

ICS 107

Minutes and papers of the Southern Rhodesia Legal Aid and Welfare Fund

SUMMARY GUIDE

Repository	GB 101 Institute of Commonwealth Studies
Reference code	ICS 107
Dates of creation of material	1959-1967 [predominantly 1963-1965]
Level of description	Collection
Extent	1 file
Name of creator	Southern Rhodesia Legal Aid and Welfare Fund

Administrative history

The Legal Aid and Welfare Fund was first set up in 1959 to provide support to persons detained by the Government of Southern Rhodesia, later Rhodesia. It received donations from individuals and organisations within Rhodesia and overseas, and used these to provide both legal aid for detainees to be adequately defended, and practical support in the form of various necessities, and other items such as books, while they were in prison. Other national and international organisations also gave support. The papers in this collection relate to the meetings and work of the group in Salisbury only. The minutes and accounts frequently refer to specific cases of aid required and/or given. A pencil note at the end of the minutes of the meeting of 3 Aug 1965 suggests that this was probably the last meeting to be held, the suspension of activity partly being due to the suspicion that a police informer had been planted on the Committee. However, there are further notes on detainees' cases in 1966-1967 and the support they received from legal representatives.

Archival history

The photocopies were donated to ICS by [?] at an unknown date.

Scope and content

Photocopied minutes of meetings of the Committee of the Legal Aid and Welfare Fund in Salisbury, 1959 and 1963-1965; accounts, 1963-1966; and typescript notes on clients defended 1966-1967.

System of arrangement

The papers have been listed in their original order.

Access	Open
Copyright/copying conditions	Usual conditions apply
Language	English
Finding aids	A descriptive list is available in ICS Library
Existence and location of originals	The original documents are presumed to be in the custody of the donor
Date of description	16 Nov 2000

DESCRIPTIVE LIST

ICS 107/1	Minutes Minutes of the first meeting on 27 May 1959, and of meetings between Mar 1963 and Aug 1965. 82 folios Photostats	1959-1965
ICS 107/2	Accounts Record donations, and expenditure on education, welfare and legal aid in support of detainees 8 folios Photostats	1963-1965
ICS 107/3	Notes of accounts 1 folio Manuscript	Jul-Aug 1966
ICS 107/4	Notes on clients defended in Rhodesia 3 folios Typescript	1966-1967