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Australia-New Zealand Civil Liberties Society papers (reference ICS157)

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Reference	File title	Scope and content	Date(s)
ICS157/1/1	Minute book	<p>Hardback notebook (15x10 cm.) containing minutes of the executive committee meetings held approximately monthly. The minutes are typed and stuck into the notebook.</p> <p>Also contains minutes of Annual General Meetings and Annual Reports</p> <p>At the front of the book is a copy of the constitution of the Society, a 4 page printed leaflet.</p> <p>At the end of the book are the handwritten minutes of a meeting held on October 4th 1957 to draw up the constitution of a branch of the British Civil Liberties Council to be in contact with Australian and New</p>	1951 November 20 - 1957 October 4

		Zealand bodies.	
ICS157/1/2	Correspondence	<p>File labelled “Back Correspondence.”</p> <p>Correspondence with related organisations (National Council for Civil Liberties, Anti-Slavery Association, UK Council for Racial Unity, the Howard League for Penal Reform) in Britain, Australia and New Zealand about campaigns, for example the denial of civil rights to Australian Aborigines, the Rosenberg case in America. Includes some copies of Civil Liberty, the journal of the NCCL, cuttings from the New Zealand press, for example NZ Truth, The Pres.</p> <p>Letter of apology from Jessie Street about not being able to attend a meeting because she will be at Stalin’s funeral. NCCL objections (1953) to the scheme for federation of Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, NCCL and Kenya, South Africa.</p> <p>Seretse Khama Campaign.</p>	1947-1953
ICS157/1/3	Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copy of the Police Offences Amendment Bill, Government Printer, Wellington-1951. - Copy of the Official Secrets Bill, Government Printer, Wellington, 1951. 	1951-1953

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Council for Civil Liberties: Constitution, annual report 1951, revised annual report 1953, agenda, committee meeting agenda, minutes, 1953. - Australian News Review, vol.2, no.14, June 1952. - Human Right (Wellington) 2 issues 1952. -- - Democratic Rights Council (N.S.W.) bulletin 1953. - NZ Peace Council Auckland District, 1953. 	
ICS157/1/4	Niue Case	Correspondence, leaflet: "Save 3 Niuean Lives," press cuttings, all relating to the trial of three Niue islanders for the murder of the Resident Commissioner of Niue Island. Report by the Australian-New Zealand Civil Liberties campaign. Support from, among others, Fenner Brockway, Gordon Childe, John Platts-Mills.	1953-1954
ICS157/2/1	Miscellaneous	<p>Address list, Melbourne Australia. [CLOSED until 2042. Data Protection Act]</p> <p>Report and Bulletin of the Council for Aboriginal Rights, Victoria, 1956. "Civil Liberty" bulletin of the Australian Council for Civil Liberties, May 1956.</p> <p>The Royal Commission on Espionage, a commentary by Brian Fitzpatrick. Melbourne 1955.</p> <p>Correspondence with Shirley Andrews, 1956.</p> <p>Correspondence with Christina Stead, enclosed article on</p>	1956

		<p>civil liberties in the U.S.A.</p> <p>Correspondence with Jessie Street, enclosed commentary by W.J. Scott on civil liberties in New Zealand, 1956</p>	
ICS157/2/2	Miscellaneous	<p>In file marked ANZCLS “Particular.”</p> <p>ANZ Civil Liberties Society: “Statement on Australian Aborigines” 7 pages, 2 copies.</p> <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Paper on New Guinea.</p> <p>Notice of meeting and afterwards, 100th anniversary of Eureka Stockade, A.L. Lloyd.</p> <p>Paper on labour conditions in Fiji, Norman Jeffery.</p> <p>Article on exploitation of Aborigines submitted to Tribune by Bill Pearson.</p>	1953-1955
ICS157/2/3	Miscellaneous	<p>In file marked “ANZCLS General.”</p> <p><i>Bibliography of Cargo cults and other Nativistic Movements in the South Pacific</i> compiled by Ida Leeson. South Pacific Commission, Technical Paper No.30, July 1952.</p> <p>Issue of newspaper “People’s Voice” (Auckland) June 29, 1955.</p> <p>Letter from Minister for Territories, Canberra A.C.T., 10</p>	1952-1955

		<p>October 1955.</p> <p><i>Subversive Activity</i> New Zealand Council for Civil Liberties leaflet, 2 copies.</p> <p>Australia-New Zealand Civil Liberties Society constitution, 3 copies.</p> <p><i>Handbook of Citizen's Rights</i>, National Council for Civil Liberties, Westbourne Grove, London 1954.</p>	
ICS 157/2/4	Correspondence	<p>In file marked "Letter file to Dec. 10th 1954, and to 31st Oct. 1955."</p> <p>Much correspondence with National Council for Civil Liberties and notices of its meetings and activities as well as correspondence with individuals.</p> <p>Material relating to other parts of the Commonwealth, eg. Kenya, Ceylon and with issues such as equal pay, mental health, world peace.</p> <p>List of addresses and telephone numbers for the sub-committee of the Australian-New Zealand Council for Civil Liberties. [CLOSED until 2042. Data Protection Act]</p> <p>Addresses of relevant organisations, eg. Student unions, Society of Socialist Clergy, the Haldane Society, Fabian Colonial Bureau.</p> <p>List of addresses in Australia and New Zealand including</p>	1954-1955

