

# Guide to the International Defense and Aid Fund for Southern Africa Records

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1600

**CREATOR:** International Defence and Aid Fund. United States Committee

**TITLE:** International Defense and Aid Fund for Southern Africa records

**DATES:** 1956-1989

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9.75 linear feet (9 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of correspondence and subject files documenting the work of the International Defense and Aid Fund in North America.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Kenneth N. Carstens, Executive Director of the North American Committee of IDAF, 1989 and 1992.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

The International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa was founded in 1964 to seek peaceful and constructive solutions to the problems created by racial oppression in Southern Africa. It grew out of the ad hoc committees that were formed in Britain and South Africa in 1952 for the purpose of raising funds for legal defense and humanitarian aid for victims of injustice, including political prisoners, banned persons, and their families. A United States committee was established in 1972.

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## Scope and Contents

The International Defense and Aid Fund for Southern Africa is a humanitarian organization which has worked consistently for peaceful and constructive solutions to the problems created by racial oppression in Southern Africa. Known in African and U.N. circles as "Defense and Aid" or simply "D&A," the organization was established in 1964. It grew directly out of the *ad hoc* committees that were formed in both Britain and South Africa in 1952 for the purpose of raising funds for legal defense and humanitarian aid for victims of injustice, including political prisoners, banned persons and their families. A United States committee was established in 1972.

### *Purpose of Defense and Aid:*

The objectives of D&A are:

- to provide for the legal defense and rehabilitation of the victims of unjust legislation and oppressive arbitrary procedures in South Africa
- to provide humanitarian aid and support for their families and dependents
- to keep the conscience of the world alive to the issues at stake through the dissemination of reliable information

The primary concern, expressed in clauses (1) and (2) above, is that the needs of those who are victimized by southern Africa's unjust legal systems be met. This means directing funds for the legal defense of detainees and those charged with political offenses; for education courses and reading material for individuals serving prison sentences; and for material assistance to the "banned", the restricted, the families of political prisoners, and, as far as possible, to the hundreds of thousands of people sent to resettlement camps. Funds are raised for these urgent needs both independently and in cooperation with churches, lawyers and humanitarian organizations. Clause (1) is perhaps the most important because fundraising for legal aid for political prisoners is illegal in South Africa.

The secondary concern, expressed in clause (3), is that the world know the truth about what is happening in Southern Africa and understand the full implications of white minority rule in this area. To this end,

regular publications (including pamphlets and newsletters) are produced and distributed at public meetings held by the trustees, sponsors, supporters and staff of D&A.

The general purpose of the Defense and Aid Fund has a dual character humanitarian and political in the sense that it is not possible to act humanely in a dehumanizing situation without such actions having some kind of political consequences. But the *raison d'être* of the Fund is essentially the humanitarian purpose stated above, though the political consequences which may ensue are generally considered desirable. For example, a clear consequence of the humanitarian aid is to strengthen the resistance by reducing sentences and even saving lives on appeal; by exposing torture of political prisoners; and by caring for dependents left without support.

Extracted from IDAF instructional material.

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## Collection Contents

### Original Accession, 1956, 1967, 1971–1989, undated

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#### Correspondence/subject files

b.1	Anti-Apartheid Movement (London)	1971-1973
b.1	Arca Foundation	1984-1989
b.1	Ashar, Jerilyn	1982 December
b.1	Brutus, Dennis	1972-1974
b.1	By-laws--IDAF/USA	1972, 1981, 1986
b.1	Canada	1978-1981
b.1	Chicago	1982
b.1	Clause I & II appeals	1977-1980
b.1	Coalition on Southern Africa	1974-1975
b.1	Collins, Canon Lewis John	1972-1973, 1978-1982
b.1	Connections Information Services/Charles River Publishing; financial papers	1983-1984
b.1	Contacts; educational and, church related	1977-1980, undated
b.1	Correspondence, general	1976, 1977 January–Sep, 1978–1984 June, 1984 May–1988 June
b.2	<i>Cry Freedom</i> film benefits English	1987
b.2	DEFA research	1979-1981
b.2	D&A board meetings	1973-1974
b.2	D&A lawyers (Canada)	1973
b.2	D&A Leslie Rubin correspondence	1956-1977
b.2	D&A news requests	1974-1975
b.2	D&A walkathon	1981 May 17
b.2	Detroit, correspondence	1980-1985

## Correspondence/subject files (continued)

b. 2	Donors over \$50	1976 July-1982 June
b. 2	Donor thank you's	1982 July-1983 June
b. 2	Donors under \$50	1983 June
b. 2	Donor correspondence, under \$50	1983 July-1984 June
b. 2	Donor thank you's, over \$50	1983 July-1984 June
b. 2	Donor correspondence, under \$50	1984 July-1985 June
b. 2	Donor correspondence, over \$50	1984 July-1985 June
b. 2	Donor correspondence, under \$50	1985 July-1986 June
b. 2	Donor correspondence, \$50 and over	1985 July-1987 June
b. 2	Film series	1975 Fall
b. 2	Films and slide shows	1975-1983
b. 2	Financial statements	1972-1974
b. 2	<i>FOCUS</i> advertising English	1977-1980
b. 2	<i>FOCUS</i> correspondence, general with London English	1979-1981
b. 2	<i>FOCUS</i> correspondence with subscribers, claims for back issues, information requests English	1979-1983 June
b. 2	<i>FOCUS</i> promoters English	1977, 1979
b. 2	<i>FOCUS</i> subscriber lists English	1982-1983, 1986
b. 2	<i>FOCUS</i> updating correspondence English	1979-1983
b. 2	Ford Foundation	1979-1981
b. 2	Foundations	1979-1980
b. 2	Fundraising: sample mailings from other organizations	1977-1978
b. 2	Fundraising letters, fiscal	1981-1982, undated

