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**GEORGE W. WESTERMAN (1910-1988). PAPERS, 1886-1988 (1934-1985, bulk)
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Biographical Note

Journalist, sociologist, and diplomat, George Washington Westerman was a Panamanian of West Indian origin and has been identified with almost every major social, cultural, civic and labor struggle, particularly those affecting people of West Indian descent on the Isthmus, dating to the 1940's. Westerman served as a bridge between Panamanian West Indians, the American managers of the Canal Zone, and the Panamanians. He waged a relentless battle against social inequities and discriminatory racial practices in all fields.

Born in Colon, Panama February 22, 1910 of a Barbadian father and a St. Lucian mother, Westerman, like many other West Indian Panamanians of his generation, had a limited formal education. He attended the Canal Zone Elementary School at La Boca (the West Indian district) between 1916 and 1920 through third grade. From 1920 until 1923 he was tutored by Samuel A. Inniss, one of the leaders in the 1920 strike of West Indian workers against the Canal Zone government. Westerman described himself as being largely self-taught and a prolific reader, especially of history and black literature; he also took correspondence courses. Although he did not marry, he maintained close, active communication with his family, helping many of them pursue their education and career goals, particularly that of Rex Williams, Westerman's nephew and fellow journalist.

Westerman's secretarial and stenographic skills won him clerical jobs on the Panama Canal Zone, which was unusual for a man of West Indian descent. Between 1925 and 1928 he was a messenger and office helper for the Transportation Division of the Supply Department for the Panama Canal Company. From 1928 to 1943 he worked for the Compañía Panameña de Fuerza y Luz (the Panama Power and Light Company) as a typist/stenographer and secretary to the assistant treasurer. He later went on to become the chief of the Steno-Typist section for this same company. From 1943 until 1956 he served as secretary to the superintendent of the National Brewery. It was here Westerman met Ernesto de la Guardia, Jr., future president of Panama (1956-1960). The two men became close political allies.

Westerman's primary profession was journalism. He began his career at age sixteen as the sports contributor to *The Panama American*. He also worked for *The Star & Herald*, a daily, the black weekly *The Workman*, writing under the pen name "The Greek" and was a columnist for *The Panama American* from 1932 to 1941. From 1928 until 1932 he was the sports editor for *The Panama Tribune*, established in 1928 by a group of West Indian workers. This English language weekly, with a circulation of 8000, was the voice of the West Indian community and a vehicle for protesting the denial of social justice to thousands of non-U.S. citizens working for the American government on the Canal Zone. By 1938, Westerman had become associate editor of *The Panama Tribune*, and when the founder, Sidney Young, died in 1959, Westerman purchased the paper from his widow, thus becoming the owner and editor. He wrote an editorial "The Passing Review" at least as early as 1935 and continued to contribute columns to the paper. Due to economic considerations and differences with the military government then in power, the newspaper folded in 1973. Prior to and following *The Panama Tribune's* collapse, Westerman

wrote for other Panamanian newspapers as well as for the American *Miami Herald* and Dix New Media of Ohio. He was a member of the Inter American Press Association, a Latin American and United States professional organization, and served as its regional vice president of the Freedom of the Press Committee from 1964-1970.

Westerman gained national prominence as a tennis player. In 1936 and 1938 he won both the singles and doubles titles in the Panamanian National Tennis Championship under the auspices of the National Olympic Committee, and in 1938 he was a member of the tennis team representing Panama in the IV Central American and Caribbean Olympiad.

Westerman involved himself in many areas which would serve to advance West Indian Panamanians, particularly in the fields of education, labor, politics, and housing. In the area of education, he sought to provide role models for Panamanians of West Indian descent. He collected autographed photographs with accompanying biographical sketches of fifty outstanding African Americans, and presented this gift to the library of La Boca School (his alma mater) where the photographs were placed on exhibit. He was at the forefront in establishing a collection of books written by African-American authors and about African-American life, which led to the creation of the first central library in the Canal Zone Colored Schools. Westerman supported the 1954 language and curriculum conversion policy in Canal Zone schools which affected non-U.S. citizens. This policy mandated a change from an American curriculum in English to a Spanish language curriculum emphasizing Panamanian history and culture. The purpose was to facilitate the transition of students into Panamanian society and citizenship; however the rapid transition to the new curriculum caused many West Indian teachers who could not speak Spanish to lose their positions.

Westerman frequently used cultural programs as a method of fostering pride and educating Panamanian youth about the accomplishments of their African heritage. In 1942 he was one the leading figures in the founding of the Isthmian Negro Youth Congress (INYC), an organization comprised of Panamanians of West Indian descent. He served as director of the Bulletin and wrote the introduction for a pamphlet entitled *An Exhibit on the Races of Mankind*, which the INYC published. In the mid 1940's he chaired the Intercultural Committee of the INYC, bringing top African-American entertainers to perform in Panama, including William Allen, Todd Duncan, Hazel Lawson, Philippa Schuyler, William Grant Still and Florizelle Wilson. The INYC also sponsored the first Negro History Week observance on the Isthmus.

Applying his talent as an impresario, in 1949 he founded and became the director of Westerman Concerts, an agency which sponsored performances in Panama of Marian Anderson, William Warfield, and *Porgy and Bess*, in addition to many other entertainers. He operated this agency until 1956, when other responsibilities became the focus of his attention.

Westerman became actively involved in politics in the 1940's. Using his influence in the community, he organized the membership of the National Civic League to lobby the

Constitutional Assembly to amend the 1941 Constitution. This Constitution had effectively denationalized Panamanian born children of foreign parents by requiring that they pass a test on the history and other aspects of Panama after coming of age before Panamanian citizenship would be granted. Through his editorials and other columns in *The Panama Tribune*, Westerman urged his readers to seek the passage of this amendment. Although his objective had been an amendment which would restore full citizenship, the 1946 amendment only bestowed conditional citizenship to the affected groups. It was not until 1960, with the passage of the "Bazan Amendment" enacted under President Roberto Chiari, that the right of full citizenship from birth was restored. Another issue Westerman protested was the Panamanian Immigration Law of 1948 which forced African Americans and other "prohibited peoples" who wished to visit Panama to pay a deposit of \$500 to guarantee their return to their country of origin. This was in contrast to white visitors who only had to pay a deposit of \$150.

Westerman's full immersion into party politics occurred during the 1956 presidential election when he supported the candidacy of his friend, Ernesto de la Guardia, for president. Westerman joined the National Patriotic Coalition Party and organized the West Indian community to participate in the national election. He was in charge of the employment section of the party and recommended hundreds of West Indians for jobs. He also distributed food, gasoline and other favors to win votes for his candidate. As a reward for this crucial support for his successful election, de la Guardia appointed Westerman a delegate with the rank of ambassador (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary) to the General Assembly of the United Nations, where he served from 1956-1960.

