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Abstract: The Urban Research Services Group was formed in 1988 and provided support, in the form of a research capacity, to civic associations in South Africa, such as the South African Civic Association (SANCO).

Introduction

The Urban Research Services Group was formed in 1988 of which the staff complement consisted of about 3-4 people. This service organization provided support, in the form of a research capacity, to important civic associations in South Africa, such as the South African Civic Association (SANCO). Funding was mainly provided by the Swedish Labour Movement. Issues that affected people in Urban areas seemed to be the focal areas of their research, such as Housing and the Mining industry. Therefore Labour issues were a prominent area of research as well although it has been confirmed that this organization inherited a lot of the Labour related Material from other service organizations. This service organization operated in a difficult political time in South Africa in the 1980's with the State of Emergency and Apartheid still as the governing law of the country.

Classification

A: LABOUR
A1: GENERAL LABOUR RECORDS
A2: INTERVIEWS
A3: PAPERS AND DISSERTATION
A4: LABOUR RESEARCH COMMITTEE RECORDS (LRC)
B: HOUSING
B1: General Records
B2: Research area specific records
C: MINING
D: ORGANISATIONAL
E: MISCELLANEOUS

Inventory

A: LABOUR
A1: GENERAL LABOUR RECORDS
A1.1: Non-area specific research records



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- A1.1.1: Newspaper clippings on labour issues: 1981-1984
[1981-1984]
- A1.1.2: General labour notes: 1982
[1982]
- A1.1.3: Various labour newsletters: 1982, 1984, 1989
[1982, 1984, 1989]
- A1.1.4: Conditions of Employment: 1983
[1983]
- A1.1.5: Labour and Community resource committee reports and coordinator reports: 1983- 1985
[1983- 1985]
- A1.1.6: Labour and Capitalism study notes: Undated
- A1.1.7: Labour and Unions study notes: Undated
- A1.1.8: Labour Policy and guidelines: Undated
- A1.1.9: Media notes: Undated
- A1.1.10: Labour Action: Historical Research notes: Undated
- A1.2: Specific areas of research records
 - A1.2.1: Black Labour force statistics, papers & government notices: 1959-1963, 1980
[1959-1963, 1980]
 - A1.2.2: Government Department of Bantu Administration and Development: Labour Bureau sheets of registered Bantu workers: 1978-1979
[1978-1979]
 - A1.2.3: Johannesburg Labour Allocation Progress reports: 1979
[1979]
 - A1.2.4: Johannesburg municipality strike newspaper clippings: 1980
[1980]
 - A1.2.5: Recruitment process: handwritten drafts: 1980
[1980]
 - A1.2.6: South Africa Labour & Development Research Unit (SALDRU) information, correspondence and research: 1980-1983
[1980-1983]
 - A1.2.7: "Students" and Azaso Student movement notes & newspaper clippings: 1982
[1982]
 - A1.2.8: Worker Organisation Records: Notes and papers: 1982-1983
[1982-1983]
 - A1.2.9: Contract Labour system records: correspondence & reports: 1982-1983
[1982-1983]
 - A1.2.10: Female Workers notes: 1983
[1983]
 - A1.2.11: Community group planning and notes: 1983
[1983]
 - A1.2.12: Farm Labour: Notes and Papers: 1984
[1984]
 - A1.2.13: Human Awareness Program correspondence & pamphlets: 1984-1986
[1984-1986]
 - A1.2.14: Institute for Industrial Relations informational pamphlets: Undated
- A2: INTERVIEWS



