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Benjamin Turok papers (ICS143)

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Note that the order of items on Reel 1 is slightly different to the list below. The reels begins with 1-44, but then jumps to items 75-89, before returning to items 45-74 at the end of the reel.

| Temporary reference | Dates | Object title | Scope and content |
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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | c.1961-c.1981 | Publications, press releases, speeches, financial matters, unpublished documents. | <u>Publications – General:</u> 1. “Chapter VI: Operation Mayibuye”, pp. 61-81, from a book by De Villiers? (date unknown). 2. Lutuli Memorial Foundation fund appeal (date unknown). 3. South African Coloured Peoples Congress circular – “Resolutions passed at the All in African Conference held at the Arya Samaj Hall, Plessislaer, Pietermaritzburg, 25-26 March 1961” (March 1961). 4. Xeroxed typescript with alterations – “The politics and strategy of guerrilla warfare in Southern Africa”. Speech by Ruth First at the Round House (July 1969). |

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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | | | <p>5. World Council of Churches. Profile of the ANC (February 1971).</p> <p>6. <i>Revolt</i> - a newsheet for radicals (date unknown). With attached xerox of press-cutting from Sunday Times (February 1971).</p> <p>7. <i>Ikwezi</i>, vol. 11, no. 1 (March 1975).</p> <p>8. Xerox of pp. 24-364 of above "ANC(SA) splits" clipped with "Resolutions of ANC-Nationalists (expelled 8)".</p> <p>9. Robert Resha Memorial Committee – pamphlet about Resha (June 1975).</p> <p>10. Xerox of pp. 11-13, <i>Azania News</i>, vol. 10, no. 10-12 (Oct-Dec. 1975). Also review of Turok's book <i>Strategic problems in South Africa's liberation struggle</i>.</p> <p><u>ANC publications, press releases and other material:</u></p> <p>11. Five ANC leaflets in English and Bantu languages. "Sons and daughters of Africa".</p> <p>12. <i>Amandla-Matla</i>: Newsletter of ANC, vol. 5, no. 1 (date unknown).</p> <p>13. 26 June South Africa Freedom Day (June 1971).</p> |
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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | | | 14. <i>Mayibuye</i> : fortnightly journal of ANC, no. 1 (date unknown). 15. “ANC Youth and Students hold a summer school: from a participant”. Typescript, ms. alterations (date unknown). 16. Alterations to “Mayibuye fortnightly journal of ANC” (date unknown). 17. Notes for March 1 st meeting – ANC London Branch. 18. Report by Walter Mavuso on a visit to Guinea-Bissau (date unknown). 19. “South African regime murders another detainee ... Mosobiya Mdluli”. 20. “The people accept the challenge of the nationalists” (April 1963). 21. Text of broadcast by Walter Sisulu on ANC radio (June 1963). 22. “Black dwarf” talks white trash (December 1969). 23. Open letter re. draft programme of work of the London Branch (1970?) 24. Minutes of meeting of Foreign Relations Commission (January 1970). 25. Report of ANC to the Liberation Committee held in Tanzania (February 1970). |
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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | | | <p>26. Minutes of meeting of Foreign Policy Sub-Committee (March 1970).</p> <p>27. Minutes of Congress group meeting (March 1970).</p> <p>28. Minutes of executive committee ANC London Branch (April 1970).</p> <p>29. Minutes of executive ANC London Branch (May 1970).</p> <p>30. Circular letter from Alfred Nzo, Sec. General, ANC Tanzania to all ANC units re. arms sales to South Africa (August 1970).</p> <p>31. "Nixon's insult" – ANC statement (October 1970).</p> <p>32. Letter from A. Nzo to World Council of Churches altered to be a press release (October 1970).</p> <p>33. Letter from A. Nzo to President of Mauritius re. collaboration between Mauritius and South Africa. Ms. alterations to make a press release (October 1970).</p> <p>34. Speech by A. Nzo at IX Council of Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation (November 1970).</p> <p>35. ANC Youth and Students greetings to 10th Congress of the International Union of Students (1971).</p> |
