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The Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties was chartered in 1954 to prevent the desegregation of Virginia's public schools. It was the most powerful segregationist organization in Virginia and proved instrumental in the passage of the Massive Resistance laws enacted by the General Assembly in 1956.

Scope and Content Information

Records, 1956-1963, of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, including a special bulletin reminding members to encourage their state representatives to support the continuation of segregation in the special session of the General Assembly in 1956, a statement, 1959, from its president, Robert B. Crawford, and a statement, 1963, by the state board of directors on the organization's beliefs on the communist influence on race relations, and miscegenation.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.