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Morris Henderson was born October 31, 1926, in Portageville, Missouri, and moved to St. Louis with his parents in 1928. He attended Stowe Teachers College in 1944, joined the armed forces in 1945, and after the war he attended St. Louis University and received a degree in commerce in 1952. After working in the business community, he became the administrator of Peoples' Hospital, 1960-1966; the director of community involvements at the St. Louis Human Development Corporation, 1966-1970; and project director of the St. Louis Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., 1970-present Active in numerous civic and community groups, Henderson has also been one of St. Louis' prominent civil rights leaders. He has been a member of the NAACP, YMCA, St. Louis District Council-Boy Scouts of America, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the Urban League, the advisory committee of the Junior College District, the board of directors of the Ferrier-Harris Home for the Aged, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Elks, the Masons, the Central Baptist Church and many health-care organizations.

As President of the St. Louis County chapter of the NAACP (1955-1959 and 1963-1964), Henderson led the desegregation fight in St. Louis County against schools, eating facilities and other Jim Crow practices. (Membership in the chapter increased dramatically under his leadership). Henderson has received numerous awards and citations, including the Mound City Press Club Distinguished Citizen Award, 1957. He has been a contributing editor to the St. Louis American, St. Louis Argus, and the St. Louis Crusader. Mr. Henderson is listed in Who's Who in the Midwest, Who's Who Among Black Americans, and other biographical reference sources

The collection includes scrapbooks of the prominent civil rights leader who was the president of the St. Louis County chapter of the NAACP, (1955-59, 1963-64) and director of Peoples' Hospital, 1960-64.

OVERSIZE: autographed Tom Engelhardt editorial cartoon, "We can arrest them only for peace disturbance." 1/7/64


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