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Demers, Allan

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Title

Allan Demers fonds

Dates

1963-1978

Extent

63 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch

Allan Demers was born in South Africa and was a member of the OFS Regional Council and the Progressive Party. He moved to Canada ca. the early 1970s, settling in Ocean Falls, B.C., and later at Shawnigan Lake, B.C. In 1977, as Chairman of the Coastal Transport Action Committee, he helped fight for better ferry service to the Ocean Falls/Bella Bella areas of the B.C. Coast. Demers kept in touch with friends in South Africa and created research files relating to racial, cultural and economic issues in South Africa.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of Demers' collection of clippings from South African newspapers re: apartheid; pamphlets, correspondence, notes, brochures and clippings concerning South Africa and related matters; newspapers, magazines and journals published in and/or relating to South Africa, representing black, Jewish and Christian groups.

Finding Aids

Inventory available with series and file level control.

Title Source

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

DEMERS, ALLAN

INVENTORY

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INTRODUCTION

The records of Allan Demers were acquired by U. Vic. Special Collections in August 1984, and consist of material created or collected by Demers relating to South Africa. These files will therefore be of particular interest to those studying various aspects of South Africa, such as apartheid, the economy, labour, etc.

Researchers may also wish to consult the records of Prof. Reginald Roy which also contains extensive material concerning South Africa, and which complements information found in the Demers papers. An inventory to the Roy *fonds* is available in the University Archives.

Further accruals are unlikely; however, this inventory will be updated as required.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

I NEWS CLIPPINGS, 1971-1973
Accession 84-15, Boxes 1-6.
Arranged chronologically.

Consists of newspaper clippings relating to apartheid in South Africa, collected by Allan Demers.

II SUBJECT FILES, 1963-1978
Accession 84-15, Boxes 7-9; Box 10, Files 1-11.
Arranged alphabetically by file title.

Consists of pamphlets, correspondence, notes, brochures and clippings concerning South Africa and related matters, including anti-apartheid movements in

England and South Africa; Canadian tourists in South Africa, Canadian trade with and investment in South Africa; clippings re. black poet Oswald Mtshali; Republic of South Africa government documents; material re. South African farm labour and general history; pamphlets and election material of the Democratic Party, National Party, Progressive Party and United Party; political cartoons; records re. the South Africa Institute of Race Relations; United Nations report on foreign investment in South Africa; and material re. student anti-apartheid protests at the University of Cape Town.

III PUBLICATIONS, 1969-1973

Accession 84-15, Box 10, Files 12-14; Box 11, Files 1-5.

Arranged alphabetically by title.

Consists of newspapers, magazines and journals published in and/ or relating to South Africa, representing black, Jewish and Christian groups. Includes *The Black Sash* (1969), *Deurbraak* (1973), *The Observer* (London, UK, 1972), *Paratus* (1973), *Pro Veritate* (1972), *Strike* (1973), and survey of African companies by the *Financial Mail* (1973).

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- 7.2 Anti-Apartheid Movement - England. 1971-1975. Newsletters, newspapers, agendas of meetings, nominations lists, reading lists, annual reports.
- 7.3 Canadians in South Africa. Clippings re. Canadian investments, tourists etc. 1971-1973.
- 7.4 Christian Institute of South Africa, 1972-1973. Newsletters, memos, booklets, Constitution, Director's Report.
- 7.5 Mtshali, Oswald (black poet and writer). Clippings from *The Rand*, April - September 1972.
- 7.6 Political cartoons, advertising. Clippings, 1971-1973.
- 7.7 Republic of South Africa. *Constitution and Elections Amendment Bill*. 1973.
- 7.8 Republic of South Africa. Dept. of Defence. *White Paper on Defence and Armament Production*, 1973, 24 p.
- 7.9 Republic of South Africa. *Promotion of State Security Bill*, 1976. Bill; clippings.
- 7.10 Republic of South Africa. *South Africa's Trade with Canada*, 1967, 1969. 2 booklets, 103 p. total.
- 7.11 Republic of South Africa. *Trade Metrology Bill*, 1973.
- 7.12 South Africa - blank government forms and job application forms, security questionnaire. 1963-1972.
- 7.13 South Africa - Farm Labour. 1971-1975. Correspondence, 1975; holograph notes for University of Cape Town seminar, 1973; clippings, 1971-1973.

