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Abstract: Christelle Terreblanche worked both as a radio and as a print journalist in the early 1980s. In 1996 she joined the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) as a media liaison officer, after which she was requested by the TRC to assist with investigations and research conducted by the Investigative Unit. Terreblanche left this post at the end of 1998 and began reporting about the TRC after 5 years had lapsed. She wrote these newspaper articles in her capacity as the Political Correspondent located at the Parliamentary Bureau in Cape Town for Independent Newspapers.

Introduction

The creator of this collection, Christelle Terreblanche, worked both as a radio and as a print journalist as of the early 1980s.

In 1996 Terreblanche joined the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) as a media liaison officer. Upon completion of her work in that field she was requested by the TRC to assist with investigations and research conducted by the Investigative Unit.

Her areas of investigation and research were activities of the right-wing, researching Cabinet memoranda of the Apartheid government, the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Chris Hani, the Helderberg crash and the circumstances surrounding the death in an airplane crash of the former President of Mozambique, Samora Machel. Terreblanche left the TRC at the end of 1998. Her intimate knowledge of the workings of the TRC lent itself to insightful journalistic analyses. In order to avoid a conflict of interests, however, Terreblanche only started reporting about the TRC after 5 years had lapsed. Hence these unedited articles were written between late 2002 and 2004.

The collection comprises newspapers articles dealing with the multifarious aspects of the post-TRC period.

Terreblanche wrote them in her capacity as the Political Correspondent located at the Parliamentary Bureau (Cape Town) for the Independent Newspapers.

For a comprehensive insight into the work of Terreblanche - also while she was still in the employ of the TRC, a 'Google' search is recommended.

Related Materials

The collection can also be accessed online at <http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/>

A guide to archival resources relating to South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission can also be found at: http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/trc_directory.pdf



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The following collections resulted from the TRC Archival Audit:

- AL3021: Sooka, Yasmin
- AL3059: Dealing with the Past (Conference of Protestant Academy of Bad Boll, Germany)
- AL3060: The State vs. P.W. Botha and Appeal
- AL3061: Auditor General Reports on the Accounts of the TRC.
- AL3062: Office of the Public Protector, Synopsis of Cases regarding Complaints involving the TRC
- AL3063: Documents relating to the TRC Special Hearings on Health
- AL3066: Materials Relating To TRC Faith Hearings
- AL3068: Harris, Verne
- AL3100: Submission to the TRC concerning Relevance of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the Commissions Mandate
- AL3101: Jamiatul Ulama Transvaal, TRC Submission
- AL3102: Amnesty International TRC Materials
- AL3103: Institute for Healing Memories (IHOM) TRC Materials
- AL3110: Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV)
- AL3115: Argall, Jane
- AL3116: Cherry, Janet
- AL3118: Marcus, Gilbert
- AL3119: Sheila Meintjies and Beth Goldblatt
- AL3120: Ross, Fiona
- AL3121: Julian Knight and Rudolph Jansen
- AL3125: The Challenge of Reconciliation: A Response of Church and Lay Persons to the TRC
- AL3126: Confession and Reconciliation: A Challenge to Churches in South Africa
- AL3128: Terreblanche, Christelle
- AL3129: Zapiro TRC Collection
- AL3130: African National Congress (ANC) TRC Materials
- AL3131: Cosatu Submission to the TRC
- AL3132: Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) Submission to the TRC
- AL3134: Iphepha Ndaba Newsletters from the Western Cape
- AL3135: Fester, Gertrude
- AL3136: Villa-Vicencio, Charles
- AL3137: Behr, Mark
- AL3141: Human Rights Watch Materials
- AL3142: NGO Working Committee on Reparations Materials
- AL3143: IDASA Sound Recordings Relating to the TRC

Notes

The articles that make up this collection are not dated in terms of the year in which they were written, but rather by day and month. The reason for this phenomenon is relatively simple: Terreblanche donated the electronic copies that she had written for Independent Newspapers to the SAHA/HP Special Project on the TRC in the same format in which she had submitted them to Independent Newspapers - sans year, but with indications for which edition the articles were written: that is, for the morning or evening newspaper, or for a Saturday or Sunday edition.