		<p>individuals. (Filed in July 1955 material). CLOSED until 2042. Data Protection Act.</p> <p>Correspondence about an application for assisted passage. (1955 February-May.)</p> <p>Correspondence about political asylum in the case of Dr. Joseph Cort.</p> <p>Correspondence about the banning of a play “Strangers in the Land” by Mona Brand.</p>	
ICS157/2/5	Davidson Case	<p>In a file marked “Davidson Case 1916-1969.”</p> <p>Struan Robert Davidson, born in Scotland (1916) lived in Australia, Lieutenant- Commander in the R.A.N.V.R. in World War II, worked in Kenya. Correspondence and cuttings about Davidson’s arrest and deportation from Kenya and the compensation he sought.</p> <p>Detailed report and description of the case at a meeting of the Australian-New Zealand Civil Liberties Society meeting of November 20th 1953.</p>	1953-1954
ICS157/2/6	Petrov Affair	<p>In a file marked “Petrov Affair. China.” [Nothing about China in file.]</p> <p>Menzies’ Royal Commission on Communist Espionage in Australia, 1954.</p> <p>Handwritten notes on the Royal Commissions Act 1912.</p>	1954-1955

		<p>Diary of events re Petrov.</p> <p>Australian Council for Civil comments in <i>Civil Liberty</i>, July 1954 and again in May 1955.</p> <p>Pamphlets: <i>Petrov Cross-Examined</i>, <i>Menzies' Secret Police: Threat to Democracy</i>, <i>Royal Commission Exposed</i>, <i>What is Document "J"?</i></p>	
ICS157/2/7	Miscellaneous	<p>File marked "Aborigines."</p> <p>Cuttings, statements, correspondence (including with the Minister for Territories Paul Hasluck) about the civil liberties of Aborigines in the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Pamphlet "The Lewis case and you" by L.G. Woodcock.</p> <p>Anti-Slavery Society publications <i>The Anti-Slavery Society and Aborigines' Friend</i>, <i>The Australian Natives: Tragedy and Romance</i> by Sir John Harris, <i>The Aborigines of Australia</i> by Dr. Charles Duguid.</p> <p>Northern Territory Ordinances, no.16, no.24 and no.44 "To Provide for the Care and Assistance of Certain Persons."</p> <p>Letter to Albert Namatjira from the ANZ Council for Civil Liberties re court appearance and letter to Paul Hasluck.</p> <p>United Nations Commission on Human Rights publication, 1952. Australian response to request for</p>	1952-1956

		<p>information about prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities within their jurisdiction.</p> <p>The Australian News Review, May 1953 about aborigines' conditions.</p>	
ICS157/3/1	Card file	<p>Names and addresses of members of Australia-New Zealand Civil Liberties Society with record of attendances and subscription payments.</p> <p>CLOSED till 2040, Data Protection Act.</p>	1951-1955
ICS157/3/2	Miscellaneous	<p>Summary of the Struan Robert Davidson case.</p> <p>Summary of case of New Guinea natives condemned to death (August 1954) for murder of two Australian Patrol Officers.</p> <p>Annual Report of ANZ Civil Liberties Society, 1954.</p> <p>Copies of the Bulletin of the Australian-New Zealand Civil Liberties Society, numbers 1-11 and 13-14. 1952-1956.</p>	1952-1956
ICS157/3/3	Miscellaneous	<p>In a brown file marked "Current- A.G.M. Dec.1955. Letter file." Includes the following.</p> <p>Correspondence with and reports from National Council for Civil Liberties.</p> <p>Copy of <i>Anti-Slavery Reporter and Aborigines' Friend</i>,</p>	1955-1957

		v.10, no.4, January 1956. Correspondence about cargo cults.	
ICS157/3/4	Miscellaneous	In a brown file marked "A.N.Z.C.L. Pending and current file." Includes the following: Addresses and telephone numbers for committee members. Mailing list for July 1955. List for 1956. [CLOSED until 2042. Data Protection Act] Two United Nations Reports on New Guinea, 1951 and 1953. "The Aborigines of Australia" an address by Dr. Charles Duguid to the Anti-Slavery Society, June 1954. Pamphlet "Civil Liberties in New Zealand" by W.J. Scott, 1956. Report of the Aboriginal Scholarship Standing Committee, 1956.	1951-1956