Westerman was the first Panamanian of West Indian parentage to enter Panama's diplomatic service. His advocacy of minority rights resulted in his serving on the Fourth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly which dealt with independence for non-self-governing territories and the self-determination of emerging African and Caribbean nations. In this capacity, he prepared statements for the independence of South West Africa (now called Namibia) and Togoland (presently Togo). He attended the independence celebrations of Ghana, Cameroon, Chad, Nigeria, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago as well as the presidential inaugurations of William V. S. Tubman of Liberia, and John F. Kennedy of the United States. Following the death of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, Westerman was considered, among others, as a candidate for the position. In 1967 the Panamanian government appointed Westerman Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in order to achieve diplomatic relations with the new Caribbean nations and to support their admittance to the Organization of American States. He was also appointed honorary Consul to Barbados while in Panama, a position he held in 1968 and 1969.

Westerman's formal attempt to improve the West Indian Panamanian situation in regard to United States-Panamanian relations dates to at least the early 1950's when he appeared before a Panamanian Negotiating Commission in Washington and described racially discriminatory practices on the Canal Zone and treaty violations. Westerman also researched a strongly worded

petition presented to Vice President Henry A. Wallace condemning the dual system under which non-U.S. citizens worked for the federal government. Wallace promised to conduct a personal investigation into the charges made. Using his contacts in the United States, he sought support from politicians such as U.S. Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., who in 1952 read a speech Westerman had given regarding relations between the United States and Panama that focused on some of the tensions between the two countries, into the Congressional Record. Negotiations for the 1955 treaty included discussions concerning discrepancies in wages and retirement plans.

Westerman unsuccessfully sought to gain permission for Panamanians of West Indian descent who wanted to serve in the American military during World War II in exchange for immediate citizenship rights. Beyond Westerman's concerns for improving the conditions and situation of West Indian Panamanians, he clearly saw himself as a Panamanian and worked with all Panamanians on behalf of his country. In 1962 he served with the vice president of Panama on a three-man commission charged with seeking relief from anti-tax haven provisions of a bill then before the United States Congress. The tax haven law encouraged American corporations to invest money in Panama because of the tax incentives, thereby providing about 5000 jobs to Panamanians. Westerman maintained an active correspondence with American officials involved in negotiating the 1967 treaty and with the American ambassador to Panama, the governor of the Canal Zone, and U.S. Congressman Andrew Young concerning several aspects of United States-Panama relations. He also supported a proviso in the 1977 treaty for an increase in rent paid by the United States to Panama.

Labor issues as they affected workers on the Canal Zone was another area in which Westerman exercised his considerable personal and political influence. In the late 1940's *The Panama Tribune*, via Westerman and others, took the initiative in organizing the committee that fought for a new CIO union to represent non-U.S. workers on the Canal Zone to replace a local of the United Public Workers of America, which was reportedly under Communist control. Additionally, he supported a 1960 bill to increase cash relief payments for retired employees of the Panama Canal Company, and was chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the National Maritime Union, which provided scholarships to over sixty children of members to attend any accredited high school in Panama.

Westerman developed numerous contacts in Panama and the United States and utilized his relationships with political and business associates to pursue a variety of business enterprises, most notably the construction of houses, particularly prefabricated homes, for Panama's lower middle class. He also attempted ventures in the food and alcoholic beverages industries, and the minting of coins for numismatists, among others. Although he engaged in these pursuits from the 1950's through the mid-1970's, none was successful.

Westerman wrote numerous pamphlets about United States-Panamanian relations, focusing on socio-economic conditions affecting the people of Panama and the Canal Zone, West Indian laborers on the Canal Zone, treaty negotiations, education, and housing issues, as well as

Panamanian political figures, sports and most significantly, West Indian contributions to the history of Panama. In total he authored thirty-four publications and prepared manuscripts for many more which were not published.

In 1950 Westerman achieved international recognition when he presented a paper about West Indians as a minority group in Panama before the First International Congress of Sociologists and Political Scientists in Zurich, Switzerland. Following that experience, he regularly attended conferences dealing with the Pan-American Highway, mass media in society, blacks in the Americas, immigration, and Catholic women in Panama, among other topics. Westerman travelled in the United States where he gave speeches about the history of West Indians in Panama, business possibilities in Panama, and other timely issues affecting his country. Importantly, he was went on two lecture tours, in 1966 and 1973, in an effort to educate and persuade Americans to support Panamanian rights during canal treaty negotiations.

Westerman served as chairman or treasurer of numerous civic, cultural and educational organizations in Panama, and was a member of many learned societies such as the American Sociological Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He received numerous decorations, awards and citations granted by both Panama and international bodies for a variety of services in the furtherance of human rights and the fostering of international goodwill. In 1953 he was awarded Panama's highest honor, the Vasco Nuñez de Balboa de Panama decoration, and also received an honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Philathea College in Canada, and the Honor of Merit from Haiti. This man of distinction died on August 31, 1988 in the Colon Old Folks Home after a long illness.

Scope and Content

The George Westerman Papers document the numerous and diverse interests of this journalist, sociologist, diplomat and activist, who was deeply immersed in issues relating to practically every issue on the isthmus of Panama, especially those affecting people of West Indian origin, from the 1940's through the early 1980's. The collection consists primarily of personal papers, news articles and administrative files pertaining to Westerman's journalism career, his published and unpublished writings, speeches, conference papers, and material relating to his career as an impresario. Additionally, the collection encompasses his involvement in Panamanian politics, United States-Panamanian relations, especially Panama Canal Treaty negotiations, as well as education, labor, ameliorating conditions associated with racial discrimination, and sports. There is also reference material about various aspects of West Indian life in Panama. Publications or news articles written by Westerman which pertain to a particular subject are housed in folders at the beginning of that series. At the end of several series there is a folder containing publications not written by Westerman. Approximately 20% of the collection is written in Spanish. Some Spanish language material appears in every series.

The Westerman Papers are divided into eighteen series and twenty-four subseries which are arranged alphabetically. The titles, dates and box numbers are as follows:

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The series **PERSONAL PAPERS, 1897-1988 (4.8 lin. ft.)** includes numerous versions of Westerman's curriculum vitae, address books, invitations to official events in Panama, correspondence and news clippings regarding his family both in Panama and the United States, and information about his death. There is correspondence with friends such as Anesta Samuels (founder of a Brooklyn based Panamanian community organization called the Dedicators) and Audrey Thorne. This series also contains information about some of the many honors and awards bestowed upon Westerman, both in Panama and internationally from 1949-1984, including the Vasco Nuñez de Balboa Award (1953), the Lewis D. Brandeis Gold Medal Award for "Service to Humanity" (1959), the celebration of "Westerman's Day" by the Dedicators (1968), an achievement award by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Canal Zone Branch (1975), and an organization called "Friends of George Westerman" (1982). There are also personal financial records.

Of particular interest are Westerman's "memoranda of record" (1967-1973), which he wrote as a diary or record of important conversations he had with prominent figures on issues of national and international importance, especially United States-Panama relations. The memoranda for 1967-1968, deal with the Panamanian presidential pre-electoral and electoral campaign of 1968, and furnish valuable insights into the complexities of Arnulfo Arias' campaign and the constitutional crisis that ensued in 1968 prior to Arias' overthrow by the Panamanian National

Guard on October 11, 1968. The memoranda of 1969-1973 discuss the early years of the military government and Westerman's opposition to it.

