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Size: 12 items

Geographic locations: New Orleans, Louisiana

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Summary: Photographs of events and participants, Fourth Biennial Meeting, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, November 1946, Carpenter’s Auditorium, 836 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Source: Gift, May 1981
Historical Note

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) was organized in November 1938 in Birmingham, Ala. The first president was Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

The Conference brought together progressives from labor, church, educational, business and professional groups. Its unique function was the uniting of blacks and whites in a common effort to solve the South’s social and economic problems.

One of the principal activities of the SCHW was a campaign to expand the franchise in the thirteen southern states by the elimination of the white primary and the abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting.

The tax-exempt arm of the SCHW operated under the name of the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF). Following the dissolution of the SCHW in November, 1948, the educational program of the Conference was carried on by SCEF.

The second meeting of the SCHW was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1940; a third meeting was convened in Nashville, Tennessee in April 1942. The fourth and last meeting of the SCHW was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, in November 1946.

Information on Southern Conference for Human Welfare and provenance of photographs provided by James A. Dombrowski.

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