In addition Terreblanche sent SAHA the articles as clusters without paying strict attention to chronological order with respect to the dates of the days. Nonetheless the author of this inventory conducted an online search and was able to



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ascertain in which year the clusters of articles were written.

In order to maintain the order in which Terreblanche had written the articles, they appear in this inventory in the chronological order and in the groups determined by Terreblanche, not according to topics or issues such as 'Reparations', or 'Presidential Pardons', for example.

On a final note: the title and dates on each article document the title given by Terreblanche and the date on which she submitted the respective article to the newspaper house.

In the case of the article being published, the (edited) article appears under a title determined by the Editors, and on the date determined by them.

Materials collected from TRC Archival Audit.

The TRC Archival Audit

Between 2003 and 2006, SAHA and Historical Papers, University of Witwatersrand embarked on a project to locate, retrieve and make available records relating to the South African Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC). The project entailed conducting an archival audit of all existing TRC records in order to identify and locate documentation in danger of being lost.

In the process of conducting the archival audit, SAHA and HP located many collections from individuals and organizations that participated in the TRC process, including this collection. Selections from these materials as well as TRC related material found in the freedom of Information Collection and other pre-existing SAHA and HP collections, were digitized and can be accessed online at <http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/>

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Classification

- 1: 2002
- 2: 2003: 1st CLUSTER
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Inventory

- 1: 2002
 - [2002]
 - 1.1: Sweden asked to circumvent reparations court case
[2002-02-07]
 - 1.2: Apartheid victims take justice Minister to court
[2002-03-20]
 - 1.3: Leon want (sic) formal answers on 33 pardoned
[2002-05-14]



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- 1.4: Storm over 33 escalate
[2002-05-15]
- 1.5: What price a blanket amnesty?
[2002-05-16]
- 1.6: Pardons Update!!! General amnesty after all
[2002-05-15]
- 1.7: Victims want a say in pardons
[2002-05-20]
- 1.8: TRC refusals may have been unjust
[2002-05-19]
- 1.9: Maduna berate (sic) Tutu over pardons
[2002-05-22]
- 1.10: Smuts tackles Maduna over Tutu
[2002-05-23]
- 1.11: Husband killers up for presidential pardon
[2002-05-29]
- 1.12: Sanctions busters to be sued for Apartheid reparations
[2002-05-20]
- 1.13: Declassified secret documents may reveal Helderberg mystery
[2002-06-05]
- 1.14: Series of multi-million dollar claims against Apartheid collaborators kicks off
[2002-06-16]
- 1.15: Hundreds join class action against sanctions busters
[2002-07-24]
- 1.16: Buthelezi's attempt to gag TRC denied - delaying report could affect IFP members
[2002-06-30]
- 1.17: Victims take Tutu, Mbeki to court
[26 June 002]
- 1.18: Compensation campaigns gain momentum due to TRC's 'unfinished business'
[2002-06-28]
- 1.19: More US and German sanction busters sued
[2002-07-01]
- 1.20: Apartheid victims ready to dump lawyer
[2002-07-23]
- 1.21: Apartheid claimants aim to form united front
[2002-07-30]
- 1.22: Long wait for TRC almost over
[2002-08-01]
- 1.23: Groups unite to fight sanctions busters
[2002-08-01]
- 1.24: SA companies could be sued for Apartheid collaboration
[2002-08-04]
- 1.25: IFP requests meeting with TRC on violence
[2002-08-05]
- 1.26: Dates for Apartheid claims to be set in New York
[2002-08-07]