Additionally, there are a large number of news clippings by and about Westerman (1933-1984) which include his columns from the newspaper *Panama Tribune*. The articles discuss nearly every professional issue and activity in which Westerman was involved, from Panamanian politics, trips abroad, the Canal Zone, labor, housing, the United Nations, race relations, U.S.-Panama relations, to his presentation of speeches, and honors awarded him.

This series also encompasses information about Westerman's numerous business ventures. He devoted the greatest effort attempting to improve housing conditions for West Indian laborers and was involved in several projects to either build or assemble pre-fabricated housing and regular housing in Panama. There are proposals from several companies including Betania Home Ownership Project, Cativa Housing Project, Dalite Corporation, and Philip W. Genovese & Associates, which worked on the Pan de Azucar housing development, as well as building and loan associations (1950's-1970's). Other files document his business attempts in minting numismatic coins, and in serving as a broker for various types of food and alcoholic beverages. This material is arranged alphabetically by type of business venture.

The **PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - GENERAL series, 1941-1984 (.2 lin. ft.)** consists of correspondence with Roy S. Bryce Laporte concerning papers he and Westerman wrote and George Schuyler regarding Carl Van Vechten's 1951 visit to Panama. Additional material about Laporte and Schuyler may be found in the Conferences and Journalism and series respectively.

The **ADVOCACY series, 1945-1984 (.2 lin. ft.)** consists of correspondence with Panamanians living both in Panama and the United States who solicited Westerman's assistance, because of his position and influence, to help them gain employment, obtain visas for entry to the United States, secure housing, scholarships for students, locate "lost" relatives, information about Panama, etc. This series is arranged chronologically.

The series **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, 1942-1983 (1.5 lin. ft.)** encompasses correspondence, administrative files and printed material about thirty-seven community organizations in Panama and the United States, that, for the most part, attempted to further the progress of Panamanians of West Indian descent. One of the three best documented organizations is the Dedicators (a.k.a. Las Servidoras) which was founded in 1957 by Anesta Samuels in New York to build a scholarship fund for Panamanians of West Indian descent who wished to attend college in the United States. Included are correspondence and news clippings regarding the 1968 luncheon held in honor of Westerman, as well as programs for the balls and other activities the organizations sponsored. The records of the Isthmian Negro Youth Congress (1942-1947) include correspondence, programs and news clippings pertaining to performances by such entertainers as William Allen, Todd Duncan, Hazel Lawson, Florizelle Wilson and William Grant Still, which were sponsored by the INYC's Intercultural Committee, of which Westerman was chairman. This organization also published a booklet entitled *An Exhibit on the Races of*

Mankind written by Linda Samuels with an introduction by Westerman. The series contains correspondence and reference material concerning the manuscript and lectures Samuels delivered about the contributions made by various ethnic groups worldwide, in addition to bulletins and other publications. The National Civic League was dedicated to promoting the general welfare of children of West Indian Panamanians. The files (1946-1952) document some of the activities with which Westerman was involved, most importantly the efforts to abolish the discriminatory policies of the 1941 Constitution of Panama. There is also material relating to the drive to raise money for Linda Samuels' education at Fisk University. This series is arranged alphabetically by name of organization.

The series **CONFERENCES, 1950-1981 (1.2 lin. ft.)** consists of papers delivered by Westerman and others at a variety of conferences held internationally and in Panama concerning subjects of worldwide importance. Among the conferences he attended which are represented in the collection are the Congreso Cultura Negra de las Americas (1980), Congreso Nacional de Mujeres Catolica de Panama (1963 and 1975), Congreso Regional de Enfermeras para las Americas (1962), all in Panama City. Representing the Congreso Cultura Negra de las Americas are programs and papers by Jean Casimir, J. G. Evering, Alberto Smith Fernandez, Vera Green, and Abdias do Nascimento. International conferences he attended include the International Sociological Association in Zurich (files include minutes and abstracts of papers), the Research Institute on Immigration and Ethnic Studies in Washington, D.C., and UNESCO's Meeting of Experts on the Role of Mass Media in a Multicultural Society in Paris. A 1957 interview with Richard B. Moore is included in the West Indian Federation file. The files are organized chronologically.

The **DIPLOMATIC CAREER series, 1956-1983 (3.6 lin. ft.)** documents Westerman's service as a delegate to the United Nations from 1956 until 1960, and the trips he took representing Panama, as well as his special service to Caribbean nations in the 1960's. The **United Nations** subseries, 1956-1983 (3 lin. ft.) includes his official statements as a member of the Fourth Committee of the United Nations dealing with non-self-governing territories, especially South West Africa (Namibia) and Togoland (Togo), the latter under French administration. There are statements by other United Nations officials and politicians concerning the Fourth Committee, and by Panamanian leaders who spoke on worldwide issues. The series includes correspondence with officials, statements prepared by UNESCO, and news clippings about Westerman, including his candidacy for Secretary-General following the 1961 death of Dag Hammarskjold. There are invitations to official events and printed material Westerman collected about several African territories seeking independence in the late 1950's-early 1960's. Additionally, this series contains copies of the printed "Provisional Summary Records" of the United Nations General Assembly Fourth Committee for the 11th-15th and the 26th Sessions, as well as summaries of information transmitted to the secretary-general concerning territories in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Indian and Pacific Oceans (1956). There is a file on UNESCO's Decade for Action to Combat Racism in which Westerman participated in 1967-1968, after he left the United Nations. Publications about UNESCO, UNICEF, Africa, and the economic development of Latin America can also be found. This part of the series is arranged by format of material.

The **Non-United Nations Diplomatic Activities** subseries, 1957-1983 (.6 lin. ft.) documents Westerman's diplomatic career after his post at the United Nations had ended. Due in part to his position with the Fourth Committee and his role there supporting the independence efforts of non-self-governing territories, Westerman was invited to the independence celebrations and presidential inaugurations of African and Caribbean countries. Among other events, he attended the independence celebrations of Ghana (1957) which is represented only by a letter, Cameroon (1960), and the inauguration of President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia (1960) whose celebration is represented by invitations, programs, a sermon and addresses delivered by Tubman as well as biographical information about him.

Westerman also attended the independence celebrations of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, both held in August 1962. Since many laborers who worked on the Panama Railroad and Panama Canal were from Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, letters and statements from various officials, including the former and current presidents of Panama are included in the series, which also contains programs, booklets and news clippings. Additionally, there is documentation on Westerman's appointment by President Marco Robles to the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary on Special Mission for the purpose of establishing diplomatic relations between Panama and the Caribbean nations and assisting with their admittance to the Organization of American States. During his tenure as Ambassador, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados were admitted to the OAS (1967) and Barbados was admitted to the U.N. (1966).

