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Guide to the Robert W. Spike Papers 1838-2005



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract The Reverend Doctor Robert Warren Spike (1923-1966) was a minister, theologian, and activist who served as the first Executive Director of the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches and Professor of Ministry and Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. A leader in mobilizing church involvement in the civil rights movement, Spike was murdered less than a year after assuming his post in Chicago.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research. Series VIII contains restricted student records which are closed for 80 years from date of record creation, and legal correspondence which is closed indefinitely.

Restrictions on Use

Series VI, Audio-Visual, does not include access copies for the audiotape, the film reel, or the VHS tape. Researchers will need to consult with staff before requesting these items.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Spike, Robert W. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Biographical Note

The Reverend Doctor Robert Warren Spike (1923-1966) was a minister, theologian, and activist who served as the first Executive Director of the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches and Professor of Ministry and Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. A leader in mobilizing church

involvement in the civil rights movement, Spike was murdered less than a year after assuming his post in Chicago.

Robert Spike was born on November 13, 1923 in Buffalo, New York to Warren and Lucy Spike. After graduating from Denison University in Ohio, he went on to attend Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He then earned his doctorate from Columbia University in 1954. He married Alice Coffman in 1945, with whom he had two sons, Paul and John Spike.

Spike served as an associate minister of the First Baptist Church in Granville, Ohio from 1946 to 1948, and from 1949 until 1956 he was the minister of Judson Memorial Church in New York City. At Judson, Spike worked to integrate community action into the church. He also served as a chaplain at Youth House, a detention home for adolescents in New York City. Following his time at Judson, Spike began his career at the National Council of Churches. He became the General Secretary of The Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, as well as the Chairman of the Committee for a Christian Ministry in the National Parks. He also served on the Commission on a Christian Ministry with People in Leisure-Recreation. His ecumenical work was extensive, and extended to a role in the World Council of Churches.

Spike was thrust onto the national stage when he became the first Executive Director of the National Council of Churches' Commission on Religion and Race, created in June 1963 "to mobilize the resources of all units of the National Council and its member denominations in a planned strategy against all forms of racial injustice in American life." In this role, Spike was prominent in the civil rights movement, organizing Protestant participation in civil rights protests and marches across the country and working closely with the White House as an advocate on the formation and implementation of civil rights legislation. He was also involved in the National Council of Churches' ministry and activism in Mississippi, and continued to work for the funding of programs, such as the Child Development Groups of Mississippi (CDGM), even after his appointment as the Director of the pioneering Doctor of Ministry Program in the Divinity School at the University of Chicago before his death in 1966.

In addition to his teaching and ministry, Spike was known as a successful speaker, delivering speeches and addresses at conferences and on college campuses around the country, as well as preaching at a range of religious institutions. In addition to numerous speeches and sermons, Spike was the author of the books *Tests of a Living Church*, *Safe in Bondage*, *To be a Man*, and *The Freedom Revolution and the Churches*. He also wrote many articles, and served on the editorial board of the journal *Christianity and Crisis*.

Scope Note

The collection contains correspondence, sermons, articles, essays, audiotape recordings, and other materials relating, among other subjects, to the history of the Christian church and social activism, ecumenism, and the history of the civil rights movement in the United States. A more

detailed description of its contents can be found in the series descriptions at the start of each series in the inventory section of this guide. The collection contains material from 1838 to 2005, though most of the material falls between 1950 and 1966. Series VIII contains restricted student records and legal correspondence, which are respectively closed until 2043 and indefinitely.

The collection is organized into eight series:

I. Personal

II. Correspondence

III. Writings

IV. Professional

V. Writings by Others

VI. Audio-Visual

VII. Oversize

VIII. Restricted

I. Personal: Contains material pertinent to Spike's early life from his childhood and education - such as essays from his high school through his doctoral study - and to his death - such as memorials and obituaries. This series contains genealogical material, scrapbooks, journals, appointment calendars, essays, biographies, obituaries, memorials, and newspaper clippings. Notably, it also contains an original program from the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. It ranges in date from 1828 to 1977, but mostly falls between 1935 and 1966.

II. Correspondence: Contains the personal and professional correspondence of Robert Spike. It also contains condolence telegrams and correspondence to Mrs. Alice Spike, Dean Jerald Brauer of the University of Chicago Divinity School, and Dr. Howard Moody of Judson Memorial Church after Spike's murder. Telegrams, many with extended messages, include those from Martin Luther King, Jr., Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, Stokely Carmichael, Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, and Victor Reuther. There are also telegrams from various groups in Mississippi, including the Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM), with whom he was very active up to his death. The material in this series covers from 1936 to 2005, but mostly falls between 1950 and 1966.

III. Writings: Contains material related to the development of Spike's published and unpublished written work, as well as sermons and speeches. This includes notes, outlines, manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, publicity, and reviews. Subjects range from the role of the church in social action, to race and the civil rights movement. Material ranges in date from 1941 to 1966; it mostly falls between 1955 and 1966.

IV. Professional: Contains reports, newsletters, correspondence, articles, pamphlets, memos, minutes, agendas, and syllabi from throughout Robert Spike's professional career. Subseries include Judson Memorial Church, The American Baptist Convention, The Protestant Council of the City of New York, Leadership in Political Organizations, Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ and the National Council of the Churches in Christ, The World Council of Churches, the White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights," the Child Development Groups of Mississippi (CDGM), and Teaching. Spike's most prominent role is represented by his time as the first Executive Director of the ecumenical Commission on Religion and Race; this is located under National Council of the Churches in Christ. This series ranges in date from 1946 to 1990; the bulk of the material falls between 1950 and 1966. A description of each subseries is found under the Series Description for Series IV below.

V. Writings by Others: Contains publications, books, pamphlets, newsletters, reports, magazines, and brochures written by other authors from 1937 to 1966.

VI. Audio-Visual: Contains photographs, photographic negatives, one film reel of home movies from 1946 to 1958, one reel-to-reel audiotape, and a VHS tape. The photographs range from 1860 to 1966, with most of them falling between 1955 and 1966. Folder 11 contains photographs taken at the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The audiotape reel is of particular interest, as it is a recording of three lectures Robert Spike gave several months before his death in 1966. This series does not include access copies for the audiotape, the film reel, or the VHS tape. Researchers will need to consult with staff before requesting these items.

