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**Inventory of the  
Harry S. Crowe fonds**

**Inventory #F0297**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0297**Title:** Harry S. Crowe fonds**Dates:** 1941-1979, predominant 1959-1979**Extent:** 17.0 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Harry Sherman Crowe (1922-1981), educator, administrator and labour researcher, was affiliated with York University for the last fifteen years of his life as a professor and administrator of Atkinson College. He joined the Atkinson History Department in 1966 as professor and chairman (1966-1969) and was subsequently named dean of the college, 1969-1974. He later served a second term as dean, 1979-1981. Prior to his tenure at York, Crowe had been a professor at United College (now the University of Winnipeg) during the years, 1950-1959. At this time he became involved in a protracted dispute with the administration of the college which resulted in his dismissal in 1958. The dispute gained prominence as an example of the tenuous state of academic tenure in Canadian universities and proved to be instrumental in establishing the Canadian Association of University Teachers as an effective voice for the rights of university teachers. Following his career at United College, Crowe spent the years 1959-1966 as the director of research for the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers and also served as a research associate with the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism. Crowe also had a strong attachment to the New Democratic Party of Canada and served as press agent and adviser to leader Tommy Douglas in a federal election campaign. Crowe was the author of several articles dealing with industrial relations, co-authored a textbook, 'A sourcebook of Canadian history,' edited the journal 'Middle East focus', and was a columnist for the Toronto telegram and Chatelaine magazine.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds consists of correspondence, typescripts, reports, publications, research materials, legal documents, course materials, student essays, and administrative material relating Harry S. Crowe activities at York University and Atkinson College, at the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers, with the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism and related subjects.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.  
Researchers wishing access to the Harry S. Crowe fonds must sign the Access and Use Agreement form before access is granted.

**Finding Aid:** File list available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000297.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accession: 1981-012. Further accruals are expected.

**Related Records:** See Atkinson College fonds (F0001); and Senate collection fonds (F0078), series FGN 1, Academic Policy and Planning Committee, for related records.

**Provenance Access Points:** Crowe, Harry Sherman, 1922-1981