

Guide to the Benjamin Pogrund Papers

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The papers include correspondence, writings, subject files, scrapbooks, clippings, legal documents, photographs, and other materials created and compiled by Benjamin Pogrund, the South African journalist. The collection extensively documents prison conditions in South Africa, the South African Communist Party, the *Rand Daily Mail*, the South African Coloured National Convention, the South African press, and many other organizations and individuals who worked to subvert apartheid. Featured individuals include Robert Sobukwe, Laurence Gandar, Raymond Louw, John Rees, and Norma Kitson; featured organizations include South African Coloured People's Congress, Pan Africanist Congress, South African Institute of Race Relations, Congress Alliance, and Search for Alternatives.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Benjamin Pogrund was born in Cape Town, South Africa on May 5, 1933. He obtained degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Bachelor of Social Science at the University of Cape Town between 1950 and 1956 and of Bachelor of Arts in African Studies at Witwatersrand University in 1971. From 1958 to 1985, Pogrund worked in a variety of capacities for the *Rand Daily Mail*, including African affairs reporter, night editor, and deputy editor. He achieved acclaim and notoriety for his reports on prison conditions and for his coverage of black South African individuals and groups who organized resistance to apartheid. Pogrund also wrote on South African affairs for many publications abroad, including the *Boston Globe*, *Economist*, *Today*, *New Republic*, and *Sunday Times* (London) and published several books, including a biography of Robert Sobukwe. Pogrund collected extensive materials documenting the struggle against apartheid and donated them to research libraries around the world. He moved to London in the mid-1980s, where he worked in the foreign departments of several newspapers and commented widely on South Africa. He lived for a short while in the United States during the 1990s before moving to Israel to establish the Center for Social Concern in 1997.

An author, journalist, and editor, Pogrund worked for the *Rand Daily Mail* in Johannesburg from 1958 to 1985, when the newspaper was shut down due to financial trouble and government pressure. Under the leadership of Laurence Gandar, Raymond Louw, and Pogrund, the *Rand Daily Mail* became internationally renowned for its coverage of the unjust system of apartheid. Pogrund served in a variety of capacities including African affairs reporter, night editor and deputy editor. While a beat writer on African affairs, Pogrund wrote groundbreaking articles investigating the conditions in which black South Africans lived under apartheid, reporting on the unjust imprisonment of black activists, and giving attention to black politics. He covered the activities of black groups such as the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress and activists such as Nelson Mandela and Robert Sobukwe.

Pogrund was imprisoned and prosecuted twice for his reporting. He was arrested in 1961 and spent eight days in jail for refusing to divulge a source that had given him inside information on government protests conducted on Republic Day of that year. In 1965, Pogrund wrote a series of articles exposing the miserable conditions in South African prisons. The government responded by prosecuting Pogrund, his informants, Laurence Gandar, and the newspaper. The trial became known as the "Prisons Case" and

became a showcase for censorship of the press by the South African government. Initially found guilty, the verdict against Pogrund was overturned on appeal in 1972.

Pogrund also wrote on South African affairs for a number of sources outside of South Africa, including the *Boston Globe*, *Economist*, *Today*, *New Republic*, and *Sunday Times* (London). Pogrund published several books, including *How Can Man Die Better: The Life of Robert Sobukwe*.

Through contacts made while investigating and writing about black affairs, Pogrund also acquired a large amount of historical materials documenting the struggle by Africans to end apartheid. Funded first by the Hoover Institution and then the Center for Research Libraries, Pogrund collected and contributed greatly to the microfilm and archival holdings on South African affairs in many U.S. libraries.

After the *Rand Daily Mail* ceased publication, Pogrund moved to England where he worked in the foreign departments of several newspapers, including the *Independent*. He spent some time living in the United States in the 1990s before moving to Israel in 1997 to start up the Center for Social Concern, an organization established to facilitate the peace process in the Middle East.

