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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Sockman, Ralph W. (Ralph Washington), 1889-1970
Title:	Ralph W. Sockman papers
ID:	7839448
Date [inclusive]:	1937 -- 1945
Physical Description:	0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Ralph W. Sockman was a professor at Union Theological Seminary, pastor emeritus of the Christ Church (Methodist) in New York City, a prolific author, and a featured speaker of the Sunday morning NBC radio network's program National Radio Pulpit. The collection contains transcripts of National Radio Pulpit addresses.

Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: Ralph W. Sockman Papers, 1937-1945, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Ralph W. Sockman was born on October 1st, 1889 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He studied at Ohio Wesleyan University and in 1913 received an M.A. from Columbia University. In 1916 he graduated from Union Theological Seminary, and married Zella Endly that same year. He went on to receive his Ph.D. from Columbia University. Sockman completed 34 seasons as a featured speaker of the Sunday morning NBC radio network's program National Radio Pulpit, a post also held by Harry Emerson Fosdick. He was pastor emeritus of the Christ Church (Methodist) in New York City for 44 years and president of the Board of World Peace of the Methodist Church from 1928 to 1960. In 1948 he was elected as director, for his lifetime, of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. Sockman also served as Associate Professor of Practical

Theology at Union Theological Seminary from 1950 to 1957, and as Visiting Professor of Homiletics at Yale Divinity School. From 1963 to 1964, he filled the Harry Emerson Fosdick Visiting Professor position at Union Theological Seminary. Sockman was the author of over twenty books, including *Live for Tomorrow*, *Higher Happiness*, and *Now to Live!* (reprinted in 2007), and wrote a nationally syndicated column entitled *Lift for Living*. Sockman died in 1970.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains mimeograph transcripts of Ralph W. Sockman's addresses on the National Broadcasting Company's (NBC) Sunday morning radio program, *National Radio Pulpit*. Also included are addresses delivered by guest speakers in Sockman's absence, such as Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, Dr. William Thomson Hanzche, Dr. Alfred Grant Walton, Dr. Leslie Bates Moss, Dr. L. Wendell Fifield, and Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert. Each folder includes a list of addresses itemized by date and title.

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Arrangement

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by Rev. H.H. Kumnick, Lutheran minister and Dean of Students at Valparaiso University, via his nephew Richard Jacky, and transmitted to the Burke archives by Robert Shuster of Wheaton College, BGC Archives.

Processing Information

Staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. The finding aid was created by Deyse Bravo in 2009 and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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Controlled Access Headings

- National radio pulpit
- Sockman, Ralph W. (Ralph Washington), 1889-1970 -- : Archives

Burke Library record group:

Union Theological Seminary Archives: UTS 1, papers of faculty and students

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Title/Description	Instances	
National Radio Pulpit addresses , 1937-02 -- 1937-12	box 1	folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Includes addresses by guest speaker Dr. Fred Field Goodsell		
National Radio Pulpit addresses, 1938-01 -- 1938-12	box 1	folder 2
Scope and Contents		
Includes addresses by guest speakers Dr. William Thomson Hanzche and Dr. Alfred Grant Walton.		
National Radio Pulpit addresses, 1939-01 -- 1939-04	box 1	folder 3

Scope and Contents

Includes address by guest speaker Dr. Leslie Bates Moss.

National Radio Pulpit addresses, 1944-04 -- 1944-12

box 1

folder 4

Scope and Contents

Includes address by guest speaker Dr. L. Wendell Fifield.

National Radio Pulpit addresses, 1945-01 -- 1945-05

box 1

folder 5

Scope and Contents

Includes addresses by guest speakers Dr. Alfred Grant Walton and Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert.

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