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PERCIVAL LEROY PRATTIS PAPERS

Collection 144-1 To 144-49

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SCOPE NOTE

Percival Leroy Prattis [1895-1980] was Editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, one of the nation's oldest and most well-known Black newspapers, for twenty-five years (1936-1961), and later served as Associate Publisher. As a prominent Black journalist of national stature with several "firsts" to his credit and a highly regarded political activist, he was a prolific writer and much was written about him as well. His papers reflect his active involvement in the affairs of Blacks in the nation and worldwide. The Prattis papers measure approximately 18 linear feet and span the 1930's to the 1970's.

As might be expected, the bulk of the Prattis papers are correspondence and professional writings. As Editor of the Courier, Prattis received letters from all levels of society about all kinds of situations, both personal and professional. His positions, as expressed in widely circulated articles and columns, on various issues of the time made him the recipient of letters of response directed both to the newspaper and to him personally. Readers' responses to stories in the Courier also came to his attention and are a part of his papers.

Prattis wrote on a variety of topics related to Black life and the condition of Black people in the world. His writings reflect his fight against racial discrimination and segregation and his active role in the political arena. Black history, Black unity, Black contributions to America, Black economic parity,

civil rights, race relations and world peace are all prominent themes in his writings and speeches.

Prattis' interest in Black issues and his concern for his fellow man are also reflected in the materials on the international travels which he undertook and in the materials on the organizations he joined and supported. He traveled to areas of conflict and reported frankly on his findings with the keen eyes of a seasoned journalist and observer of human nature, as well as with the perspective of an historian. He served on the Board of Directors of the American Council on Race Relations and was an active member of other human rights and human service organizations.

Among the papers in the Prattis collection are a small series of records of The Pittsburgh Courier, and personal papers of former Courier President and Editor Robert L. Vann. These materials shed further light on the interrelationship among Prattis, Vann and the newspaper.

The photographs in the Prattis collection are mainly black and white images of friends, professional contacts, and acquaintances. Many scenes of Haitian life, from his trip to Haiti in 1930, are included. There is one photograph of Prattis with his wife and daughter.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Percival Leroy Prattis

1895 April 27 Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of Alexander and Ella Spraggins Prattis

Attended Christianburg Industrial Institute, Hampton Institute and Ferris Institute

Married Helen Marie Sands (children: Patricia Adrienna Prattis)

1918 Appointed Assistant City Solicitor, City of Pittsburgh

1919 Served in the U.S. Army (Battalion Sergeant Major)

1919-20 Editor, Michigan State News

1921-22 City Editor, Chicago Defender

1923-35 News Editor, Associated Negro Press

1930 Covered activities of Moton Education Commission in Haiti

1935 City Editor, Amsterdam News

1936 Assigned to interview Emperor Haile Selassie in Bath, England

1936-40 City Editor, Pittsburgh Courier

1940-56 Executive Editor, Pittsburgh Courier

1944 Received Honorary LL.D. from Wylie College, Marshall, TX

1947 Admitted to membership in the Senate and House Press Galleries (first black admitted)

1949 Traveled to India on assignment

1951 Received Most Outstanding Alumnus Award, Hampton Institute

1954 Traveled to Near Eastern countries on study tour for the American Christian Palestine Committee

1956-61 Editor, Pittsburgh Courier

1961-63 Associate Publisher and Treasurer, Pittsburgh Courier

1980 Feb. 27 Died in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania.

Source: The Percival Leroy Prattis Papers, Personal Papers, MSRC, Howard University.

Biographical Data

Robert L. Vann

- 1880 Aug. 27 Born in Aboskie, North Carolina (son of Lucy Peoples [father unknown])
- 1909 Graduated from the School of Law, University of Pittsburgh
- Practiced law in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Married Jessie E. Matthews
- 1910 Named Editor of the newly established Pittsburgh Courier (served 28 years)
- 1933 Named Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney General
- 1938 Became President of The Pittsburgh Courier
- 1940 Oct. 24 Died in Philadelphia of abdominal cancer.

Sources: The Percival Leroy Prattis Papers, Writings
By Prattis, MSRC, Howard U.

Logan, Rayford W. and Michael R. Winston, Eds.,
Dictionary of American Negro Biography, New York, W.W.
Norton and Co., 1982, pp. 614-616.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series A Personal Papers

Box 144-1 Newsclippings and other materials about Prattis' personal life, including copies of certificates of honor and a small segment of correspondence wherein he is congratulated on his appointment as Editor of the Pittsburgh Courier.

Series B Correspondence

Box 144-1
to 144-15 Some personal correspondence with relatives and friends, but mainly professional correspondence (spanning the 1940's to 1970's) to Prattis as a major journalist and political activist; Includes letters of Charles C. Diggs, Jr., Shirley Graham and W.E.B. Du Bois, Langston Hughes, Lyndon B. Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Thurgood Marshall, Benjamin Mays, Elijah Muhammad, Richard Nixon, Adam Clayton Powell, and Jackie Robinson; Also includes collected responses to the editor on subjects such as "The Atlanta Story" and the Du Bois Indictment.

Series C Writings by P.L. Prattis

Box 144-16
to 144-20 Articles, columns, interviews, and speeches, many of which were published in the Pittsburgh Courier. Contains copies of Prattis' column "The Horizon" from 1938 to 1965 (incomplete). Includes articles of interest on the "brown babies" of England and Germany (children of Negro soldiers and European women) and the Courier series, "Journeys into African and Afro-American History".

Series D Study Tours and Travels

Box 144-20
to 144-21 Materials related to Prattis' travels to Haiti, India and the Middle East on fact finding and study tours sponsored by various organizations. Includes series of articles on "Peace Prospects in the Holy Land",

written by Prattis and published in the Courier, and correspondence in response to the series.

Series E Organizations and Organizational Affiliations

Box 144-21 Information on Prattis' community activities and involvement in local and national organizations. Includes information on his appointment to the special press galleries of the House and the Senate (first Black so honored). Also includes a sub-series of materials on the testimonial banquet in Prattis' honor by the Frontier Club. (See also Series B - "Correspondence".)

Series F Writings by Others

Box 144-22
to 144-23 Articles, essays, biographies, press releases, xerox copies of newsclippings, and a speech by various authors, both known and unidentified; items mainly typescript or xerox copies. Includes one poem by Langston Hughes and writings by Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Elijah Muhammad and other Black leaders.

Series G The Pittsburgh Courier

Box 144-24 Materials on the paper, including history, reports, inter-office and intra-office memos, correspondence to the paper, and writings about selected staff. Also contains financial, legal and personnel-related items that are restricted.

