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Sylvester Stein, Collection of publications, 1951-1989

8 boxes

The collection of publications was donated by Sylvester Stein, who was the editor of the DRUM magazine from 1955 to 1958.

INTRODUCTION

The main body of this collection consists of the original DRUM magazine, including its first number in March 1951, up to 1962.

The publication was started as "The African Drum" by Jim Bailey and Bob Crisp, and soon after only called DRUM. Its prime time was the 1950s under the successive editorship of Antony Sampson, Sylvester Stein and Tom Hopkinson. The staff of Black journalists, known as the "DRUM boys" included writers like Henry Nxumalo ('Mr DRUM'), Can Themba, Lewis Nkosi, Todd Matshikiza, Nat Nakasa, William Modisane, Arthur Maimane, Casey Motsisi and Bessie Head, as well as Es'kia Mphahlele, who was fiction editor and Dolly Rathebe. The photographers working for DRUM at the time included Jürgen Schadeberg, Bob Gosani, Peter Magubane, Ernest Cole and Alf Khumalo.

DRUM's golden era came to an end towards the end of 1950s, after the Sophiatown removals and many of its writers going into exile overseas or having died tragically, like Henry Nxumalo who was murdered in Johannesburg in 1957.

DRUM covered topics ranging from news from the African continent and politics to sport, scouting, crime, culture, art, music and fashion, including fiction writing and photography, as well as extensive advertising.

The DRUM magazine was distributed in different regions throughout Africa, and this collection includes issues published for its readership in South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana (West Africa) and East Africa.

Some issues were missing when the collection was deposited with Historical Papers, and these are indicated in the listing below.

COLLECTION

- A DRUM, 1951-1962, 7 boxes

- A1 THE AFRICAN DRUM 1951
No. 1 March - December, 1951 (July, August missing)
Including: The Mai Mai market in Johannesburg; serial reprint of 'Cry the beloved country' by Alan Paton; Know Yourself - History, Music and Art of the African tribes; Gerard Sekoto, Dr J Dube, JT Jabavu; Alexandra Central School; Johannesburg Underworld; Tsotsi; Adams College; Life of miners

- A2 The African Drum to DRUM 1952

January - December 1952, changing from "The African Drum" in the logo of the African map until August, to DRUM and the logo of the roaring lion from September onwards

Including: Phokeng Centenary village; AC Jordan; continuation of 'Cry the beloved country'; District Six; African National Congress vs all-African Convention; Bethal farms; Gerard Sekoto; AB Xuma on Western Areas removals and Christ the King Sophiatown; ritual murder; Dr J Moroka; Proclamation of Queen Elizabeth II; Manilal Gandhi, son of Mahatma Gandhi; The Russians gang; the tot system; Clements Kadalie; Peter Abrahams on Congress; Dr Vilakazi; playing white; Prof ZK Matthews; "We Defy" Statement by Nelson Mandela (September) and the Defiance campaign; dagga; Fahfee; horse betting; Sheriff Khan; AW Champion; Supreme Council of Bantu Federation; shebeens; Mau Mau uprising

A3

DRUM 1953

January - December 1953

Including: Crimson League; ZK Matthews at the UNO; AS Mopeli-Paulus; Chief A Luthuli and Congress; Sugar farms; Jake Tuli; 'Mop passion!' by Can Themba, winner of the 1st DRUM Short Story contest; Pirates soccer club; RV Selope-Thema; Mahomed Kajee; school riots; Africn Chiefs at Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II; Manhattan Brothers; The life of the late Dr Pixley Seme by RV Selope-Thema; Who's Who in Congress; Supreme Council for the Federation of Bantu Organisations with photograph of officials; Sobhuza II; Who's Who in the Indian Congress; David Samaai and Grant Khomo; Garrett Adams; Group Areas Act; political leaders playing soccer; 'Bishop' Limba; Dr AB Xuma

A4

DRUM 1954

January - December 1954

Including: Christmas play performed at the Church of Christ the King, Sophiatown in photos; Anton Lembede; 41st Annual Conference of the ANC; Manilal Gandhi sentenced in December 1952; Who's Who in Central Africa; Mr Drum goes to Johannesburg Central Jail "The Fort"; James Sofasonke Mpanza; serial reprint of 'Tell Freedom' by Peter Abrahams; Prof ZK Matthews interview; 'Under the Blue-gum trees...' by Dyke Sentso, winner of the 2nd DRUM Short Story contest; Who's Who in the Non-European Unity Movement; Jordan Ngubane; Howick Falls murder; Selby Msimang; Edward Lekganyane and Zion Christian Church (ZCC); David Samaai; Western Areas removals; Dr R Bokwe; the 'Americans' gang; Peter Rezant; Dolly Rathebe; St. Peter's School Rosettenville; George Jacobus Golding, President of the Coloured People's National Union; 'Kort Boy'; Enoch 'Schoolboy' Nhlapo; Oom Piet Gwele; Effects of new Laws: Bantu Education Act (October), Suppression of Communism Act (November) and bannings; Israel Alexander; Jawaharlal Nehru; A.S. Mopeli-Paulus