VII. Oversize: Contains a broad range of materials from 1901 to 1966, though the bulk of the material falls between 1955 and 1966. Personal materials include sheet music composed by Robert Spike's grandmother, genealogical material, and a family photo album of Alice and Robert Spike. There are also articles and photographs from Robert Spike's professional career. This series also notably contains a series of commemorative prints for the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

VIII. Restricted: Contains restricted student records from Robert Spike's sons, John and Paul Spike, which are closed until 2043, and legal correspondence for Robert and Alice Spike regarding real estate, which are closed indefinitely.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Blakemore, William Barnett. Papers

Brauer, Jerald. Papers

Commission on Race and Housing. Records

Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference. Records

Pitcher, W. Alvin. Papers

University of Chicago. Committee on Education, Training, and Research in Race Relations. Records

University of Chicago Divinity School. Records

Wells, Ida B. Papers

Subject Headings

- Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978
- Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973
- King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968
- Moody, Howard, 1921-2012
- Moynihan, Daniel P. (Daniel Patrick), 1927-2003
- Spike, John T.
- Spike, Paul, 1947-
- Shriver, Sargent, 1915-2011
- Spike, Robert W. (Robert Warren)
- American Baptist Convention
- Child Development Group of Mississippi
- Delta Ministry of Mississippi
- Judson Memorial Church (New York, N.Y.)
- National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
- National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities
- Protestant Council of the City of New York
- United Church of Christ
- University of Chicago. Divinity School
- World Council of Churches
- Civil rights movement
- Ecumenists
- March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (1963: Washington, D.C.)

- Sermons, American 20th century
- Youth--Religious life
- Greenwich Village (New York, N.Y.)

INVENTORY

Series I: Personal

Series I, Personal, ranges in date from 1828 to 1977, but mostly falls between 1935 and 1966. This series is divided into two subseries arranged primarily in chronological order:

Subseries 1, Family History, contains genealogical materials collected by Robert Spike's grandmother Lucy Harrington Johnson, or Mrs. A. B. Johnson, who was a poet and composer. It also contains some material from Robert Spike's wife, Alice, and his sons. This subseries includes articles, notes, essays, family trees, poetry, and letters.

Subseries 2, Personal History, contains material pertinent to Spike's early life from his childhood and education - such as essays from his high school through his doctoral study - and to his death - such as memorials and obituaries. This series consists of scrapbooks, journals, appointment calendars, essays, biographies, obituaries, memorials, and newspaper clippings. Notably, it also contains an original program from the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Subseries 1: Family History

Box 1

Folder 1

Family Correspondence, 1828-1914

Box 1

Folder 2

The Harrington Family, 1848-1937

Box 1

Folder 3

The Van Deusen Family, 1878, 1937

Box 1

Folder 4

The Jordan Family [1/2], undated, 1908-1927

Box 1

Folder 5

The Jordan Family [2/2], undated, 1935

Box 1

Folder 6

The Manchester Family, undated, 1914

Box 1

Folder 7

The Johnson Family Reunion – Notes and Correspondence, 1916-1936

Box 1

Folder 8

Lucy Harrington Johnson (also known as Mrs. A. B. Johnson) – Poetry and copyrights with ephemera, circa 1917-1918

Box 1

Folder 9

The Allerton Family, circa 1920

Box 1

Folder 10

The Holmes Family and Ancestors, undated, circa 1920

Box 1

Folder 11

The Moses Family, 1922

Box 1

Folder 12

The Doty Family, undated, 1925

Box 1

Folder 13

Early Ancestors – Ferris, McDonald, Niles, Purdy, undated, 1928

Box 1

Folder 14

The Dyer Family, undated, 1932

Box 1

Folder 15

Genealogical Notes and Essays – Compiled and written by Lucy Harrington Johnson, circa 1935-1937

Box 1

Folder 16

Spike Family Ephemera, 1936

Box 1

Folder 17

Alice Spike – Personal ephemera, 1941-1964

Box 1

Folder 18

John and Paul Spike – Childhood ephemera, 1957-1961

Box 1

Folder 19

Warren Spike – Obituary and ephemera, 1961

Subseries 2: Personal History

Box 1

Folder 20

Baby Book, 1923-1924

Box 1

Folder 21

Autograph Book, 1933-1936

Box 2

Folder 1

"Five-Year Diary," 1935-1938

Box 2

Folder 2

Brockport Elementary and High School – Transcripts, 1935-1940

Box 2

Folder 3

"Ancestors" Album with ephemera, 1936

Box 2

Folder 4

New York State Baptist Young People's Assembly - "The Pioneer" – Class in Writing Religious Drama, 1938

Box 2

Folder 5

Brockport High School – Essay – "Lucy Harrington Johnson," 1940

Box 2

Folder 6

Brockport High School Graduation, 1940

Box 2

Folder 7

Sugar Creek Baptist Church – Jamestown, Ohio – Directory with ephemera, 1938

Box 2

Folder 8

First Baptist Church – Rochester, New York – Orders of service, pamphlets, and ephemera, 1940-1951

Box 2

Folder 9

Denison University – Annual Catalogue, 1898-1899

Box 2

Folder 10

Denison University – Programs and directories, 1940-1948

Box 2

Folder 11

Denison University – Student publications, 1940-1941

Box 2

Folder 12

Denison University - Essays, 1942-1943

Box 2

Folder 13

Denison University – Theater – Prompt book and stage setting, 1943

Box 2

Folder 14

Denison University – Alumni newsletter and correspondence, 1943-1950

Box 2

Folder 15

Denison University – Folder identified as 'College Address Book', circa 1944

Box 3

Folder 1

Denison University – Transcripts and correspondence, 1944

Box 3

Folder 2

Denison University Graduation, 1944

Box 3

Folder 3

"Log for the Summer in New York City" – Journal in two volumes, 1944

Box 3

Folder 4

Summer in New York City Essay, 1944

Box 3

Folder 5

Memorabilia and Pamphlets, 1944-1960

Box 3

Folder 6

Colgate-Rochester Divinity School – Materials and correspondence – Includes Robert Spike's ministerial record, 1944-1953