As a result of Westerman's efforts, Panama maintained a close relationship with Barbados, the home of his father. This series documents the close personal relationship he had with Barbados' first Prime Minister, Errol Barrow, and diplomatic relations between Panama and Barbados. There is information relating to the independence celebrations in 1966 which Westerman attended, as well as Westerman's role in getting Barrow's support for the candidacy of Panamanian Dr. Eduardo Ritter Aislan for the position of Secretary General of the OAS following the retirement of General José A. Mora in May 1968. There is also material concerning Barrow's visit to Panama in February 1967, Westerman's subsequent visit to Barbados in August 1967, and Westerman's appointment as Honorary Consul for Barbados in Panama in 1968 at the request of Barrow. Documentation indicates he resigned the following year because of his frequent trips outside of Panama. In his official capacity as Ambassador, in August 1967 Westerman also visited Trinidad and Tobago, New York and Washington. Files include correspondence, a speech and news clippings pertaining to the independence celebrations, biographical information about Barrow, and news releases concerning Barbados' admission to the United Nations. Barrow's visit to Panama in February 1967 consists of an itinerary, correspondence, and news clippings. Materials related to Westerman's return visit in August 1967 as well as his trips to Trinidad and Tobago and New York include correspondence between Westerman and Barrow regarding postponing a 1968 visit by Barrow to Panama because of political turmoil in Panama. Barbados' admission to the OAS is documented by press releases, OAS Information Service News Releases and news clippings. This part of the series is arranged alphabetically by name of country.

The **EDUCATION series, 1934-1985 (1.4 lin. ft.)** contains documents on education in the Canal Zone for the children of West Indians and the general population. The greatest amount of information pertains to Canal Zone schools. Included are a policy manual, annual reports of the Division of Schools (1952-1953), reports and correspondence with the Canal Zone Colored Teachers' Association, and reports and news clippings pertaining to the 1954 language and curriculum conversion mandated for children of Panamanian employees attending U.S. schools on the Canal Zone. The conversion from the English-language American curriculum to the Spanish-language Panamanian curriculum was instituted to facilitate assimilation to Panamanian citizenship and culture.

Files on the Ministry of Education consists of reports to the National Assembly and national plans for education, 1966-1969. The University of Panama folders provide information about the faculty and printed matter about the autonomy of the university. Also, there are a booklet and news clippings about founding a second university in Panama, the University of Santa Maria la Antigua in 1965. Information about the predecessor of the University of Panama, the Canal Zone College, consists of a transcript of an interview held by the Civic Committee with the superintendent of Canal Zone schools about the employment of black instructors, 1950. Westerman served as chairman of this Civic Committee. Additionally, this series contains some of the autographed letters Westerman loaned to the La Boca School Library, the Isthmus' school for West Indians, for an exhibit entitled "Fifty Outstanding Afro-Americans," 1942. This collection formed the nucleus of a library which emphasized books by and about blacks, and Westerman served as secretary of the Library Committee. Administrative files document the opening and growth of this library. Other material pertains to La Boca Normal School and the U.S. government's request to reorganize this high school as a teacher-training and general educational institution at the junior college level, 1949. There are also reports about teachers in the secondary school system, scholarships for students, graduation programs, writings by Westerman and others about education and related news clippings about general education topics in Panama and Latin America. This series is arranged by: Canal Zone schools, Ministry of Education, University of Panama, and general.

The **ENTERTAINMENT CAREER series, 1939-1984 (1949-1956, bulk) (1.4 lin. ft.)** documents Westerman's career as an impresario for his own agency which he founded in 1949, Westerman Concerts. The agency sponsored black performers primarily from the United States to entertain in Panama. The performers included Marian Anderson, Carol Brice, Emily Butcher, Ellabelle Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Dorothy Maynor, June McMechen, Philippa Schuyler, Hazel Scott, William Warfield, and Camilla Williams. The series consists of booking files, correspondence, programs and news clippings about the concerts and performers, 1939-1956. There is also correspondence for the Balboa Radio Station of which Westerman was vice president (1958) and correspondence and news clippings about performers Westerman did not bring to Panama, but about whom he collected information. The series is arranged alphabetically by performer.

The **JOURNALISM CAREER series, 1928-1982 (5.2 lin. ft.)** reflects Westerman's primary occupation and demonstrates how he utilized his position with *The Panama Tribune* and other newspapers to improve social conditions for West Indians and other Panamanians. The series consists of founding papers of *The Panama Tribune*, stock certificates and correspondence with shareholders and advertisers, financial records and reports about the origins, purposes, and accomplishments of the newspaper. The correspondence of the founder and original owner of *The Panama Tribune*, Sidney Young, pertains to the operation of the paper, as well as his personal business ventures. In addition, there is personal correspondence and biographical information about Young. The series contains correspondence relating to Westerman's purchase of the newspaper in 1959 from Young's widow. There are letters to Westerman as the associate editor in 1952 (in Spanish) dealing with continuing problems with the printing company, financial matters, and correspondence between Young and Westerman regarding *The Panama Tribune's* involvement in a struggle against Communist control of a labor union on the Canal Zone. There is extensive correspondence between Westerman and Rex Williams (a.k.a. Joseph Williams), Westerman's nephew who served as the Chicago correspondent. The letters from Williams discuss contemporary issues affecting Panama, his personal affairs, and his support of Westerman's efforts in all his endeavors. Included are a few articles by Williams. There are also articles by other columnists who wrote for *The Panama Tribune*. Other files deal with the suspension of operations of *The Panama Tribune* for what was believed to be temporary in March 1973 because of difficulties with the printing company and government restrictions. The series also contains Westerman's weekly editorial in *The Panama Tribune* entitled "The Passing Review," another column, and articles he wrote, covering the years 1935-1973. The news articles are arranged chronologically.

Westerman contributed many articles for a number of newspapers besides *The Panama Tribune*, during and after the period of its publication. Most notably, Westerman was special correspondent for *The Miami Herald*, Panama Edition in the mid -1960's. He also wrote occasional articles for *The Chicago Daily News*, *Critica*, *La Hora*, *Mundo Grafico*, *The Nation*, *Panama America*, *La República* and *The Sunday Republic*. The latter papers are Panamanian publications, several were Spanish language issues, although Westerman seemed to prefer writing in English for the West Indian community in Panama. Files consist of Westerman's drafts for the articles as well as the actual news clippings and correspondence. There is also correspondence with George Schuyler, the New York editor of *The Pittsburgh Courier*. Additionally, this series contains a list Westerman compiled in 1983 of Panamanian newspapers with brief comments including their political affiliations and leading columnists.

Westerman was a member of the Inter American Press Association and served as the regional vice chairman of the Freedom of the Press Committee from 1964-1970. He attended the annual general assemblies held in various member countries including the United States, and occasionally, the mid-year meetings as well. The records consist of conference proceedings, newsletters and news clippings, a directory of members and correspondence. There are also statements by Westerman and information about President Kennedy's address to the Association in Miami about inter-American relations on November 18, 1963.