## Correspondence/subject files (continued)

b. 2	Fundraising mailings	1979 November-1981 May
b. 2	Fundraising mailings and information	1972-1979
b. 3	Gomes, Peter J.	1979-1985
b. 3	Gordimer film benefit	1983
b. 3	Green, Clifford	1979-1980
b. 3	Grenville-Grey, Wilfrid	1978-1981
b. 3	Harvard Divinity School, field education program	1978-1979
b. 3	Honoraria	1983
b. 3	Huddleston benefit	undated
b. 3	Information requests, correspondence	1977-1983 June, 1984 July-1989 June
b. 3	International sponsors	1970, undated
b. 3	Johnson, Willard, correspondence, MIT	1972
b. 3	Lawyers- IDAF/USA	1972-1977, 1983
b. 3	Lawyers' Committee	1967-1972
b. 3	Legislators	1980
b. 3	Liberation movement, representatives, correspondence	1976-1980
b. 3	London: correspondence, Allen Cook	1979-1981, undated
b. 3	London: correspondence	1972-1976
b. 3	London: correspondence, general	1980-1982
b. 3	London: correspondence, including literature information requests	1984 July-1985 June
b. 3	London invoices	1971-1981
b. 3	London: correspondence, literature	1972-1987
b. 3	London: literature orders	1982-1989
b. 4	London: correspondence (excluding literature orders)	1977-1980
b. 4	London: correspondence--"Save for Phyllis"	1981-1982
b. 4	Long purpose letter	1980
b. 4	Mandela, Nelson and Winnie	1978-1980



## Correspondence/subject files (continued)

b. 4	Mass mailing	1975-1976
b. 4	Media people: correspondence	1974-1980
b. 4	Michigan D&A (Jack Bailey's file)	1979-1981
b. 4	Michigan D&A job and office descriptions and procedures	1982
b. 4	Namibia	1974-1976, 1981
b. 4	National Information Bureau	1982-1983
b. 4	New York Book Fair	1982-1987
b. 4	Newsletters and <i>News Notes</i> , transcripts of	1981-1984 November
b. 5	Newsletters and <i>News Notes</i> , transcripts of	1984 December-1986 October
b. 6	Newsletters and <i>News Notes</i> , transcripts of	1986 November-1988 October
b. 7	Newsletters and <i>News Notes</i> , transcripts of	1988 November-1989 May
b. 7	Newsletters and <i>News Notes</i> , general files of	1982-1987, undated
b. 7	<i>News Notes</i> English	1982-1989
b. 7	Nongovernmental organizations, NGOs	1972, 1977, 1980, 1982
b. 7	Pan-Africanist Congress	1972-1973, undated
b. 7	Prisoner adoption plan	1980, undated
b. 7	Proposals, drafts of	1974-1975, 1980
b. 7	Proposals--xeroxed materials	1971, 1974, 1981
b. 7	Publication requests	1983-1984
b. 7	Purpose of D&A	undated
b. 7	Qoboza, Percy; articles in <i>The Washington Star</i>	1980 October
b. 7	"Religion renewal letter" English	1984
b. 7	Resumes	1973-1974, 1979, undated

## Correspondence/subject files (continued)

b. 7	Rhodesia--Report of work (D&A)	1972
b. 7	Sanky Perlowin Associates	1981-1985
b. 7	Skinner, Margaret, adoption scheme	1979-1980
b. 7	"Soweto and the Uprising of 1976 in South Africa," a collection of slides prepared by D&A English	1976
b. 7	Speaking engagements--budget and follow-up	1983
b. 7	Staff	1979-1981
b. 7	Sponsors	1972-1980
b. 7	Trustees	1972-1982
b. 7	United Nations: correspondence	1972-1979
b. 8	U.S. Congress	1978-1981
b. 8	<i>Venture In Mission</i> Diocese of Michigan	1983-1985
b. 8	<i>Vertical File Index</i>	1977-1984
b. 8	Winter, Colin O'Brien	1973, undated
b. 8	Winter, Colin, resumes, etc.	1973
b. 8	Women's Committee	1981-1988
b. 8	Women's Committee; financial account	1982-1984
b. 8	Women's Committee mailings	1981-1983
b. 8	Women's Committee speakers	1981-1983
b. 8	Zimbabwe	1980
b. 8	Zimbabwe; newspaper clippings	1973-1975, undated

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b. 1, f. 1	"Southern Africa News Calendar" English	1989 February- March
b. 1, f. 2-8	Radio news transcripts, primarily of Voice of America, British Broadcasting Corporation, and Radio South Africa	1989 February- August

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Anti-apartheid movements  
Apartheid

### **Corporate Bodies**

International Defence and Aid Fund  
International Defence and Aid Fund. United  
States Committee