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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | | | <p>36. Communique of the International Conference on Students and the African Liberation Movement (February 1971).</p> <p>37. “South African fascist rule of violence and death” (March 1971).</p> <p>38. Letter from A. Nzo to all ANC units re. united ANC/PAC front (March 1971).</p> <p>39. Covering letter from R. Ainslee re. Commission to define tasks of ANC London and to recommend suitable structures, report of the Commission, ms. comments on the document (April 1971).</p> <p>40. Women’s section press release re. Helen Joseph (May 1971).</p> <p>41. ANC’s Women’s Secretariat report on activities Aug 1970-Aug 1971 (August 1971).</p> <p>42. Draft – political report of the Commission on the current situation in South Africa (August 1971).</p> <p>43. Two revised versions of above: “Statement of the enlarged National Executive Committee of ANC(SA) meeting held in Lusaka on Aug 27-31 on the political situation in South Africa” and “A brief general statement on the political situation in South Africa” (September 1971).</p> |
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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | | | <p>44. “The nature of international forces and trends on the revolutionary situation in Southern Africa” (critic of above) (date unknown).</p> <p>45. Letter from A. Nzo to OAU Committee for Liberation (December 1971).</p> <p>46. “The call for unity and a united front” (1972?)</p> <p>47. “Black students strike in South Africa” (June 1972).</p> <p>48. “The student revolt: the speech that started it all” (June 1972).</p> <p>49. Report to Annual General Meeting (October 1972).</p> <p>50. Circular to London Branch members re. AGM on 14th November (October 1972).</p> <p>51. Circular from Women’s section re. study groups (October 1972).</p> <p>52. “Create revolutionary storm centres – a message to the people of South Africa”, by A. Nzo (January 1973).</p> <p>53. Circular letter from A. Nzo: “Advance the struggle to even higher levels” (March 1973).</p> <p>54. Copy of letter from A. Nzo to UN re. political prisoners (March 1973).</p> |
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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | | | <p>55. ANC form asking for personal details – addressed to Fred Turok (March 1973).</p> <p>56. Guidelines to action arising from the NEC enlarged meeting, Lusaka 16-18 May 1974 (May 1974).</p> <p>57. Resolutions adopted at extended NEC meeting (May 1974).</p> <p>58. Words of appreciation by Gatsha Buthelezi at awarding OAU merit award to Albert Luthuli (December 1974).</p> <p>59. Draft resolutions of meeting of African members of ANC resident in UK (January 1975).</p> <p>60. Letter from A. Nzo to OAU Council of Ministers re. visits of representatives of African states to South Africa (February 1975).</p> <p>61. Declaration of the ANC Executive Committee (March 1975).</p> <p>62. Circular re. meeting on 22.2.75 (February 1975).</p> <p>63. Circular re. Sechaba (August 1975).</p> <p>64. “How and why a small ANC of SA clique decided to make a public emergence at this time and state in the development of our situation”, by A. Nzo (December 1975).</p> |
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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | | | <p>65. Statement by ANC(SA) on the expulsion of a conspirational clique (December 1975).</p> <p>66. Message of ANC to the people of South Africa (December 1975).</p> <p>67. ANC (African Nationalists) statement on the expulsion from the ANC(SA) of T. Bonga et al. Issued by expelled eight members (December 1975).</p> <p>68. Reprint from <i>Anti Apartheid News</i> of text of ANC leaflet “People of South Africa – sons and daughters of the soil” (April 1976).</p> <p>69. Programme of action for 1978.</p> <p>70. Report to members on recent NEC meeting held in Lusaka 25-28 Feb 1978 (February 1978).</p> <p>71. Statement of the ANC on end of the international year against apartheid (March 1979).</p> <p>72. Statement of NEC of ANC on some questions of the unity of the patriotic forces of South Africa (July 1979).</p> <p>73. Obituary – Lilian Masediba Ngoyi (March 1980).</p> <p>74. President O. R. Tambo’s Jan 8th 1981 statement (January 1981).</p> |