Scope and Contents

The papers document the career of Benjamin Pogrund, best known for his work as African affairs reporter, night editor, and deputy editor of the *Rand Daily Mail*. The collection includes Pogrund's correspondence, most notably with the activist Robert Sobukwe while Sobukwe was a political prisoner. Pogrund's writings also comprise a significant portion of the papers, particularly his extensive notes for an unfinished book on the Communist Party in South Africa from 1945 to 1960. Files documenting the *Rand Daily Mail* "Prisons Case," as well as prison conditions in South Africa under apartheid, comprise another important series in the collection. Finally, the papers include a large amount of collected materials regarding various groups and individuals who organized resistance to the South African government while under the apartheid system.

Arrangement

Arranged in five series: I. Correspondence, 1961-1996. II. Prisons Files, 1925-1984. III. Subject files, 1939-1995. IV. Writings, 1957-1994. V. Photographs, 1961-1994.

Collection Contents

Correspondence, 1961-1996, undated

Arranged alphabetically, Correspondence documents Pogrund's relationships with political activists, journalists, friends, family, and other associates. Letters between Pogrund and noted activist and dissident Robert Sobukwe comprise a particularly important part of the collection. Written predominantly while Sobukwe was imprisoned on Robben Island for organizing a mass protest in 1960, the letters concern a variety of topics, including international affairs, social and political philosophy, religion, and the day to day lives of each man. The Sobukwe correspondence also contains letters between Pogrund and other supporters of Sobukwe, such as Eulalie Stott and Peter Hjul, documenting the extensive efforts to provide Sobukwe with legal representation, food, clothing, books, and other items. Photostats of letters from Sobukwe to his wife Veronica, letters from other members of Sobukwe's family to Pogrund, and one folder of speeches are also listed under Robert Sobukwe.

Correspondence between Pogrund and *Rand Daily Mail* colleagues Laurence O. V. Gandar, Raymond Louw, and Harold Strachan comprises another portion of the series. The letters document the affairs of the newspaper, particularly the *Rand Daily Mail* "Prisons Case." Additional material on the "Prisons Case" and the *Rand Daily News* generally can be found in Series II and III respectively.

The series also includes a small amount of personal correspondence. Two folders of letters from Norma Kitson to Pogrund and one folder of correspondence with Astrid Pogrund document his romantic relationships.

Four folders of general correspondence, arranged chronologically, are listed at the beginning of the series.

b. 1, f. 1-4	General	1962-1989
b. 1, f. 5	Bell, Dewer and Hall [attorneys]	1988
b. 1, f. 6	Bennett, George	1964
b. 1, f. 7	Carter, Gwendolen	1964
b. 1, f. 8	The Economist See also: Series IV, folders 80-81	1985-1988
b. 1, f. 9	Fleischer, Anthony	1993
b. 1, f. 10-11	Gandar, Laurence O. V. See also: Oversize, folder 7 See also: Series II, folders 45-48	1965, 1988-1996, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Hirson, Baruch	1995
b. 1, f. 13	Hjul, Peter See also: Series I, folders 36-44	1964-1965
b. 1, f. 14-15	Hoover Institution, Stanford University A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1962-1967
b. 1, f. 16	Joffe, Joel	1965

Karis, Thomas

See also: [Series III, folder 38](#)See also: [Series III, folder 68](#)

b. 1, f. 17	Kathrada, A. M.	1989
b. 1, f. 18-19	Kitson, Norma A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1966-1967
b. 1, f. 20	Lekota, Cynthia	1988
b. 1, f. 21	Lekota, Patrick	1985, 1988
b. 1, f. 22	Lollam, Stanley	1964
b. 2, f. 23	Louw, Raymond See also: Series III, folder 15 See also: Series III, folder 55	1983-1985
b. 2, f. 24	Malie, Julius	1964
b. 2, f. 25	Maloney, Pat	1964, 1966
b. 2, f. 26	Mandela, Winnie	1965
b. 2, f. 27	Mathopeng, Zephaniah	1984-1988
b. 2, f. 28	Matthews, Z. K. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1964-1965
b. 2, f. 29	Mbeki, Govan	1985-1987
b. 2, f. 30	Ngwenya, Thomas	1964-1965
b. 2, f. 31	Ntloedibe, Elias L.	1964, undated
b. 2, f. 32	Pogrund, Astrid A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1961
b. 2, f. 33	Rees, John C. See also: Series III, folders 62-67	1994, undated
b. 2, f. 34	Republic of South Africa. Ministry of Justice [requests for permission to possess Communist literature]	1963-1964
b. 2, f. 35	Sacks, Andrew	1981
	Sobukwe, Robert	