Series H Programs, Invitations and Memorabilia

Box 144-27 This small series includes programs on which Prattis' name appears, invitations to the White House and other memorabilia. Noteworthy are a memorial tribute to W.E.B. Du Bois by Kwame Nkrumah and Du Bois' Last Message to the World.

Series I Robert L. Vann

Box 144-27
to 144-32

Robert L. Vann [1880-1940], attorney, publicist and political statesman, served as editor of The Pittsburgh Courier from 1910 (the year it was founded) to 1938 and was its President from 1938 to his death in 1940. Materials include correspondence (arrangement parallels the Prattis correspondence series), a few writings by and about Vann, writings by others, organizations and organizational affiliations, and memorabilia. Of note is correspondence documenting Vann's position in the Republican National Committee and his later involvement with the Democratic National Committee. The financial and legal papers are restricted.

Series J Photographs

Box 144-33
to 144-34

Images from Prattis' professional life as he attended various functions. Includes photographs of John Hope Franklin, Ralph Bunche, Marian Anderson, Thurgood Marshall, Paul Robeson and Carl T. Rowan, along with international figures such as emperor Haile Selassie I, Emperor Faustin I, former Haitian President Louis Borno, and President and Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt. (See also Series K.) Also contains photographs which depict scenes of Haitian life.

Series K Scrapbooks and Other Oversized Materials

Box 144-35
to 144-39

This series includes certificates of honor and awards of merit which Prattis received. There are also two scrapbooks about Prattis and eleven scrapbooks about the Black experience, primarily in the U.S. but also in Africa, from 1957 to 1974. The scrapbooks are in fragile condition. Contains one oversized photograph of Haile Selassie and Franklin D. Roosevelt. (See also Series J.)

 Container List

A Personal Papers

Box	Folder	
144-1	1	Employment Information
	2	Certificates and Awards (copies; originals in Series K, "Scrapbooks")
	3	Congratulations on Appointment as Editor, 1956 A - D
	4	Congratulations on Appointment as Editor, 1956 E - L
	5	Congratulations on Appointment as Editor, 1956 M - Z
	6	Congratulations on Appointment as Editor, 1956 Partial Names
	7	News Articles about P.L. Prattis, 1942- 1975 (See also Series K, "Scrapbooks")

B Correspondence

	8	A - Al
	9	Alexander, Raymond Pace
	10	Am - An
	11	Amalgamated Publishers, Inc./Consolidated Publishers, Inc.
	12	American Zionist Emergency Council
	13	Anderson, Trezzvant
	14	Ap - Az
	15	"The Atlanta Story"
	16	Azikiwe, Nnamdi
	17	Ba
	18	Bacon, Emery F.
	19	Barbour, J. Pius
144-2	1	Bardolph, Richard
	2	Barnett, Claude
	3	Bass, Charlotta
	4	Bea - Bel
	5	Bell, Handsell G.
	6	Bell, William K.
	7	Belmar Gardens
	8	Bem - Bez

B Correspondence (cont'd)

Box	Folder			
144-2	9	Bi		
	10	Bl		
	11	Bo		
	12	Bohler, Marion		
	13	Bolden, Frank		
	14	Bond, Horace Mann		
	15	Boulware, Marcus M.		
	16	Boyle, Sarah Patton		
	17	Bra - Bri		
	18	Braden, Anne		
	19	Braden, Carl		
	20	Bro - Bry		
	144-3	1	Brown, George F.	1956-1960
		2	Brown, George F.	1961 January-April
		3	Brown, George F.	1961 May
		4	Brown, George F.	1961 June
		5	Brown, George F.	1961 July
		6	Brown, George F.	1961 August
		7	Brown, George F.	1961 September- December
		8	Bu - Bz	
9		Buni, Andrew		
10		Burroughs, Nannie H.		
11		Ca - Carp		
12		Carr - Caz		
13		Carter, W. Beverly	No Date	
14		Carter, W. Beverly	1955-1956	
15		Carter, W. Beverly	1957-1963	
144-4	1	Cartwright, Marguerite	No Date	
	2	Cartwright, Marguerite	1949-1965	
	3	Cayton, Horace		
	4	Ce - Ch		
	5	Chambers, Lucille		
	6	Chanzu, Said A.		
	7	Chrysler Corporation		
	8	Ci - Cl		
	9	Clarke, John Henrik		
	10	<u>Cleveland Courier</u>		
	11	Co		

B Correspondence (cont'd)

Box	Folder	
144-4	12	Cobb, W. Montague
	13	Coleman, Samuel C.
	14	Coles, L.F.
	15	Connare, William G.
	16	Cowans, Russell J.
	17	Cr
	18	Creger, Ralph
	19	Cu - Cz
	20	Da - Dau
	21	Dade County Newsdealers Supply Company
	22	Dav - Daz
	144-5	1
2		De Rieras, Isidro John
3		Di
4		Diggs, Charles C. JR.
5		Do - Du
6		Du Bois, Shirley Graham 1952-1957
7		Du Bois, Shirley Graham 1958-1975
8		Du Bois, W.E.B.
9		Du Bois Indictment
10		Duckett, Alfred
11		Dunbar, Rudolph
12		Dunnigan, Alice A.
1959		
13		Dunnigan, Alice A.
1960		
14		Ea - Ed
15		East, P. D.
16		Ef - Ez
17		Fa - Fe
18		Fasade, Ladipo
19		Feldman, Myer
20		Fenderson, Lewis H.
21	Fi	
22	Fl - Fo	
144-6	1	Fr - Fu
	2	Fuller, Hoyt
	3	Fuller, S. B.
	4	Ga - Gard
	5	Garf - Gaz
	6	Ge - Gl

B Correspondence (cont'd)

Box	Folder		
144-6	7	Ghana Project	
	8	Go	
	9	Gr	
	10	Gu - Gz	
	11	Gunther, Blair F.	
	12	Ha - Ham	
	13	Hadley, Marian M.	
	14	Haiti, Special Committee for the Study of Education in	
	15	Hall, Claude H. 1961 June-September	
	16	Hall, Claude H. 1961 October - 1963	
	17	Han - Haz	
	18	Harrington, Oliver (Ollie)	
	19	Haynes, Evelyn	
	20	He	
	21	Henegan, Lucius H.	
	144-7	1	Hi - Hik
		2	Hil - Hiz
		3	H i l l , L o r e n z o
		1955 - 1961	
		4	H i l l , L o r e n z o
		1962 - 1963	
5		Ho - Hol	
6		Holl - How	
7		Hord, Earl	
8		Hu - Hum	
9		Hughes, Langston	
10		Hun - Hz	
11		I	
12		Ja - Je	
13		Joa - Joh	
14		Johnson, Georgia Douglas 1962 April	
15		Johnson, John W. 1961 - 1962 April	
16		Johnson, John W. 1962 May-December	
17		Johnson, Lyndon B.	
18		Johnson, Reginald	
19		Joi - Jon	
20		Jones, Norman E.	
21		Jor - Jz	
22		Ka - Ke	
23	KDKA Radio		
24	Kennedy, John F.		