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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | | | <p><u>ANC speeches (by Turok?) and unpublished documents (all typescript):</u></p> <p>75. “Africa and South Africa” ms additions (date unknown).</p> <p>76. “Brief historical background of colonisation and reflections on the political strategy of the South Africa revolution” (date unknown).</p> <p>77. Draft: briefing on the “dialogue” (date unknown).</p> <p>78. “Internal position” (date unknown).</p> <p>79. “Memorandum on branch” (date unknown).</p> <p>80. “Operation Mayibuye” (date unknown).</p> <p>81. “Proposed structure for London” (date unknown).</p> <p><u>Institute for Industrial Education. Durban:</u></p> <p>82. Institute for Industrial Education, Durban budget (1975-1978).</p> <p>83. Tentative proposals (1974-1975).</p> <p>84. Shop-steward tutor’s training course (date unknown).</p> |
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| ICS143/reel 1 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/reel 2 (master negative) | | | <p><u>Communist Party of South Africa:</u></p> <p>85. “Bantustans and the tactics of the revolutionary movement” (discussion document) (date unknown).</p> <p>86. “Defeat Vorster and his collaborators: engage the enemy on every front” (date unknown).</p> <p>87. “The enemy hidden under the same colour. SACP statement on 8 expelled from ANC” (date unknown).</p> <p>88. From the London Committee re. role of London group (date unknown).</p> <p>89. Guidelines re. policy and organisation (February 1978).</p> |
| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | c.1971-c.1983 | South African Congress of Trade Unions, correspondence, finance, transcripts of tapes. | <p><u>South African Congress of Trade Unions:</u></p> <p>1. Paper on South African trade unions (date unknown).</p> <p>2. Memorandum to all trade unions: “the living and working conditions of the non-white workers in South Africa” (date unknown).</p> <p>3. Memorandum submitted by SACTU to the National Labour Conference, Cape Town, 28/4 – 1/5 1971 (April 1971).</p> <p>4. “The South African trade union movement” (March 1972).</p> |

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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p>5. Report by John Gaetsewe of SACTU on visit to New Zealand 1-29/5/72 (June 1972).</p> <p>6. Information memorandum for delegates to the Irish Congress of Trade Unions Conference, Killarney (July 1973).</p> <p><u>Correspondence (typescript and to Turok unless stated):</u></p> <p>7. Ms. from O. R. Tambo re. fault in cassette tape of song (date unknown).</p> <p>8. Ms. From “Wolfie” of ANC re. B. Turok’s criticism of ANC personnel wasting money on airfares and travel (date unknown).</p> <p>9. To Duma Nokwe, ANC, from B. Turok re. his trip to Mozambique and attendance at seminar in Dar es Salaam (date unknown).</p> <p>10. From “B” inviting Turok to “Steph...” on 17th (date unknown).</p> <p>11. To “Barry” thanking him for “material” and unable to complete task. Ms. addition that finds some comrades rude (date unknown).</p> <p>12. To (?) from B. Turok(?) re. internal discord in the London branch of ANC (May 1971).</p> |
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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p>13. To Alfred Nzo, ANC, from B. Turok re. possibility of his attending meeting of personnel in the external mission (July 1971).</p> <p>14. From O. R. Tambo re. visit to London (March 1974).</p> <p>15. From Gleb Starushenko, Africa Institute, Moscow, thanking Turok for copy of <i>Strategic problems</i> (October 1974).</p> <p>16. To M. Strachan from J. P. Stockwell (Director of Arthur H. Stockwell), asking him to submit manuscript, and offering payment for it (November 1974).</p> <p>17. To J. P. Stockwell from B. Turok, enclosing copy of above asking if the letter is genuine (January 1975).</p> <p>18. From A. H. Stockwell – letter to Strachan is a forgery (January 1975).</p> <p>19. From N. Murray, New Scotland Yard, returning forged letter and notifying no evidence for criminal proceedings (December 1975).</p> <p>20. From Penelope Williams, Oxfam Quebec, giving Turok C\$5,000 for supporting unions in South Africa (December 1974).</p> <p>21. To P. Williams from B. Turok thanking her for the money (January 1975).</p> |