Box 3

Folder 7

Colgate-Rochester Divinity School – Course material, circa 1945-1946

Box 3

Folder 8

Colgate-Rochester Divinity School – Essays, 1945-1946

Box 3

Folder 9

Colgate-Rochester Divinity School Graduation, 1946

Box 3

Folder 10

First Baptist Church – Brockport, New York, 1945-1949

Box 3

Folder 11

First Baptist Church – Brockport, New York – Robert Spike's Ordination – Program, correspondence, and statements, 1946

Box 3

Folder 12

Rhode Island Baptist Youth Camp Year Book, 1946

Box 3

Folder 13

Columbia University – Materials and records – Teachers College – Doctor of Education, 1948-1949

Box 3

Folder 14

Columbia University – Dissertation proposal drafts on youth and religion – Teachers College – Doctor of Education, circa 1949

Box 3

Folder 15

Columbia University – Dissertation research materials and correspondence – Teachers College – Doctor of Education, 1947-1954

Box 3

Folder 16

Columbia University – Holograph dissertation draft – Teachers College – Doctor of Education [1/2], circa 1953-1954

Box 4

Folder 1

Columbia University – Holograph dissertation draft – Teachers College – Doctor of Education [2/2], circa 1953-1954

Box 4

Folder 2

Columbia University – Typescript dissertation draft – Introduction – Teachers College – Doctor of Education, circa 1954

Box 4

Folder 3

Columbia University – Typescript dissertation draft – Partial – Teachers College – Doctor of Education, circa 1954

Box 4

Folder 4

Columbia University Graduation – Teachers College – Doctor of Education, 1954

Box 4

Folder 5

Bills, Receipts, and Ephemera, 1955-1960

Box 4

Folder 6

Alice Spike – Passport and work contracts, 1957-1967

Box 4

Folder 7

Certification of Birth for Robert Spike, 1958

Box 4

Folder 8

Pilgrim Hymnal – Monogrammed, 1959

Box 4

Folder 9

National Council of Churches – Pension and insurance, 1959-1964

Box 4

Folder 10

United Church of Christ – Certificate of Enrollment as a Minister, 1961

Box 4

Folder 11

Royalties – Robert Spike books, 1962-1972

Box 4

Folder 12

Memorabilia – "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom" – Lincoln Memorial Program, 1963

Box 4

Folder 13

Moravian College – Commencement speaker and honorary degree, 1964

Box 4

Folder 14

Budget and Notes, 1964-1965

Box 4

Folder 15

Biographical Information, 1965

Box 4

Folder 16

Apartment Lease – Chicago, Illinois, 1966

Box 4

Folder 17

University of Chicago – Insurance, 1966

Box 5

Folder 1

Calendars [1/3], 1951-1955

Box 5

Folder 2

Calendars [2/3], 1960-1962

Box 5

Folder 3

Calendars [3/3], 1963-1965

Box 5

Folder 4

Scrapbook – Robert Spike [1/2], 1955-1961

Box 5

Folder 5

Scrapbook – Robert Spike [2/2], 1961-1964

Box 5

Folder 6

Newspaper Clippings and Memorials, 1955-1966

Box 5

Folder 7

Memorial Services, 1966, 1977

Box 5

Folder 8

Obituaries, 1966

Box 5

Folder 9

Monographed Notepad, undated

Box 5

Folder 10

Wire-bound Notebooks – Notes and lists, undated

Series II: Correspondence

Series II, Correspondence, contains material from 1936 to 2005, but mostly falls between 1950 and 1966. This series is divided into two subseries:

Subseries 1, Correspondence, contains the personal and professional correspondence of Robert Spike, arranged alphabetically and with folders ordered chronologically. Aside from the broad range of subjects under General Correspondence, which are work-related and personal, Folder 23 may be of particular interest as it contains letters Spike retained specifically under the label 'Personal' that range from family letters to employment, as well as a letter specifically referencing Spike's support for a clergyman accused of being a Communist. Folder 31 is also of particular interest, as it contains a letter from Robert Spike to Lee Rainwater regarding his article on the Moynihan controversy in which Spike addresses what he sees as a misunderstanding of the role of the churches in the civil rights movement.

Subseries 2, Condolence and Memorial Fund Correspondence, contains condolence telegrams and extensive condolence correspondence to Mrs. Alice Spike, Dean Jerald Brauer of the University of Chicago Divinity School, and Dr. Howard Moody of Judson Memorial Church after Robert Spike's murder. Telegrams, many with extended messages, include those from Martin Luther King, Jr., Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, Stokely Carmichael, Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, and Victor Reuther. This subseries also contains telegrams from various groups in Mississippi, including the Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM), with whom he was very active up to his death.

Subseries 1: Correspondence

Box 6

Folder 1

General Correspondence – A, 1951-1952

Box 6

Folder 2

General Correspondence – B, 1945-1951, 1965

Box 6

Folder 3

General Correspondence – C, 1950-1966

Box 6

Folder 4

General Correspondence – D, 1953-1964

Box 6

Folder 5

General Correspondence – E, 1963-1966

Box 6

Folder 6

General Correspondence – F, 1951-1965

Box 6

Folder 7

General Correspondence – G, 1965-1966

Box 6

Folder 8

General Correspondence – H, 1951-1952

Box 6

Folder 9

General Correspondence – I, 1950-1951

Box 6

Folder 10

General Correspondence – J, 1950

Box 6

Folder 11

General Correspondence – K, 1965-1966

Box 6

Folder 12

General Correspondence – L, 1951, 1964

Box 6

Folder 13

General Correspondence – M, 1951-1966

Box 6

Folder 14

General Correspondence – N, 1965-1965

Box 6

Folder 15

General Correspondence – P, 1952-1955

Box 6

Folder 16

General Correspondence – Q, 1951

Box 6

Folder 17

General Correspondence – R, 1966

Box 6

Folder 18

General Correspondence – S, 1936-1966

Box 6

Folder 19

General Correspondence – W, 1965-1966

Box 6

Folder 20

Spike Family Correspondence – With ephemera, 1943-2005

- This folder contains a letter to David Dixon from John Spike regarding Dixon's research into Robert Spike for Dixon's volumes on religion and the civil rights movement.

Box 6

Folder 21

Ministers and Missions Benefit Board – Pension Fund, 1951

Box 6

Folder 22

The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, 1956-1966

Box 6

Folder 23

'Personal' (Original Label) – With ephemera, 1956-1966

- This file contains letters to and about family, as well as letters related to employment. It also contains a letter from the General Secretary of the American Baptist Convention regarding Robert Spike's signature on a 1951 Supreme Court brief in defense of "communist clergyman" William Howard Melish, and a 1961 newsletter from the First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Arizona addressing claims that Protestant clergy were communists.

