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A. L. Saffery papers, reference ICS69

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Reference	Item Title	Scope and content	Date(s)
ICS69/1	The Saffrey Papers	Index and general introduction to complete set of papers at South African Institute for Race Relations (items in ICS collection are ticked.)	c.1980
ICS69/2	Native Trade Unions memorandum	By Max Gordon, submitted to Bantu Welfare Trust.	1938 December 20
ICS69/3	African Industrial Organisations and their Recognition memorandum	Prepared by W. Ballinger and submitted to the African and European Joint Council.	1939 March 13
ICS69/4	Letter from Director of Native Labour	Letter to Secretary of South African Institute for Race Relations concerning invitation to government meeting on recognition of native workers' organisations.	1939 July 17
ICS69/5	Minutes of Government meeting	Meeting to explain conditions under which government is prepared to afford recognition to organisations of native workers in urban areas.	1939 August 9

ICS69/6	South African Trades and Labour Council National Executive Committee.	Memo on the banning of a meeting called on 14.4.40 by Max Gordon to protest against Rhodesian affairs.	1940 April
ICS69/7	Letter to Joint Committee for African Trade Unions	Letter (illegible) from 'Book-keeper' concerning writing up of the books of 8 African Trade Unions.	1940 April 19
ICS69/8	Letter to South African Trade and Labour Council.	Letter from Secretary, African Commercial and Distributive Workers' Union, concerning Nkana strike and protest meeting denying any involvement in it.	1940 April 29
ICS69/9	Letter to Saffrey from H. Abramowitz	Handwritten letter and enclosed copy of letter sent by Abramowitz to the Joint Committee for African Trade Unions (ICS69/10), concerning their unsatisfactory recording of financial transactions.	1940 June 12
ICS69/10	Letter to Joint Committee for African Trade Unions from H. Abramowitz	Concerns their allegedly unsatisfactory recording of financial transactions.	1940 June 12
ICS69/11	Letter to South African Institute for Race Relations from G. Mahabeni	Letter from G. Mahabeni of the Non-European Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee, concerning the expulsion from the Committee of W.A.R. Mokoena.	1940 September 19
ICS69/12	Letter from M. Gordon	Concerns the lack of representation for African Trade Unions on Industrial Councils and the ill-effects arising from this.	1941 November 8
ICS69/13	Letter to Saffrey from E. Burford	Letter from E. Burford of Sweet Workers Union regarding his views on the problems facing employees and trade unions in South Africa.	1941 December 6
ICS69/14	Cutting from Indian Opinion	Concerning talk by E. Burford on 'Non-European's and the Trade Unions'.	1941 November 7

ICS69/15	Memo of views of E. Sachs and E. Burford	Views on certain aspects of South Africa's industrial legislation.	1941 November 20
ICS69/16	Views of African Trade Unionists	Memo on the views of African Trade Unionists concerning Industrial Councils, Wage Board, basic wage and equal pay schemes.	1941 November 20
ICS69/17	Letter to Saffrey from D. Gosani	Letter from D. Gosani of Council of Non-European Trade Unions enclosing ICS69/18	1942 February 25
ICS69/18	African Trade Unions, activities and disabilities in the labour movement	Memo 'African Trade Unions, activities and disabilities in the labour movement'	1942 February
ICS69/19	Recognition of African Trade Unions	Memo concerning recognition of African trade unions and the resolution demanding recognition passed by the Conference of African Trade Unions.	c.1941
ICS69/20	Proposals for Course of Training for Prospective African Trade Union Officials	Memo 'Proposals for course of training for prospective African trade union officials' by Saffrey for the Southern African Committee on Industrial Relations.	1942 April 17
ICS69/21	Organisation of African Workers in Port Elizabeth	Report for Southern African Committee on Industrial Relations by Saffrey on the organisation of workers in Port Elizabeth.	1942 April 17
ICS69/22	Report on Conference on African Trade Unions.	Mss. report by Ruth Hayman, relating the passing of a resolution to amend the term 'employee'.	1943 October 27
ICS69/23	Trade Unions: with Special Reference to South Africa.	Report signed with initials M.N.E. on the state of Trade Unions in South Africa and their organisation.	c.1940
ICS69/24	Letter to Saffrey from Municipal Native Administration Dept.	Includes answers to a questionnaire previously circulated by Saffrey on numbers of African workers.	1938 August 30