Sobukwe, Robert (continued)

b. 2, f. 36-44	Pogrund, Benjamin A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1961-1967
b. 2, f. 45	Sobukwe family [correspondence with Benjamin Pogrund]	1979-1980
b. 3, f. 46-47	Sobukwe, Veronica [photostats of letters from Robert Sobukwe]	1963-1966
b. 3, f. 48	Speeches by Robert Sobukwe	undated
b. 3, f. 48	Writings about Robert Sobukwe See also: Series III, folder 68	
b. 3, f. 49-51	Sobukwe, Veronica [correspondence with Robert Sobukwe] A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. See also: Series IV, folder 78	1962-1967, 1975, 1989-1993, undated
	Stott, Eulalie See also: Series I, folders 36-44	
b. 3, f. 52	Strachan, Harold See also: Series II, folder 33 See also: Series II, folders 42-44	1965, undated
b. 3, f. 53	Strachan, Maggie	1966-1967
b. 3, f. 54	Tobias, Phillip V.	1996, undated
b. 3, f. 55	Tristram, Hugh	1964
b. 3, f. 56	Zug, James [re: New Age] A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1994

Prisons Files, 1925-1984, undated

Prisons Files consist of a wide variety of materials Pogrund created and collected while writing about and working to transform the penal system in South Africa. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic and most of the series falls under three headings: Legal proceedings, *Rand Daily Mail* "Prisons Case," and Statements by prisoners.

Legal proceedings document court cases between prisoners and specific prisons or the South African government. The files predominantly contain transcripts of proceedings, but they also include some correspondence, clippings, notes, and other materials relating to specific cases.

In 1965, the *Rand Daily Mail* ran a series of exposés on the conditions for prisoners incarcerated in the Republic of South Africa. The government charged that the reports were false and took the newspaper to court. Pogrund, Laurence Gandar, Raymond Louw, and Harold Strachan were named specifically in the charges and the subsequent court case became a major news story and an obvious source of tension between the media and the South African government. The files that pertain to the case include the Pogrund articles on prison conditions, clippings, correspondence, court transcripts, legal documents, and other miscellaneous materials. Pogrund also kept several scrapbooks of clippings that cover the events surrounding the case that are listed with the Oversize materials. Other files on the *Rand Daily Mail* can be found in Series III and more of Pogrund's writings on the trials and prison conditions in general can be found in the newspaper articles section of Series IV.

Statements by prisoners consist of interviews Pogrund and others conducted and compiled in support of their research on prison conditions. The stories told in the statements document the miserable conditions many prisoners in South African jails endured while being detained. Andrew Sacks, Isaac Setsheti, Harold Strachan, Filisberto Taimo, and Johannes Adries Theron are some of the individuals whose prison experiences are covered in these files.

