

## Capricorn Africa Society

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### CONTEXT

**Administrative/Biographical history:** The Capricorn Africa Society was founded in Southern Rhodesia by David Stirling in 1949, with objective of democratic and multi-racial development in East and Central Africa.

### CONTENT

**Scope and content/abstract:** Correspondence and papers of the Capricorn Africa Society (CAS), 1955-1966: comprising publications, including copies of society pamphlets and leaflets, 1955-1959; duplicated material including report from Nyasaland [c. 1956]; notes of a talk with Dr Albert Schweitzer, 20 Sep [? 1956]; note on the activities of the College of Rhodesian Citizenship, 1959-1960; biographical notes on Ugandan Ministers [c 1956]; progress report to members in the United Kingdom, 1958; programme of the Central African Branch, 1959; letters from U S Information Service, Salisbury, Rhodesia on events in Rhodesia, and the activities of Rhodesian students in the USA, 1958-1960; report on tour of Southern Rhodesia by officials of the CAS Central African Branch, 1959; CAS Newsletters, 1956-1965; newspaper cuttings, 1955-1959, including copies of articles by David Stirling on self government and common citizenship in Africa; correspondence, 1957-1960 including copies of 'Weekly Summary' a duplicated letter sent to CAS members from London; letters to David Hamilton and David Stirling on society business and African politics; miscellaneous notes and papers.

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## **INDEX ENTRIES**

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Colonialism | Imperialism  
Decolonization | Colonial countries | Political systems  
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Political doctrines  
Politics and government

### **Personal names**

Hamilton | David | fl 1955-1965 | member, Capricorn Africa Society  
Schweitzer | Albert | 1875-1965 | philosopher, physician and humanitarian  
Stirling | Sir | David | 1915-1990 | Colonel

### **Corporate names**

Capricorn Africa Society  
College of Citizenship, Rhodesia

### **Places**

Zimbabwe | Southern Africa  
Central Africa  
East Africa

CAPRICORN AFRICA SOCIETY PAPERS

PUBLICATIONS

1. Leaflet. "The Capricorn Africa Society". [ 2 copies].
2. Leaflet "Zebra House - hostel for Commonwealth students".
3. Handbook 'The College of Kenya citizenship' n.d. 12p.
4. Leaflet "Out of Africa" re Africa Bureau.
5. Publishers blurb re P. Mason The Birth of a dilemma: the conquest and settlement of Rhodesia. n.d.
6. The Capricorn Africa Society: handbook for speakers. Salisbury, The Society, 1955. n.p.pge.
7. Raymond Raynes. Christian liberalism and the racial policy of South Africa. Mirfield, Mirfield Pubs., 1955. 15p.
8. The Capricorn Contract. 1956. 24p. [3 copies].
9. Rex Reynolds. The Salima convention: the way ahead: Capricorn contract is ratified. Rept. Kenya Weekly News. 29.6.56.
10. William Temple College. A short course on responsibility in industry. 30.10-11.11.55; 27-29.1.56; 11-13.5.56. Programmes
11. William Temple College Prospectus.
12. Africa Bureau. Central Africa and the British Parliament: background to the constitution Amendment bill, 1957. 16p.
13. Conference on Education for nationhood at Royal Technical College, Nairobi, 8-12.4.58. organized by Capricorn Africa Society: report. 24p.
14. G.W. Bloomfield. The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland: a survey of the situation. Rept. from Central Africa May 1959. 8p. [2 copies].
15. Capricorn Chronicle April 1956. Salisbury, C.A.S., 1956.
16. Equinox: news and views of CAP Jan.1959. n.p.
17. Dissent no.6. 25.6.59. Salisbury, Whitfield Foy, 1959. 17p.

DUPLICATED MATERIAL

18. The Capricorn contract. 16p. n.d. [2 copies]
19. The Capricorn contract ~~with~~ draft.
20. [The CAP - its aims and objectives]. 2p. [2 copies] and revised copy.
21. CAP membership forms.
22. Forms for deed and covenant, bankers order and ~~dedicil~~ to will.
23. Capricorn convention: list of delegates. [3 copies].
24. Report from Nyasaland. n.d.
25. Notes of talk with Dr. Schweitzer. 20.9.?
26. Zebra House bridal list [list of items needed to furnish the hostel].
27. Proposed mobile educational unit for the Eastern districts. n.d.
28. College of Rhodesian citizenship. [activities. 1959/60]. [2 copies].
29. Reasons for forming a Capricorn Political party. n.d.
30. Biographical notes [on some Ugandan ministers]. n.d.
31. The Capricorn Agreement. 11.6.56.
32. Talk with Mr. Chad Chipunza, 2.12.56.
- 32a. Proposals for the promotion of a college of Rhodesian citizenship. 1958.