ICS69/25	Manifesto by Self Mampuru	For the Transvaal African Congress presidential election.	1943
ICS69/26	Letter from D. Molteno	Letter to an un-named Senator of the South African Parliament from D. Molteno asking if he knows the reason for Max Gordon's internment and what action, if any, he intends to take.	1940 June 7
ICS69/27	Letter to Saffrey from F. Kleinerman	Includes reasons why Max Gordon should be released.	c.1940
ICS69/28	Petition to the Minister of the Interior	Petition for the release of Max Gordon.	c.1940
ICS69/29	Letter to Secretary for Labour	Unsigned letter concerning the effect that M. Gordon's internment has had on the work of the Native Workers' Organisations, and asking for help in appealing for Gordon to be allowed to attend an interview.	1940 June 8
ICS69/30	Letter from Max Gordon to Saffrey	Asks to be kept in touch with events outside.	1940 June 12
ICS69/31	Report on Emergency Meeting	Handwritten report on emergency meeting, relating divisions over procedure and attitude to Gordon's arrest.	1940 June 18
ICS69/32	Native Workers' Organisations Memo	Memo by Saffrey concerning Gordon's activities and services to the Native Workers' Organisations.	1940 June 20
ICS69/33	Letter to Chief Controller for Internments from J. Rheinhalt Jones	Letter (partly illegible) requesting a reconsideration of Gordon's order of internment.	1940 June 20

ICS69/34	Letter to Dept. Commissioner of Police, Witwatersrand, from J. Rheinhalt Jones	Letter to Colonel Horak, Dept. Commissioner of Police, Witwatersrand, regarding the internment of M. Gordon and enclosing ICS69/33.	1940 June 20
ICS69/35	Letter from Deputy Police Commissioner to J. Rheinhalt Jones	Letter from Colonel Horak acknowledging receipt of above letter.	1940 June 21
ICS69/36	“Plot to Cause Unrest” – press cutting	From unidentified newspaper, alleging ‘a vicious plot’ being launched by various trade union organisations.	c.1940
ICS69/37	Letter to D. Molteno	Unsigned letter to D. Molteno concerning his efforts to free M. Gordon.	1940 June 24
ICS69/38	Letter to J. Rheinhalt Jones from the Chief Control Officer, Dept. Of Justice	Acknowledging receipt of his letter (listed above as ICS69/33).	1940 June 29
ICS69/39	Letter to J. Rheinhalt Jones from the Chief Control Officer, Dept. Of Justice	Refuses to release M. Gordon.	1940 July 6
ICS69/40	Letter to Director of Internment Camps	Unsigned letter requesting permission for Saffery to visit Gordon.	1940 July 23
ICS69/41	Letter from Secretary, South African Labour Council to M. Gordon	Turns down Gordon’s request for Union support for his release.	1940 August 29
ICS69/42	Letter to J. Rheinhalt Jones from Saffery	Requests Gordon’s parole for 2-3 days to prevent breaking up of the Unions.	1940 September 12

ICS69/43	Letter to J. Rhein halt Jones from Acting Director of Internment Camps	Informs Rhein halt Jones that M. Gordon has been allowed, under special circumstances, to receive a portion of the Gazette, as opposed to normal censorship rules.	1940 October 26
ICS69/44	Letter to J. Rhein halt Jones from Chief Control Officer, Department of Interior	Informs Rhein halt Jones that the appeal against internment of M. Gordon has been dismissed.	1940 November 19
ICS69/45	Letter from M. Gordon to Saffery	Informs Saffery about internment camp conditions, his frustrated efforts at communication with people outside the camp and the efforts being made for his release.	1940 November 27
ICS69/46	Letter from H. Lawrence to J. Rhein halt Jones	Informs him that the appeal on behalf of Gordon has been dismissed, and relates the conditions and provisions for internments and appeals.	1940 November 27
ICS69/4	Letter from J. Rhein halt Jones to H. Lawrence	Regards the length of internment of Gordon and asks for Lawrence's personal assurance of definite and conclusive evidence against Gordon.	1940 November 12
ICS69/48	Letter from F. Klenerman to Saffery	Encloses copy of letter from M. Gordon and asks to be informed about Saffery's efforts on behalf of Gordon.	1940 December 3
ICS69/49	Letter from M. Gordon to F. Klenerman	Informs Klenerman about camp conditions, Red Cross visit, Gordon's health, and asks what is being done by Saffery on his behalf.	1940 November 28
ICS69/50	Letter from Saffery to M. Gordon	Informs Gordon about efforts to secure his release by J. Rhein halt Jones and about Trade Union splits.	1940 December 4
ICS69/51	Letter from M. Gordon to Saffery	Informs Saffery about visit of Sir Theodore Truter and new appeal.	1941 January 30