Files under "Republic Day Protest" pertain to Pogrund's imprisonment for failing to disclose his sources for a story he ran about demonstrations carried out on Republic Day in 1961. The series also includes a select number of topical files on electric shock treatment, the farm labor system, the Police Act of 1979, the Republic of South Africa's Department of Prisons, typhoid, and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

b. 4, f. 1-2	General [clippings about prisons]	1925-1965
b. 4, f. 3	Electric shock treatment	1965-1968, undated
b. 4, f. 4	Farm labor system	1959-1966, undated
b. 4, f. 5	Improvement in prison conditions	1965-1968, undated
b. 4, f. 6	Johannesburg prison	1982
	Legal proceedings	
b. 4, f. 7-10	Goldberg, Denis Theodore, and eight others vs. Minister of Prisons	1977
b. 5, f. 11-14	Harris, Frederick John vs. Commissioner of Prisons	1965
b. 5, f. 15-19	Hassim, Nina and Kadir vs. Robben Island Prison	1973, undated
b. 5, f. 20	Regina vs. multiple parties	1961, undated

Legal proceedings (continued)

b. 5, f. 21-22	Scholes, John See also: Series V, folder 14	undated
	Van Schalwyck, Gysbert Johan	
b. 6, f. 23-24	Interviews and statements, [1965]	
b. 6, f. 25-26	Transcripts of proceedings	1965
b. 6, f. 27	Police Act	1979
b. 6, f. 28	"Prison Conditions in South Africa: A Factual Report" [compiled by Amnesty International] English	1965
	<i>Rand Daily Mail</i> "Prisons Case"	
	Articles	
b. 6, f. 29-32	Pogrund, Benjamin, [1965]	
b. 6, f. 33	Strachan, Harold	1965
b. 7, f. 34-40	Background materials	1960-1969, undated
b. 7, f. 41	Clippings	1967-1972, undated
b. 7, f. 42-44	Comparison of charges with State vs. Strachan and State vs. Theron, ca. 1965	
b. 8, f. 45-48	Correspondence	1965-1971, undated
b. 8, f. 49	Court transcripts	1965-1968
b. 8, f. 50-53	Legal documents, statements, and memoranda	1965-[1969]
b. 9, f. 54	Letters of support	1969
b. 9, f. 54	Photographs See also: Series V, folders 9-12	
b. 9, f. 55	Pogrund vs. Dr. Percy Yutar	1966-1968, undated
	Pogrund's appeal	
b. 9, f. 56	Court documents	1971-1973
b. 9, f. 57	Miscellaneous	1972
b. 9, f. 57	Scrapbooks See also: Oversize, folders 3-6	
	Republic Day Protest [Pogrund's imprisonment]	
b. 9, f. 58	General	1961-1963

Republic Day Protest [Pogrund's imprisonment] (continued)

b. 9, f. 59	Clippings	1961
Republic of South Africa Department of Prisons		
b. 9, f. 60	General	1960-1969, undated
b. 9, f. 61	Prisoner's handbook, ca. 1964	
Statements by prisoners		
Joffe, Joel		
Series I, folder 16		
b. 9, f. 62-63	Sacks, Andrew	1966, undated
Series V, box 33, folder 13		
b. 9, f. 64	Setsheti, Isaac	1967, undated
b. 9, f. 65	Strachan, Harold	1966
b. 9, f. 66	Taimo, Filisberto	1965, undated
Series V, box 33, folder 16		
b. 10, f. 67	Theron, Johannes Adries	1965-1967, undated
b. 10, f. 68-75	Miscellaneous	1955-1969, 1984, undated
b. 10, f. 76	Study questionnaire	undated
b. 10, f. 77	Typhoid epidemic	1959
b. 10, f. 78	United Nations, Report of the Commission on Human Rights [re: South African prisons]	1968
b. 10, f. 79	Victor Verster Prison Complex	undated

Subject Files, 1939-1995, undated

Subject Files document a wide variety of individuals, organizations, countries, and topics relating to Pogrund's multi-faceted professional and political interests. The files are arranged alphabetically and most are comprised of materials Pogrund collected in the course of his activities.

