

**Roscoe Drummond,
81, syndicated
columnist** 10/1/83

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roscoe Drummond, 81, a newspaperman for more than half a century who wrote a popular syndicated newspaper column for 25 years and was a prominent figure in the Washington press corps, died Friday in a nursing home in Princeton, N.J.

His death was announced by Godfrey Sperling, associated with Drummond during his long career at the Christian Science Monitor.

Drummond's newspaper career started in 1924 as a reporter with the Monitor in Boston. He served as assistant city editor, assistant to the executive editor, chief editorial writer, European editorial manager, general news editor, member of the editorial board and executive editor before he came to Washington as the Monitor's bureau chief, a post he held from 1940 to 1953.

From 1953 to 1955 he was chief of the Washington bureau of the New York Herald Tribune, after which he devoted full time to his column, "State of the Nation."

At its peak, it was published three times a week in some 150 newspapers in the United States and abroad, according to the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. He retired the column two years ago.

The column reflected the views of the moderate Eisenhower-wing of the Republican Party. He had unexcelled access to Republican sources in those years. He knew every president from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Gerald R. Ford.