

Price, Ralph, 1912-1995. Papers, 1958-1982: A Finding Aid

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BIOGRAPHY

Ralph Bevere Price was born on August 27, 1912 in Page, Nebraska. He attended the University of Colorado in Boulder where he received his Bachelors in History, his Masters in History-Economics, and his PhD in Economics. He and his wife, Margaret Rockwell Price, had two daughters, Pamela Gwynne and Ellen Louise.

He began his teaching career at the District School of Cherry County, Nebraska in 1933 and went on to serve as a school principal and a labor economist at several different educational institutions. He taught Economics at the University of Colorado as a visiting professor before becoming a full-time professor of Economics at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College). He served as the chair of the WMC Economics Department from 1954-1977. During his time at WMC, he was also a Fulbright-Hayes Visiting Professor at the University of Singapore. He was named Professor Emeritus upon his retirement in 1977 after 23 years of service to the college, but returned to WMC as a part-time faculty member in 1979.

He published a variety of scholarly papers about national, international, and Indian economics, including "The New Political Economy and British Economic Policy for India," and was instrumental in the field of economics until his death. He died in Westminster, Maryland on February 17, 1995.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists primarily of Ralph Price's professional correspondence. The collection features letters exchanged between Price and WMC faculty and administration, editors, professional contacts, and national politicians. The letters deal primarily with college policies, economic theories, and critiques of scholarly publications. Also included are letters of a more personal nature, including correspondence from past students detailing their personal lives and academic successes.

The collection also contains correspondence and information regarding Price's time as a visiting professor in India and Singapore. Additionally, drafts of Price's speeches and scholarly publications are included.

Upon arrival, the papers were contained in one box and divided into folders that were arranged categorically. Within each folder, the papers were primarily arranged in a reverse chronological order. However, many of the papers were out of place and, as a result, many of the folders had to be reclassified. After intake, the papers were ordered by subject and then by chronology.

CONTAINER LIST

- Box 1: 1-7
- Box 2: 8-15
- Box 3: 16-23

INVENTORY

BOX 1: Papers - mostly Price's speeches and publications

- 1a. Speeches - on national and international economic policy
- 1b. Speeches - on national and international economic policy
- 2. Speeches - on WMC and college standards
- 3. Drafts of "The New Political Economy and British Economic Policy for India"
- 4. Drafts of "Some Reflections on Sabbatical Leave in London"
- 5. Papers - mostly articles and speeches by others (Hugh Ticknor, Jackson H. Day, Worth Bateman)
- 6. Newspaper and Magazine Clippings - mostly on global economics (1960-1979)
- 7. Resume and Personnel Forms

BOX 2: Correspondence (1958-1982)

- 8. Correspondence with WMC administration and faculty (1958-1972)
- 9. Correspondence with WMC administration and faculty (1973-1981)
- 10. Correspondence with students (1969-1977)
- 11. Correspondence with students (1977-1979)
- 12. Correspondence - mostly with faculty and administration from other secondary education institutions (1966-1974)
- 13. Correspondence - mostly with faculty and administration from other secondary education institutions (1975-1981)
- 14. Correspondence - regarding professional publications and media (1966-1982)

- 15. Correspondence with national politicians (1968-1979)

BOX 3: India and Singapore (1962-1967)

India

- 16. India papers - including paperwork, orientation, and fellowship information (1962-1965)
- 17. India correspondence (1963-1967)
- 18. Information on India - mostly newspaper clippings
- 19. Photographs - mostly from India
- 20. India Papers – mostly synopses of articles and lectures on India, written by others – accompanied by handwritten notes about India

Singapore

- 21. Singapore papers - mostly correspondence (December 1965-October 1966)
- 22. University of Singapore - syllabi and examinations (1965-1967)
- 23. Information on Singapore - mostly newspaper clippings (1964-1966)