Box 6

Folder 24

Ben Moring (Alvin Lester ben-Moring), 1962-1964

Box 6

Folder 25

Invitation to Lyndon B. Johnson's Inaugural Ball, 1964

Box 6

Folder 26

Invitation to Martin Luther King, Jr. Reception – From the U.S. and Norwegian Representatives of the United Nations, 1964

Box 6

Folder 27

Related to Robert Spike's Resignation from the Commission on Religion and Race – With ephemera, 1965

Box 6

Folder 28

West Coast Urban Training Center – Includes proposal, 1965

Box 6

Folder 29

Eugene Foley – Assistant Secretary of Commerce – Includes transcription of his speech at the Consultation on Equal Opportunity in Employment – National Council of Churches in Christ, 1966

Box 6

Folder 30

Financial, 1966

Box 6

Folder 31

Lee Rainwater and "The Sources of the Moynihan Controversy," 1966

Box 6

Folder 32

National Association of Real Estate Boards – "Statement of Accord" between the NAREB and Religious Organizations Regarding Segregation, 1966

Box 6

Folder 33

National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities – National Council on the Humanities – Robert Spike, Member – With ephemera, 1966

- This folder contains correspondence about the founding of the National Council on the Humanities, as well as ephemera related to proposed projects, budgets, and a copy of Hubert Humphrey's speech to the American Council of Learned Societies in 1966.

Box 6

Folder 34

Stanley G. Roat – Chaplain/Captain Infantry Division Artillery – Discussion of Theologian's Protest of the Vietnam War, 1966

Box 6

Folder 35

Terrence Hallinan – Accounts of National Council of Churches civil rights work and arrests of Northern activists in Mississippi – To the Committee of Bar Examiners in California, 1966

Box 6

Folder 36

William Maness - With ephemera, 1966

Box 6

Folder 37

Envelope – Theatre Arts, undated

Subseries 2: Condolence and Memorial Fund Correspondence

Box 7

Folder 1

Condolence Telegrams – Mrs. Alice Spike, 1966

- Among others, this folder includes telegrams from Martin Luther King, Jr., Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, Stokely Carmichael, Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, and Victor Reuther. It also contains telegrams from various groups in Mississippi, including the Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM), with whom he was very active up to his death.

Box 7

Folder 2

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [1/12], 1966

Box 7

Folder 3

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [2/12], 1966

Box 7

Folder 4

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [3/12], 1966

Box 7

Folder 5

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [4/12], 1966

Box 7

Folder 6

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [5/12], 1966

Box 7

Folder 7

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [6/12], 1966

Box 8

Folder 1

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [7/12], 1966

Box 8

Folder 2

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [8/12], 1966

Box 8

Folder 3

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [9/12], 1966

Box 8

Folder 4

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [10/12], 1966

Box 8

Folder 5

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [11/12], 1966

Box 8

Folder 6

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – October [12/12], 1966

Box 9

Folder 1

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – November [1/3], 1966

Box 9

Folder 2

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – November [2/3], 1966

Box 9

Folder 3

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – November [3/3], 1966

Box 9

Folder 4

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – December, 1966

Box 9

Folder 5

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike – Includes genealogical photographs, 1966

Box 9

Folder 6

Condolence Correspondence – Mrs. Alice Spike, 1967

Box 9

Folder 7

Condolence Correspondence – National Council of the Churches of Christ, 1966

Box 9

Folder 8

Condolence and Memorial Fund Correspondence – Dean Jerald Brauer – University of Chicago Divinity School, 1966

Box 9

Folder 9

Memorial Fund Correspondence – Dr. Howard Moody – Judson Memorial Church, 1966-1967

Series III: Writings

Series III, Writings, ranges in date from 1941 to 1966; most of the material falls between 1955 and 1966. This series is divided into five subseries and then organized chronologically within each:

Subseries 1, Collected File Copies of Writings, contains copies of articles and speeches that had been collected in five binders. A file-card index of these writings is also included. It contains titles not represented in the subseries below.

Subseries 2, Articles and Essays, contains material related to the development of Spike's published and unpublished articles. This includes notes, manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, publicity, and reviews. Of special interest in relation to Spike's assessment of the civil rights movement and its internal divisions is the article found in Folder 19, "Fissures in the Civil Rights Movement."

Subseries 3, Books, contains materials related to the published and unpublished books of Robert Spike and includes notes, research materials, drafts, and publisher correspondence.

Subseries 4, Sermons and Services, contains copies of sermons in holograph and typescript, notes for sermons, orders of service, prayers, and other ephemera, covering a range of subjects.

Subseries 5, Speeches, contains drafts of speeches and addresses, as well as notes that range in subjects from "The Tension between Social Action and Cultural Analysis in Protestantism" to "The Horrors and Glories of Secularism."

Subseries 1: Collected File Copies of Writings

Box 10

Folder 1

File Copies of Writings – Volume I [1/2], 1955-1956

Box 10

Folder 2

File Copies of Writings – Volume I [2/2], 1956-1957

Box 10

Folder 3

File Copies of Writings – Volume II [1/2], 1957

Box 10

Folder 4

File Copies of Writings – Volume II [2/2], 1957-1959

Box 10

Folder 5

File Copies of Writings – Volume III [1/2], 1960-1961

Box 10

Folder 6

File Copies of Writings – Volume III [2/2], 1961

Box 10

Folder 7

File Copies of Writings – Volume IV [1/2], 1962

Box 10

Folder 8

File Copies of Writings – Volume IV [2/2], 1962-1963

Box 10

Folder 9

File Copies of Writings – Volume V, 1963-1964

Box 11

Folder 1

Index – File Copies of Writings – From Card File – A-N, 1955-1963

Box 11

Folder 2

Index – File Copies of Writings – From Card File – O-Z, 1955-1963

Subseries 2: Articles and Essays

Box 11

Folder 3

"Drugs" – Typescript article drafts, 1951

Box 11

Folder 4

"A Ministry to Intellectuals" – Article printed in Christianity and Society (vol. 18, no. 2), 1953

Box 11

Folder 5

"Needed: A New Kind of Christian Witness" – Article printed in Advance: Congregational Christian Journal (vol. 149, no. 17), 1957