The **LABOR series, 1926-1985 (1950-1980, bulk) (3.2 lin. ft.)** documents the role of West Indian labor, local rate employees and the history of labor unions, all on the Canal Zone. Besides the publications and news articles written by Westerman, this series also contains several of his manuscripts about labor unions. Interspersed throughout the series are clippings that mention Westerman's involvement in labor issues as well as his correspondence. In addition, he also maintained a research file on labor consisting of academic histories written by others concerning West Indian labor in Panama dating to 1850. Various reports include a 1946 paper on alleged discriminatory treatment of Panamanian citizens and West Indian employees of the Panama Canal and Panama Railroad Company, an annual report of the Personnel Department (1954), and a study of socio-economic inequities relating to U.S.-Panama affairs on the Canal Zone (1960). Other information relates to labor unions, their formation and problems they dealt with in regard to the AFL and the CIO, as well as collective bargaining, salary and benefit disparities and working conditions of the "local rate" employees as compared to U.S. employees. "Local rate" employees were paid according to the Canal Zone Wage Structure, also known as the Caribbean Wage Scale. This wage scale was established in 1903 and refers to the lower rate of compensation for Panamanian workers ostensibly to prevent conflict with the surrounding Caribbean countries from which local labor was recruited.

The unions represented in this series are Panama Canal Zone Workers' Organizing Committee (PCZWOC) of the CIO, Locals 713 and 900 (also affiliated with the CIO), United Public Workers, the Government and Civic Employees Organizing Committee (GCEOC) and the Panama Canal West Indian Employees Association (PCWIEA). Files of Local 713 pertain to organizing the union and to the expulsion of the UPW from membership in the CIO due to the charge of having communist leanings. The material for Local 900 includes reports Local President Edward Gaskin prepared regarding socio-economic problems affecting Panamanian nationals employed in the Canal Zone and correspondence with John L. Yancey, assistant director of the GCWOC.

Additional papers pertain to the National Maritime Union (NMU), which represented approximately 5000 workers, both American and non-U.S. citizens. There are news clippings and correspondence concerning the efforts of the Canal Zone Central Labor Union and the Metal Trades Council to achieve equality of treatment for Americans and Panamanians working for the Canal Zone Company. News clippings, speeches and other material reflect Edward Gaskin's ongoing involvement with labor issues including his role as staff representative with Government Operations of the NMU. There is a position paper (1976) regarding proposed changes to the Canal Zone Wage Structure and the tropical differential (a monetary incentive established in 1903 to attract American employees to live in unhealthy conditions). Other positions papers propose recommendations regarding labor protection during the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty Negotiations, and the Panama Area Wage Base and Cost of Living Allowance (1981-1984). News clippings about the NMU's opposition to the exportation of Alaskan oil to foreign countries (1983) are also in this series. A file on the NMU sponsored scholarship program for children of NMU members to attend any accredited high school in Panama contains correspondence and news clippings discussing the selection process and winners. Westerman served as chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

About one-half of the series consists of a chronological ordering of documents related to a wide variety of labor issues. The 1950's papers pertain to the Caribbean Wage Scale, the proposal to have a single wage scale for Canal workers (a report by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. with appendices by Westerman is included). Also, there are annual reports for the Personnel Bureau, and files about the Canal Zone Replacement Program which replaced the Panama Canal Company employees with local rate employees, and information about the working conditions of employees of the United Fruit Company. Material related to Hilton E. Hanna, labor relations specialist who studied labor-management problems in Panama, consists of correspondence, speeches and news articles by and about Hanna. News articles discuss the impact the 1955 Panama Canal Treaty had on wages of the local rate employees. Other news clippings and reports deal with the retirement system for non-U.S. citizens and pensions for local rate employees. There are also reports concerning grievances of U.S. employees.

The 1960's material includes legislation to improve the Cash Relief Act of 1937 regarding benefits to widows of retired employees who had worked in the Canal Zone, and the 25% tropical differential for U.S. employees working in the Canal Zone. The 1970's files contain the transcript of a conference with Ellsworth Bunker and delegates from labor unions in the Canal Zone, news articles about the ways the minimum age law affected Canal Zone workers, results of the Pestillo report about the Panama Canal Company's labor relations with U.S. employees, and news articles documenting the 1976 strike by U.S. employees caused by austerity measures.

The 1980's material includes a report about the Panama Area Wage Base (PAWB), which went into effect in 1979 with the implementation of the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty. The PAWB established a pay system for new local employees based on locally prevailing rates for similar work in Panama. A paper in this series discusses the implementation of the Upward Mobility Program which helped employees reach their highest potential by providing opportunities for advancement according to their abilities. The series closes with a letter concerning the cost of living allowance for U.S. employees. News clippings for each decade have been placed at the end of the file for each decade.

The final part of this series deals with general information about labor on the Canal Zone from 1904 through the 1940's, and consists of photocopies of original documents regarding Barbadians who helped construct the Panama Canal; lists of contract laborers from Barbados, 1904-1913; notes about a silver labor strike on the Canal Zone, 1919-1920; information about discriminatory labor practices regarding the gold and silver roll, 1942-1946; and a report by the rate review sub-board.

The series **PANAMANIAN COMMEMORATIVE STAMP, 1951-1956 (.2 lin. ft.)** concerns the issuance of a U.S. postage stamp in 1951 commemorating the West Indian contribution to the construction of the Panama Canal, an idea first conceived by Westerman in 1947. The series consists of financial and other documents related to the West Indian Stamp Appreciation Committee, material relating to the exercises including invitations, programs and a poster. Westerman's fund raising activities area represented by receipts for donations and ads taken out

in *The Panama Tribune* supplement. There are no original stamps in the collection, however. Additionally, Westerman maintained a collection of First Day of Issue Envelopes, 1955-1966, including order forms from his supplier.

The **POLITICS series, 1886-1986 (1946-1986, bulk) (3.6 lin. ft.)** documents Panamanian politics dating to the nineteenth century. This series contains a section about the general history of Panamanian politics consisting of copies of constitutions of Panama from 1932-1973, articles written by Westerman, and printed matter about presidents and other individuals prominent in nineteenth and early twentieth century Panamanian politics. Among the papers are documents regarding investments and military debt, 1908-1910. The twentieth century part of the series is arranged chronologically by the dates the politician held office. The balance of the series contains material which, for the most part, was generated at the time the president or military officer maintained power; the term of office is noted in brackets. The first president for whom there are files is Arnulfo Arias Madrid, elected president for the first of several times in 1940, the last occasion being 1984. The files for the early presidents consist of news clippings about the election and campaign literature. The first president for whom there is documentation pertaining to the presidential election is José A. Remón who was the Renovador Party candidate in 1952. The Renovador Party was formed in the 1930's, but had not successfully put a presidential candidate into office until 1952 when Panamanians of West Indian descent were registered to vote. These voters were instrumental in electing Remón into office, and in 1956 they again succeeded with Ernesto de la Guardia, Jr. There is a list of West Indian registered voters of the Renovador Party, and a second list, for the deputy (representative to the National Assembly) elections, showing tabulated votes by party.