B Correspondence (cont'd)

Box	Folder			
144-8	1	Kennedy,	William	Stetson
	1957			
	2	Kennedy,	William	Stetson
	1958 - 1959			
	3	Kennedy,	William	Stetson
	1960			
	4	Kennedy,	William	Stetson
	1961 - 1962 May			
	5	Kennedy,	William	Stetson
	1962 June-December			
	6	Kennedy,	William	Stetson
	1963			
	7	Kennedy,	William	Stetson
	1964			
	8	Ki - Kl		
	9	King, Martin Luther, Jr.		
	10	Km - Kz		
	11	La - Lan		
	12	LaCour, Joseph B.		
	13	Lameka, Edward S.		
	14	Lar - Laz		
	15	Lautier, Louis R.		
	16	Le		
	17	Lerner, Max		
	18	Leyshon, Hal		
19	Li			
20	Little, James K.			
21	Lo			
22	Lofton, Eleanor	1961		
23	Lofton, Eleanor	1962		
24	Lofton, Eleanor	1963-1964		
25	Lorch, Lee (Dr.)			
144-9	1	Ma - McD		
	2	M c C o y ,	F l e e t w o o d	M .
	1961	March-April		
	3	M c C o y ,	F l e e t w o o d	M .
	1961	May-December		
	4	M c C o y ,	F l e e t w o o d	M .
	1962			
	5	McE - McL		
	6	McGhee, Norman		
	7	McM - McZ		
8	Mai - Mar			
9	Malcolm X			
10	Marshall, Thurgood			

- 11 Mas - Maz
- 12 Mays, Benjamin E.
- 13 Mazique, Edward & Jewell

B Correspondence (cont'd)

Box	Folder		
144-9	14	Mboya, Tom & Kenyatta Students 1957-1959 July	
	15	Mboya, Tom & Kenyatta Students 1959 August-December	
	16	Me	
	17	Mensah, Robert O.	
	18	Meyer, Howard N.	
	19	Mi	
	20	Moa - Moq	
	21	Mor - Moz	
	22	Moral Re-armament	
	23	Mu	
	24	Muhammad, Elijah	
	25	My - Mz	
	144-10	1	Na
		2	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1955 - 1958
		3	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1959 - 1962
4		National Conference of Christians and Jews 1954 - 1955	
5		National Conference of Christians and Jews 1956 - 1958 October	
6		National Conference of Christians and Jews 1958 October - 1959	
7		National Council of Y.M.C.A.s	
8		National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers 1954 - 1958	
9		National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers 1959 Jan.-May	
10		National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers 1959 June-Dec.	
11		National Urban League	
12		Ne - Nk	
13		Negro Newspaper Publishers Association 1946 Mar.-Apr.	
14		Negro Newspaper Publishers Association 1946 May-Dec.	
15		Nigeria Independence Special Edition	
16		Nixon, Richard	
17		Nkrumah, Kwame	

B Correspondence (cont'd)

Box	Folder		
144-10	18	No - Nz	
	19	Nunn, William G.	1945 - 1960
	20	Nunn, William G.	1961 Jan.-June
	21	Nunn, William G.	1961 July - 1962
144-11	1	O	
	2	Pa - Pat	
	3	Padmore, George A.	
	4	Padmore, George A. (YMCA [Pittsburgh] 50th Anniversary)	
	5	Padmore, George E.	
	6	Page, W. Clyde	
	7	Patra Travel Agency	
	8	Patrick, C. Melvin	
	9	Patterson, William L.	
	10	Pau - Paz	
	11	Pe	
	12	Pennsylvania Selective Service System	
	13	Pennsylvania Training School	
	14	Ph	
	15	Pi	
	16	Pitts, Lucia M.	
	17	Pl - Pol	
	18	Pollard, Elbert Jr.	
	19	Po - Poz	
	20	Powell, Adam Clayton	
	21	Pr - Pz	
	22	Prattis, Helen (wife; addressed to Patricia, daughter)	
	23	Q	
	24	Queen, Robert C.	
144-12	1	Ra	
	2	Randolph, A. Phillip	
	3	Ratcliffe, Robert M.	1956 - 1957
	4	Ratcliffe, Robert M.	1958 Jan.-Apr.
	5	Ratcliffe, Robert M.	1958 May - 1959
	6	Rea - Ree	
	7	Rei - Rez	
	8	Rh - Ri	
	9	Rivera, Alex	
	10	Roa - Roe	

B Correspondence (cont'd)

Box	Folder				
144-12	11	Robeson, Eslanda			
	12	Robinson, Jackie			
	13	Rof - Roz			
	14	Rogers, Joel A.			
	15	Rousseau, John E.			
	16	Royal Crown Cola			
	17	Ru - Rz			
	18	Sa			
	19	Sc			
	20	Schuyler,	George	S.	
	1936 -1937				
	21	Schuyler,	George	S.	
	1955				
	22	Schuyler,	George	S.	
	1956				
	23	Schuyler,	George	S.	
	1957 Jan.-May				
	24	Schuyler,	George	S.	
	1957 June - Dec.				
	144-13	1	Schuyler,	George	s.
		1958			
		2	Schuyler,	George	S.
		1959			
		3	Schuyler,	George	S.
1960					
4		Schuyler,	George	S.	
1961 Jan.-May					
5		Schuyler,	George	S.	
1961 June-Dec.					
6		Schuyler,	George	S.	
1962					
7		Schuyler,	George	S.	
1963					
8		Schuyler,	George	S.	
1964 Jan.-Aug.					
9	Schuyler,	George	S.		
1964 Sept.-Dec.					
10	Schuyler,	George	S.		
1965					
11	Schuyler,	Josephine			
12	Se				
13	Sha				
14	She				
15	Shi - Shu				
16	Shuttlesworth, Fred L.				