Box 11

Folder 6

"Prophetic Preaching Today" – Article printed in Social Action (vol. 24, no. 4), 1957

Box 11

Folder 7

"The Beat Bit" – Article published in Christianity and Crisis (vol. 28, no. 7), 1958

Box 11

Folder 8

"Evangelism and Culture" – Article printed in The Christian Century (vol. 76, no. 26), 1959

Box 11

Folder 9

"Books: The Black Muslims in America" – Review of Eric Lincoln's The Black Muslims in America (Beacon Press, 1961) – Printed in Christianity and Crisis (vol. 21, no. 9), 1961

Box 11

Folder 10

"New Times, New Churches" – Article printed in Renewal in the Inner City (vol. 2, no. 6), 1962

Box 11

Folder 11

"The Courage to Be..." – Typescript article for Country Beautiful, 1963

Box 11

Folder 12

"Creativity or Triviality? The Tension between Mission and Leisure" – Article printed The Church Woman (vol. 29, no. 6) – Includes typescript of original speech for the tenth anniversary of Christian Ministry in the National Parks, 1963

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Folder 13

"James Baldwin's Confession" – Article printed in Christianity and Crisis (vol. 23, no. 1), 1963

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Folder 14

"The United Church: In Search of a Special Calling" – Article printed in The Christian Century (vol. 80, no. 8), 1963

Box 11

Folder 15

"Who was Lou Marsh?" – Article printed in Youth (vol. 14, no. 10) – With ephemera about Louis Marsh, 1963

Box 11

Folder 16

"Mississippi – An Ecumenical Ministry" – Article printed in Social Action (vol. 31, no. 3), 1964

Box 11

Folder 17

"Civil Rights Involvement Model for Mission: A Message to Churchmen" – No. 9 in a series of Occasional Papers on Christian Faith and Industrial Society – Detroit Industrial Mission, 1965

Box 11

Folder 18

Publisher Correspondence – Articles, 1965

Box 11

Folder 19

"Fissures in the Civil Rights Movement" – Article printed in Christianity and Crisis (vol. 26, no. 2) – Includes typescript and holograph drafts, 1966

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Folder 20

"The Need for a New Working Liberal Political Movement" – Typescript articles for Christianity and Crisis – Includes typescript and holograph drafts, 1966

Box 11

Folder 21

"The Riots as Communication" – Article printed in Christianity and Crisis (vol. 26, no. 15) – Includes typescript drafts, 1966

Box 11

Folder 22

"Christian Imperative for Political Action" – Holograph draft, undated

Box 11

Folder 23

"The Importance of Christian Controversy" – Holograph draft, undated

Subseries 3: Books

Box 11

Folder 24

A Doctrine of the Church and Local Church Practice – Book project correspondence, 1954

Box 11

Folder 25

To Be a Man – Article with excerpts that become this book in the Forum of the Association of Secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. – Includes ephemera, 1960

Box 11

Folder 26

Tests of a Living Church – Publisher Correspondence, 1960-1961

Box 11

Folder 27

Book proposal on the theological criticism of the authors Edward Albee, James Baldwin, Philip Roth, William Styron, and possibly J.D. Salinger – Publisher correspondence and partial typescript drafts and notes, 1962-1963

Box 11

Folder 28

Book on the theological criticism of the authors Edward Albee, James Baldwin, Philip Roth, William Styron, and possibly J.D. Salinger – Research materials on James Baldwin, 1962

Box 11

Folder 29

The Freedom Revolution and the Churches (New York: Association Press, 1965) – Printed Reviews, 1965

Box 11

Folder 30

The Freedom Revolution and the Churches (New York: Association Press, 1965) – Excerpt printed in Social Action (vol. 33, no. 5), 1967

Subseries 4: Sermons and Services

Box 12

Folder 1

Sermons [1/5], 1941-1943

Box 12

Folder 2

Sermons – With feedback forms and ephemera [2/5], 1943-1948

Box 12

Folder 3

Sermons [3/5], 1949-1951

Box 12

Folder 4

Sermons [4/5], 1951-1955

Box 12

Folder 5

Sermons [5/5], 1964-1966

Box 12

Folder 6

Sermon – Brown University Baccalaureate, 1966

Box 12

Folder 7

Collected Sermons and Prayers – Written by others, 1940-1951

Box 12

Folder 8

Collected Orders of Service – Denison University and Granville Baptist Church – Includes Robert Spike preaching – With notes and ephemera, 1941-1945

Box 12

Folder 9

Clippings, Pamphlets, and Notes for Services, 1943-1950

Box 12

Folder 10

Prayers, Services and Calls to Worship, 1943-1966

Box 12

Folder 11

Collected Orders of Service – Robert Spike preaching, 1948-1966

Box 12

Folder 12

Sermon Questionnaire, 1952

Subseries 5: Speeches

Box 13

Folder 1

Speeches and Addresses - Holograph and typescript [1/2], 1956-1959 and undated

Box 13

Folder 2

Speeches and Addresses - Holograph and typescript [2/2], 1962-1966

Box 13

Folder 3

Notes - Holograph, 1966

Box 13

Folder 4

Notes - Holograph - With ephemera, undated

Series IV: Professional

Series IV, Professional, ranges in date from 1946 to 1990; the bulk of the material falls between 1950 and 1966. This series is divided into nine subseries, organized roughly in chronological order, and then organized chronologically within each:

Subseries 1, Judson Memorial Church (New York City, New York), contains reports, newsletters, correspondence, and articles related to Robert Spike's time as minister there and the church's active role in the community, as well as with students and disadvantaged youth. Folder 7 contains essays about Judson and urban evangelism by Robert Spike, including a description of one of his "typical" days as an urban minister.

Subseries 2, The American Baptist Convention, contains pamphlets, articles, essays, and correspondence related primarily to Spike's work for an ecumenical Free Church and its theological basis.

Subseries 3, The Protestant Council of the City of New York, contains correspondence and reports on Christian social action and Youth House, where Robert Spike served as chaplain.

Subseries 4, Leadership in Political Organizations, contains correspondence, memos, and reports from political organizations in New York City.