Westerman was most closely associated with Ernesto de la Guardia, Jr., president from 1956-1960. Westerman worked for his election via the National Patriotic Coalition Party which is part of the Renovador Party. There are election lists and expense records for food and gasoline which were distributed to party members. As the head of the employment section for this political party, Westerman was a power broker and recommended hundreds of Panamanians, many of West Indian descent, for employment opportunities from 1955 until 1960. There is a daily ledger of requests and letters of appointment signed by de la Guardia. In 1960 he signed a presidential decree for appointments to the Ministry of Public Works, and the list of supporters to whom he gave jobs is included in the series. The files on de la Guardia's administration include the swearing-in ceremony, his speeches, correspondence with Westerman, news clippings concerning de la Guardia's visit to Haiti accompanied by Westerman, news clippings pertaining to the impeachment petition against de la Guardia headed by his Vice-President Temístocles Díaz, and many other news clippings. Lastly, there are letters and news clippings about a battle between National Guard troops and rebels in Veraguas Province, in 1959.

As a staunch member of the National Patriotic Coalition Party, Westerman collected news articles and lists regarding the 1964 presidential and deputy elections representing many political parties and city council and national assembly elections. He also gathered information about the electoral code reform and Electoral Tribunal. There are news clippings discussing the presidencies of Marco Aurelio Robles and Arnulfo Arias Madrid; Madrid is also represented by

his addresses to the Organization of American States in 1968, and the military junta which ruled the country from 1968-1969. An anti-communist, Westerman wrote articles opposing the Communist Party. Included here is a draft of one of those articles, for *The Miami Herald*, and a letter, as well as other writings.

The 1960's in Panama are characterized by the loss of presidential power and the military takeover by Brigadier General Omar Torrijos. Documenting this period is information about the exile of prominent citizens to Guayaquil, Ecuador in addition to testimony of two Panamanian citizens on behalf of the Panamanian Committee for Human Rights before the U.S. House of Representatives. There is a small amount of information about Brigadier General Manuel A. Noriega as well as other rulers of the 1980's. This part of the series is arranged chronologically by the presidential administration.

The series **RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, 1935-1984 (.8 lin. ft.)** documents the many forms of racial discrimination in Panama, affecting the entire country as well as the discriminatory policies of the Panamanian government affecting West Indians and African-American tourists. Information regarding U.S. discriminatory policies impacting life on the Canal Zone is also included.

The series contains Westerman's writings, in draft and published form, discussing his efforts to change several of these discriminatory policies. Through his participation with the National Civic League and news articles he wrote, Westerman was involved in modifying the 1941 Constitution of Panama, which had denationalized people of West Indian descent by revoking the citizenship of individuals born in Panama of foreign born parents within restricted immigrant classes. The 1946 amendment, which Westerman had supported, succeeded in partially restoring citizenship, however the right of full citizenship from birth was not restored until the passage of the Bazan Amendment in 1961.

The Immigration Law of 1948 was another discriminatory law enacted by Panama which was protested by Westerman. The law categorized "prohibited peoples," among them, English-speaking blacks, and specified that tourists of certain nationalities could only visit Panama for 30 days and had to pay a deposit of \$500 to guarantee their return to their country of origin. In contrast, white visitors were permitted to enter Panama for a longer period of time and only had to pay \$150. The series includes correspondence with tourists explaining their difficulties, and news clippings and correspondence discussing Westerman's letter to Panamanian President Remón protesting this discriminatory practice. Articles written by Westerman and others report on the difficulties encountered by Jamaicans and Trinidadians in obtaining visas for short visits.

The series also contains news articles Westerman and others wrote which discuss support for the law granting West Indian Panamanians full citizenship. Several folders deal with discriminatory practices in restaurants in Panama City and contain news clippings, correspondence and statements by President de la Guardia opposing such practices, 1952-1956. Also documented in this series are discriminatory practices imposed by the U.S. government against West Indian workers which also resulted in an inferior education for children of African-American employees

on the Canal Zone, 1937-1938. Material documenting such practices includes a discussion of Westerman's 1950 speech about the mass media presented in Switzerland and Washington, and U.S. military records regarding incidents on the Panama Canal Zone in 1940 and 1971. Several publications and news clippings from 1940-1948 complete this series.

The **SPEECHES** series, **1944-1982 (1.8 lin. ft.)** encompasses the many speeches Westerman delivered in Panama and the United States, as well as several interviews. Topics he spoke about involve United States-Panama relations, including tensions which sparked the Panama riots of January 1964, the history of basic changes in Canal policies governing relations between the two countries, and the tax haven law of 1962. There are several addresses concerning the history and contributions of West Indians in Panamanian society, and blacks of Hispanic traditions in Panamanian society, (i.e. blacks transported directly from Africa or Spain to Latin America). Religion, Panamanian economics, and Westerman's acceptance speeches for awards presented to him, and other subjects about which he spoke are included. Among them is a statement he made in 1946 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities denying Communist infiltration of a Panamanian labor union. Westerman's speeches at colleges, universities, professional and civic organizations, as well as churches and other religious institutions can be found in this series. During his years as a United Nations delegate he spoke before the Texas legislature, the Carnegie International Center, and business associations, among other institutions. In 1966 he was on the lecture circuit sponsored by the National Cash Register Company and delivered presentations throughout Ohio to various civic organizations. On a 1973 United States lecture tour, Westerman was a speaker for the Hubert Humphrey Lecture Series at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and also travelled to various colleges in California and Ohio. Files for both lecture tours include his speeches, correspondence concerning tour arrangements and related matters, and news clippings. The series includes duplicates of some of the statements he made during his ambassadorship to the United Nations pertaining to independence for non-self-governing territories; a complete set of these statements can be found in the Diplomatic Career-United Nations series. The series has been arranged chronologically.

The series **SPORTS, 1920's-1985 (.4 lin. ft.)** deals with some of the many organized sports played in Panama with a focus on West Indian athletes. A scrapbook of news clippings documents Westerman's years as a tennis champion (1936-1938), and correspondence discusses his coverage of other tennis players in *The Panama Tribune*. A day honoring baseball manager Stanford Graham in 1949 which Westerman helped coordinate is documented by correspondence and news clippings; boxing is represented by a scrapbook of news clippings (1920's) and Westerman's news articles about Al Brown and Harry Wills. Correspondence and news articles discuss the Central American and Caribbean Olympics in which Panamanian athletes participated in 1959 and 1970, as well as additional sports. Printed matter, particularly news clippings comprise the bulk of this series. The majority of these articles are from Panamanian newspapers, some were clipped from United States and Jamaican papers.

Material which Westerman collected because of his broad interest in Panamanian affairs affecting West Indians but which he himself did not play an active role in achieving particular goals, have

been placed in a **SUBJECT FILES series**. These **subseries** within this series are: **Economics; Fraternal and Benevolent Societies; Health; Housing Policies; Reference Material - West Indians in Panama; and Religion.**

The **Economics** subseries, **1946-1985 (.2 lin. ft.)** consists of reports dealing with the industrialization and economic growth of Panama, and the country's public debt, as well as news articles Westerman wrote about Panamanian economics.

The subseries **Fraternal and Benevolent Societies, 1922-1985 (1967-1983, bulk) (.4 lin. ft.)** consists of anniversary and other programs and news clippings concerning these societies in Panama. Of interest are news clippings and correspondence regarding the successful protest by the Canal Zone Government against the "White only" membership policy of the Elks of the World on the Canal Zone, 1971-1974. The series is arranged alphabetically by name of society.