17 Sia - Simo
18 Simp - Siz
19 Sl
20 Sm
21 Smith, C. J.
22 Sn - So

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1 Sp - Sr
2 Spaulding, Asa T.
3 S t a - S t l
4 Still, William Grant
5 Sto - Stz
6 Su - Sz

B Correspondence (cont'd)

Box	Folder		
144-14	7	Ta - Taw	
	8	Taber, Robert C.	
	9	Tay - Taz	
	10	Th	
	11	Ti	
	12	To	
	13	Tr - Tz	
	14	Tuskegee/FBI Article	
	15	U	
	16	Ulen, Lewis J.	
	17	United Community Defense Services	
	18	United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO)	
	19	United States Department of State	
	20	V	
	21	Vann, Jessie (Mrs. Robert Vann)	
	22	Wa -Was	
	23	Warren, David M.	
	24	Washington, Chester L.	
	144-15	1	Wat - Waz
		2	Watson, Theodore [Ted]
		3	We - Wee
		4	Wei - Wez
		5	Wh
		6	Whisonant, Blanche
7		Wia - Wil	
8		Williams, A.Z.	
9		Wilm - Wiz	
10		Wilson, "Doc"	
11		Winslow, Henry F.	
12		Wo	
13		Wood, Douglas M.	
14		Wr - Wz	
15		Y	
16		Young, L. Masco	
17		Y . M . C . A .	
1953 - 1954		18	Y . M . C . A .
1955 - 1957		19	Y . M . C . A .
1958 - 1962		20	Youngue, Eugene L.
		21	Youth Development Center at Canonsburg
		22	Partial Names
		23	Other Correspondents

C Writings By P. L. Prattis

Box	Folder	
144-16	1	Notes on various topics
	2	Andrew Brimmer
	3	Black Families
	4	Carbon 14 Measure of Time
	5	Conference with General Eisenhower
	6	<u>The Crime Confederation</u> [Book Review]
	7	Day of Darkness [reprint]
	8	Early Contributions to America
	9	An Editor's Eye View of the Union
	10	Employment Opportunities Unlimited [also in Series E, "Organizations"]
	11	The Four Point Program and the Near East
	12	The Function of a Minority Press in a Nation at War
	13	Function of Federation of Social Agencies in Relation to Agencies Comprising Group Work Division
	14	George W. Culberson
	15	Glimpses of Haiti (Also in Series D, "Study Tours and Travels")
	16	Governor Rockefeller Speaks His Mind
	17	History Special for Children; Introduction to the Series (See Series F, "Writings By Others" for complete work.)
	18	How Mankind Has Grown, Parts V - VII
	19	Issues: Good and Bad - Column [n.d.]
	20	Issues: Good and Bad - Column [n.d.]
	21	Joe Louis Assigned to His Post by ANP
	22	Johnson, Lyndon Baines [Interview]
	23	Kennedy, John F. [Interview]
	24	Letters from England - Series on "brown babies" [3 articles]
	25	Letters from Germany - Series on "brown babies" [4 articles]
	26	Letters from Germany - Series on Blacks in Germany [3 articles]
	27	Letters from Rhodes - Series on role of Ralph Bunche re: signing of armistice between Israel and Transjordan [6 articles]
	28	More About the Early Settlers

C Writings By P. L. Prattis (cont'd)

Box	Folder	
144-16	29	More Blood Which We Shed For This Country
	30	My 13 Years Under the Nazi Terror by Martha Stark, as told to P. L. Prattis
	33	Negroes in America's Wars
	32	Origin of the Negro or The Black African
	33	Pa. Negro Doctor First Heart Surgeon
	34	Pennsylvanians Who Have Made History
	35	Poverty of the Negro[;]Prosperity of the Whites
	36	Profiles, Etc. [column, n.d.]
144-17	1	Racial Segregation and Negro Journalism
	2	The Revolution
	3	Rhinelanders' Suit
	4	Significance of Segregation in Negro Journalism
	5	Significance of Segregation in Negro Journalism
	6	Strike the Medals Now
	7	Symington, Stuart [Interview]
	8	Truth is Delight [Book Review]
	9	We Should Help Too
	10	What Is The Past Good For
	11	What's All This Robeson Fuss?
	12	What's Behind Civil Rights Crisis? Prattis Develops "Dangerous Blood" Theme!
	13	Who Came To America
	14	Who Discovered America
	15	Why Did Americans Revolt
	16	Why Slavery? Why Molasses? Why Revolution?
	17	World Understanding

C Writings By P. L. Prattis (cont'd)

Box	Folder				
		<u>"The Horizon" Column</u>			
144-17	18	No Date			
	19	1938 - 1944			
	20	1945 - 1956			
	21	1957	January-April		
	22	1	9	5	7
		May-December			
	23	1958			
	24	1959			
	25	1960	January-July		
	26	1960	August-December		
144-18	1	1	9	6	1
		January-July			
	2	1961	August-December		
	3	1963; 1965 [mainly typescripts]			
	4	From Paris [typescripts]			
		<u>"Journeys Into African and Afro-American History" Series</u>			
	5	Part 1			
	6	Part 2			
	7	Part 3			
	8	Part 4			
	9	Part 5			
	10	Part 6			
	11	Part 7			
	12	Part 8			
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	20	Part 16			
	21	Part 17			
	22	Part 18			
	23	Part 19			
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Speeches A - O

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	5 The Role of Negro Newspapers in the Changing World Order
	6 Sociological Aspects of the Newly Emerging Nations in Africa
	7 Sociological Aspects of the Newly Emerging Nations in Africa (carbon copies)
	8 The Status of Freedom Inside the Free World
	9 The Status of Freedom Inside the Free World (carbon copies)
	10 The Strategy for Advancement
	11 To What Extent is the Press a Public Forum in Print....
	12 Trends in Race Relations and their Impact on the Negro Press
	13 What's Behind the Civil Rights Emergency?
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	15 YMCA Work Among Negroes and Other Non- Whites
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D Study Tours and Travels

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		<u>The Middle East</u>
144-20	20	Itinerary for Peace Prospects in the Middle East Trip (See also "Correspondence", Series B, Box 6, letter from Miriam Jackson)
	21	Mailing List for Peace Prospects in the Middle East Trip
	22	General Armistice Agreement - Peace Prospects in the Middle East
	23	"Peace Prospects in the Holy Land": Parts I - III
	24	"Peace Prospects in the Holy Land": Parts IV - VI
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	26	"Peace Prospects in the Holy Land": Parts X - XII
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144-21	1	Correspondence from "Peace Prospects in the Holy Land" A - G
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	3	Correspondence from "Peace Prospects in the Holy Land" R - Z
		<u>Other Locations</u>
	4	Trip to Haiti - June, 1930
	5	Trip to India - June, 1949

E Organizations and Organizational Affiliations

- 6 American Council on Race Relations-
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- 7 American Council on Race Relations-
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E Organizations and Organizational Affiliations

