

ICS 82

University of Cape Town: Universities Amendment Bill

SUMMARY GUIDE

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Extent	4 items
Name of creator	University of Cape Town

Administrative history

In 1959 the South African National Party Government passed the extension of University Education Act which prohibited the admission of any person not classed as 'white' to universities, other than those established specifically for them, without a permit from the Minister of State. This legislation was strenuously opposed by the University of Cape Town and others. Following an inquiry into education, the Government published the Universities Amendment Bill in 1983, which altered the rules in that rather than a permit system, universities were to be prohibited from admitting black students beyond a quota to be stipulated annually by the Minister. Once again there was considerable opposition to the proposed new legislation, and the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Cape Town sent copies of material to contacts in the UK, for use in campaigning against the Bill. The papers in this collection comprise a set of this material

Archival history

The papers are copies which were sent by Dr SJ Saunders, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Cape Town, to Professor JE Spence, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leicester, UK, and others for information; the source of the donation of a set to ICS is unknown

Scope and content

Papers relating to the University of Cape Town's opposition to the Universities Amendment Bill

Access	Open
Copyright/copying conditions	Usual conditions
Language	English
Finding aids	A descriptive list is available in ICS Library
Date of description	18 Aug 2000

DESCRIPTIVE LIST

ICS 82/1	Letter from Dr SJ Saunders, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, to Professor JE Spence concerning the Bill	30 Jun 1983
ICS 82/2	Copy of advertisement placed by the University in South African newspapers, stating its opposition to the Bill; with copy of press statement on reverse	1983
ICS 82/3	'The open universities and the next decade': paper given by Dr Saunders to a Conference of the University Teachers Association, on the historical background to racial discrimination in South African Universities	1982
ICS 82/4	Text of address by Dr Saunders at a University Assembly held to voice opposition to the Bill	3 May 1983