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**Inventory of the
Tri-Service Identities Organization fonds**

Inventory #F0436

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0436**Title:** Tri-Service Identities Organization fonds**Dates:** 1959, 1962-1969, predominant 1966-1968**Extent:** 0.60 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** The Tri-Service Identities Organization (TRIO) was founded in Toronto, Ontario in August 1966, to represent the views of former military personnel and the public opposed to the unification of the three branches of the armed services (Army, Navy, Air Force) in Canada in 1968. The organization was disbanded in 1969. Among its chief officers were Charles McNair formerly of the navy, Douglas Harvey (RCAF), Air Marshall Curtis (first chancellor of York University), and Robert Hendy. Many of the same personnel active with Tri-Service had been involved earlier with a predecessor body known as the Canadian Defence Advisory Committee, which began protesting against the Liberal government of the day when the unification plan was first announced in 1965.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of minutes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, press releases, published material, reports, and speeches. The minutes cover the period 1966-1967. The correspondence includes personal correspondence of Robert Hendy, arranged chronologically (1965-1969), as well as correspondence of Tri-Service Identities Organization (TRIO), including correspondence with branches, the Department of National Defence, committees of the House of Commons, correspondence with military organizations (Imperial Officers Association, Navy League) and others arranged alphabetically by name or subject. There are press releases from TRIO (1966-1967), speeches of TRIO members and supporters, briefs and reports from committees, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and books dealing with unification and related defence issues.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

Finding Aid: File list available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000436.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accession: 1987-031. Further accruals may be expected.

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** This material was deposited in the York University Archives by Robert Hendy, a Director of Tri-Service Identities Organization, in November 1987.

Provenance Access Points: Hendy, Robert I.
Tri-Service Identities Organization

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