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144-21	8	Brashear Association [Member]
	9	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (See also Series B, "Correspondence")
	10	National Education Association
	11	National Frontiers Vitiligo Foundation, Inc.
	12	National Urban League
	13	Pittsburgh Council on Intercultural Education [Member]
	14	Race Relations Board
	15	Senate and House Press Galleries [Member]
	16	United Steelworkers of America
	17	YMCA [Member]
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	18	Testimonial Banquet, October 20, 1961 - Program
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	20	Testimonial Banquet - Address by Robert C. Weaver
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	25	Testimonial Banquet - Guest Seating
	26	Employment Opportunities Unlimited

F Writings By Others

Box 144-22	1	Ali, Syed Gawad, "The True Islam"
	2	Anderson, Trezzvant W., [Report of Visit to the Office of Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook]
	3	Billingsley, Andrew, "Black Families in White America"

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144-22	4	Committee for Economic Development, "A Postwar Federal Tax Plan for High Employment"
	5	Creger, Ralph, "Bland Leading the Bland?...to one of the least of these"
	6	[Du Bois,] Shirley Graham, "French Colonies Dividing on DeGalle Constitution" [article submitted to the <u>Courier</u> ; see typescript letter from Prattis in Series B, Box 5, 1958.]
	7	[Du Bois,] Shirley Graham, "KKK Behind Nottingham Riots" [article published in the <u>Courier</u> ; see letter in Series B, Box 5, 1958.]
	8	Embree, Edwin R., "History Special for Children", Parts I-IX [Part 3, missing; introduction by Prattis]
	9	Embree, Edwin R., "History Special for Children", Parts X-XV [Introduction by Prattis]
	10	Fenderson, Lewis H., "Lines and Lyrics From Littered Desk"
	11	Freyres, Gilberto - quotation from "Masters and Slaves"
	12	Grant, Claude, "No Real Liberty" [article]
	13	Grant, Claude, "One Freedom - Without Challenge" [article]
	14	Hadley, Marian M., "John Jones"
	15	Hester, Hugh B., "Our Containment Policy; a Dangerous Delusion"
	16	Hughes, Langston, "Freedom's Plow" [poem; reprint]
	17	Ickes, Harold L. "The Secret Diary of"
		excerpts
	18	Irons, Edward D., "Proposal for 'Economic SelfHelp' Organization as Integral Part of the NAACP"

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144-22	19	Isaacs, Harold R., "The History of the Significance of 'Black' and 'White' [from the New World of Negro Americans]
	20	Jackson, James E., "W.E.B. DuBois to Gus Hall: `Communism Will Triumph. I Want to Help Bring That Day'" [newsclipping]
	21	Jeffers, Lance, "Nellie Lutcher Is a H e a r t Singer" [reprint]
	22	Johnson, Lyndon B., [Speech at G e t t y s b u r g , Memorial Day, 1963, as Chairman of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity] (reprint)
	23	Kennedy, William Stetson, "From the Forthcoming Book, 'Jim Crow Guide'" [typescript] (Copy also in Series B, "Correspondence")
	24	Kennedy, [William] Stetson, "On the Trail of Man-Haters Behind the Curtain" [series outline]
	25	King, Martin Luther, Jr., "Equality Now" [reprint]
	26	King, Martin Luther, Jr., "Statement Presented...to Judge Eugene Loe, Friday, September 5, 1958, Montgomery, Alabama."
	27	Levyveld, Joseph, "Foe Expects India's N e w Cabinet to Fall Next Year" [newsclipping]
	28	Lilly, William E., "Abraham Lincoln" (Installment 25)
	29	Little, George [essays]
	30	McGhee, Norman L., "Integration on the Economic Front" [reprint]
	31	Malone, Leonard, [Group Exhibition of Ten Afro-American Painters, Copenhagen, Denmark, July, 1964] (typescript)
	32	Marshall, Thurgood, "The Fifty Year Fight for Civil Rights" [address, Freedom Fund Report Dinner, NAACP, 1959]
	33	Mays, Benjamin E., "Dr. Weatherford Has Done It Again" [book review]

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144-22	34	Mazique, Jewel, "Uncle Tom! You Can't Bridle That Horse"
	35	Morgan, Edward P., "George School Commencement Remarks"
	36	Muhammad, Elijah, "The Lost Is Found Must Be Restored"
144-23	1	National Association for the Advancement o f Colored People Legal Defense Fund, Inc., [Brief Filed With The U.S. Supreme Court in the Little Rock, Ark. School Case]
	2	Nuruddin, Adib E., "What Islam Offers the Negro"
	3	Padmore, Dorothy, [Nkrumah's Visit to India] (typescript)
	4	Patterson, William L., "The Government a n d Others Look at Civil Rights"
	5	Phillips, Wendell, "Toussaint L'Overture"
	6	Rivera, A.[Alex] M. Jr., [Vice President Richard M. Nixon's Tour of Africa, 1957] (typescript-2 parts)
	7	Rogers, J. Overton, "Blues and Ballads of a Black Yankee" - [galleys]
	8	Shuttlesworth, Fred, [Mississippi W h i t e w a s h o f the Mack Parker Lynch Case]
	9	Southern Conference Educational Fund, I n c . "How Legislative Inquisitions Stifle Integration and Social Progress" [reprint]
	10	Stevens, John D., "Conflict-Cooperation Content in 14 Black Newspapers"
	11	Sustar, J.J., "Power Politics"
	12	Talib, Hajj, "Fundamental Teachings of Islam"
	13	Thompson, Phillip A., "The British begin New Year with Old African Problems"
	14	Walker, Leroy, Jr., "The Black Church a n d Social Action" [page 1, missing]
	15	White, Anne Terrey, "Adaptation of <u>Uncle</u>

Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe"
[uncorrected proof]

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	17	Brooke, Edward W. (Senator)
	18	College Doors Are Wide Open
	19	Comment on Published Letter about the D e a t h o f Patrice Lumumba
	20	Franklin, John Hope [typescript biography]
	21	Press Releases
	22	Price, Frederick A. (Dr.) - Liberian Consul-General to the United States [biographical press release]
	23	References to Russian Scientists (Astronomers) in Walter Sullivan's <u>We Are Not Alone</u> , a Report on the Studies of the Possibilities of Extraterrestrial Life, published by McGraw-Hill in 1964.
	24	Rowan, Carl T. [typescript biography]
	25	Speech Before Anniversary Committee of the Central Avenue Branch of the Y.M.C.A.
	26	Toussaint L'Ouverture [transcribed letters re:imprisonment and death]