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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p>22. To P. Williams from B. Turok informing her that he has set up the African Education Fund to receive her money (January 1975).</p> <p>23. Cable from P. Williams delaying meeting (January 1975).</p> <p>24. From P. Williams sending cheque (February 1975).</p> <p>25. Telegram from P. Williams – suggestion accepted (February 1975).</p> <p>26. To P. Williams from B. Turok thanking her for cheque (February 1975).</p> <p>27. From P. Williams with news of Oxfam staff (April 1975).</p> <p>28. Ms. from Barry re. enquiry into BOSS and asking about money received from Canada (May 1975).</p> <p>29. To Barry explaining where the money came from and asking him not to send sensitive notes through the post (May 1975).</p> <p>30. From P. Williams (July 1975) enclosing following letters: P. Williams from Peter Bunting, Toronto ANC, asking on what basis the money was given to Turok (June 1975), P. Bunting from P. Williams re. money to Turok and other gifts to ANC and SACTU (July 1975).</p> |
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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p>31. To P. Williams re. above (July 1975).</p> <p>32. From P. Bunting asserting his good faith in questioning the use to which Oxfam money had been put (October 1975).</p> <p>33. From Mzwai Piliso, ANC Lusaka, re. visit to Mozambique (November 1975).</p> <p>34. Ms. "To the LC" from "CC" re. B. Turok's conduct which is designed to encourage opposition groupings (to the SACP) (February 1976).</p> <p>35. To London District Representative offering B. Turok's resignation from the (S.A. Communist) Party and answering criticisms in above letter (March 1976).</p> <p>36. To Jack Woddis, Communist Party GB, applying for membership (March 1976).</p> <p>37. From Jock, Durban, re. conditions in SA (June 1976).</p> <p>38. To London Committee from Y. M. Dadoo, chairman Central Committee, (SA Communist Party), rejecting B. Turok's letter of resignation and expelling him from the Party (July 1976).</p> <p>39. Ms. from Jock re. B. Turok's expulsion and Soweto (August 1976).</p> |
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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p>40. To Jack Woddiss, re. B. Turok's application (August 1976).</p> <p>41. From J. Woddiss asking for meeting (August 1976).</p> <p>42. Ms. from "Rose", Cape Town, re. people she has met (August 1976).</p> <p>43. From O. R. Tambo, thanking B. Turok for sending the book (October 1976).</p> <p>44. To O. Tambo thanking him for letter and remarks on other publications (December 1976).</p> <p>45. From Jock re. postal problems and other SA news (December 1976).</p> <p>46. From Jock re. visit of B. Turok's son and other SA news (January 1977).</p> <p>47. Ms. from Jock re. receipt of clothing (January 1977).</p> <p>48. Ms. from Jock re. opening of art school (June 1977).</p> <p>49. From Christopher Beer, International University Exchange Fund, re. opening up of Open University to South African students (October 1977).</p> <p>50. To Reg September, ANC London, re. above and proposal for providing OU material to South Africans (October 1977).</p> |
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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p>51. From C. Masondo, ANC Lusaka, acknowledging above (November 1977).</p> <p>52. From A. Nzo acknowledging letter of 18.9.77 (November 1977).</p> <p>53. To Rusty and Barry re. B. Turok's expulsion from the Party, and new evidence resulting from arrival of Moses Kotane in London (January 1978).</p> <p>54. Ms. from O. R. Tambo to set up a meeting (February 1978).</p> <p>55. Ms. from O. R. Tambo re. meeting (March 1978).</p> <p>56. Ms. from O. R. Tambo re. meeting (April 1978).</p> <p>57. From Rusty re. expulsion – not to be reversed (October 1978).</p> <p>58. To Sizakele Sigxashe, ANC, re. new style <i>Mayibuye</i> (November 1978).</p> <p>59. From Joan Brickhill p.p. Sizakele Sigxashe, re. meeting of editorial board of <i>Mayibuye</i> (December 1978).</p> <p>60. From Dan Tloome, ANC Lusaka, refusing to give a letter of recommendation to authorities in Mozambique (January 1979).</p> <p>61. To S. Sigxashe commenting on new issue of <i>Mayibuye</i> (January 1979).</p> |
