



## AL2939 - The Morice Smithers Collection

Call Number: AL2939  
Title: The Morice Smithers Collection  
SubTitle:  
Creator: Inventory prepared by Vivan Tafor, June 2003  
Origination: Morice Smithers  
Inclusive Dates: 1979-1991  
Bulk Dates:  
Extent: 0.2 linear metres (2 archival boxes); 17 photographs; posters; ephemera  
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Abstract: Devcraft was set up by the South African Council of Churches (SACC) in 1974 with the aim of assisting locals in obtaining gainful employment. In the same year Morice Smithers became the manager for Johannesburg branch. He travelled throughout Southern Africa visiting and evaluating projects similar to that of Devcraft. The bulk of this collection documents interviews conducted with craft workers explaining their working conditions and the difficulties they experienced.

### Introduction

In 1974 the South African Council of Churches (SACC) set up Devcraft with the aim of assisting locals in obtaining gainful employment. Morice Smithers joined this organisation in 1974 as manager of the Johannesburg branch. During this time he travelled throughout Southern Africa visiting and evaluating projects similar to Devcraft's. In most instances he found that operations were being poorly managed and that workers were being exploited. The bulk of this collection documents interviews conducted with craft workers explaining their working conditions and the difficulties they experienced.

### Notes

The collection of posters that Morice Smithers donated for the publication of "Images of Defiance: South African Resistance Posters of the 1980s" can be found in AL2446. Ephemera donated by Smithers (t-shirts, stickers and badges) can be found in AL2540.

### Classification

A1: CORRESPONDENCE  
A2: INTERVIEWS/TRANSCRIPTS  
A3: PROJECT REPORTS  
A4: FUNDING  
A5: ARTICLES  
A6: BOOKS  
A7: NOTES  
A8: BOOKLETS AND LEAFLETS  
A9: MISCELLANEOUS

### Inventory

A1: Correspondence



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### A2: Interviews/Transcripts

#### A2.1: Workers

- A2.1.1: Titus - All Saints - 23/11/79  
[23/11/79]
- A2.1.2: Lentsoe - All Saints - 23/11/79  
[23/11/79]
- A2.1.3: Interview notes - Botswelelo Centre, Thamaga, Botswana
- A2.1.4: Morice and lentswe
- A2.1.5: Moraka and Lentswe - Textiles workers Botswelelo
- A2.1.6: Morice and Lentswe - 24/11/79  
[24/11/79]
- A2.1.7: Francois and Moly Bill - 2/1179
- A2.1.8: Rev. Hlope - 11/11/79  
[11/11/79]
- A2.1.9: Notes on conversation with -manager- of ELC Art & craft Centre
- A2.1.10: Dr. Jacques - Elim Hospital - 27/10/79  
[27/10/79]
- A2.1.11: Mehloti Machume Shirley - 21/10/79  
[21/10/79]
- A2.1.12: Athur Dubaza Jabulani - 9/11/79  
[9/11/79]
- A2.1.13: Workers at Saint Mathews - 27/11/79  
[27/11/79]
- A2.1.14: Samela khula Leather - 26/11/79  
[26/11/79]
- A2.1.15: Workers at khula Dimbaza - 27/11/79  
[27/11/79]
- A2.1.16: Ndala Mbatha (Mboma) - 13/1179
- A2.1.17: Villagers near Mdukatshani - 13/1179
- A2.1.18: Yankee at Mdukatshani - 13/1179
- A2.1.19: Correspondence to Morice and Lentswe
- A2.1.20: Neil Alock Mdukatshani - 14/11/79  
[14/11/79]
- A2.1.21: Morice and Lentswe at Shirley - 24/10/79  
[24/10/79]
- A2.1.22: Morice on cooperation in the community - 28/10/79  
[28/10/79]
- A2.1.23: Tebogo Tlhagwane (Odi Weavers) - 13/12/79  
[13/12/79]
- A2.1.24: Chabane Clinic and Labur Bureau - 26/10/79  
[26/10/79]
- A2.1.25: Hilda PVI, Gabane
- A2.1.26: Summary of an interview - PVI, Gabane
- A2.1.27: Carpenter at PVI, Gabane
- A2.1.28: Mvimbi (Shiloh Sewing Centre) - 29/11/79  
[29/11/79]



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- A2.1.29: Martha Shimange Shirley (Elim) - 27/10/79
- A2.1.30: Rosinah St. Josephs - 22/10/79  
[22/10/79]
- A2.1.31: Rosinah and the workers - 22/10/79  
[22/10/79]
- A2.1.32: Villagers next to St. Josephs - 26/10/79  
[26/10/79]
- A2.1.33: Students from village next to St. Josephs - 26/10/79  
[26/10/79]
- A2.1.34: Sister Goretti - (St. Josephs) - 22/10/79  
[22/10/79]
- A2.1.35: Workers at TLM - 30/11/79  
[30/11/79]
- A2.1.36: TLM villagers - 1/12/79  
[1/12/79]
- A2.1.37: Sello Thabane - 1/12/79  
[1/12/79]
- A2.1.38: Workers at Tiakani Textiles - 24/10/79  
[24/10/79]
- A2.1.39: Martha 1& Martha 2 (Tiakani) - 24/10/79  
[24/10/79]
- A2.1.40: Bob Collins of Tiakeni - 5/11/79  
[5/11/79]
- A2.1.41: Andries (Tiakeni) - 19/10/79  
[19/10/79]
- A2.1.42: Martha Makuba (Tiakeni) - 19/10/79  
[19/10/79]
- A2.1.43: Tsatsawimi Kubayi - Shirley farm
- A2.1.44: Morice talking about a visit to Martha Shimange - 20/10/79  
[20/10/79]
- A2.1.45: Magadzi Valdezia - 25/10/79  
[25/10/79]
- A2.1.46: Workers at Valdezia - 25/10/79  
[25/10/79]
- A2.1.47: Morice and Lentswe on Valdezia - 25/10/79  
[25/10/79]
- A2.1.48: Rev. S. P. Zulu - 08/11/79  
[08/11/79]
- A2.1.49: Rev. Zulu - 09/11/79  
[09/11/79]
- A2.1.50: Tjell Lofroth - 08/11/79  
[08/11/79]
- A2.1.51: Morice about Tjell Lofroth - 08/11/79  
[08/11/79]
- A2.1.52: Lena Mukhari - 19/10/79  
[19/10/79]



