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Adam Clayton Powell**

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Introduction

Controversial politician and clergyman Adam Clayton Powell was active in many labor organizations and militant groups. He was elected to New York City council in 1941, and first elected to U.S. Congress in 1945. In 1967, Powell was excluded by the House of Representatives for alleged misuse of House funds, contempt of New York court orders concerning a libel judgment against him, and conduct unbecoming a member.

Powell was reelected in a special 1967 election and again in 1968. He was seated in the 1969 Congress but was fined \$25,000 and deprived of his seniority. In June 1969 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Powell's expulsion from the House had been constitutional. Powell was defeated for reelection in 1970.

The FBI file covers the years 1943 to the 1960s and contains newspaper clippings and close accounts of Adam Clayton Powell's movements.

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This file is in approximate chronological order, and the FBI did not index documents. The Roll Notes is not a complete inventory of the file; however, it gives an indication of the types of material or specific documents that may be particularly worthwhile for research.

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News article:

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Excerpts from a forum at the University of Michigan

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News articles:

New York Post (Feb 1969)

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News article:

The Washington Post (May 1970)

“Powell is Cheered in Howard Speech”

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“Rally to Protest Negro Killing in Harlem” (May 1942)

“Politics as Usual, Hit by Powell in Council (Jun 1942)

“Negro Editor Urges McNutt Speak Out against Jim
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“50 Clergymen Back Powell for Congress” (Mar 1944)

The New York Times (Apr 1944)

“Powell Opposed for House as Red”

Also includes articles from *The People’s Voice*, a newspaper
published and edited by Adam Clayton Powell, and
several “Soapbox” columns, his editorial comment

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"Marching Blacks Show Need for Racial Unity"
(Aug 1946)

"Washington Outhouse of Fascism-Powell"
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"Powell's Opponent Terms Him Too Dangerous for
Congress"

The Daily Worker :

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"Powell Files Anti-Lynching Measure in New Congress"
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The Clarion Ledger (Oct 1955)

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The Indianapolis Times (Dec 1955)

“Lawmaker Warns of Race Hatred”

The Washington Post:

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“Kickback to Powell Blamed on Ex-Secretary”
(May 1956)

“Powell is Angry Over Tax Probe” (Dec 1956)

The Daily Worker (Sep 1957)

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The New York Daily News (May 1958)

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N.Y. Post:

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Washington Star (Apr 1961)

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“Powell Says Mob Invaded Home in Puerto Rico”
The Washington Daily News (Feb 1963)

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New York Journal American (Apr 1963)

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N.Y. Herald Tribune (Nov 1963)

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New York Daily News:

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The New York Times (Sep 1966)

“Audit Underway on Powell Funds”

Washington Evening Star (Oct 1966)

“Rep. Powell Sentenced to 30-Day Jail Term”

The New York Times (Dec 1966)

“Fight in Congress to Bar Powell Planned by California
Democrat

The Washington Post (Jan 1967)

“Powell Misuse of Funds Exposed”

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The Washington Post (Jan 1967)

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“Rep. Powell Stripped of Chairmanship”

World Journal Tribune (Jan 1967)

“Powell Case Points Up Phony Liberalism”

New York Daily News (Feb 1967)

“Powell Defies House Probers”

The Washington Post (Feb 1967)

“Records Say Public Paid for Trips by Powell, et al.”

New York Daily News (Mar 1967)

“Justice Dept. Opens Adam Quiz”

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Mar 1967-Jun 1968

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World Journal Tribune (Mar 1967)

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The Washington Post (Mar 1967)

“Powell Sues House to Regain His Seat”

The New York Times (Apr 1967)

“U.S. Judge Rules Courts Can’t Act on Powell’s Seat”

Sunday News (Mar 1968)

“Adam Calls for New Negro Militancy”

N.Y. Daily News (Mar 1968)

“Young-Old Civil War Predicted by Powell”

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The Washington Post:

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“Odds Favor Powell’s Return to House in January”

(Nov 1968)

N.Y. Daily News (Jul 1968)

“Court Upholds Adam Powell’s ‘66 Conviction”

Omaha World Herald (Oct 1968)

“Powell Says Negroes ‘68 Losers”

The Evening Star (Apr 1969)

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N.Y. Daily News (Oct 1969)

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The California Eagle (Mar 1943)

“A. Clayton Powell Raps Louisiana Governor in Speech”

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“Fight on Bias Cannot Wait, Powell Tells Freedom
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Pittsburgh Courier (Feb 1948)

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Daily Worker:

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Amsterdam News (Jun 1952)

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The Daily Worker:

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“Rep. Powell Says He’ll Ask Ike to Dismiss

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“Powell Declares Both Parties Snub Negroes”

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“NAACP Urges Action on House Post for Powell”

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“Hazel Scott-Powell Rift Is in the Open”

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N.Y. World Telegram (Jul 1964)

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“Powell Loses Last Appeal Hope at Supreme Court”

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Daily Worker:

“Ailing Powell Must Rest for 3 Months” (Jun 1957)

“Powell Charges Demos Shifting” (Jul 1957)

N.Y. World Telegram:

“Powell Trial Takes an International Tinge”

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“Rep. Powell Accused of Labor Blackmail”

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“Congress is Adam’s Viper” (Apr 1963)

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The New York Times:

“Suit Says Powell Bars Whites from Selling Liquor in Harlem” (Mar 1960)

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News article:

The Washington Post (Feb 1965)

"Underworld Plot Claimed by Powell"

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