The series includes many files documenting specific political groups that opposed the apartheid system in South Africa, such as the Congress Alliance, the Pan Africanist Congress, the Congress of Democrats, the South African Council on Trade Unions, the South African Coloured People's Congress, the African National Congress, the Black Sash, the Liberal Party of South Africa, the Ninety Day Protest Committee, the South African Communist Party, and the Union Council of Coloured Affairs. Collected publications, pamphlets, and other items comprise a substantial amount of materials documenting the efforts of the South African Institute of Race Relations. The series also holds a substantial amount of material regarding the South African Coloured National Convention of 1961. Folders relating to Search for Alternatives contain information on Pogrund's efforts with John Rees to find a functional alternative to the rule of apartheid.

Along with several files listed under South African Press, the series includes folders on the media in South Africa and the rest of the world. Most significant among these are materials covering "Challenging the Censors: World News Media Action Conference," the Newspaper Press Union of South Africa, the South African Press Council, the South African Society of Journalists, and the World Press Freedom Committee. Files relating to the *Rand Daily Mail* document the operation of the newspaper and its closing in 1985. Researchers should consult Series II for materials about the *Rand Daily Mail* "Prisons Case." Programs created by Pogrund and others to train Africans to become reporters are listed under "Black journalist training."

Subject Files also contains several folders pertaining to formal government "Commissions of Inquiry" into Alleged Irregularities in the Former Department of Information; the Mass Media; and the Riots in Soweto.

Pogrund's efforts to collect historical information to be placed into libraries and other cultural institutions are filed under Center for Research Libraries, Public libraries, and Research libraries. Correspondence with the Hoover Institute in Series I also documents these efforts.

Collections of materials Pogrund compiled about specific individuals (Stephen Biko, Ruth Hayman, John Horak, Clements Kodali, Nelson Mandela, Andrew Silk, Rosemary Wentzel) and countries (Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia) round out the remainder of the series.

b. 11, f. 1	African National Congress	1985, undated
b. 11, f. 2	African People's Democratic Union of Southern Africa [Draft Constitution]	undated
b. 11, f. 3	Bantu education	1948-1955, undated
b. 11, f. 4	Biko, Stephen	1978-1979
b. 11, f. 5-6	Black journalist training	1980-1984, undated
b. 11, f. 7	Black Sash	1967, 1981-1985
b. 11, f. 8-9	Center for Research Libraries [re: microfilming project]	1967-1968
b. 11, f. 10	Challenging the Censors: World News Media Action Conference	1987
	Commission of Inquiry into Alleged Irregularities in the Former Department of Information [Erasmus Commission]	

Commission of Inquiry into Alleged Irregularities in the Former [...] (continued)

b. 11, f. 11	General	1977, undated
b. 11, f. 12	Report on Department of Information	1978
Commission of Inquiry into the Mass Media [Steyn Commission]		
b. 12, f. 13	General	1981
b. 12, f. 14	Memorandum submitted by the South African Society of Journalists	1980
b. 12, f. 15	Commission of Inquiry into the Riots in Soweto [Cillie]	1976-1977
Congress Alliance		
b. 12, f. 16	All-in-Africa Conference	1961
b. 12, f. 17	Joint National Executives	1960-1961
b. 12, f. 18	National Consultative Committee	1959-1961
b. 12, f. 19	Pamphlets	1960-1961
b. 12, f. 20	Reports	1961
b. 12, f. 21	Stay at home demonstration	1961
b. 12, f. 22	Miscellaneous	1959
b. 12, f. 23	Congress of Democrats	1961
b. 12, f. 24	Defense Aid Fund	1965
b. 12, f. 25	Federation of Free African Trade Unions	1965
b. 12, f. 26	Ford Motor Company [re: disinvestment alternative]	1987
b. 12, f. 27	Hayman, Ruth	1981
b. 12, f. 28	Horak, John	1992, 1995
Human Rights Welfare Committee, Banished People		
b. 12, f. 29	General	1962
b. 12, f. 30	Clippings	1961
b. 12, f. 31	Reports	1958-1961
Wine festival Oversize, folder 8		
b. 12, f. 32	Johannesburg Bantu Revenue Account	undated
b. 13, f. 33-35	Kadali, Clements ["I See You Whiteman!," book manuscript]	undated
b. 13, f. 36	Lesotho	1984, undated
b. 13, f. 37	Liberal Party of South Africa	1964

