

ICS 19

Press Cuttings covering the Fiji General Elections, 1977

SUMMARY GUIDE

Repository	GB 101 Institute of Commonwealth Studies
Reference code	ICS 19
Dates of creation of material	1977
Level of description	Collection
Extent	5 files in 2 boxes
Name of creator	Anonymous

Administrative history

From Independence until 1987, Fiji was governed by the Alliance Party, which was pledged towards policies of multiracialism. The only challenge to its rule occurred in 1977, when Fijian voters were attracted by Fijian nationalist candidates. This led to the Alliance Party losing ground in the April General Election, and the Indian-dominated National Federation Party obtaining 26 of the 52 seats in Parliament, with 24 seats for the Alliance Party. However, owing to a leadership dispute the NFP split into factions, and the Governor-General in a surprise move, asked the Alliance Party leader and former Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, to form a minority administration. These events caused considerable political debate in the press, and increased factionalism in the FNP. A further General Election was held in September of the same year, and the Alliance Party was restored to power with a substantial majority.

Archival history

The source of acquisition of these papers by ICS is unknown.

Scope and content

Files of press cuttings from the 'Fiji Sun' and the 'Fiji Times' relating to the General Elections in 1977.

System of arrangement

The files for each newspaper have been grouped into separate series.

Access	Open
Copyright/copying conditions	Usual conditions
Language	English
Finding aids	A descriptive list is available in ICS Library
Date of description	24 Nov 2000

DESCRIPTIVE LIST

ICS 19/1	Cuttings from the 'Fiji Sun'	
	2 files	
ICS 19/1/1	Cuttings	Mar-Jun 1977
ICS 19/1/2	Cuttings	Jul-Oct 1977
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	3 files	
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ICS 19/2/2	Cuttings	Apr 1977
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