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- 1.27: Leon accuses Mbeki of undermining the rule of law
[2002-08-14]
- 1.28: New pardons row as Ncamazana is re-arrested
[2002-09-17]
- 1.29: Pardons drama: Leon challenges Mbeki
[2002-09-18]
- 1.30: Apartheid victims plan to sue Anglo, De Beers
[2002-09-01]
- 1.31: Scorpions probe mystery of Machel crash
[2002-10-04]
- 1.32: Discussions to fast-track reparations
[2002-10-01]
- 1.33: Archbishops call for Marshall Plan, defend Apartheid claims
[2002-11-16]
- 1.34: No title. The article deals with the preparation of the Apartheid Claims Taskforce (ACT) to sue Anglo-American and De Beers for exploitative labour practices during the Apartheid era.
[2002-09-01]
- 1.35: Activists dismisses (sic) FW's advice to Swiss banks
[2002-11-21]
- 1.36: Apartheid claims before single judge next year
[2002-11-25]
- 1.37: Victims and activists turn reparations anger against local businesses
[2002-12-05]
- 1.38: Apartheid claims hitting home in US, Switzerland
[2002-12-11]
- 1.39: TRC-IFP settlement bid to fast-track reparations, amnesty
[2002-12-11]
- 1.40: Parties call for pardon review, Ncamazana guilty
[2002-12-11]
- 1.41: Victims welcome Swiss report that shows complicity with Apartheid
[2002-12-23]
- 2: 2003 - 1ST CLUSTER
[2003]
 - 2.1: Big Business not off the hook for reparations
[2003-03-24]
 - 2.2: ANGLO open to debate on its debt to Apartheid victims
[2003-03-24]
 - 2.3: Victims to sue Anglo-American and De Beers
[2003-03-25]
 - 2.4: Growth and development on menu for Big Business Indaba
[2003-03-28]
 - 2.5: Amnesty could let foot soldiers off the hook
[2003-03-28]
 - 2.6: Pressure mounts on foreign companies as their governments asked to support Apartheid victims
[2003-03-30]
 - 2.6: Mbeki discuss (sic) REPARATIONS WITH Big Business



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- [2003-03-30]
- 2.7: 'A hand-out' and 'peanuts', victims call reparations of R30 000
[2003-04-15]
- 2.8: No secret deals available in new political immunity process
[2003-04-19]
- 2.9: Home-to-all campaign revived in response to Mbeki's reparations call
[2003-05-02]
- 2.10: \$7 billion US claim against Gold Fields for labour exploitation
[2003-04-30]
- 3: 2003: - 2ND CLUSTER
[2003]
- 3.1: Immunity already luring Apartheid perpetrators out of the woodwork
[2003-05-10]
- 3.2: Generals' deal with Government in the balance
[2003-05-23]
- 3.3: No to blanket amnesty prompts 400 IFP applications for presidential pardons
[2003-05-16]
- 3.4: Ndungane takes first step in mediating Apartheid lawsuits
[2003-05-13]
- 3.5: Immunity deal between ANC and Apartheid Generals denied
[2003-05-17]
- 3.6: NIA slips under extra cover
[2003-05-24]
- 3.7: Victims to challenge Big Business at Summit
[2003-06-21]
- 3.8: Big Business pledge aid for community reparations
[2003-06-28]
- 3.9: Further amnesty process still considered
[2003-07-05]
- 3.10: No new Machel crash evidence
[2003-07-11]
- 3.11: Untitled article dealing with the response of Apartheid victims to the issue of reparations coming under attack from Government and Business
[2003-07-17]
- 3.12: Gloves come off in fight over Apartheid reparations
[2003-07-25]
- 3.13: Dr Death' round two: Basson not off the hook yet
[2003-07-25]
- 3.14: Government takes off gloves in fight against Apartheid lawsuits
[2003-07-25]
- 3.15: Top international economist Stiglitz takes SA Government to task
[2003-08-09]
- 3.16: Ndungane appeals to Business, Government to listen to Apartheid victims
[2003-08-21]
- 3.17: Looming stand-off over reparations law suits come to a head
[2003-08-23]



