

Title: Paul Brown Defense Committee Collection

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Abstract: Paul Brown was born Sam Horowitz in New York City. He changed his name after moving to Milwaukee in 1953. In January 1954 he returned to his former home in Minneapolis, and in May of that year he was arrested for giving an assumed name to secure a driver's license and giving an assumed name to secure a registration of title. Brown was repeatedly denied his rights following his arrest and was given an exorbitant sentence from both Minnesota and Wisconsin courts. The Paul Brown Defense Committee argued that he was persecuted for his former ties to communism and that the case set a dangerous precedent for the restriction of civil liberties. The case was widely reported on in local newspapers and generated a great deal of discussion about the pervasiveness of anti-communism in American court systems.

Scope and Content: Correspondence, form letters, announcements of meetings, case information, news clippings, magazine articles, and circular. Also a map from Milwaukee Transit Co. and a book of phone numbers.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English