

#### Biographical Notes.

Joyce Harris was born on 4th (?) October 1919 and was educated at Johannesburg Girls' High School and WITS University where she qualified in Social Work. She worked, for many years for Home and School Council. She was a founder Member of the Black Sash and became National President in 1978. She wrote many articles, press statements and letters to the press protesting about social injustice and discriminatory legislation. Many of her letters were signed by other Black Sash office-bearers such as Jean Sinclair. She corresponded with politicians and others and prepared papers on topics of political interest. She emigrated to Canada in 1991.

This collection is for the most part organised chronologically.

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Correspondents include Prof Fourie MP, Lawrence Gandar, Home and School Council, Prof Pistorius, Helen Sunman, United Party (letter of resignation) Harold Wilson (letter deals with the implications of the term 'majority rule' in South Africa.
- 1.2. 1968-72  
Subjects include: Influx Control, Banning, Terrorism Bill, Taxation, Black Hardships.  
  
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Papers include:

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Economics and Society FEB 1976

Launching of the map (Removals) 2.5.78

Black Women: the problems they face in both black and white society 1978

Correspondents include: E.J. Jammie, Dr Jan Morris, F Van Zyl Slabbert.

1.4 1979-82

Subjects include: Group Areas, Schlcbusch Commission, Local Government Bill, Black Communities Development Bill.

Papers include:

The cost of apartheid 12.3.79

The Group Areas Act 5.4.79

Punishment without Trial 26.6.81

Correspondents include: Dr Jack Penn.

1.5. 1982-84

Subjects include: Discriminatory legislation, Injustice, Protection of Information Bill, intimidation and brutality by police, the 1983 Constitution, removals, violence.

Papers include:

The Maseru Raid 11.12.82

The Government's constitutional proposals 1983

The White role in S. Africa's struggle for justice and the recognition of Human Rights for all the people 13.12.83

Statement on Saul Mkhize 3.4.84

Strategies of ..(illegible) 27.8.84

Correspondents include: Peter Collins, Sheena Duncan, 'Frontline' magazine, Helen Suzman, F van Zyl Slabbert.

1.6 1985-1991

Subjects include: Police brutality, Sanctions, Violence, Removals, Local Government, Promotion of Orderly Internal Politics Bill, Emergency powers.

Papers include:

Memorandum on the sufferings of children in South Africa April 1986

Address to the A Philip Randolph Institute on the occasion of the presentation of their Freedom Award to the Black Sash 17.5.86

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Structural violence, its influence on Reform 25.7.86

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Introspective look at the Black Sash Nov 1988

Address to IDASA Women's Conference Nov/Dec 1988

Suggestions for the Democratic Party 10.4.89

Whither the Black Sash? Oct 1988

Memorandum on restrictions imposed under the State of Emergency, and on those released from detention 1989

The effects of Trust Funding of the Black Sash 1990

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Article on Political Rights 26.7.90

Correspondents include: Zach de Beer, Dawid de Villiers, Colin Eglin, Patrick 'Terror' Lekota, Ken Owen, Helen Suzman, F van Zyl Slabbert, Helen Zille.

- 2 Papers by Joyce Harris.
  - On Banning 19.4.66
  - The Future of Democracy in South Africa. June 1976
  - Memorandum on Police Conduct in the Eastern Cape. March 1985
  - An Alternative to Sanctions 8.4.86
  - Structural Violence, its influence on reform, 25.9.86
  - Soft Option (various drafts with different dates)
  - Tape Transcript on the new Constitution
  - Making a Constitution 16.3.88
  - On Homelessness June 1988
- 3 Texts of speeches with notes. (These are annotated drafts of speeches included in the files 1.1-1.6)
- 4 Visit to America 1986 (Speeches, Letters)
- 5 Miscellaneous documents (includes a rough draft of ch. 10 of a proposed book on the Black Sash)
- 6 Texts of plays by Joyce Harris
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  - Verses by Joyce Harris.