

Ford Foundation records, Associate Director and Vice President, Office Files of William McPeak

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Summary Information

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Office Files of William McPeak

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Material:

English.

Abstract: The Office Files of William McPeak provide a partial record of

his activities as Associate Director and, later Vice President, at the Ford Foundation between 1950-1964. The files have been in the

Foundation Archives since the 1970s. It was not possible to reconstruct the original order of the files because, at some point, the Office Files were reorganized. Evidence of this is the placement of items in folders bearing titles which are different from the notation written on the upper right-hand corner of the item. For example, letters marked "Consultants - Fels, Wm. C." were refiled under "CEEB." For this reason the processor imposed an artificial order and created series.

Biographical / Historical

William McPeak was an Assistant Director of the Study for the Ford Foundation on Policy and Program from 1948-1950. Between 1953 and 1964 he held the following administrative positions at the Ford Foundation:

- 1962-64 Vice President Office of Policy Planning
- 1955-62 Vice President Administration
- 1954 Acting President

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- 1953-1955 Associate Director Education, Behavioral Sciences

William McPeak was born August 4, 1908. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1933 from George Washington Evening school (Washington, DC). Prior to his career at the Ford Foundation, Mr. McPeak held the following positions:

- 1950-53, Executive Director, Ford Motor Company Fund
- 1948, Executive Assistant, Hoover Commission, Medical Manpower Subcommittee
- 1948, Study Director, American Heart Association
- 1948, Associate, Raymond Rich Associates, Public Relations
- 1946-48, Study Director, Association for the Aid of Crippled Children
- 1941-45, Chief of Development Section, United States War Department, Information and Education Division
- 1940-41, Associate Agricultural Program Analyst, United States Department of Agriculture
- 1929-34, Correspondent, Partner, Washington Press Service

His publications include the articles, "Problems of Field Management in Army Opinion Research" for the Journal of the American Statistical Association, "Pediatricians' Views Concerning Problems of the Handicapped" in the Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the chapter "Scholarships and Fellowships" in the book, Manual of Corporate Giving, edited by Beardsley Ruml.

Mr. McPeak died on March 31, 1964.

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Scope and Contents

The Office of the Associate Director/Vice President Office Files of William McPeak consist of 4.25 linear feet of correspondence and inter-office memoranda. These files give an incomplete documentation of some of the activities of William McPeak in the administration of the Ford Foundation and in the Program areas of education and behavioral science.

The research strength of these files is two-fold: the documentation of Mr. McPeak's formulation of policy, and his role in implementing it at the Ford Foundation in its first decade. Correspondence in Series I, Administration, is especially rich in this respect. There is a very small amount of correspondence from Mr. McPeak's tenure at the Ford Motor Company Fund where he worked in their scholarship program.

There is a limited amount of hard information in Mr. Peak's files; it is suggested that the researcher use these records in conjunction with other Foundation Holdings. Some topics mentioned in the files include: educational television, release time for faculty for educational television programming, the University of Chicago Law School grant, the Foundation's public relations efforts, the college grants program, juvenile delinquency, and the relationship between the Foundation and its intermediaries--including grantees and Funds. Correspondents include: Paul Bixler, Dyke Brown, Fred Cole, H. Rowan Gaither, Earl Newsom, Beardsley Ruml, William C. Fels, Milton Katz, Paul Lazarsfeld, and W. McNeil Lowry. There is no correspondence with the following institutions: American Council on Education, American Library Association, College Entrance Examination Board, Library of Congress, National Social Welfare Assembly, and the Social Science Research Council.

The files do not include Mr. McPeak's records of the Study for the Ford Foundation on Policy and Program (Study Committee) or the records of the 1955 special appropriations for raising faculty salaries, for medical schools, and for private hospitals. Much of this information is available elsewhere in the Archives.

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Arrangement

The Office of the Associate Director/Vice President Office Files of William McPeak have been divided into four series:

- I. Administration
- II. Program Area IV: Education in a Democratic Society
- III. Program Area V: Individual Behavior and Human Relations
- IV. Program Areas I, II, and III

Within each series the files are arranged alphabetically.

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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ford Foundation archive was deposited at RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files and officers papers were transferred to, and accessioned by, RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

Conditions Governing Access

Records more than 10 years old are open for research with select materials restricted as noted. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Speeches, articles, and reports by staff and consultants relating to Ford Foundation activities were removed from Mr. McPeak's office files and transferred to the appropriate record groups. A cross-reference sheet was inserted for each removed item. Removed reports and articles are listed in Appendix A, and removed speeches are listed in Appendix B.

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be restricted from scholarly research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment.

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be restricted from scholarly research at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/RAC Head of Reference.

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Collection Inventory

Administration, 1949-1965 (1954-1956)

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Series I, Administration, consists of correspondence and inter-office memoranda and is divided into the following five subseries:

- A. Organization and Policy
- B. Program Committee
- C. Congressional Investigation
- D. Correspondence
- E. Speeches and Writings

Each subseries is arranged alphabetically. Within each folder items are in reverse chronological order.

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- B. Program Area II: The Strengthening of Democracy
- C. Program Area III: The Strengthening of the Economy

Each subseries is organized alphabetically; within each folder the items are in reverse chronological order.

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