33. Bulletin for 1958.
34. Capricorn information. 24.1.58.
35. Progress report to members in the U.K., Canada, U.S.A. & Australasia, June 1958. 3p.
36. Programme of Central African Branch, 1959.
37. 26.11.58; 5.3.59; 14.5.59; 10.5.60; Letters to David Hamilton from David Burns, Cultural Affairs Office, U.S. Information Service, Salisbury also sent to all Rhodesian students in USA, re events in Rhodesia and activities of Rhodesian students in USA.
38. Report on a tour of Southern Rhodesia by Officials of Central African Branch, 15-20.2.59.
39. St. Faith's Mission Farm, Newsletter, no.5. August 1959, and annual report for 1958.
40. CAP press release, 20.1.60, re events in Africa.
41. List of first residents in Jerome House, 19/25 Harrington Gardens, SW7 5.12.64.
42. A viewpoint of Rhodesia: recorded for BBC Overseas Service, 8.8.66.
43. Newsletters: n.d.; 27.2.56; 14.5.56; 14.6.56; April 1957; July 1957; Dec. 1957, Sept. 1958; Jan. 1959 [2 copies]; April 1959 [3 copies]; July [195?] [2 copies]; March 1960 [2 copies]; June 1960; Oct. 1960; Aug. 1961; Jan. 1962; Sept. 1962; Dec. 1964; Aug. 1965.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

44. "Prain speaks out" comment on an article. no date, a paper published in Salisbury.
45. Is Capricorn's an idea worth working for. Rept. African Parade n.d.
46. Secretary of State for the Colonies' comment on C.A.S. and Dr. Oldham's book "The Future in Africa" Kenya Weekly News 4.11.55.
47. Together in Africa by David Stirling. Spectator 23.3.56. 2p. [2 copies].
48. An inter-racial society. Manchester Guardian 7.4.56.
49. Hope for Africa by John Connell. Evening News 23.4.56.
50. Cuttings from Manchester Guardian? re Central African affairs. 3.12.56.
51. Africa after colonialism: nationalism is not enough by David Stirling. Manchester Guardian 5.3.59.
52. Self government in Africa: common citizenship the way by David Stirling. Manchester Guardian 6.3.59.
53. Blame colour-bar not Ghana by Leopold Takwira Central African Examiner 28.3.59.
54. Too little done in six years to prove Federation can work by Sir Arthur Benson. Rhodesia Herald 18.11.59. p.14.
55. Racialism - all varieties - in the digs, by John Fairhall. Guardian 3.11.66.
- 55a. The Times 3.7.58. Colleges of citizenship.

CORRESPONDENCE

56. Weekly summary: a duplicated letter sent to CAS members from 43 Cheval Place, SW7. CAS London HQ. 12/58, 11.7.58; 13/58, 25.7.58. includes message to churches from All Africa Church Conference Ibadan, Jan.1958, and extract from Diary of New Statesman 12.7.58. re David Stirling and CAS; 14/58, 15.8.58, includes

- 1.8.58. Letter to Jonathan Lewis from David Stirling covering copy of statement by Dr. I. Colin Campbell chairman Constitution Party, S. Rhodesia. 17/58, 19.9.58; 18/58, 3.10.58; 19/58, 10.10.58; 20/58, 24.10.58; 21/58, 7.11.58; 23/58, 28.11.58, includes cutting from Times - "Unity through independence: Sir R. Welensky's aim". n.d. 24/58, 12.12.58; 1/59, 6.1.59; 2/59, 16.1.59; 3/59, 30.1.59; 4/59, 22.2.59; 5/59, 17.3.59; 6/59, 10.4.59; 7/59, 1.5.59; 8/59, 15.5.59; 9/59, 29.5.59; 10/59, 10.7.59; 13/59, 5.10.59; 14/59, 10.11.59; Christmas 1959; 1/60, 26.1.60; 2/60; 3/60, 23.5.60.
57. "Extract from recent letter to me from a friend (British) who has worked in U.N. since 1945 - C.J." n.d. reference to Tom Mboya's visit to Colorado University.
58. "Extracts from letters from Jeannine Scott". n.d. references to Central African politics.
59. n.d. Letters to David Stirling from Iain Campbell re S. Rhodesian politics. (2 copies).
60. 3.2.? Letter to Mrs. Scott and Mr. Lewis from Guy Hunter re C.A.S.
61. n.d. Letter to 'David' from ? re C.A.S.
62. 8.5.57. Mss letter to 'David' from Lord Gray re C.A.S. affairs, especially design of Zebra crest, and his own plans for world trip.
63. 3.6.57. Letter to F.O. C.A.S. Salisbury from Eugene P. Dvorin of Michigan State University re his book on Central Africa and the inclusion of materials on CAS.
64. 13.8.57. Letter to 'David' from Dick Read re his appointment as Capricorn B.O. in Kenya.
65. 21.1.58. Mss letter to David Hamilton from Wilfred Grenville ~~Gray~~ re D's trip to USA and W's contacts there.
66. 3.2.58. Letter to D.H. from Earl of March re his work with CAS.
67. 16.4.58. Letter to DH from Earl of March re his activities and CAS in South Africa.
68. 24.6.58. Letter to DH from Earl of March re meeting on 30.6.
69. 4.7.58. Letter to DH from Leopold in Salisbury re his trip to USA.
70. 7.7.58. Copy of letter to L.B. Stoddart from J. Lewis on CAS, and covering note to DH.
71. 8.7.58. Letter to David Stirling from DH re his USA trip and Rhodesian College of Citizenship.
72. 17.7. Mss letter to DH from David Stirling ack. above.
73. 28.7.58. Letter to ? from D.H. re letter from Native Commissioner, Inyanga on application for CAS membership of a native messenger.
74. 28.7.58. Letter to Lawrence Yambe from D.H.? re Abdullahi Omaar of Hargeisa, re his printing works in Somalia.
75. 28.7.58. Letter to Leopold Takawira, C.A.S. Salisbury from DH re no. 73, his visit to Boston and his projected book on Somalia.
76. 2.8. Mss letter to D.H. from Austen Albu, "This is the best I could do" with mss. figures.
77. 13.8.58. Letter to D.H. from J. Lewis re CAS affairs.
78. 13.8.58. Copy of letter to J. Lewis from F. Taylor Ostreander, New York, re USA help to citizenship colleges.
79. 3.9.58. Letter to D.H. from Ann, College of Rhodesian Citizenship Association, Salisbury re his donation, receipt enclosed.