b. 13, f. 38	Mandela, Nelson [re: Central Intelligence Agency involvement in his A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1962, 1990–1994, undated
b. 13, f. 39	Mozambique	1983-1984
b. 13, f. 40	Nambia	1977-1981
b. 13, f. 41	National Liberation League of South Africa	1939-1940
b. 13, f. 42	Newspaper Press Union of South Africa	1981
b. 13, f. 43	Ninety-day Protest Committee	1964
b. 13, f. 44	Non-European United Front of South Africa [draft constitution]	undated
b. 13, f. 45-46	Pan Africanist Congress A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1961-1965, undated
b. 13, f. 47	Pageview Standholders and Trading Association	1966
b. 13, f. 48	Persian Gulf War [re: press censorship]	1991
b. 13, f. 49	Prestel Viewdata System	1980
b. 13, f. 50	Public libraries	1963-1964
<i>Rand Daily Mail</i>		
b. 14, f. 51-53	General	1977-1994
b. 14, f. 54	Clippings	1958-1985
b. 14, f. 55	Correspondence	1977-1978
b. 14, f. 56-57	Financial report	1983
b. 14, f. 58	Research notes	1993
b. 15, f. 59-60	Research libraries	1961-1963
b. 15, f. 61	Roodepoort-Maraiburg Rotary Club Symposia on South Africa	1962
b. 15, f. 62-67	Search for Alternatives Series I, folder 33	1977-1981, undated
b. 15, f. 68	Silk, Andrew [writings about Robert Sobukwe]	1978-1995, undated
b. 15, f. 69	South African Coloured People's Congress	1966
South African Coloured National Convention		
b. 15, f. 70	General	1961

South African Coloured National Convention (continued)

b. 15, f. 71	Clippings	1961
b. 15, f. 72	Continuation committee	1961
b. 15, f. 73	Correspondence	1961
b. 16, f. 74	Executive committee	1961
b. 16, f. 75	Planning committee	1961
b. 16, f. 76	Proceedings	1961
b. 16, f. 77	Proposal A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1961
b. 16, f. 78	Reports	1961
b. 16, f. 79	South African Communist Party A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1977
b. 16, f. 80	South African Council on Trade Unions	1963
b. 16, f. 81	South African Information Service	1986-1988, undated
b. 16, f. 82	South African Institute of International Affairs	1948, undated
b. 16, f. 83	South African Institute of Personnel Management	1962
	South African Institute of Race Relations	
b. 16, f. 84-85	General	1958-1981, undated
b. 16, f. 86	Penal reform	1941-1945, undated
b. 16, f. 87	Reports	1955-1960
	South African Press	
b. 16, f. 88	General	1987-1988, undated
b. 16, f. 89-90	Media regulations [compiled by Bell, Dewar, and Hall, attorneys]	1987-1988
b. 17, f. 91	Namibia and the Media Conference	1987
b. 17, f. 92	Newspaper bill	1977, undated
b. 17, f. 93	Speeches and papers	1983-1984, undated
b. 17, f. 94	South African Press Council	1977, undated

b. 17, f. 95-96	South African Society of Journalists	1967-1981
b. 17, f. 97	Soweto Uprising [tenth anniversary]	1986
b. 17, f. 98	Teacher's Educational and Professional Association [re: coloured education]	1961
b. 17, f. 99	Technology	1986-1991
b. 17, f. 100	Tuberculosis among the South African Bantu	1944
b. 17, f. 101	Union Council of Coloured Affairs	1961
	University of Witwatersrand	
b. 17, f. 102	African Studies Institute	1975
b. 17, f. 103	Rand Bursary Fund	1968
	Wentzel, Rosemary	
b. 17, f. 104	General	1964
b. 17, f. 105	Clippings	1964
b. 17, f. 106	Women's League for Racial Harmony, ca. 1962	
b. 17, f. 107	World Press Freedom Committee	1988-1989

Writings, 1957-1994

The series is organized alphabetically within four sections: books, magazine articles, newspaper articles, and speeches. The writings cover almost four decades of Pogrund's work, but should not be considered comprehensive.