A5

DRUM 1955

January - December 1955

Including: 'How red is Congress', Luthuli replies; Regina 'Linda Malinga' Brooks; Israel Alexander; Mopeli-Paulus continued; Western Areas removals; 'The Suitcase' short story; New faces in Congress; labour conditions on Snyman's Farm; DRUM staff at the office; Enoch Nhlapo; Salot family; Torch gang; King Masinga and South African radio; 'The Departure' by Peter Clarke, winner of the 3rd DRUM Short Story contest; Capricorn movement; 'How yellow is Congress', Tambo replies; South Africa's colour bar in sports; GMM Pemba; SM Mofokeng, first African PhD at University of Witwatersrand; Chief Buthelezi in Johannesburg; Bantu Education Act; Fort Hare University; Chops No. 1; Seretse Khama; Chetty murder; Congress of the People at Kliptown; Don Mtimkulu; John Shembe; Coloureds race classification; Canada Lee; Elifasi "Axe-killer" Msomi; bare fist fights; Isaac Makau; Father Trevor Huddleston (December); Peter Abrahams; ANC Bloemfontein conference

A6

DRUM 1956

January - December 1956

Including: Campaign against women carrying passes; African traders and Group Areas; Dorothy Masuka; Gopal "Tommy" Nair; Germiston Bantu Refuge; Manhattan Brothers; Dr. Abdullah Abdurahman; Elifasi "Axe-killer" Msomi; ANC Congress in Bloemfontein; concert for Father Huddleston; break-away African Christian churches; Job Kekana; colour-bar at churches; Dolly Rathebe; shebeens; Lilian Ngoyi; Jeremiah Mofokeng; Father Trevor Huddleston; Emily Motsieloa; 'The devoted leeches', by Nimrod Mkele, winner of the 4th DRUM Short Story contest; Manilal Mohandas; Seretse Khama; Evaton bus boycott; Bushbucks soccer team; Sophiatown; race re-classification; Sheriff Khan; Miriam Makeba; Banned people at Frenchdale, Mafeking and Witzieshoek; Durban race riots; non-white sport; HP Madibane; Louis Joshua; Tomlinson Commission; Witchdoctors and Sangomas; Victor Mccunu; Dr. YM Dadoo; Thoko Thomo; Kajee Trophy; Dr. W Conco; Hosanna Sect; Magician Ally

A7

DRUM 1957

January - December 1957 (Please note the mistake in the cover pages of August and September)

Including: Dolly Rathebe series; Treason trial arrests; James John Selous, Coloured son of Frederick Courtney Selous; Victor Mkize; Treason Trial with photos of all the accused (February); Henry Nxumalo, after his death in December 1956, and his last report on Durban's gangs; Crimson League gang; child labour on sugar farms; political situation in South Africa; Cape Malay wedding; 'Lesane' by Ezekiel Mphahlele; Rev. ZR Mahabane; Ghana's independence on 6 March; Miriam Makeba cover story; Mau Mau uprising; Jazz series; 'In the Gold Mines' poem by Walle Vilakazi; Julius Nyerere and Tanzania; Treason Trial proceeds; Dr. Monty Naicker; Dorian hats; train terror; Dube Hostel; Chief Albert Luthuli; Absolam Vilakazi; Treason trial Jazz; Sophiatown removals

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DRUM 1958

February - December 1958 (January and July missing; there seems to be 2 different issues for May)

Including: Illicit brewing in shebeens; Kippy Moeketsi; Africanists in Congress; Famo dance; farm workers in Weenen; Penny-whistle business; Amato factory riots, Benoni; pass refugees crossing from Zeerust into Bechuanaland; Apartheid public signage; Central African Federation; Chief Luthuli interview; Sculptor Selby Mvusi; accused arriving at Treason Trial at the Synagogue in Pretoria; 'The Family of Man' photographic show; Basutos calling for home rule; Zoo Lake, Johannesburg; Bergville dagga riots; Campaign against women carrying passes; Southern Rhodesia African National Congress; Treason Trial halts; Robert Sobukwe; Indian weddings; Potlako Leballo

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DRUM 1959

January - December 1959 (February and March missing)