The **Health** subseries, **1940-1983 (.4 lin. ft.)** consists of news articles written by Westerman about Gorgas Hospital on the Canal Zone and other hospitals in Panama, as well as health related issues. There are also statistics of various illnesses and reports other writers prepared about conditions in and the history of the Hospital Nicolás A. Solano and the Gorgas Hospital.

The subseries **Housing Policies, 1954-1972 (1954-1957, bulk) (.4 lin. ft.)** consists primarily of Westerman's published study, *Urban Housing in Panama and Some of its Problems* (1955), originally entitled "The Shame of Panama's Housing," and published and unpublished reports Westerman used as a resource for his investigation of housing problems and prefabricated houses. The resources consider public housing issues in the United States and other parts of the world.

The subseries **Reference Material: West Indians in Panama, 1928-1986 (1.2 lin. ft.)** consists of published and unpublished material by Westerman and others. The works, both academic studies and literary, consist of photocopies of chapters of books, manuscripts, bibliographies, and news clippings. Examples of the material are Michael Conniff's manuscript *Black Labor on a White Canal: 1903-1981* with Westerman's editorial comments, as well as a book of literature edited by Sidney Young entitled *Isthmian Echoes*, and news articles about second and third generation professionals.

The **Religion** subseries, **1928-1984 (.8 lin. ft.)** consists of programs and other printed material, news clippings, correspondence, and writings by Westerman and others regarding various denominations. Included are biographical sketches and a manuscript about many of the religions and denominations practiced in Panama. These include the Episcopal Church, Judaism, Catholicism, and the Salvation Army. The series is arranged alphabetically by name of religion or denomination.

The **UNITED STATES-PANAMA RELATIONS** series, **1962-1986, (1941-1985, bulk) (6.8 lin. ft.)** provides extensive documentation on the problems and cooperation between these two countries in the operation of the Panama Canal. The series also deals with the numerous changes which have taken place both in Panamanian society and in U.S.-Panamanian relations in

the areas of politics, trade, transportation, American foreign aid, and day-to-day social issues, among others. The files in this series consist selected materials that Westerman collected pertaining to issues that interested him. The subseries are as follows: Administration, Alliance for Progress and Agency for International Development, Flag Controversy on the Canal Zone and its Aftermath, Flags of Necessity, History, Panama Canal Operations, Panama Canal Treaty Negotiations, Panama Canal Zone, Pan American Highway, Publications, United States Congressional Hearings, United States Information Service, United States Tax Haven Law, and General.

The subseries **Administration**, 1951-1986, .2 lin. ft. consists of official reports and other material dealing with the administration of the Panama Canal. Included is information about the Colon Free Zone, an international trade zone established in an area contiguous to territory under the jurisdiction of the United States. The Colon Free Zone provides investors with free trade privileges and tax concessions as well as advantages to foreign companies which manufacture, process, warehouse, package and label cargo for world distribution. The files include rules and regulations, explanations of the tax advantages, and a position paper written by José Bazan, Second Vice-President of Panama, 1948-1965. Additionally, there is information about the Panama Canal Company, a corporate agency of the United States government which operated the waterway until the treaty of 1977. The material consists of by-laws, press releases, notes, reports and news clippings, 1951-1979. Following the 1977 treaty, the Panama Canal Commission, another United States government agency, became responsible for the operation of the Canal. The new treaty called for a board of directors composed of Americans and Panamanians which was the first step in preparing the Panamanian government to take over the management of the Canal. Documentation for the Panama Canal Commission consists of an annual report, a directory and news clippings.

The subseries **Alliance for Progress and Agency for International Development**, 1962-1983 (2 folders) consists of printed matter regarding American foreign aid to Panama. Included is the news clipping of the text of President John Kennedy's 1962 speech in which he discussed achievements of the Alliance for Progress, which was established by his administration.

The subseries **Flag Controversy on the Canal Zone and its Aftermath**, 1958-1974 (1960-1964, bulk), .8 lin. ft. consists primarily of clippings from Panamanian and American newspapers dealing with the controversy which ensued when Panamanian citizens demanded that their flag fly beside the American flag in the Canal Zone as visible evidence of Panama's titular sovereignty over the Zone. Although the 1904 treaty had never ceded Panamanian ownership of the Canal Zone to the United States, it was only as the result of demonstrations by Panamanian students in November 1959 that the government of President Dwight Eisenhower agreed to fly the flag on the Zone, a practice which would continue into the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. The anti-American resentment was caused by anger over Panamanian dependence on the neocolonial relationship between the two countries. There are also clippings that discuss the 1964 riots caused by "Zonians," Americans living in the Canal Zone, who burned Panamanian flags. The riots resulted in the death of twenty Panamanians and the destruction of property. Diplomatic relations between the two countries were suspended as U.S. Canal Zone policies were questioned

by both governments. The continued pressure by Panamanians on the U.S. government eventually led to the negotiation of a new treaty under President Lyndon Johnson.

The subseries **Flags of Necessity**, 1958-1962 (1 folder) concerns the government policy of registering merchant ships in foreign nations for the purpose of reducing taxes and fees for international companies in their respective countries. The material consists of news clippings and a speech regarding flags of necessity in Panama and printed matter about this policy in Panama and other nations.

The **History** subseries, 1862-1985, (.3 lin. ft.) consists of printed matter about the history of United States-Panamanian relations and discusses the Panama Railroad as well as the Panama Canal, among other topics.

The subseries **Panama Canal Operations**, 1913-1985, (.3 lin. ft.) pertains to the operation of the Canal and includes information on numbers and measurements of vessels using the Canal, the economics and politics about its operation, an address by a former governor of the Canal Zone, and a bibliography of writings about West Indians involved in the construction of the Panama Canal. This subseries also contains information about plans for a new canal, with material consisting of reports and news clippings discussing the advantages and disadvantages of constructing a new canal to take the place of the outmoded one. The location and whether it should be a sea level canal are discussed. Additionally, there are several studies regarding increasing the tolls (1954 and 1967), with material in the form of reports, press releases and news clippings.

The subseries **Panama Canal Treaty Negotiations**, 1942-1985 (2.4 lin. ft.) deals with over forty years of treaty negotiations. Each decade ushered in new administrations from both the United States and Panama and new negotiations regarding the takeover of the Panama Canal by Panama. The impetus for new discussions and the issues brought forth can be followed in detail in this subseries. The documentation is primarily in the form of news clippings, however, Westerman's statements and articles can also be found here, as can reports discussed in the *Congressional Record*, copies of treaties negotiated but not necessarily signed, correspondence and speeches. The internationalization of the Panama Canal is discussed, and there are copies of the *Congressional Record* and news clippings pertaining to the role of Leonor Sullivan, Chair of the U.S. Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, who emphasized economic cooperation and the need for Panama to be less economically dependent on the U.S. There are also statements and other documents relating to American negotiators and government officials Ellsworth Bunker, Daniel Flood and Henry Kissinger.