The books section includes documentation on two monographs. The files for the unpublished "Communist Activity in South Africa from 1945" contain extensive notes Pogrund prepared for a major study on the South African Communist Party that political and personal circumstances prevented him from actually writing. Organized by chapter, the files include notes from interviews and other sources. Researchers should consult the first folder "Hypotheses and outline" to obtain detailed information on Pogrund's plan for the layout and arguments of the book. The files for *How Can Man Die Better* include correspondence and research materials used by Pogrund in writing the book. A small amount of correspondence with Veronica Sobukwe can be found in these files, but the bulk of Pogrund's and Robert Sobukwe's correspondence with her can be found in Series I.

Pieces mostly on apartheid, prison conditions, and other South African affairs that Pogrund wrote for major magazines such as the *Economist*, the *New Republic*, and the *Nation* comprise the small Journal articles section.

Newspaper articles document Pogrund's extensive writing for several papers in South Africa, England, and the United States, but predominantly for the *Boston Globe* and the *Rand Daily Mail*. Most of the writings are clippings and are sorted only by year. Separate folders documenting his work in 1960-1961 as African affairs reporter and his 1982 trip to Israel are listed with other chronologically arranged *Rand Daily Mail* materials.

Seven folders of speeches, most of which address South African affairs and journalism, are arranged chronologically. An address to the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the death of Robert Sobukwe highlights the section.

Books

Communist Activity in South Africa from 1945 [unpublished], [1964-1966]

b. 18, f. 1	Hypotheses and outline A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.
b. 18, f. 2	Chapter 1. "Communism" in South Africa
b. 18, f. 3	Chapter 2. History of the Communist Party in South Africa
b. 18, f. 4-8	Chapter 3. The Communist Party of South Africa in 1945
b. 18, f. 9-13	Chapter 4. Post-war period: 1945 to 1948
b. 19, f. 14-21	Chapter 4. Post-war period: 1945 to 1948
b. 19, f. 22-23	Chapter 5. 1948: Nationalist government elected
b. 20, f. 24-32	Chapter 6. 1948 to 1950: The banning of the Communist Party
b. 20, f. 33-35	Chapter 7. ANC Youth League and the growth of Communist influence A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.

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b. 21, f. 36-41	Chapter 7. ANC Youth League and the growth of Communist influence	
b. 21, f. 42-45	Chapter 8. Communist influence grows and expands in new directions A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b. 22, f. 46-49	Chapter 8. Communist influence grows and expands in new directions	
b. 22, f. 50-53	Chapter 9. Communist influence spreads: Congress of Democrats	
b. 23, f. 54-56	Chapter 10. Communist influence spreads: South African Coloured People's Organization	
b. 23, f. 57	Chapter 11. Communist influence spreads: South African Congress of Trade Unions	
b. 23, f. 58-60	Chapter 13. Communist influence spreads: other organizations	
b. 23, f. 61	Chapter 14. The press	
b. 23, f. 62-63	Chapter 15. Congress of the People	
b. 24, f. 64	Chapter 16. Communist international links	
b. 24, f. 65-67	Chapter 17. 1955 to 1960 A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b. 24, f. 68-70	Chapter 18. 1960: Anti-pass campaign and state of emergency A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b. 24, f. 71-72	Chapter 19. Anti-Republic Campaign and call for a National Convention	
b. 25, f. 73-74	Chapter 19. Anti-Republic Campaign and call for a National Convention	
b. 25, f. 75-76	Chapter 20. Postscript: 1961 to 1963	
b. 25, f. 77	Notes from multiple chapters	
<i>How Can Man Die Better: The Life of Robert Sobukwe</i>		
b. 25, f. 78	Correspondence Series I, folders 49-51	1980-1990
b. 25, f. 79	Research and publication materials	1957, 1978-1990
Magazine articles		
b. 26, f. 80-81	<i>The Economist</i>	1974-1985
b. 26, f. 82	Miscellaneous	1975-1994
Newspapers		

