy available in Box 66-1)