80. 15.9.58. Letter to David Stirling from Basil Fletcher, University College of Rhodesia & Nyasaland re events in Rhodesia.
81. 15.9.58. Letter to D.H. from J. Lewis re CAS events.
82. 16.9.58. Letter to Stead Pope from J. Lewis re colleges of citizenship.
83. 19.9.58. Letter to D.H. from F. Taylor Ostrander re possible USA aid to CAS.
84. 1.10.58. Letter to D.H. from A. Irving Bradford asking for CAS information material.
85. 1.10.58. Copy of letter to Guy Hunter from Harry Grenfell re his projected African visit.
86. 6.10.58. Letter to David Stirling from Leopold Takawira re CAS affairs.
87. 15.10.58. Letter to D.H. from Ann Campbell, and Leopold Takawira, CAS Salisbury re events.
88. 25.11.58. Letter to J. Lewis from Guy Hunter re his trip round Rhodesia, including visit to St. Faith's.
89. 27.11.58. Letter to D.H. from C.J. Tyndale-Biscoe re events in Salisbury.
90. 21.12.58. Letter to J. Lewis from Guy Hunter re plans for colleges in Rhodesia.
91. 1.1.59. Letter to J. Lewis from Guy Hunter re CAS organization in Salisbury.
92. 6.1.59. Letter to ? from D.H., re a job in one of the colleges of citizenship.
93. 1.2.59. Letter to J. Lewis from Guy Hunter re conditions in Kenya.
94. 17.2.59. Letter to D.H. from George Loft, in Salisbury, re political events - founding of Central Africa Party, hardening of African attitudes.
95. 11.3.59. Letter to J. Lewis from Leopold Takawira re declaration of state of emergency, and CAS plans to use the situation.
96. 26.3.59. Letter to David Stirling from B. Fletcher re the funding of the colleges.
97. 31.3.59. Letter to J. Lewis from Michael Wood re the colleges.
98. 6.4.59. Letter to Sir Edgar Whitehead from F.B. Rea, CAS, Salisbury re CAS's attitude to the emergency.
99. 10.4.59. Letter to D.H. from Ann Campbell re events at CAS headquarters.
100. 15.4.59. Letter to Ann Campbell from D.H. re reply to above, and his plans to do Ph.D. at Boston.
101. 20.4.59. Letter to D.H. from A. Michael Wood re a meeting.
102. 29.4.59. Letter to High Commissioner for Fed. of Rhodesia & Nyasaland from D. Alan Keighley re independence and education of all citizens.
103. 6.5.59. Letter to J. Lewis from Michael Wood re CAS affairs.
104. 13.5.59. Letter to J. Lewis from Sir Martin Roseveare re his affairs.
105. 15.5.59. Letter to D.H. from Ann Campbell re CAS affairs.
106. 26.6.59. Letter to D.H. from Ann Campbell re CAS affairs.
107. 28.6.59. Letter to J. Lewis from Robin re CAS and local affairs.
108. 29.9.59. Letter to G. Loft from Bob Menzies re CAS and political events in Central Africa.
109. 17.10.59. Mss letter to D.H. from Leopold Makawira re recent study conference.
110. 11.1.60. Letter to ? from Jennifer Plunket re CAS affairs in Salisbury and evidence to Monckton Commission.

111. 21.1.60. Circular letter to J. Lewis from Michael Wood, re extremism of African views.
112. 8.2.60. Mss letter to D.H. from Jennifer Plunket re CAS affairs in Salisbury.
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113. Collins Road map diary for Africa, 1957. D.H.'s. Includes various addresses, and appointments for 1 Jan-3 July.
114. Mss jottings headed "Thurs Jan.18, Sir John M. suggests" re federation.
115. 4 sheets of jottings - for a speech?
116. Sheet of jottings "Is it his intention to build a multi-racial state?"
117. 2 sheets of names.
118. Appeal for Shearly Cripps African Children's Home.