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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p>62. To O. R. Tambo that B. Turok believes he is a victim of ANC smear campaign (January 1979).</p> <p>63. To D. Tloome re. refusal of ANC to recommend his work in Mozambique (January 1979).</p> <p>64. From O. R. Tambo that Committee to reconsider his application (January 1979).</p> <p>65. Ms. from Joseph Louw, ANC Lusaka, acknowledging his comments (March 1979).</p> <p>66. Notes on a meeting, (B. Turok) with ANC working committee in Lusaka, re. his application and feelings of victimization (May 1979).</p> <p>67. From O. R. Tambo thanking him for tape (February 1980).</p> <p>68. To O. R. Tambo re. introduction to SOMAFSCO folder – enclosed (March 1980).</p> <p>69. From O. R. Tambo acknowledging above (March 1980).</p> <p>70. To O. R. Tambo re. ANC policy and relations with ZANU and ZAPU (March 1980).</p> <p>71. Ms. from O. R. Tambo answering above (April 1980).</p> |
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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p><u>Financial matters:</u></p> <p>72. Application to Midland Bank to open account for African Education Fund (January 1975).</p> <p>73. Letter from Midland Bank that account opened (January 1975).</p> <p>74. Credit note for £2066.28 (March 1975).</p> <p>75. Eleven Midland Bank statements for African Education Fund account (March 1975-January 1978).</p> <p>76. AEF cheque book.</p> <p>77. Bank credit counterfoils and postal order counterfoils.</p> <p>78. Statement of account with Collet's Bookshop and receipt.</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous:</u></p> <p>79. Scrap of paper with telephone number and account.</p> <p>80. List of names and addresses in South Africa.</p> <p>81. Questions for B. T. and M. T. to consider and answer re. SACTU.</p> <p><u>Transcripts of tapes (tapes not provided):</u></p> <p>82. Transcript of interview with B. Turok (no interviewer, date unknown).</p> <p>83. Transcript of three tapes: B. Turok interviewed by Brian Bunting re. Moses Kotane (typed October 1973).</p> |
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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p>84. Transcript of tape: B. Turok interviewed by G. M. Carter re. his activities in SA (March 1973).</p> <p><u>Tapes and transcripts made by S. E. Joynes in 1984:</u></p> <p>85. Transcript of four EMI C90 tapes: Turok interviewed by Baruch Hirson covering his life in South Africa. Tape 4, side 2: letters Turok has dictated to his secretary, part of a paper by Turok, and report by unidentified man of meeting which expelled Turok (April 1983).</p> <p>86. Three Fuji 90 tapes – hold transfer of large tape. Tape 1, side 1: B. T. interviews J. B. Marks. Tape 1, side 2, half tape 2, side 1, and continues on tape 3, side 1: B. T. interviews Archie Sibeko (September 1971). Tape 2, side 1 and 2, and first part of tape 3, side 1: B. T. at press conference in England given by Mngwenya of FNL re. Vietnamese war.</p> <p>87. W. H. Smith C120 Tape: B. T. interviewed by his son, biographical.</p> <p>88. Philips C120 Tape (in Everready box): B. T. discourses on CP and ANC (September 1973).</p> <p><u>Additional material:</u></p> <p>89. Typescript autobiography by Archie Sibeko (date unknown).</p> |
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| ICS143/3 (positive microfilm) and ICS143/4 (master negative) | | | <p>90. B. Turok's ms. transcript of taped interview with Sibeko (September 1971).</p> <p>91. Ms. headed "Zola continued" (Zola Zembe is alias of Sibeko).</p> <p>92. "Roeland Street prison as seen 1956-1963: awaiting trial section". Typescript.</p> <p>93. "Chased by the police in Parden Eiland". Typescript (date unknown).</p> <p>94. "Funerals". Typescript (date unknown).</p> <p>95. Typescript description of escape of an ANC member into Northern Rhodesia (no title, date unknown).</p> <p>96. Typescript description of schooling of African children (no title, date unknown).</p> <p>97. Typescript: Activities of ANC member Ngudle (no title, date unknown).</p> <p>98. Typescript: Activities of ANC member Mzwonke (no title, date unknown).</p> |
| ICS143/5/1-12 | undated | Biographical recordings | 12 cassette tapes of biographical recordings, covering his life from 1954. |