Newspapers (continued)

<i>Boston Globe</i>		
b. 26, f. 83-88	1976-1978 Oversize, folder 1	
b. 27, f. 89-98	1979-1980	
b. 28, f. 99-105	1981-1983	
b. 29, f. 106-117	1983-1985	
b. 30, f. 118	<i>Politiken</i> [Copenhagen]	1985
<i>Rand Daily Mail</i> [Johannesburg]		
b. 30, f. 119-124	General articles Oversize, folder 2	1958-1984
b. 30, f. 125-129	African affairs reports	1960-1961
	Prison conditions Series II, folders 29-32	
b. 30, f. 130	Reports on trip to Israel Series V, folders 5-6 Series V, folder 4	1982
b. 31, f. 131-132	<i>Sunday Times</i> [London]	1964-1972
b. 31, f. 133-135	<i>Today</i> [London]	1986
b. 31, f. 136-137	<i>The World</i> [Johannesburg]	1959-1960
b. 32, f. 138-139	Miscellaneous	1978-1985
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b. 32, f. 140-146	General	1969-1993, undated
b. 32, f. 147	Tenth Anniversary of the death of Robert Sobukwe, Special Committee Against Apartheid, United Nations	1988

Photographs, 1961-1994

Arranged alphabetically, Photographs depict Pogrund in a number of different settings, including the *Rand Daily Mail* "Prisons Case," a trip to Israel, and at the launch of the *Daily Mail*, a South African newspaper modeled on the *Rand Daily Mail*. The series also holds photographs of Stephen Biko, Josias Madzunya, Laurence Gandar, Kelsey Stuart, John Scholes, Robert Sobukwe, and Filisberto Taimo.

b. 33, f. 1	Biko, Stephen	undated
b. 33, f. 2	<i>Daily Mail</i> [launch of Johannesburg newspaper]	1991
b. 33, f. 3	Gregory, James [Nelson Mandela's prison guard]	1994
	Israel, trip to	
b. 33, f. 4	Photographs of Pogrund	1982
b. 33, f. 5-6	Miscellaneous	1982
b. 33, f. 7	Madzunya, Josias	1983
b. 33, f. 8	Pogrund, Benjamin [leaving Johannesburg Magistrate's Court after discharge]	1961
	<i>Rand Daily Mail</i> "Prisons Case"	
b. 33, f. 9	Pogrund, Benjamin	1972
b. 33, f. 10	Pogrund, Benjamin and Laurence Gandar	1968-1969
b. 33, f. 11	Stuart, Kelsey [attorney for <i>Rand Daily Mail</i>], ca. 1968	
b. 33, f. 12	Miscellaneous individuals	1968-1969
b. 33, f. 13	Sacks, Andrew	undated
b. 33, f. 14	Scholes, John	undated
b. 33, f. 15	Sobukwe, Robert	1964, undated
b. 33, f. 16	Taimo, Filisberto, [1965]	
b. 33, f. 17	Theron, Johannes Adries	undated
b. 33, f. 18	Unidentified	undated
b. 33, f. 19	Sketches	undated

Oversize, 1961-1994

Scrapbooks

b. 34, f. 1	<i>Boston Globe</i> [clippings of Pogrund's writings] English	1976-1977
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	<i>Rand Daily Mail</i>	
b. 34, f. 2	Clippings of Pogrund's writings	1959-1961
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	"Prisons Case"	
b. 35, f. 3-4	1965-1969	1965-1969
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b. 36, f. 5	1965-1969	1965-1969
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b. 37, f. 6	1966-1969	1966-1969
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b. 37, f. 7	Gandar, Laurence	1965-1985
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b. 37, f. 8	Wine Festival	1978
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