Including: All-African People's Conference; Basuto self-rule; Alan Paton; story of Ezekiel "King Kong" Dlamini, heavy weight boxer from Durban, who inspired the musical King Kong later in the year; SA Cricket West Indies tour; Beer halls; Josias Madzunya, with photos by Peter Magubane, winning the Best South African Pictures of the Year Exhibition (April); Payroll robbers; Jomo Kenyatta; Robert Sobukwe; photo of boy at piano, by Peter Magubane, winning third place in the Feature Section of the Best South African Pictures award; Chief Luthuli visiting Cape Town, and banned on his farm; Durban unemployed; death of Fort Hare University Colleague; Witchcraft; African church leaders conference, Vereeniging; The Fort prison, Johannesburg; Coloured People's Organisation, and Coloured people; Joas 'Kangaroo' Maoto vs. Enoch Nhlapo; typhoid epidemic; series about history of Indians in South Africa; riots in Cato Manor; theater play 'Shebeen'; Mahatma Gandhi; Hastings Banda; Seretse Khama; Tribute to DDT Jabavu; Coronation of Chief Edward Patric Lebone Molotlegi of the Bafokeng; Nyasaland prison camp; John Mehegan in South Africa; Miriam Makeba; musical 'King Kong'; Sophiatown forced removals; 'My idea of Africa in 1973' by Mangaliso Sobukwe; women of Ixopo; banishment; Dollar Brand (Abdullah Ibrahim); Professor ZK Matthews; series about SA Indian personalities

A10

DRUM 1960

January - December 1960 (February, June, November missing)

Including: Man of Africa 1959; Phatha-Phatha; the Spoilers vs. the Msomis; Coalbrook disaster; Cato Manor killings; Steve Kalamazoo Mokone; soccer; Ben Baartman banished; Unity Movement; Coloured political parties; Basuto Royal family; the Africanists, Potlako Leballo, Mangaliso Sobukwe; series about Miriam Makeba's life story; Soorabjee Rustomjee; Reg September, Ebrahim Desai; David Pratt shooting Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd; Sharpsville funerals, with main report in October issue; musical 'Mkhumbane'; child labour; political refugees in Basutoland; Pondoland; wages; Congo Independence Day; series about Indian women; Bantustans; people in showbiz; John Dunn; Katanga; Patrice Lumumba; Joas 'Kangaroo' Maoto; Louis Armstrong in Kenya; Joshua Nkomo

A11

DRUM 1961

February - November 1961 (January, June, July, December missing)

Including: Visit by Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the United Nations; Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia; Non-White soccer break-up; King Kong musical leaving for London; Ramakrishna movement; series about life story of Philip Kgosana; Shaik Mahomed "Sharkey"; Cato Manor riots; Coloured political parties; United Front demonstrations against Prime Minister Verwoerd in London; South Africa leaving the Commonwealth; Lutchmi Chetty murder case; General Delgado interview; tribute to Patrice Lumumba; Shadrack Matthews of the Msomi gang; end of Treason Trial; New Jerusalem Apostolic Church; Cape jazz; 'Durango Kid' Meshack Makhetha; All-In Africa conference in Maritzburg; referendum in Southern Rhodesia; series about Sofasonke movement, by James Mpanza; South-West Africa; Coloured Convention; Sherief Khan; Durban Canvas Factory payroll robbery; Nico Loubscher; Glendale Sugar Mill murder; DRUM interview with Yuri Gagarin; death of David Pratt; Emelia Ma-Ntsebo Seeiso of Basutoland; Krishna Shah

- A12 DRUM 1962
January - August 1962 (June, September to December missing)
Including: Rajab brothers; Tanzania (Tanganyika) Independence celebrations; Southern Rhodesia riots; Chief Lutuli receiving Nobel Peace Prize; Pondoland; Joe Louw and Pamela Beira trial on Immorality Act; Dennis Brutus; Jomo Kenyatta; foreign labour; love across the Colour Bar; tribute to AB Xuma; Anderson Ganyile; Pirates soccer club; conferences at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Lagos, Nigeria, attended by Nelson Mandela, Oliver Tambo (ANC) and Peter Molotsi (PAC); Miriam Makeba at the United Nations special African Song Night programme; Kenneth Kaunda; Rev. Keith Nkabinde; Johnny Liebenberg
- A13 DRUM West African edition
DRUM publication for the West African readership, 1954-1962, incomplete, 9 files
- A14 DRUM duplicates, 2f
- B AFRICA!

Issues of the magazine 'Africa! Drum's younger sister'. Included are the following numbers: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, 16, 17, covering the years 1954-1955.
- C AFRICA SOUTH

The journal 'Africa South' was published quarterly by Africa South Publications. Included are the following issues: Vol. 1 No. 1 October - December 1956; Vol. 2 No. 3 April - June 1958; Vol. 2 No. 4 July - September 1958; Vol. 3 No. 2 January - March 1959
- D THE AFRICAN COMMUNIST

Distributed by Inkululeko Publishers, London. Included No. 66 1976; No. 70 1977; No. 75 1978; 1982-1987 incomplete

E OTHER

- E1 Education for Barbarism: Bantu Education in South Africa', by IB Tabata, 1959
- E2 Who runs our newspapers? The story behind the Non-White press', by Brian Bunting, a New Age pamphlet, 1959
- E3 Spotlight on Soweto', pamphlet published by the World Peace Council and the African National Congress, 1976
- E4 Sechaba', Official organ of the African National Congress, Third Quarter 1978; July 1989