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- A2.1.53: Ms. Ndamse Vusissizwe - 23/11/79  
[23/11/79]
- A2.1.54: Workers at Vutshila - 19/10/79  
[19/10/79]
- A2.1.55: Ms & Mr. Berkum (Elim) - 28/10/79  
[28/10/79]
- A2.1.56: Banana sellers at Elim - 28/10/79  
[28/10/79]
- A2.1.57: Hugh Jeanot - 26/10/79  
[26/10/79]
- A2.1.58: Harris Hlongwane and family from Elim - 28/10/79  
[28/10/79]
- A2.1.59: Silvia Lowane (Elim) - 19/10/79  
[19/10/79]
- A2.1.60: Flora Mahange - 23/10/79
- A2.1.61: Flora Mahange - 29/10/79  
[29/10/79]
- A2.1.62: Workers at Vutshila - 29/10/79  
[29/10/79]
- A2.1.63: Lena (Vutshila) - 29/10/79  
[29/10/79]
- A2.1.64: Nomvo Booi Zikhulise - 28/11/79  
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- A2.1.65: Nomvo Booi Zikhulise - 28/11/79  
[28/11/79]
- A2.1.66: Nomvo Booi Zikhulise - 28/11/79  
[28/11/79]
- A2.1.67: Nokuzola Makibeni - 28/11/79  
[28/11/79]
- A2.1.68: Ray Magida - 28/11/79  
[28/11/79]
- A2.1.69: Friends in Qumashe - 28/11/79  
[28/11/79]
- A2.1.70: Zikulise Temba sibeko - 26/11/79  
[26/11/79]
- A2.1.71: Zeb Mtetwa/Ben Skosana - 09/11/79
- A2.1.72: Morice and Lentsos talking about Thoko Skosana - 10/11/79  
[10/11/79]
- A2.1.73: Vutshila (Morice & Lentswe)
- A2.1.74: Bathulise and workers at Mdukasheni - 13/11/79  
[13/11/79]
- A2.1.75: Textiles workers (Botswelelo)
- A2.1.76: Moraka Thamaga
- A2.1.77: Ms Magatsi (Valdezia) - 25/10/79  
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- A2.1.78: Nokuzola Makibeni - 28/11/79



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A2.1.79: Old lady who irons - 19/10/79

[19/10/79]

A2.1.80: Nokuzola Makibeni - 28/11/79

[28/11/79]

A2.1.81: Workers at All Saints - 24/11/79

[24/11/79]

A2.1.82: Interview notes from Lentswe

A2.1.83: Ndala Mbatha at Mdukatshani - 13/11/79

[13/11/79]

A2.1.84: Bathulise and workers - 13/11/79

[13/11/79]

### A3: Project Reports

A3.1: Research proposal

A3.2: Proposed framework for project research report

A3.3: List of questions

A3.4: List of basic foodstuffs

A3.5: List of projects visited in 1979

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### A4: Funding

A4.1: Northern Community Funding Projects

### A5: Articles

A5.1: Link article on unemployment in South Africa

A5.2: Link article on personal experiences and hurdles

### A6: Books

A6.1: Images of defiance: South African resistance posters of the 1980s. 1991. Raven Press - Johannesburg.

[1980s]

### A7: Notes

A7.1: Meeting with Glen and Cedric

A7.2: Records cards of transcripts

### A8: Booklets and leaflets

A8.1: 'Apartheid outside in' - Medico International

A8.2: A large key attached to a key holder with the inscription - 'Free the conscientious objectors' in Afrikaans

A8.3: 'Nuclear Power: the facts they don't want you to know'

A8.4: TROCAIRE: The Catholic Agency for World Development

A8.5: Poster with smaller pictures and titles on Lesbianism

A8.6: Campaign for a specific National minimum wage

A8.7: Cashew nuts from Mozambique - supplied by AA Enterprises trading against Apartheid - 'Support the Front Line States'

A8.8: Diego Rivera - Hayward Gallery South Bank Centre, London 29 October 1987 to 10 January 1988

[29 October 1987]

A8.9: End Conscription Campaign Christmas card on which a call is made to end conscription

A8.10: 'Commodities - how the world was taken to Market'

A8.11: Nicaragua Work Brigades - Coffee Picking Season ?88-89

A8.12: London to Oxford sponsored bike ride for Nicaragua.

A8.13: The Labour Party container appeal for Nicaragua



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A8.14: 101 ways and more to end apartheid

A8.15: The Chile Committee for Human rights

A8.16: 'See Red Women's Workshop'

A8.17: Nature Digest - The African Communists - No 108 1986

[1986]

A8.18: 'Brute Force: The treatment of prisoners of South Africa's gaols'

A8.19: African National Congress of South Africa

A9: Miscellaneous

A9.1: Economy and Society - vol. 6

A9.2: The emergence and decline of a South African Peasantry (Colin Bunby) Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co

A9.3: Focus on rural poverty