G The Pittsburgh Courier

144-24	1	Editorials - St. Louis American (on G e o r g e S . Schuyler, writer for the <u>Courier</u>)
	2	Vann, Robert L. (Mrs.) [newsclipping]
	3	<u>C o u r i e r C o r r e s p o n d e n c e</u>
	1959 - 1960	
	4	<u>C o u r i e r C o r r e s p o n d e n c e</u>
	1961	
	5	Memoranda to Branch Offices
	6	Employment Applications (blank)
	7	Comparison of Draw for 1948-1952 (circulation statistics)
	8	American Business and Products in Nigeria
	9	<u>Courier</u> Research
	10	Golden Anniversary
	11	New <u>Courier</u> Prognosis

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144-24	12	"The Pittsburgh Courier Goes to Bed"
	13	"The Pittsburgh Courier Story"
	14	Bulletin Index - January 14, 1943 [a r t i c l e o n the Negro Press includes the <u>Courier</u>]
	15	Report of Winning Entries in the 1953 N N P A Newspaper Merit Awards Contest
	16	Service Inspection Report
	17	<u>Courier</u> publication - <u>Your History</u> by J.A. Rogers

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144-25	1	Supervisors and Staff Correspondence A-M
	2	Boykin, Ulysses
	3	Brown, George F.
	4	Cartwright, Marguerite
	5	Cayton, Horace
	6	Coles, L.F.
	7	Graham, Alfredo
	8	Hall, Claude
	9	Hargraves, Annie
	10	Hill, Lorenzo
	11	Jones, Norman F.
	12	Kennedy, William Stetson
	13	Koger, Ralph E.
	14	Little, James K.
	15	Lofton, Elinor
	16	McCoy, Fleetwood
	17	Mack, Nina
	18	Supervisor and Staff Correspondence N-Z
	19	Prattis, P.L.
	20	Queen, Robert C.
	21	Rousseau, John
	22	Schuyler, George
	23	Small, Fanny
	24	Sutton, Clyde
	25	Ulen, Lewis ("Bud")
	26	Whisonant, Blanche
	27	Personnel Materials 1937-60
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Correspondence, A-M	2	Financial Papers -
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		Negro press
Correspondence,	3	Financial Papers -
		B u r g e s s
		Cellulose Co.
Correspondence, Eastern	4	Financial Papers -
		Greyhound Lines
Correspondence,	5	Financial Papers -
		Louisville
		& Nashville Railroad
Correspondence, N-Z	6	Financial Papers -
Correspondence,	7	Financial Papers -
		Pennsylvania
		Railroad Co.
Correspondence, Pitney-	8	Financial Papers -
		Bowes, Inc.
Correspondence, Standard	9	Financial Papers -
		Rate & Data Service
and Mortgage	10	Financial Papers - Bond
Budget	11	Financial Papers -
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Circulation	13	Financial Papers -
Insurance, Leases, Receipts	14	Financial Papers -
Office Space Rental	15	Financial Papers -
Payroll, 1955-1956	16	Financial Papers -
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Taxes [delinquent], 1961-	18	Financial Papers -
		1964
	19	Legal papers

Management	20	Administrative	and
		Materials -	No
		Date	
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		1940-60	
Management Materials -	22	Administrative	and
		1961-63	
[Report, 1960]	23	Board of Directors	
[Report, 1952]	24	Committee of Management	
Edition of <u>The Courier</u> -	25	Critique of Local	
		Rejoinder by Prattis	
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		Rejoinder by Prattis	

H Programs, Invitations and Memorabilia

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144-27	1	Programs on Which His Name Appears, 1936-1947
	2	Programs on Which His Name Appears, 1959-1973
	3	Program of Visit by Haile Selassie I
	4	White House Invitations
	5	Civil War-Colored Troops Discharge Papers, 1865
	6	William Edward Burghardt DuBois
	7	Paul Robeson
	8	[Blacks in the Military] - newsclippings (1940's; some undated)
	9	[Electoral politics] - newsclippings (1920's, 1930's, 1940's; some undated)

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	10	A
	11	Alexander, Raymond Pace
	12	Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry
	13	Assistant City Solicitor, 1918, 1921
	14	Assistant U.S. Attorney General, 1933-1938
	15	Austin, J.C.
	16	Ba
	17	Baker, Horace F.
	18	Barnett, Claude A.
	19	Barton, Bruce
	20	The Battle of Bloods
	21	Be
	22	Bethune, Mary McLeod
	23	Bi
	24	Bl

25	Bo
26	Boyack, James E.
27	Boyd, Henry A.
28	Br
29	Bu
30	Buchanan, Walter S.
31	Bunche, Ralph J.

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of Philadelphia	3	County of Allegheny,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	4	Da
	5	Davis, John W.
	6	De
	7	Democratic National
Committee 1931-32		(chronological arr.)
	8	Democratic National
Committee 1933		(chronological arr.)
	9	Democratic National
Committee 1934-35		(chronological arr.)
	10	Democratic National
Committee 1936-37		(chronological arr.)
	11	Democratic National
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	12	DePriest, Oscar
	13	Di
	14	Do - Dr
	15	Du - Dz
	16	Du Bois, W.E.B.
	17	E
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	2	Guffey, Joseph F.
	3	Ha
	4	Hamilton, Theron B.
"Slim"	5	Haverford Gardens
Housing Project, Philadelphia	6	He
	7	Hi
	8	Ho
	9	Holsey, Albion L.
	10	Houston, William L.

11	Hu - Hz
12	I
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14	Jones, Eugene Kinckle
15	K
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	18	Little, Arthur W.
	19	Loendi Club
	20	Lovett, Wilson
	21	M
	22	Mc (Mac)
	23	Marshall, Thurgood
	24	Moton, Robert R.
	25	N
	26	O
	27	P - Q
	28	Pace, Harry H.
	29	Pennsylvania Committee on Public Assistance and Relief
Facilities	30	<u>Pittsburgh Courier</u>
	31	Postmaster General
144-30	1	R
	2	Race Riots, 1919
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		(chronological arr.)
	4	Republican National Committee, 1924
		(chronological arr.)
	5	Republican National Committee, 1928
		(chronological arr.)
	6	Republican National Committee, 1929-31
		(chronological arr.)
	7	Republican National Committee, 1938-40
		(chronological arr.)
	8	Sa
	9	Sc
	10	Scott, Emmett J.
	11	Se
	12	Si
Fraternity	13	Sigma Pi Phi

