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SEIDENBERG, JACOB: Papers, 1944-79

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The papers of Jacob Seidenberg were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library by his son John Seidenberg in March 2000.

Linear feet:	3.6
Approximate number of pages:	7,200
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John Seidenberg signed an instrument of gift for the papers on April 29, 2000. Literary rights in the unpublished writings of Jacob Seidenberg in this collection and in all other collections of papers received by the National Archives have been donated to the public. Under terms of the instrument of gift, the following classes of items are withheld from research use:

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Jacob Seidenberg (1914-1996) was a government official specializing in labor arbitration and non-discrimination contracts. He graduated from Temple University in 1937 and received a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1941. During the 1940s he was an attorney with the U.S. War Department, the National War Labor Board and the National Wage Stabilization Board. In 1948 he went to graduate school at Cornell University, from which he earned his Ph.D. in industrial and labor relations in 1951. He then joined the staff of the President's Committee on Government Contract Compliance. The Committee was abolished by President Eisenhower in August 1953 by Executive Order 10479 and was succeeded by the President's Committee on Government Contracts. Seidenberg was appointed Executive Director of the new committee and served until January 1960 when he resigned to become a full time labor arbitrator. The Committee was responsible for enforcing non-discrimination clauses in government contracts. The staff worked with private businesses to help them overcome job discrimination, and developed educational programs against ethnic and racial discrimination. The chairman was Vice President Richard Nixon, and the vice chairman was Secretary of Labor James Mitchell.

In later years Seidenberg served on a number of boards of inquiry involving labor disputes. From 1970 to 1975 he was chairman of the Federal Services Impasses Panel which settled deadlocks in federal labor negotiations.

During his lifetime, Jacob Seidenberg donated the bulk of his personal papers to Cornell University. However, he retained a small quantity of reference material that his family donated to the Eisenhower Library following his death. The collection has been divided into three series. The first series contains information on Seidenberg's personal speeches and writings, including a copy of his doctoral thesis on New York labor injunctions.

The second series contains information on the work of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. The series includes copies of Committee reports and minutes, proceedings of conferences sponsored by the Committee, and newspaper clippings describing the work of the Committee. Of particular importance is a detailed history of the Committee that Seidenberg compiled in 1960 after his resignation as Executive Director. Most of the material is fragmentary and does not form a complete record of the activities of the Committee. The official records of the Committee are part of Record Group 220 at the National Archives. Additional information on the Committee is in the papers of James Mitchell at the Eisenhower Library.

The third series consists of printed brochures, newsletters and booklets relating to labor activities, discrimination and civil rights that Seidenberg had collected. The material is arranged by origin (U.S. government or non-governmental) and thereunder by title or author.

## SERIES DESCRIPTION

Box Nos. Series

- 1 I. Personal Material. 1950-79. 1 box.
- Information on Seidenberg's speeches and writings, including a copy of his doctoral thesis on New York labor injunctions.
- 2-4 II. President's Committee on Government Contracts. 1954-60. 2½ boxes.
- Reports, publications, minutes of meetings, and newspaper clippings regarding the work of the Committee.
- 4-9 III. Reference Material. 1944-73. 5½ boxes.
- Booklets, pamphlets, printed reports and newsletters regarding labor arbitration, discrimination and civil rights. Arranged by origin (U.S. government or non-governmental) and thereunder by title or author.

## CONTAINER LIST

Box No.    Contents

1            Items Transferred to Book Collection

              Series I: Personal Material

Civil Rights Commission (1)-(3) [1960 study by Seidenberg re discrimination in federal employment]

Memorabilia

Negroes in the Work Group [1950 article by Seidenberg re employment practices in New York]

Regional Rail Reorganization Act Testimony Jan. 31, 1979 [employee benefits in railroad industry]

Speech Material FSIP (1)-(4) [speeches and reference material re labor arbitration, 1972-74]

Speeches – Misc.

