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Summary

Creator: Kamm, Henry

Title: Henry Kamm papers

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Abstract: Henry Kamm (born 1925) was a foreign correspondent for the *New York Times* from 1964 to 1996. His papers consist primarily of manuscripts of articles that Kamm filed with the *New York Times* as a correspondent based in Europe and Asia.

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Creator History

Henry Kamm (born 1925) was a foreign correspondent for the *New York Times* from 1964 to 1996. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1978 for his reporting on refugees from Indochina: Vietnamese "boat people" and those fleeing by land from Cambodia and Laos.

During his tenure at the *Times*, Kamm served as a Paris correspondent (1964-1966), Eastern European correspondent (based in Warsaw, 1966-1967), Moscow bureau chief (1967-1969), Southeast Asia correspondent (1969-1971), roving correspondent (based in Paris, 1972-1977), Tokyo bureau chief (1977), Asia diplomatic correspondent (based in Bangkok, 1977-1981), Rome correspondent (1982-1984), Athens correspondent (1984-1986), and Central and Eastern European correspondent (based in Budapest, 1987-1990). Subsequently he worked as a roving international correspondent, based in Geneva.

Scope and Content Note

The Henry Kamm papers consist of manuscripts of articles that Kamm filed with the *New York Times* as a foreign correspondent based in Europe and Asia from 1964 to 1996. The collection also contains a small amount of correspondence, publications, and other documents related to Kamm's reporting on the USSR, Cambodia, Chad, and Romania.

The majority of the manuscripts are typescripts, many of which have Kamm's handwritten changes. The manuscripts are frequently different from the published articles, which were edited for style, content, and length by *Times* editors.

Throughout his career, Kamm was often asked to report on events outside of the regions to which he was assigned, and his dispatches for any given year are not necessarily confined to those countries that were his official areas of responsibility.

Key Terms

Occupations

Foreign correspondents

Subjects

Journalism -- United States -- 20th century
Reporters and reporting

Titles

New York times

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Typescripts

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