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Vice President of the Women's Emergency Committee to Open Our Schools, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1958-60.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Work with the Women's Emergency Committee (WEC): importance of Mrs. David Terry to formation of WEC; importance of the WEC's survey and report on Little Rock's economic conditions; WEC's pragmatic attitude towards issues of public education, business, and integration; WEC's move towards a political pressure group, and disbanding in 1964; problems her WEC involvement caused in her personal life. Results of the Little Rock School Board's vote to purge teachers in 1959. Short comments: blacks in WEC; Orval Faubus; Brooks Hays; Henry Ashmore and the Arkansas Gazette; Eisenhower Administration's handling of the crisis. Her personal opinion on how integration should have been handled. Economic pressures put on those who supported WEC.

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