Thesis (1) (2) [1951 doctoral thesis re labor injunctions in New York City, 1935-50]

2            Series II: President's Committee on Government Contracts

Annual Report 1954

Annual Report 1956

Annual Report 1957

Annual Report 1958

Annual Report 1959

Appraisal by Jacob Seidenberg 1960 (1)-(5) [history of Committee]

Appraisal by Jacob Seidenberg 1960 [copy 2] (1)-(5)

Basic Directives Regarding Equal Job Opportunity Program

- Conference – Equal Job Opportunity Oct. 25, 1955
- Conference – Youth Training-Incentives Feb. 4, 1957 (1)(2)
- 3 Conference – Minority Community Resources Jan. 15, 1958 (1)(2)
- Conference – Religious Leaders May 11, 1959 (1)(2)
- Equal Job Opportunity Mail Truck Poster Campaign Dec. 16-31, 1956 [news clippings]
- Equal Job Opportunity Program
- Executive Director’s Reports 1956 (1)(2)
- Executive Director’s Reports June-Nov. 1957
- Minutes 1956 (1)(2)
- Minutes 1957 (1)(2)
- Minutes 1958 (1)(2)
- Miscellaneous Material
- The New Girl [script for proposed film on integration in the workplace]
- 4 Newspaper Clippings Oct.-Dec. 1959 (1)(2)
- Newspaper Clippings Jan.-Mar. 1960 (1)-(4)
- Newspaper Clippings Miscellaneous
- Publications (1)(2)
- Series III: Reference Material
- U.S. Government Items
- Atomic Energy Commission
- Commerce Department
- Congress. Miscellaneous Reports

- Congress. State Court Injunctions 1951
- Congress. Wage Stabilization Program 1951
- 5 Fair Employment Practice Committee. First Report 1944
- Fair Employment Practice Committee. Final Report 1946
- Labor Department
- Labor Department. Administrative Expenses of Welfare and Pension Plans 1974
- Labor Department. Employment and Earnings, May 1960
- Labor Department. Employment and Earnings, November 1961
- Labor Department. Employment and Earnings, February 1962
- Labor Department. Employment and Earnings, June 1962
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- Labor Department. Exclusive Union Work Referral Systems 1970
- Labor Department. Labor and the Savannah River AEC Project 1952
- Labor Department. Negroes in Apprenticeship 1967
- Labor Department. Negroes in the United States 1952
- Labor Department. Union Status and Benefits of Retirees 1973
- 6 Library of Congress, Fair Employment Practice Legislation in the U.S. 1951
- Post Office
- President's Committee on Government Contract Compliance, 1952
- Hearings (1)-(3) [background material on training programs of government agencies]
- President's Committee on Government Contract Compliance, 1953 Report
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Backman, Jules, Economic Data Utilized in Wage Arbitration, 1952

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7 Commerce Clearing House, Fair Employment Practices Under the Civil Rights Act of 1964

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Handsaker, Morrison and Marjorie, The Submission Agreement in Contract Arbitration, 1952

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Judge Advocate Journal, July 1952

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Kuhn, Alfred, Arbitration in Transit, 1952

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Federally Supported Discrimination, 1961

National Community Relations Advisory Council, Jewish Employment Problems, 1953

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National Conference of Christians and Jews, Merit Employment is Good Business, 1967

New York School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Report of Seminar, 1954

- 8 New York State Commission Against Discrimination, Discrimination and Low Incomes, 1959
- New York State Commission Against Discrimination, Discrimination and Low Incomes, Pre-publication edition (1)-(5)
- New York State Commission Against Discrimination, Negroes in Five New York Cities, 1958
- 9 Pasley, Robert S., The Nondiscrimination Clause in Government Contracts, 1957
- Potomac Institute, Employer's Guide to Equal Opportunity, 1966
- Sheppard, Harold and Herbert E. Striner, Civil Rights, Employment, and the Social Status of American Negroes, 1966
- Shostak, Arthur B., America's Forgotten Labor Organization, 1962
- Simkin, William E., Acceptability as a Factor in Arbitration, 1952
- Southern Regional Council, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights, 1961
- Tripp, L. Reed, Wage-Reopening Arbitration, 1952
- Witte, Edwin E., Historical Survey of Labor Arbitration, 1952
- Miscellaneous Literature [samples of racist and anti-semitic literature]

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