ICS69/52	Letter from F. Klenerman to Saffery	Informs Saffery of statements made by South African government regarding Saffery and refutes these statements.	1941 January 11
ICS69/53	Extract of letter from M. Gordon	Gives account of visit by Chief Control Officer and of the accusations levelled at him.	1940 December 21
ICS69/54	Extract of letter from M. Gordon	Regards conditions of visits allowed to be made to internees.	1941 January 1
ICS69/55	Letter from Saffery to M. Gordon	Informs Saffrey about Trade Union affairs.	1941 March 26
ICS69/56	Letter from M. Gordon to Saffrey	Regards camp conditions and trade union affairs.	1941 April 4
ICS 69/57	Letter from M. Gordon to Chief Magistrate, Johannesburg	Regards conditions for Gordon's release.	1941 May 20
ICS69/58	Letter from J. Rheinhold Jones to Chief Magistrate, Johannesburg	Asks for wording of document that Gordon is required to sign to be made clearer and for an enquiry to be made into accusations against Gordon.	1941 May 20
ICS69/59	Letter from J.Rheinhold Jones to Chief Magistrate, Johannesburg	Regards clarification of wording 'industrial matters'	1941 May 20
ICS69/60	Letter from J. Rheinhold Jones to M. Gordon	Informs Gordon that he is free to carry out Trade Union work.	1941-June 20
ICS69/61	African Trade Unions and the Institute	Extract of article by A. Saffrey in Race Relations, vol. 8, no.2 1941 p.28-32	1941

ICS69/62	The Question of Recognition of African Trade Unions	Article, with handwritten note 'M. Gordon' top corner.	c.1941
ICS69/63	Letter to Butler from Department of Labour	Concerns disintegration of the Labour Party, from unknown individual in the Department of Labour. ('Letter from C.W. Cousins' written on letter)	1931 March 18
ICS69/64	Friends of Africa Committee Report	1st page of report concerning Trade Unions in South Africa and non-European unions. (Illegible)	1935 November 30
ICS69/65	Friends of Africa Industrial Report	By W.G. Ballinger.	1937 January 9
ICS69/66	Letter from R Hoernlé to W. Ballinger	Concerns disagreement over report between Ballinger and the Institute for Race Relations.	1937 March 15
ICS69/67	Advisory Committee of Juvenile Affairs Meeting Minutes	Regards wage regulation and juvenile employment.	1937 April 5
ICS69/68	Letter from R. Hoernlé to Executive Committee, Institute of Race Relations	Informs members of satisfactory outcome of meeting with W.G. Ballinger.	1937 April 15
ICS69/69	Letter from Saffrey to J. Middleton	Regards Saffrey's visit to England and possible interview between Middleton and J. Rheinhold-Jones.	1938 August 20
ICS69/70	Letter from Secretary, Trade Unions Congress to Saffrey	Concerns arrangements for the visits of Saffrey and J. Rheinhold Jones.	1938 September 17
ICS69/71	Trade Unions Congress memorandum	Regards visits by Saffrey and Rheinhold Jones.	1938 December 22

ICS69/72	Letter from J. Rhein halt Jones to H. Tewson	Introduces Tewson to Saffery.	1939 January 17
ICS69/73	Letter from Saffery to H. Tewson	Encloses letter of introduction from Rhein halt Jones (ICS69/72). Handwritten.	1939 February 16
ICS69/74	Letter from H. Tewson to Saffery	Acknowledges Saffery's letter and makes appointment to meet.	1939 February 20
ICS69/75	Letter from Organisation Department, Trade Union Congress to Saffery	Acknowledges Saffery's letter and encloses letters of introduction to British Trade Union Officials.	1939 February 23
ICS69/76	Letters of introduction for Saffery	2 letters from Trade Union Congress introducing Saffery – one addressed to W. Holmes and one untitled.	1939 February 23
ICS69/77	Letter from W. Holmes to E. Harries	Regards visit of Saffrey to National Union of Agricultural Workers.	1939 February 24
ICS69/78	Letter from Saffery to E. Harries	Thanks Harries for letters of introduction. Handwritten.	1939 February 24
ICS69/79	Letter from Saffery to H. Tewson	Thanks Tewson for his help with introductions in Britain.	1939 February 24
ICS69/80	Letter from Saffery to J. Wray	Concerns possible meeting between Wray and Saffery to discuss weekend schools.	1939 March 2
ICS69/81	South African Committee on Industrial Relations meeting minutes.	Concerning assistance to African trade unions in other areas, finance, recognition of trade unions and appointment of new sub-committee.	1941 December 11

ICS69/82	South African Committee on Industrial Relations m meeting minutes	Concerning recognition of African trade unions, council of African trade unions and General Unskilled Enquiry.	1941 December 19
ICS69/83	Tribute to Max Gordon	Eulogy delivered by Athol Thorne at Gordon's funeral.	1977 May 18
ICS69/84	Statistics.	Notes and tables of statistics regarding South African economy in 1920s-1940s. 13 pages.	c. 1920-1940
ICS69/85	Untitled notes.	By Baruch Hirson. 2 pages, handwritten.	c.1985
ICS69/86	Industrial Aid Society Complaints and Legal Services.	Extract from research paper (pages 2-18) concerning South African legal system.	c.1977
ICS69/87	Extract from research paper.	Page 2 of paper concerning African grocers.	c.1980