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15 Sn - So

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Nominations		
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	23	U
	24	V
	25	Virgin Islands
Advisory Council		
	26	Wa
	27	Walls, W.J.
	28	We
	29	Wesley, Carter
	30	Wh - Wi
	31	White, Luther R.
	32	White, Walter
	33	Willis, J.W.
	34	Wo
	35	X - Z
	36	Partial Names
	37	Illegible Names
	38	Incomplete Letters
	39	Mrs. Robert L. Vann

Writings By and AboutRobert L. Vann

144-31	1	Vann, Robert L., Career and Famous Legal Cases [holograph notes]
	2	Vann, Robert L., "The Patriot and the Partisan" [printed copies]
	3	Vann, Robert L., "Relief, Recovery and Reform" [holograph notes]
	4	Vann, Robert L., [Recovery Campaign] [holograph notes]
	5	Vann, Robert L., [Roosevelt Campaign] [holograph notes]

6 Lewis, Ira F.,
"Highlights of Mr. Robert L.
Vann...on the
Occasion of the
Launching of the
S.S. Robert L. Vann"
[typescript]

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Education]
[typescript]8 Servant of the People
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author unknown]9 Articles about Robert
L. Vann10 Articles about Mrs.
Robert L. VannUnidentified Writings Writings By Others and11 Albright, Joseph
Francis, "The Parable
of the Great Plea"12 Joiner, William A. -
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University13 Smith, Dean H.M.,
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Black Businesses After
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notes]Organizations and
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	20	National Bar
Association	21	National Housing
Committee	22	National Negro
Business League	23	Pittsburgh Council for Social Service Among Negroes
	24	United Government
Employees Association		

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	25	[Vann's] Campaign for Judge of County Court
	26	List of Persons Who Circulated Petitions for Robert L. Vann

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144-31	27	Programs on which
Vann's Name Appears	28	<u>Pittsburgh Courier</u> Christmas Greeting Card
	29	<u>Pittsburgh Courier</u>
Stock Prospectus Pamphlet		and Flyer, n.d.
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144-32	1	Vann, Robert L. -
Financial Papers (Personal)	2	American Endocrine
Laboratories - Legal Case	3	Bell, Katherine -
Legal Case	4	Cundiff, Frances -
Legal Case	5	Douglass, Wilbur C. -
Legal Case	6	Fifer, Thomas - Legal
Case	7	The Frog Club - Legal Case
	8	Halperin Tri-State
Construction Company - Legal		Case
	9	Harris, Paul - Legal
Case	10	Ingram, John - Legal
Case	11	Knott, Margaret -
Legal Case	12	Liquor Control Board -
Legal Case	13	McCoy, Dock - Legal
Case	14	McGill, Joseph - Legal
Case	15	Mann, Dolores - Legal
Case	16	Moore, William and
Mary - Legal Case	17	Pace, William - Legal

Case	18	Phillips, James T. -
Legal Case	19	Pritchard, Julie -
Legal Case	20	Stanley, Tom - Legal
Case	21	Stidum, Laura - Legal
Case	22	Talley, M. A. - Legal
Case	23	Taylor, O.C.W. - Legal
Case	24	Thomas, Joe - Legal
Case	25	White, Catherine S. -
Legal Case	26	White, George - Legal
Case		

J Photographs

144-33	1	Anderson, Marian
(color negative)	2	Armstrong, Louis
(autographed)	3	Barthe, Richmond
(printed photograph)		

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144-33	4	Bohler, Marion
Series B, Dunbar,	5	Bridson, Geoffrey (see
		Randolph, April 13,
		1964)
color negatives)	6	Brimmer, Andrew J. (4
negative)	7	Brooke, Edward (color
negative)	8	Bunche, Ralph (color
Children	9	Davis, John (Mrs.) and
	10	Franklin, John Hope
(Dr.)	11	Georges, Thomas W. Jr.
	12	Hobson, Ann
	13	Hogan, Leon J.
	14	Howard, Allen
(Dr.) - photograph of oil	15	Johnson, Charles S.
		painting
	16	McGee, Henry W.
	17	McGriff, J. L.
color negatives)	18	Marshall, Thurgood (4
sons Edward and Jeffrey	19	Mazique, Jewell, with
(printed photograph)	20	Mitchell, J. H.
Baker	21	Motley, Constance
(Dr.)	22	Nabrit, James M. Jr.
(Dr.)	23	Nabrit, Samuel N.
<u>Courier</u> feature story)	24	Phillips, Norman (from
		(3 photographs)
<u>Courier</u> feature story)	25	Phillips, Norman (from
		(3 photographs)
Leroy (2 photographs)	26	Pickens, William
	27	Prattis, Percival
and daughter	28	Prattis, P. L., wife
	29	Prattis, P. L. and

Allen, Nimrod 30 Prattis, P. L., Logan,
Rayford and others (2
photographs)
31 Prattis, P. L.,
Roosevelt, Eleanor and others
32 Prattis, P. L., Vann,
Robert L. and unidentified man
33 Prattis, P. L. and
others at Frontiers
Testimonial Dinner, n.d. (4
photographs)
34 Prattis, P. L. (as a
young man) and others
35 Prattis, P. L. and
others (2 photographs)

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144-33	36	Prattis, P. L. and others (3 photographs)
	37	Prattis, P. L. and others (4 photographs)
family	38	Robeson, Paul and
(Colonel) (2 photographs)	39	Robinson, John C.
	40	Rowan, Carl T.
144-34	1	Selassie, Haile
Roosevelt, Franklin D.	2	Selassie, Haile and (Xerox copy; original in Series K)
	3	Shaw, Leslie
Angarola, Richard (husband)	4	Simms, Hilda and (2 photographs)
	5	Strachan, John R.
color negatives)	6	Taylor, Hobart (4
	7	Tyler, Veronica
Hunter Island Inn	8	Tyler's (William A.)
		Orchestra [oversized]
Anderson, Marian	9	Vann, Robert L. and
color negatives)	10	Weaver, Robert (4
unidentified men at military	11	Wilkins, Roy and training camp [2 photographs]
photographs]	12	Unidentified men [2
	13	Unidentified women
home	14	Mrs. Robert L. Vann's
		<u>Haiti</u>
President of Haiti)	15	Borno, Louis (Ex- turning over his authority to Provisional President Roy, Eugene

16 Herause, Edouard
17 Lindenburg, Charles
(Colonel), Russell
(Major) and others on the
steps of the National
Palace
18 Mars, Price (Dr.)
[printed campaign
photograph]
19 Thomas, Nina (2
photographs)