Subseries 5, Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ and the National Council of the Churches in Christ, contains material from a variety of boards and commissions from the most public time of Robert Spike's career, and is arranged chronologically. This subseries includes memos, reports, and publications from his time as General Secretary of The Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, as well as reports, memos, articles, and correspondence from his time as Chairman of the Committee for a Christian Ministry in the National Parks and on the related Commission on a Christian Ministry with People in Leisure-Recreation. Spike's most prominent role is represented by his time as the first Executive Director of the ecumenical Commission on Religion and Race, through which Spike organized Protestant participation in civil rights protests and marches across the country. In addition to a 1965 report from Robert Spike on the Commission, this subseries contains a scrapbook of the Commission's work on civil rights that was sent to Mrs. Alice Spike after Robert Spike's death. The National Council of Churches also formed the Delta Ministry of Mississippi; letters regarding some aspects of this controversial work in detail can be found in Series II: Correspondence, Subseries 1, Folder 35.

Subseries 6, World Council of Churches, contains agendas, minutes, papers, notes, and articles from Spike's role in the Department on Studies of Evangelism, both in the North American Working Group and in the broader sessions in Geneva. Folders 6 and 7 may be of special interest as they include working papers written by Robert Spike on the role of the church in the civil

rights movement and the position of the World Council of Churches on segregation in both the United States and South Africa.

Subseries 7, The White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights," contains correspondence, planning materials, proposals, and Robert Spike's partial assessment of this controversial 1966 conference on the implementation of civil rights legislation.

Subseries 8, Child Development Groups of Mississippi (CDGM), contains correspondence, management audits, and reports about the financial and operational status of CDGM, for which Robert Spike, and then his son Paul after his death, sought to retain federal funding.

Subseries 9, Teaching, contains syllabi, correspondence, and ephemera related to Robert Spike's teaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and his brief time as a professor and Director of the pioneering Doctor of Ministry program at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago before his murder.

Subseries 1: Judson Memorial Church (New York City, New York)

Box 13

Folder 5

Administrative Documents and Reports – Judson Memorial Church in the community of Greenwich Village, New York City, 1946-1960

Box 13

Folder 6

Newsletters and Announcements – With ephemera, 1949-1956

Box 13

Folder 7

Essays and Articles - Judson Memorial Church and its mission - Written by Robert Spike, 1953-1958

Box 13

Folder 8

Robert Spike's Resignation – Announcements and reflections, 1955

Box 13

Folder 9

Articles about Judson Memorial Church, 1957-1961

Box 13

Folder 10

Building Project – Plans and correspondence, 1957-1960

Box 13

Folder 11

Howard Moody – Final sermon at Judson Memorial Church, 1992

Subseries 2: The American Baptist Convention

Box 14

Folder 1

The Formation of the American Baptist Convention – Pamphlets and ephemera, 1948-1953

Box 14

Folder 2

The Free Church – "The Crisis of the Free Church" - Written by Robert Spike – With ephemera, circa 1950

Box 14

Folder 3

The Free Church – Essays, articles, correspondence, and conference ephemera, 1950-1954

Box 14

Folder 4

Conference on Theology, Green Lake, Wisconsin – Papers, programs, correspondence, and notes, 1954

Subseries 3: The Protestant Council of the City of New York

Box 14

Folder 5

Christian Social Relations Committee – Correspondence and reports, 1950-1954

Box 14

Folder 6

Youth House – Correspondence and reports, 1950-1951

Subseries 4: Leadership in Political Organizations

Box 14

Folder 7

Americans for Democratic Action – Greenwich Village Branch – Correspondence, memos, and ephemera, 1950-1953

Box 14

Folder 8

Christian Action – New York Chapter – Correspondence, Membership, and Reports, 1953-1955

Subseries 5: Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ and the National Council of the Churches in Christ

Box 14

Folder 9

The Board of Home Missions of the Congregational and Christian Churches (also known as the Board of Homeland Ministries) - Department of Evangelism – General Secretary – Reports, memos, and publications, 1955-1965

Box 14

Folder 10

Committee on the Church and Civic and Political Life, 1955

Box 14

Folder 11

Travel Itineraries, 1956-1965

Box 14

Folder 12

European Travel Itinerary - With ephemera, 1957

Box 14

Folder 13

Job Descriptions - General Secretary, 1958

Box 15

Folder 1

Expense Reports and Reimbursements, 1959-1965

- This folder contains reimbursement forms for both the Board of Homeland Ministries and the National Council of the Churches in Christ, as they overlap.

Box 15

Folder 2

Pamphlet – "The Church and the Mass Media," 1960

Box 15

Folder 3

Committee for a Christian Ministry in the National Parks – Chairman 1961-1962

Box 15

Folder 4

The Commission on a Christian Ministry with People in Leisure-Recreation [1/3], 1961-1963

Box 15

Folder 5

The Commission on a Christian Ministry with People in Leisure-Recreation [2/3], 1963-1965

Box 15

Folder 6

The Commission on a Christian Ministry with People in Leisure-Recreation [3/3], 1964-1965

Box 15

Folder 7

The Commission on a Christian Ministry with People in Leisure-Recreation – Coffee House Study, 1965

Box 15

Folder 8

The Commission on Religion and Race – Executive Director – Report and ephemera, 1965

Box 15

Folder 9

The Commission on Religion and Race – Civil Rights Legislation – Scrapbook – Includes letter to Mrs. Alice Spike, 1963-1968

Box 15

Folder 10

Publication – "Sketches from the Journey: The National Council of Churches 1950-1990," 1990

Subseries 6: World Council of Churches

Box 16

Folder 1

The Ecumenical Institute – With ephemera, circa 1947-1948

Box 16

Folder 2

Department on Studies in Evangelism – Meeting of the Advisory Committee – Agendas and minutes – New York, 1957

Box 16

Folder 3

Department on Studies in Evangelism – "Concept: Papers from the Department on Studies in Evangelism," 1963-1964

Box 16

Folder 4

Department on Studies in Evangelism – Enlarged Meeting of the Working Committee – Switzerland – Papers, notes, and ephemera, 1963-1964

Box 16

Folder 5

Department of Studies in Evangelism – North American Working Group – Study of the Missionary Structure of the Congregation – Agendas and papers, 1963-1964

Box 16

Folder 6

Department of Studies in Evangelism – North American Working Group – Study of the Missionary Structure of the Congregation – Correspondence and reports, 1964-1965

- Among others, this folder includes these working papers written by Robert Spike: "The Church in the Racial Revolution" and "Some Proposals on Methodology for Future Work of the Study of the Missionary Structure of the Congregation."