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- 8.1 South Africa - History - General. Clippings, 1971-1972.

- 8.2 South Africa - newspaper and magazine clippings re. economy, black labour etc. 1975-1976.
8.3 South Africa - National Party; United Party. Pamphlets, 1972-1974.
8.4 South Africa - Progressive Party. Campaign literature, Constitution, clippings, 1971-1973.

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- 8.5 South Africa - Progressive Party. National Congress, 18-19 August 1972. Constitution, resolutions, newsletter; Cape Congress, 8-9 June 1973 - timetable, agenda.
8.6 South Africa - Progressive Party. Election literature, 1978.
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8.8 South Africa election material, 1974. Brochures, pamphlets of the National Party, the United Party, Democratic Party, Progressive Party.

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- 9.1 South Africa Institute of Race Relations. Papers presented at council meetings, 1967-1970; Fact Papers, 1960; Presidential addresses by O. D. Schreiner, 1963-1964.
9.2 South Africa Institute of Race Relations. Press releases, "Translation", 1 of 2, 5 October 1971 - 21 April 1972.
9.3 South Africa Institute of Race Relations. Press releases, "Translation", 2 of 2, 24 April 1972 - 20 October 1972.
9.4 South African English press - clippings re. Botswana, 1971-1973.
9.5 South African English press - clippings re. Ghana, 1971-1973.
9.6 South African English press - clippings re. Kenya, 1971-1973.
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9.8 South African English press - clippings re. Malawi, 1971-1973.
9.9 South African English press - clippings re. Nigeria, 1971-1973.
9.10 South African English press - clippings re. Portuguese Africa, 1971-1973.

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- 10.1 South African English press - clippings re. Rhodesia, 1971-1973.
10.2 South African English press - clippings re. Sudan, 1971-1972.
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10.4 South African English press - clippings re. Tanzania, 1971-1972.
10.5 South African English press - clippings re. Uganda, 1971-1973.
10.6 South African English press - clippings re. Zambia, 1971-1973.
10.7 South African English press - clippings re. Zanzibar, 1971-1972.
10.8 United Nations. Dept. of Political and Security Council Affairs. Unit on Apartheid. *Foreign Investment in the Republic of South Africa*. Report, New York, 1970, 29 p.

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Box 10

- 10.9 University of Cape Town - Anti-Apartheid Material, 1967-1973. Analyses of the Training Centres for Coloured Cadets Act, 1967; fund raising documents; questionnaires; reports re. wages and labour.
- 10.10 University of Cape Town - Students - Anti-Apartheid Protests. Announcements, resolutions, 1973.
- 10.11 University of Cape Town - Students - Anti-Apartheid Research and Activities, 1973-1974. Correspondence, course hand-outs, publications lists.

Magazines/Journals

- 10.12 *The Black Sash*, Vol. 13, No. 3, November 1969, 44 p.
- 10.13 *Deurbraak*, September 1973, 21 p. [in Afrikaans].
- 10.14 *The Observer* (London, UK), 11 June 1972. Articles re. Ulster marked by Demers.

Box 11

- 11.1 *Paratus* Supplement: Defence White Paper, April 1973, 64 p.
- 11.2 *Pro Veritate*, Christian Monthly, Vol. XI, No. 1, 15 May 1972.
- 11.3 *Strike* [Jewish student newspaper, South Africa], March, April, June 1973.
- 11.4 *Top Companies. Financial Mail* Special Survey, 27 April 1973, 160 p.
- 11.5 [Unidentified magazine], South Africa, n.d., 64 p.

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