Edward Strong Papers

167-1 to 167-8

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SCOPE NOTE

The papers of Edward E. Strong (1914-1957), youth organizer, span the period from 1924 to 1956 and measure approximately three linear feet. The bulk of the papers covers the period from 1937 to 1956. Throughout most of his career, Strong held offices in such organizations as the Southern Negro Youth Congress (S.N.Y.C.), the Communist Party, and the National Negro Congress. This collection documents Strong's involvement with these and other groups. It also consists of some family papers, most of which document Augusta Jackson Strong's involvement in S.N.Y.C.

In 1986 Denise Strong Janha donated the papers to Moorland-Spingarn. In 1989 Phillis Strong McKenzie added to the collection.
Biographical Data

Edward E. Strong

1914 July 28  Born in Texarkana, Texas to Julia Oglesby and Edward E. Strong
1936  Received A.B. from Central College, Chicago, Illinois
1936  Studied political science at Howard University
1936  Elected head of the youth division of the National Negro Congress (NNC)
1937  Elected Executive Secretary of the newly formed Southern Negro Youth Congress
1938  Married Augusta Jackson; Three daughters, Denise, Phillis, and Alison
1941-1945  Served in the U.S. Army
1945  Resumed work with NNC as Executive Secretary
1948  Became Organizational Secretary of the National Negro Congress
1949  Accepted position as Chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania
1957 April 9  Died of cancer in New York

Source:  Edward E. Strong Papers, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, Box 167-2, Writings about Edward Strong
Series Description

Series A  Personal and Family Papers
Box 167-1  Contains correspondence and writings by Augusta Jackson Strong, Edward Strong's wife.

Series B  Correspondence
Box 167-1  Consists of letters and telegrams emanating from Strong's tenure in the S.N.Y.C., mostly between Strong and other S.N.Y.C. officials. See Series A, Personal and Family Papers for Augusta Strong and Earline Balton's correspondence; See Series E, Southern Negro Youth Congress, for other S.N.Y.C. officers' correspondence.

Series C  Writings by Edward E. Strong
Box 167-1 to Box 167-2  Includes open letters, newspapers and journal articles, reports and notes, concerning causes such as communism, war, and labor.

Series D  Writings about Edward E. Strong
Box 167-2  Contains programs and articles about his participation in conferences and other events.

Series E  Southern Negro Youth Congress
Box 167-2 to Box 167-4  Includes correspondence of S.N.Y.C. officials, conference and board meeting materials, resolutions, and printed matter. Also contains documentation compiled about blacks in Alabama for Gunnar Myrdal's An American Dilemma. See Series I, Photographs, for images of S.N.Y.C. events; See Series J, Oversize, for other S.N.Y.C. printed matter.

Series F  Communist Party USA
Box 167-4 to Box 167-5  Consists of reports, resolutions, study discussion guides, and printed matter from both the national and state parties.

Series G  Subject files/organizations
Box 167-5 to Box 167-7  Contains materials from Organizations with which Strong was associated. Among these are the N.A.A.C.P., National Negro Congress, and several labor groups.
Series Description

**Series H**  
**Writings by Others**  
Box 167-7  
Consists of unpublished writings by Strong's associates, including Esther V. Cooper and James E. Jackson.

**Series I**  
**Photographs**  
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Images document S.N.Y.C. and other youth group activities.

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*Cavalcade* and S.N.Y.C. broadsides.
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## Series C  Writings by Edward E. Strong

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- 16 "The Daily Worker and the Middle East Crisis." Daily Worker, 27 Nov. 1956, 4-5. [includes readers' responses]
- 18 "The 40th Annual NAACP Conference." [co-author with William Taylor]
- 19 "The Influence of the Socialist and Communist Parties on the American Negro."
- 22 "Liberty and Political Obligation in the Soviet Union."
- 23 "A Message from the Executive Secretary." In souvenir program of the Fourth All-Southern Negro Youth Conference  April 1940.
- 25 "Negro-Labor Unity for Victory in the 48 Elections."
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3 "To the Editor of the Journal and Guide." [response to editorial]
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14 Reports, resolutions concerning plans in the South
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- 19 Jackson, James E. "Negro Youth! Into the Armed Forces by the Tens of Thousands."
- 20 Wright, Ann and Harriet Lee. re: Economic status of the Negro working woman.
- 22 -------. "Democracy is Indivisible."
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