Box 16

Folder 7

General Correspondence, Publications, and Reports – Some written by Robert Spike, 1963-1964

- Subjects discussed include segregation in South Africa and the United States.

Box 16

Folder 8

World Conference on Church and Society – Special Report – Written by Dr. Homer A. Jack, 1966

Subseries 7: The White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights"

Box 17

Folder 1

"Council's Report and Recommendations to the Conference," 1966

Box 17

Folder 2

"The White House Conference: Equal Opportunity or RAT Allowances?" – Response to "Council's Report and Recommendations" by the Executive Committee of the New York City Pre-White House Conference, 1966

Box 17

Folder 3

"List of Participants," 1966

Box 17

Folder 4

Correspondence and Planning Materials [1/3], 1966

Box 17

Folder 5

Correspondence and Planning Materials [2/3], 1966

Box 17

Folder 6

Correspondence and Planning Materials [3/3], 1966

Box 17

Folder 7

Correspondence Post Conference, 1966

- This folder includes proposals and reports for enacting civil rights legislation and encouraging political participation from conference attendees and a copy of the "Introduction to the Draft Report of the Conference." It also includes a telegram from the White House requesting "an informal (off the record) visit with the president" on June 23, 1966. Robert Spike was not able to attend.

Box 17

Folder 8

Essay about the Conference and Its Proceedings – Holograph draft – Written by Robert Spike, 1966

Box 17

Folder 9

Nametags, circa 1966

Subseries 8: Child Development Groups of Mississippi (CDGM)

Box 17

Folder 10

Citizens' Board of Inquiry into CDGM – Co-Chairman - Correspondence, articles, and reports, 1966

- Includes correspondence from Robert Spike to Sargent Shriver about the CDGM and a letter from Hubert Humphrey to Paul Spike regarding the funding of Robert Spike's Work with the CDGM after his death, as well as administrative audits and reports.

Subseries 9: Teaching

Box 18

Folder 1

Union Theological Seminary, 1962-1963

Box 18

Folder 2

Union Theological Seminary – The Las Vegas Strip Exploratory Ministry Project Report – Written by Rick Mawson, 1963

Box 18

Folder 3

University of Chicago Divinity School – With ephemera, 1955-1966

Series V: Writings by Others

This series contains publications, books, pamphlets, newsletters, reports, magazines, and brochures written by other authors from 1937 to 1966. They are listed in chronological order.

Box 18

Folder 4

Publication – "Letters by a Modern Mystic" – Frank C. Laubach, 1937

Box 18

Folder 5

Publication – "Christianity and Civilization" – Arnold J. Toynbee, 1940

Box 18

Folder 6

Book – Paedagogus: A Manual of Fraternal Education for Pledges of Lambda Chi Alpha, 1940

Box 18

Folder 7

Collected Religious Journals, 1940-1983

Box 18

Folder 8

Book – Our Dwelling Place: A Book of Private Worship, 1941

Box 18

Folder 9

Pamphlets – Christian Social Action, 1942-1963

Box 18

Folder 10

Pamphlet – "Seven Principles of Public Worship," 1945

Box 18

Folder 11

Pamphlets – Youth and Adolescence, 1946-circa 1949

Box 18

Folder 12

Book – Kuder Preference Record: Vocational Form CH – With Ephemera, 1948

Box 19

Folder 1

Pamphlet – "Handbook on Volunteers" – Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, 1948-1949

Box 19

Folder 2

Collected Articles and Brochures, 1948-1965

Box 19

Folder 3

Newsletter – "Calvary Caller" – Calvary Baptist Church – Washington, DC, 1950

Box 19

Folder 4

Report – "Greenwich House," 1950

Box 19

Folder 5

Report – "Village House Children's Program," 1951

Box 19

Folder 6

Publication – "Psychological and Social Adjustment in a Simulated Shelter" – American Institute for Research, 1960

Box 19

Folder 7

Articles and Pamphlets – The Christian Faith-and-Life Community – Austin, Texas, 1962-1963

Box 19

Folder 8

Magazine – Denison Alumnus, 1963

Box 19

Folder 9

Pamphlet – "American the Beautiful: Ad Address by Russel E. Train" – American Forestry Association Annual Meeting, 1965

Box 19

Folder 10

Book – The Christian Case Against Poverty – Henry Clark, 1965

Box 19

Folder 11

Journal – Theology Today – Vol. 22 No. 2, 1965

Box 19

Folder 12

Journal – United Church Herald – Vol. 9 No. 16, 1966

Box 19

Folder 13

Brochures – Peake Publications (formerly Bede House), undated

Box 19

Folder 14

Map – "A New Map of the United States in Colors," undated

Box 19

Folder 15

Pamphlet – "St. Luke's Chapel Trinity Parish," undated

Series VI: Audio-Visual

Series VI, Audio-Visual, contains photographs, photographic negatives, one film reel, one reel-to-reel audiotape, and a VHS tape. The film, audiotape, and VHS video-cassette are at the beginning of the series, and are followed by photographs, arranged chronologically. The photographs range from 1860 to 1966, with most of them falling between 1955 and 1966.

Box 20

Folder 1

Film - 12.25-inch reel – Color 16 mm, 1946-1958

- Contents identified as: 1) Alice's Trip to Chicago, 1946; 2) East Rochester, 1946; 3) Florida Trip, Dec. 1947; 4) Summer, 1948; 5) Glendale Easter, 1949; 6) Summer Service Project, 1949; 7) 81 Word Day, 1949; 8) Judson, 1950; 9) Skyline Lake, 1952; 10) Deering, 1955; 11) Hatteras, 1958

Box 21

Folder 1

Audiotape –7-inch reel – Speed: 3 ¾ ips– Robert Spike Lectures – With ephemera – Student Conference Sponsored by the American Baptist Convention in Green Lake Wisconsin, August 29-31, 1966

- Contents identified as: Side 1: Dr. Robert Spike, 2 Lectures; Side 2: Dr. Robert Spike, 1 Lecture

Box 21

Folder 2

VHS Video-Cassette – National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA – "At the Crossroads," undated