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- 3.18: Draft legislation revives TRC
[2003-09-06]
- 3.19: A mini TRC hidden in draft legislation
[2003-09-06]
- 4: 2003. - 3RD. CLUSTER
[2003]
 - 4.1: Parliament poised to finalise reparations
[2003-06-01]
 - 4.2: Political clashes looming for Reparations Committee
[2003-06-10]
 - 4.3: Chikane accuses foreign law suits of dehumanizing victims
[2003-06-13]
 - 4.4: Chikane makes a personal plea to his poisonors (sic)
[2003-06-12]
 - 4.5: Victims, DA tackle Parliament over reparations
[2003-06-18]
 - 4.6: State ready to pay out reparations to TRC victims
[2003-06-24]
 - 4.8: More calls on Parliament to re-open reparations debate
[2003-06-19]
 - 4.9: Chikane's hope of freeing his poisonors (sic) dashed
[2003-06-20]
 - 4.10: TRC reparations finalised
[2003-06-26]
 - 4.11: TRC spy file likely to remain secret
[2003-09-21]
 - 4.12: Mbeki discussing voluntary Apartheid reparations with foreign companies
[2003-09-20]
 - 4.13: 'Secret' TRC files finally home
[2003-09-23]
 - 4.14: TRC victims preparing to take Government to Constitutional Court
[2003-09-17]
 - 4.15: Post-TRC prosecutions put on hold
[2003-10-07]
- 5: 2003 - 4TH CLUSTER
[2003]
 - 5.1: ET is accused Number One on list of post-TRC prosecutions
[2003-10-10]
 - 5.2: US court to hear about origin of Maduna letter
[2003-11-05]
 - 5.3: Apartheid victims dump Fagan ahead of court ruling
[2003-11-04]
 - 5.4: Big Business reject talks with victims
[2003-11-13]
 - 5.5: Hefer Commission honing in on Ngcuka's accusers
[2003-11-15]



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- 5.6: Long wait for reparations over tomorrow
[2003-11-14]
- 5.7: Trouble ahead for Niewoudt beyond Hefer
[2003-12-08]
- 5.8: Multi-nationals planning solidarity fund for South Africa
[2003-12-05]
- 6: 2004 - 1ST CLUSTER
[2004]
 - 6.1: Decision on Boesak's amnesty soon
[2004-01-19]
 - 6.2: Tutu tackles Mbeki's opposition to victim lawsuits
[2004-01-31]
 - 6.3: Nearly 4 000 TRC victims still waiting for money
[2004-02-25]
 - 6.4: Scene set for RS452 vs. Gideon Niewoudt
[2004-02-28]
 - 6.5: War of words over Tutu's appeal on behalf of Apartheid victims
[2004-02-07]
 - 6.6: Churches, victims support Tutu's appeal
[2004-02-01]
 - 6.7: Tutu warns against plans for new amnesty
[2004-04-17]
 - 6.8: Freedom Day reconciliation overtures expected
[2004-04-17]
 - 6.9: New proposals on post-TRC amnesty processes
[2004-04-24]
- 7: 2004 - 2ND CLUSTER
[2004]
 - 7.1: IFP pushing for presidential pardons
[2004-06-12]
 - 7.2: Apartheid victims groups to fight Fagan's genocide claim
[2004-06-26]
 - 7.3: Apartheid victims dump Fagan ahead of court ruling
[2004-11-04]
 - 7.4: Prime Evil to repeat 1997 TRC evidence
[2004-07-10]
 - 7.5: Missing war arsenal of the IFP
[2004-07-24]
 - 7.6: Business yet to contribute to reparations
[2004-09-18]
 - 7.7: Amnesty still on the agenda
[2004-09-25]
 - 7.8: Ruling on Apartheid claims imminent
[2004-09-10]
 - 7.9: Business echoes clarion call for debate on relationship with
[2004-09-18]



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7.10: KZN victims duped by greedy swindlers

[2004-10-23]

7.11: 'Super spy' buys his amnesty

[2004-10-23]