The subseries **Panama Canal Zone**, 1941-1981, (.7 lin. ft.) covers a variety of issues and activities occurring in the Zone including education, a proposal for the Trans-Isthmian Highway, security, the Congress of Latin American Civic Councils, and prayer breakfasts Westerman attended in Panama and Washington, D.C. The prayer breakfasts involved a mixture of military, civilian, organizational leaders, businessmen, diplomats and government officials who met annually to pray for solutions to myriad problems confronting the United States. Files also

pertain to the United States Armed Forces Southern Command, whose goal was to defend the Panama Canal over the years, and its pullout beginning in 1974. The governorship of the Canal Zone is discussed in correspondence and remarks prepared by the United States ambassadors.

The subseries **Pan American Highway**, 1946-1969, (2 folders) consists of reports and news clippings explaining the history of the Pan American Highway. Also discussed are the long-standing difficulties of constructing a highway through Darien, Panama, an area of mountainous topography and almost impenetrable jungle, that in 2002, was still the last remaining portion of road to be completed for the Pan American Highway.

The **Publications** subseries, 1904-1976, (.5 lin. ft.) includes a variety of publications that do not relate to specific themes in this series. Other U.S.-Panama publications pertaining to particular topics can be found in their respective subseries. Included in this subseries are the First Annual Report of the Isthmian Canal Commission, a book commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the completion of the Canal, *Panama Canal Review* (1953-1981), *Panama Spillway* (1964-1982), and *La Tierra Dividida* by Gerstle Mack.

The subseries **United States Congressional Reports**, 1950-1979 (.7 lin. ft.) contains information on hearings on a wide variety of issues other than the Panama Canal treaties. Included are hearings held by the House of Representative's Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations relating to the Department of the Army's appropriations for 1954; the Senate Subcommittee on American Republics Affairs; the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; the Subcommittee on the Panama Canal of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; and by Representative Daniel Flood who opposed Panamanian sovereignty over the Canal and the Canal Zone. There are also statements by Canal Zone governors; Canal Zone employees' testimony about labor issues; and information concerning financing the Canal. Included is correspondence between Westerman and the U.S. Representative from Harlem, Adam Clayton Powell, regarding his role in Panamanian politics as well as his political career (1950-1972).

The subseries **United States Information Service**, 1965-1967 (3 folders) contains press statements and addresses by U.S. Ambassador Charles W. Adair, Jr., primarily about issues and events in the United States and U.S.-Panama relations.

The **United States Tax Haven Law** subseries, 1956, 1961-1962, (1961-1962, bulk) (.2 lin. ft.) . deals with the tax loophole that allowed hundreds of American companies to set up subsidiaries in Panama to conduct business in international trade without having to pay taxes on the profits, either to Panama or the United States. In 1962 the Kennedy administration proposed to close this loophole which would have caused the loss of some 5000 jobs held by Panamanians and an estimated \$12 to \$15 million revenue for Panama. Westerman served as a member of a Panamanian commission which opposed the anti-tax haven provisions of the bill that was before Congress. The papers consist of correspondence between Hubert Humphrey and other United States elected officials, American corporate executives and others lobbying against the proposed tax changes to keep the tax haven laws. Reports by Westerman and others as well as news clippings provide detailed information from the Panamanian perspective.

The **General** subseries, 1942-1983 (.2 lin. ft) includes material dealing with relations between the United States and Panama, which do not fall within the other subseries. Of special interest is Westerman's correspondence from 1942 regarding Panamanians of West Indian descent who wished to served in the U.S. armed forces during World War II in exchange for immediate U.S. citizenship rights. There is also correspondence about a breakfast given in honor of Ralph Abernathy, an official visit of U.S. Congressman Andrew Young to discuss the establishment of a Martin Luther King Center for Peace, Equality and Justice, and correspondence between Westerman and American officials. Additionally, this series includes news clippings by or mentioning Westerman, and information about the national Bipartisan Commission on Central America, and bibliographies on the Panama Canal, black history and West Indians in Panama.

The final series **WRITINGS**, 1942-1982 (10.8 lin. ft.) is divided into two subseries, published and unpublished. A prolific writer, Westerman wrote about nearly every aspect of Panamanian West Indian life in which he was involved. He wrote both in English and Spanish, with some publications appearing in both languages. The container list for this series serves, in essence, as the bibliography of Westerman's published and unpublished writings; however, it does not contain his articles or his essays which appeared in newspapers. These have been filed at the beginning of the appropriate series as have duplicate copies of his publications. Contained in the **Published Writings** subseries, 1942-1979, (2 lin. ft) are pamphlets Westerman wrote, and if available, the manuscript, related correspondence, research material and notes. He authored pamphlets related to West Indian labor on the Panama Canal Zone, United States-Panama relations, education, and the history of West Indians in Panama, among many other subjects. The **Unpublished Writings** subseries (8.4 lin. ft.) consists of the manuscript, correspondence, research material and notes. Included is his most significant unpublished manuscript entitled "Fifty Years of West Indian Life on the Isthmus of Panama (1903-1953)." There are numerous drafts for some of the more extensive chapters on such topics as religion, the history of the labor force on the Panama Canal and the development of labor unions, West Indian contributions to the national life of Panama, sports, and cultural aspects of West Indian life in such fields as fraternal and benevolent societies. Some of the research material Westerman used for writing this manuscript can be found in other series with his writings on the same or similar subjects. This 548-page manuscript consists of several complete versions and revisions of particular chapters. The manuscript originally was written in the 1950's, then in the late 1970's and early 1980's Westerman and his colleagues attempted to get it published, without success. According to rejection letters from publishers, the sheer length of it and the 1950's encyclopedic writing style precluded the possibility of finding a publisher for it in its present form. There are also two boxes of writings by Westerman for which the title of the writing is unidentified. The Published Writings are arranged chronologically by date of publication and the Unpublished Writings are arranged alphabetically by title.

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SEPARATION RECORD

The following items were removed from:

Name of Collection/Papers George W. Westerman Papers

Accession Number SCM 88-59 MG 505

Donor: Ruth Russell and Family

Gift X Purchase _____

Date received: 1988

Date transferred: 1988-2004

The item(s) listed below have been sent to the division indicated, either to be retained or disposed of there. Any items that should receive special disposition are clearly marked.

Schomburg Research and Reference:

Books, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, and other printed material relating to blacks in
Panama, the West Indies, Africa, and to African Americans.

1 map - "Mapa particular del golfo e isthmo del Darien (copied in 1890 from an 1884
original map)

Schomburg Art and Artifacts Division

1 poster - Al Brown, boxer

Schomburg Moving Image and Recorded Sound Division:

Two record albums: one by Philippa Schuyler and "The Jamaica Story"-- Independence
Souvenir_____

Schomburg Photographs and Prints Division:

Four and one-half record cartons of photographic images_____

Other:

Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division

Haiti Miscellaneous Collections - Booklet of postage stamps commemorating 150th
anniversary of independence of Haiti, 1954

Miscellaneous American Letters and Papers Collection - First Day of Issue Tuskegee
Institute envelope, 1940

The Panama Tribune, 1928-1971

Transferred by: Janice Quinter, Diana Lachatanere, and Berlena Robinson_____

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