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144-34	20	Crowd at grandstand in
Port au Prince		(3
		photographs)
	21	Faustin I (Emperor of
Haiti)		
	22	Girl at Hotel
Excelsior		
	23	Crowd in front of
Cathedral for		inauguration of
		president
	24	Men harvesting
pineapples		(4 photographs)
	25	The Palace Guard
	26	Principal employees of
Department of		Public Works
	27	Henscoff, an area
nearly 1,000 feet		
		above sea
		level (2 photographs)
	28	Laundry at Bizaton
	29	National Fair (3
photographs)		
	30	Market scenes
	31	Riverscenes
	32	Road over Mt.
Pinesboro		
	33	Roadside restaurant
	34	Sesal and Forbes
Cotton at Berquin		
	35	Unidentified men (4
photographs)		
	36	Students and teachers
at school		
	37	Village life
	38	Anchor of the Santa
Maria; ship		Columbus rode
		to the New World
	39	Christophe's Citadel
(4 photographs)		
	40	Christophe's Palace in
San-Souci (2		photographs)
	41	Church building (2
photographs)		
	42	Factories
	43	Institution de Saint

Louis-de-Gongague	44	Observatory at St.
Warthol	45	Official buildings
	46	Statue of Dessalines
	47	Tombs (3 photographs)
surrounded by	48	Unidentified buildings trees

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Box	Folder	
		<u>Photographs</u>
144-35 of Ethopia and U.S.	1	Emperor Haile Selassie President Franklin D. Roosevelt
		<u>Certificates and Awards</u>
	2	National Order of Honor and Merit, Republic of Haiti, 1948
Appreciation, Selective	3	Certificate of Service System, n.d.
	4	Certificate of Appreciation, Selective Service System, 1959
	5	Appointment, Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania Training School at Morganza
Award, 1965	6	John Carter Robinson
Newspapers [map]	7	Outstanding Black
	8	Appointment, Reemployment Committeeman, Local Board #5 (Pittsburgh), Selective Service, 1942
Board #16 (Pennsylvania),	9	Appointment, Local Selective Service, 1955
	10	Selective Service
Medal	11	Distinguished Service
War Finance Program,		1945
Professional Association,	12	Business and

Pittsburgh, 1945

Scrapbooks

- Box 144-36 Prattis, Percival Leroy -
Articles by and about Prattis,
certificates and photographs
[disassembled]
FRAGILE.
- Box 144-37 Prattis, Percival Leroy
(articles by or about Prattis)
and general Black
newsclippings, 1926-April,
1967. FRAGILE.
- Box 144-38 "The Crowning Experience"
[film, 1960]. FRAGILE.
- Box 144-39 Newsclippings: April, 1957-
December, 1966 [subject mainly
Civil Rights Movement].
FRAGILE.

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Materials**

Scrapbooks (cont'd)

- Box 144-40 Newsclippings: April, 1967-May, 1967 [emphasis on Africa].
FRAGILE.
- Box 144-41 Newsclippings: May, 1967-
July, 1967. FRAGILE.
- Box 144-42 Newsclippings: July, 1967-
November, 1967. FRAGILE.
- Box 144-43 Newsclippings: November, 1967-
March, 1968. FRAGILE.
- Box 144-44 Newsclippings: February, 1968-
June, 1968 [mainly Africa and
the Civil Rights Movement].
FRAGILE.
- Box 144-45 Newsclippings: June, 1968-
November, 1968. FRAGILE.
- Box 144-46 Newsclippings: September, 1968-
May, 1969. FRAGILE.
- Box 144-47 Newsclippings: April, 1969-
December, 1969.
FRAGILE.
- Box 144-48 Newsclippings: September, 1969-
August, 1970. FRAGILE.
- Box 144-49 Newsclippings: July, 1970-
April, 1974. FRAGILE.

Sources: The Percival Leroy Prattis Papers,
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Logan, Rayford W. and Michael
R. Winston, Eds., Dictionary
of American Negro Biography,
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Co., 1982, pp. 614-616.

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

TO: Percival Leroy Prattis Papers
Collection File

FROM: Jean Currie Church

SUBJECT: Restricted Materials

DATE: November 20, 1989

The following materials in the Percival Leroy
Prattis Papers have been designated as
"Restricted":

1. Series G, The Pittsburgh
Courier

Boxes 25 and 26

These materials
contain personnel
evaluations and
information on the
finances of the
Courier and its staff,
which, viewed in
isolation and out of
context, may present
an incomplete and/or
misleading picture to
researchers. The
materials include
letters and memos of
supervisors and staff,
management reports,
legal papers and

various financial records.

2. Series I, **Robert L. Vann**
Box 32

These materials contain information on the legal cases which Robert L. Vann handled as an attorney, as well as his personal financial records.

Researchers who wish to have access to the "Restricted" materials listed above may apply for consideration by writing directly to the Curator of Manuscripts.

It is recommended that these "Restricted" records be reviewed at the end of fifty (50) years and that the materials be re-evaluated to determine whether or not the restrictions should be removed.

Although there are several letters in the correspondence series which were deemed sensitive and/or inflammatory, the Director and the Curator of MSRC reviewed these carefully and made the decision to allow general access.

TO: Janet Sims-Woods, Library
Division
FROM: Jean Currie Church,
Manuscripts Division
SUBJECT: Transfer of Materials
DATE: November 20, 1989

The Manuscripts Division is hereby transferring the following items from the Percival Leroy Prattis Papers to the Library

Division:

1. "The Horizon"
Column, n.d. (1
folder)
2. "The Horizon"
Column, 1938-1956 (1
folder)
3. "The Horizon"
Column, 1957-61 (5
folders)
4. Various
newsclippings on
Prattis'
activities
5. Various
newsclippings on
Prattis'
organizational
affiliations

All of the materials
mentioned above have been
photoduplicated for
preservation, and these
copies may be of use in the
Library Division.

November 20, 1989

TO: The Percival Leroy
Prattis Papers
Collection File

FROM: Jean Currie Church

SUBJECT: Preservation Needs of
the Percival Leroy
Prattis Papers

The Percival Leroy Prattis Papers include fourteen scrapbooks which are in need of preservation and/or restoration. These items are oversized and are housed in Boxes 144-36 through 144-49 of the collection, in "Series K-Oversized Items". The scrapbooks are mainly newsclippings about Prattis, the Civil Rights Movement, Africa and the Black experience from 1957 to 1974. All of the scrapbooks are in fragile condition, containing brittle newsprint, old glue and worn covers, and they should receive preservation attention as early as possible.

Some pages tend to stick together and the edges are tight, so the scrapbooks should be disassembled for

microfilming. One or two scrapbooks have a few loose newsclippings which should be folded out and copied.

Microfilming of the scrapbooks has been scheduled to begin on March 1, 1990 and will continue without interruption until completion.