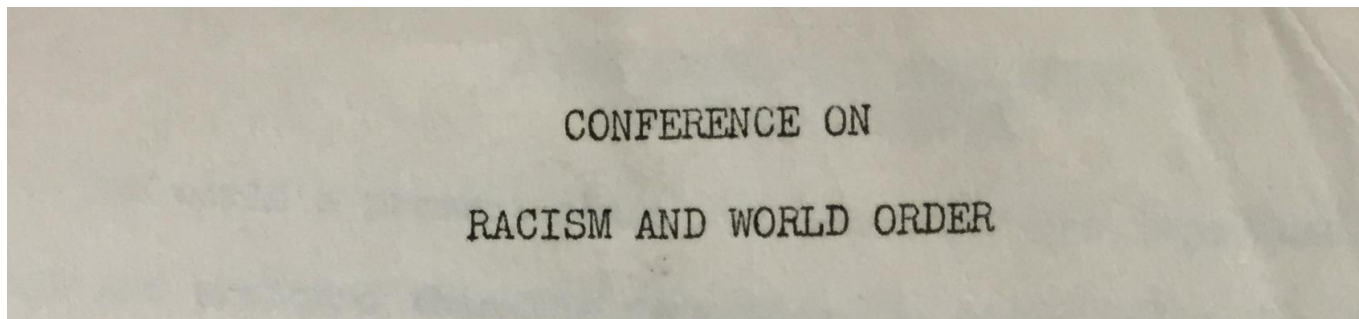


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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 12

Finding Aid for

Conference on Racism and World Order Records, 1943 – 1944



Conference Documents. Credit to: MRL 12: Conference on Racism and World Order Records, box 1, and folder 8, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

Creator: Conference on Racism and World Order
Title: Conference on Racism and World Order Records
Dates: 1943-1944
Abstract: Collection pertaining to a Conference held in Illinois in 1944. Contains conference reports and study information.
Size: 1 box, 0.50 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Email: burkearchives@library.columbia.edu

Administrative Information

- Provenance:** These records were donated by Dr. Edmund D. Soper after the conference was held, and sent directly to Missionary Research Library director Charles Fahs. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives with the closure of the MRL.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MRL 12: Conference on Racism and World Order Records, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

History

The Conference on Racism and World Order was held March 16-20, 1944 in Evanston, Illinois. It was an outgrowth of a conference held at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, in March 1943 on Christian Bases and World Order. It was felt in 1943 that this topic was so important that it needed further study. The Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church sponsored the Evanston Conference and the preparatory studies in ten cities in the mid-west.

The project was under the direction of Dr. Edmund D. Soper, of the faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute. Each of the groups in the ten Midwestern cities was composed of 15-20 people. Each group prepared a report that was read at the Conference in 1944.

There were no findings at the Evanston Conference of 1944, no resolutions, and no recommended actions. The reports represent the thinking of the groups and provoked discussion onsite. The Evanston Conference was believed to be a "good introduction to racism as a factor in world order."

Sources: Information was provided from the records themselves.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection contains the individual reports from various geographic locations, as well as seminary reports from the Midwestern cities. All of the records are from 1943-1944 and were donated to MRL by Dr. Edmund D. Soper.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

Further Sources

The Burke Library contains a number of collections related to the topics and geographic locations covered in this group. For more information, please see the [Burke Library Archives website](#).

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