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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 2140

CREATOR: Black Oppressed People's Party , author

TITLE: Black Oppressed People's Party papers

DATES: 1968-1975, undated

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.75 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script); Swahili (Latin script)

SUMMARY: This collection contains business papers, financial records, reports, memos, photographs, printed material, realia, and other papers created by or relating to the Black Oppressed People's Party (BOPP) and the Republic of New Afrika (RNA).

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Royal Books on the Walter Jennings Memorial Fund, 2023; purchased from William Reese Company, on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book fund, 2024 March.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Black Oppressed People's Party

Founded by Robert L. Gordon, later know as Harabu Tafadhali Himya, circa 1970, the Black Oppressed People's Party (BOPP) was an underground Black Power organization that allied with the Republic of New Afrika (RNA). RNA was a Black nationalist organization formed by members of the Malcolm X Society in Detroit in 1968; they espoused reparation settles and Black separatism with the explicit goal of creating an independent, Black-majority republic in the southeastern United States.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

This collection is organized into three series: I. Business papers, 1970 - 1975. II: Printed material, 1968 - 1972. III. March 2024 Acquisition, 1968, undated.

Collection Contents

Series I: Business papers, 1970–1975

2.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

Contains business papers related to the Black Oppressed Peoples' Party including court records, financial records, and other materials.

Materials are arranged alphabetically by title.

b.1	Balance sheets	1973
b.1	Bank book	1974
b.1	Bills and receipts	1972-1973
	Court records	
b.1	Buford, Robert John	1972-1973
b.1	Busch, Henry Weed	undated
b.1	Episi U UW	1973-1974
b.1	Hainer, Larry & Butler, Jerry	undated
b.1	Himiya	1971
b.1	Jaa, Vita Kama Sau (Gregory Lomax)	1973
b.1	Lewis, Mack	undated
b.1	Magalis, Nougou releases and unlawful restraint	1971-1972
b.1	Malone, Ralph	undated
b.1	Matu murder, robbery	1971-1972
b.1	Ndugu federal gun case	1972
b.1	Ndugu Att. murder & agg. batt.	1970-1973
b.1	Nougou, Umoja A.	1972
b.1	Pickens, Jimmie L.	1971
b.1	Stewart, Gwenda Marie <i>2 Folders</i>	1972
b.1	Mrs. Smith	1972
b.1	Shujaa, Vita Mama Aminifu	1973
b.1	Utawala, Mwongozi	1972
b.1	Weus 1 Agg. battery	1971-1975
b.3	Flags <i>2 Folders</i>	undated

b.1	Money transfer records	1971-1972
b.1	RNA meeting	1971 October 16
b.1	RNA	1972
b.3	RNA-11 poster Free the land!	undated
b.2	Red squad photographs	undated
b.2	School Ruth B. Lott	1972
b.2	Surveillance files <i>3 Folders</i>	1972-1973, undated
b.2	System financial statements	1973
b.2	Business papers	undated

Series II: Printed material, 1968–1972*.42 linear feet (1 box)*

Materials arranged alphabetically by title.

b. 2	Himiya, Harabu Tatadhali: Speaking on genocide	1972 November 18
b. 2	Obadele, Imari Abubakari, I: Revolution and nation building strategy for building the black nation in America by Brother Imari	1970
b. 2	Republic of New Africa: Government administration	circa 1968
b. 2	Republic of New Africa: Short official basic documents	circa 1968
b. 2	Republic of New Africa: The struggle is for land featuring Imari Obadele President- Republic of New Africa	1972
b. 2	Republic of New Africa: Turn toward freedom	undated
b. 2	Republic of New Africa: UJAMAA Chicago Consulate Newsletter Vol. 1.2 No 1	circa 1970

Series III: 2024 March Acquisition, 1968, undated

b. 4	Malcom X circular letter Contains a circular letter - signed by Milton R. Henry - announcing plans for the founding meeting of the Republic of New Africa.	1968 March 3
b. 4	Flier: We are asking you to vote for land and power <i>0.25 linear feet (1 box)</i>	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

African American political activists
African Americans
Black power -- Ephemera
Community activists
Racism--United States--20th century.