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- A2.1: Miscellaneous Interviews: 1977-1979
[1977-1979]
- A2.2: Natal Labour Interviews and Reports: 1978
[1978]
- A2.3: Sector Specific Interviews: 1978
[1978]
- A2.4: Area Specific Labour Interviews: 1979
[1979]
- A2.5: Black Mineworkers Union Members (Interviews and cases): 1980
[1980]
- A2.6: Interviews with illegal female workers: Undated
- A3: PAPERS AND DISSERTATION
 - A3.1: Migrant labour papers: 1954, 1976
[1954, 1976]
 - A3.2: South African Labour History Conference paper by Paul Rich on the allocation of labour and evolution of Apartheid Ideology 1939-1960: 1976
[1939-1960]
 - A3.3: Dissertation of Sean Moroney on Industrial Conflict in the labour repressive economy: Black Labour on the Transvaal Gold mines 1901-1912: 1976
[1901-1912]
 - A3.4: Labour Research Program report on Payment and Employment statistics: 1977
[1977]
 - A3.5: General Labour Papers: 1979, 1985, Undated
[1979, 1985]
 - A3.6: Analysis and notes of various labour related papers: Undated
 - A3.7: Worker Institute Book chapter printouts: Undated
 - A3.8: Worker Institute Book chapter research papers and notes: Undated
- A4: LABOUR RESEARCH COMMITTEE RECORDS (LRC)
 - A4.1: General Records
 - A4.1.1: National Caucus Meeting Minutes: 1978-1985
[1978-1985]
 - A4.1.2: Correspondence of all regions: 1980-1984
[1980-1984]
 - A4.1.3: Circulars: 1984
[1984]
 - A4.1.4: Constitution of LRC correspondence: 1984
[1984]
 - A4.2: Area specific records
 - A4.2.1: Natal Labour correspondence and information: 1974-1980
[1974-1980]
 - A4.2.2: Durban and Pietermaritzburg Progress Reports: 1979-1984
[1979-1984]
 - A4.2.3: Johannesburg Meeting Minutes: 1980- June 1984
[June 1984]
 - A4.2.4: Durban Reports: 1981, 1984, 1985
[1981, 1984, 1985]



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- A4.2.5: Johannesburg reports: 1980, 1984, 1985
[1980, 1984, 1985]
- A4.2.6: Township Meeting Minutes: 1981
[1981]
- A4.2.7: Grahamstown Region Meeting Minutes, Eastern Cape Reports: 1981, 1984
[1981, 1984]
- A4.2.8: Cape Town Reports: 1984
[1984]
- A4.2.9: Eastern Cape Organisations memoranda: 1984
[1984]
- A4.2.10: Cape Town Progress Reports 1984, Undated
[1984]

B: HOUSING

B1: General Records

- B1.1: Report on Economic Rent and Household income for Grahamstown by James Irving: 1958
[1958]
- B1.2: Fact papers, leaflets and reviews: 1960, 1982-1986
[1960, 1982-1986]
- B1.3: Planning and notes: 1975-1985
[1975-1985]
- B1.4: Workshops, papers and speeches: 1975-1981
[1975-1981]
- B1.5: Articles and notes: 1981
[1981]
- B1.6: Newspapers, clippings, pamphlets and articles: 1972-1987
[1972-1987]

B2: Research area specific records

- B2.1: Self-help housing information: Economic and structural plans: 1948, 1983
[1948, 1983]
- B2.2: Correspondence to Administration Boards: 1980-1982
[1980-1982]
- B2.3: Indian Housing, papers and plans: 1980-1985
[1980-1985]
- B2.4: Coloured Housing newsletters and notes: 1981
[1981]
- B2.5: Employer homeownership schemes: newspaper clippings: 1983-1984
[1983-1984]
- B2.6: "Housing Research Review" Newsletters: 1983-1985, 1988
[1983-1985, 1988]
- B2.7: Survey of PWV Black Towns: 1984-1986
[1984-1986]
- B2.8: Housing in Transkei and Ciskei: papers and statistics: 1984, Undated
[1984]
- B2.9: Community Education Correspondence: 1985
[1985]
- B2.10: Property Sales Information: 1987-1988



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[1987-1988]

B2.11: Influx control research papers: Undated

C: MINING

- C1: De Beers mineworkers labour information: 1968-1974
[1968-1974]
- C2: Job description of mineworkers at Anglo American: 1975
[1975]
- C3: Legislation for mineworkers members: 1983
[1983]
- C4: Chamber of Mines Union and Industrial Relations informational records: 1983
[1983]
- C5: South African Mineworkers Union Seminars and Papers: 1983
[1983]
- C6: National Union of Mineworkers historical records: 1983
[1983]

D: ORGANISATIONAL

- D1: Financial records: 1983-1986
[1983-1986]
- D2: Medical Aid records: 1984-1985
[1984-1985]

E: MISCELLANEOUS

- E1: General Political newsletters, speeches, papers and notes: 1973-1989
[1973-1989]
- E2: Barbara Creecy personal file of Wits University records: 1976- 1981
[1976- 1981]
- E3: Education Research Committee Minutes: 1978-1979
[1978-1979]
- E4: South African Communist Party (SACP) records: newsletters, papers and programs: 1980-1989
[1980-1989]
- E5: Newsletter of National Education Union of South Africa (NEWSA): 1981: March, April, August and November, 1982: April & May issues
[November, 1982]
- E6: SASPU Minutes: 1982-1983
[1982-1983]
- E7: SASPU Correspondence: 1983
[1983]
- E8: Africa Perspective records: Minutes, correspondence and planning: 1984
[1984]