Box 21

Folder 3

Photographs – Family History – With ephemera, circa 1860-1910, undated

Box 21

Folder 4

Photographs – Robert Spike's parents, 1941, undated

Box 21

Folder 5

Photograph – Lambda Chi Alpha, 1942-1943

Box 21

Folder 6

Photograph – Colgate-Rochester Divinity School – Class photos, 1946

Box 21

Folder 7

Photograph – Eastern School for Ministers – Hillsboro, New Hampshire, 1955

Box 21

Folder 8

Photograph – Robert and Alice Spike – Trip to Europe, circa 1957

Box 21

Folder 9

Photographs – "Christmas 1959," 1959

Box 21

Folder 10

Photographs – National Council of the Churches of Christ – A Christian Ministry in the National Parks – 10th Anniversary Dinner, 1962

Box 21

Folder 11

Photographs – "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom," 1963

Box 21

Folder 12

Photograph – Robert Spike – Moravian College Graduation – Speech and Honorary Degree, 1964

Box 21

Folder 13

Photographs – White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights" – Includes President Johnson and Vice-President Humphrey – With Ephemera, 1966

Box 21

Folder 14

Photographs – White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights" – With Ephemera, 1966

Box 21

Folder 15

Photographs – Alice Spike, undated

Box 21

Folder 16

Photograph – Robert, Alice, John and Paul Spike, undated

Box 21

Folder 17

Photographs – Robert Spike, undated

Series VII: Oversize

Series VII, Oversize, contains a broad range of materials from 1901 to 1966, though the bulk of the material falls between 1955 and 1966. Personal materials include sheet music composed by Robert Spike's grandmother, genealogical material, and a family photo album of Alice and Robert Spike. There are also articles and photographs from Robert Spike's professional career. This series also notably contains a series of commemorative prints for the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Box 24 contains newspaper articles about Robert Spike and the 1963 March on Washington.

Box 22

Folder 1

Sheet Music – Composed by Lucy Harrington Johnson, 1901-1905

Box 22

Folder 2

"The Glixia" – Denison University – Student Paper, 1942

Box 22

Folder 3

Articles – From The New York Times Magazine and Book Review, 1949-1950

Box 22

Folder 4

Columbia University – Doctor of Education – Diploma – Robert Spike, 1954

Box 22

Folder 5

National Council of the Churches in Christ – A Christian Ministry in the National Parks – Tenth Anniversary Dinner – Invitation, Program, Articles, and Ephemera, 1962

Box 22

Folder 6

"We Shall Overcome" – Portfolio of Commemorative Collage Prints – March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom August 28, 1963, 1963

- Six different prints by Louis Lo Monaco and an introduction letter with the facsimile signatures of James Farmer, Martin Luther King, Jr., Josephus, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, and Whitney M. Young, Jr.

Box 23

Folder 1

Commemorative Poster – Excerpt from Robert Spike's last official report – National Council of Churches – Commission on Religion and Race, circa 1965

Box 23

Folder 2

Mounted Poster – From Robert Spike's office – National Council of Churches – Commission on Religion and Race – Photograph by Ken Thompson [1/4], undated

Box 23

Folder 3

Mounted Poster – From Robert Spike's office – National Council of Churches – Commission on Religion and Race – Photograph by Ken Thompson [2/4], undated

Box 23

Folder 4

Mounted Poster – From Robert Spike's office – National Council of Churches – Commission on Religion and Race – Photograph by Ken Thompson [3/4], undated

Box 23

Folder 5

Mounted Poster – From Robert Spike's office – National Council of Churches – Commission on Religion and Race – Photograph by Ken Thompson [4/4], undated

Box 24

Folder 1

Collected Newspaper Articles about Robert Spike [1/2], 1945-1965

Box 24

Folder 2

Collected Newspaper Articles about Robert Spike [2/2], 1955-1967

Box 24

Folder 3

Collected Newspaper Articles about Adlai Stevenson, 1952

Box 24

Folder 4

Collected Newspaper Articles – Building and Development in Manhattan, 1957-1958

Box 24

Folder 5

Collected Newspaper Articles, 1958-1964

Box 24

Folder 6

Newspapers – President Kennedy's Inauguration, 1961

Box 24

Folder 7

"The Interchurch News: A Publication of the National Council of Churches," 1962-1964

- Includes a picture of Robert Spike with President Lyndon Johnson and of Robert Spike at the anniversary dinner of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks.

Box 24

Folder 8

Collected Newspaper Articles about the Murder of Louis Marsh, 1963

Box 24

Folder 9

"The Crisis in Race Relations: A Policy Statement by the Public Affairs Committee of Freedom House, Co-Sponsored by the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A." – The New York Times, August 25, 1963

- Robert Spike's name is on the statement as Executive Director of the Commission on Religion and Race.

Box 24

Folder 10

"The March: Capital's Biggest – 60,000 from NY" – New York Post, August 28, 1963

- Includes a photograph of Robert Spike at the March for Jobs and Freedom.

Box 24

Folder 11

Newspapers – President Kennedy's Assassination [1/2], 1963

Box 24

Folder 12

Newspapers – President Kennedy's Assassination [2/2], 1963

Box 24

Folder 13

"Rev. R.W. Spike has Visit with Lyndon Johnson" – Press Journal, December 19, 1963

Box 24

Folder 14

White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights" – Proposed Planning Time Schedules, 1966

Box 24

Folder 15

Barnard College Women's Center – "A Woman's Place is in the World" – Poster, undated

Box 24

Folder 16

Family History – The Snook Family – Photocopied photograph, 1939

Box 24

Folder 17

Family History – Family Tree of Alice Spike, undated

Box 24

Folder 18

Family History – The Russell Family – Copied articles, undated

Box 25

Folder 1

Washington-Lee High School Graduating Class Photograph, 1941

Box 26

Family Photo Album, 1940-1947

Box 26

Includes a folder of handwritten inventories and formerly interleaved undated photographs and ephemera.

Box 27

Commemorative Briefcase - The White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights"
Planning Session, 1966

Series VIII: Restricted

Series VIII, Restricted, contains restricted student records and legal correspondence, which are respectively closed until 2043 and indefinitely.

Box 28

Folder 1

John and Paul Spike – Elementary School Progress Reports, 1954-1963

Box 29

Folder 1

Legal Correspondence – Robert and Alice Spike – Real Estate, 1961

Box 29

Folder 2

Legal Correspondence – Alice Spike – Real estate, 1966, 1974-1975