

Collecting Grey Literature from Africa: a case study on the African Section Pamphlet Collection at the Library of Congress

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- Unusually rich and extensive research materials are available to the researcher at the Library of Congress.
- The African Section, one of three units of the African and Middle Eastern Division, is the focal point of the Library's reference services and collections developments activities.
- Africana materials are acquired via purchase, donations, exchanges, copyright deposits, and other methods.

Acquisitions of Materials

- Africana materials are principally acquired from African governments, educational and research institutions, publishers and commercial book sellers, NGO's, and private vendors.
- In Washington, the African, Latin American and Western European Division acts to acquire materials in all formats (via purchase and non-purchase) from Sub-Saharan Africa, and process and catalog these materials.
- The Library of Congress Office, Nairobi, Kenya, is one of six overseas offices administered by the African/Asian Acquisitions and Overseas Operations Division of the Library, with a mission to acquire and catalog library and research materials from countries where such materials are essentially unavailable through conventional acquisitions methods. It collects from 25 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa and four in West Africa.
- A pilot project with the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), the West African Research Association (WARA), and the West African Research Center (WARC) headquartered in Senegal, is under way to collect via purchase, exchange or gift sources in Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea Conakry, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo. Unlike the LC Field Offices, the project is limited at this time to acquisitions for the Library of Congress.

LC African Pamphlet Collection

Over decades, the collection has been described as ephemera, out of scope, unprocessed, and as collection level cataloging materials. Periodically, depending upon the audience, it is called grey literature. The subject matter is vast. The formats include:

- Bibliographies
- Calendars
- Card Catalogs
- Children's literature
- Conference Papers
- Digital Collections
- Education Catalogs
- Government publications
- Memorabilia
- Monographs
- Photographs
- Posters
- Press Clippings
- Sample Serials
- Speeches
- Tangible Media

Example of Use of Grey Literature

- Approximately 30,000 items are in the entire African Section collection of grey literature. To commemorate the 95th birthday of Nelson Mandela, a brochure was designed, printed and distributed. The content - one liberation movement document, UN and other publications, the pin & coin memorabilia, an electronic comic strip and comic books - are a few of the many items in the South African portion of the collection that concern Nelson Mandela. This brochure illustrates the variety of formats and subject content in the African Section Pamphlet Collection.

Happy 95th Madiba



The African Section Pamphlet Collection

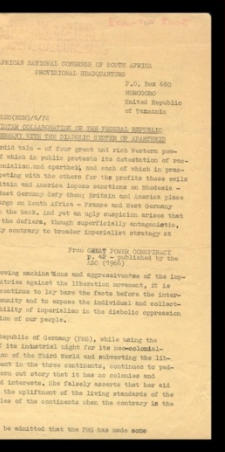


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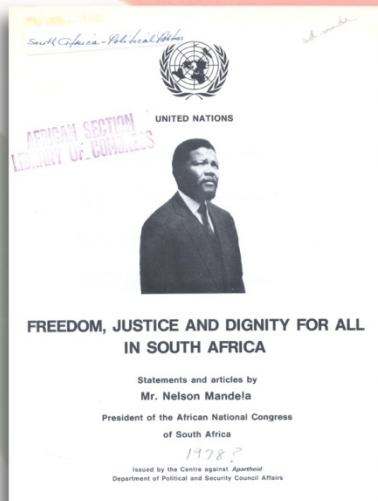
African National Congress of South Africa

Provisional Headquarters, ANC Secretariat
Morogoro, Tanzania, June 1972. 44 p.

The African National Congress was banned in South Africa and therefore operated out of neighboring countries. This report concerns Germany and its close ties with South Africa.

Centre Against Apartheid

Department of Political and Security Council Affairs.
Justice and dignity for all in
Africa, statements and articles by
Nelson Mandela, President of the
African National Congress of South Africa
1978.



The Freedom Charter

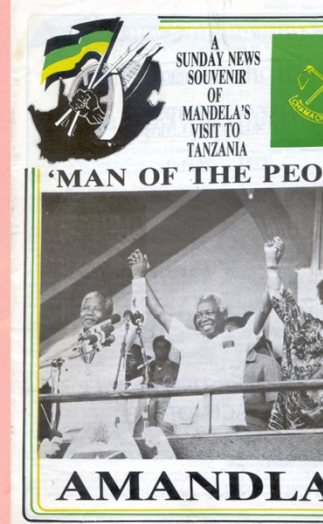
Published by the World Peace Council Information
Centre to mark the 75th Anniversary of the
African National Congress, 1987.

The Charter was officially adopted on June 26, 1955
in South Africa. Note the Black Power Protest Salute
of the African-American gold medalist
Tommie Smith, at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

Freedom

Man of the People, Amandla!

A Sunday News souvenir of
Mandela's visit to Tanzania. 1990.
Pictured on the cover are
Nelson Mandela,
President Julius Nyerere and
Winnie Mandela. The visit
took place immediately
after Mr. Mandela's release
from prison in South Africa
"Amandla" is Xhosa and Zulu for "power."



Nelson Mandela
addresses the Special Committee against
Apartheid on his historic visit to the United Nations
22th of June 1990. He was released
from prison on Feb. 11, 1990.

Campaign pin:



Coin, Issued 2000.

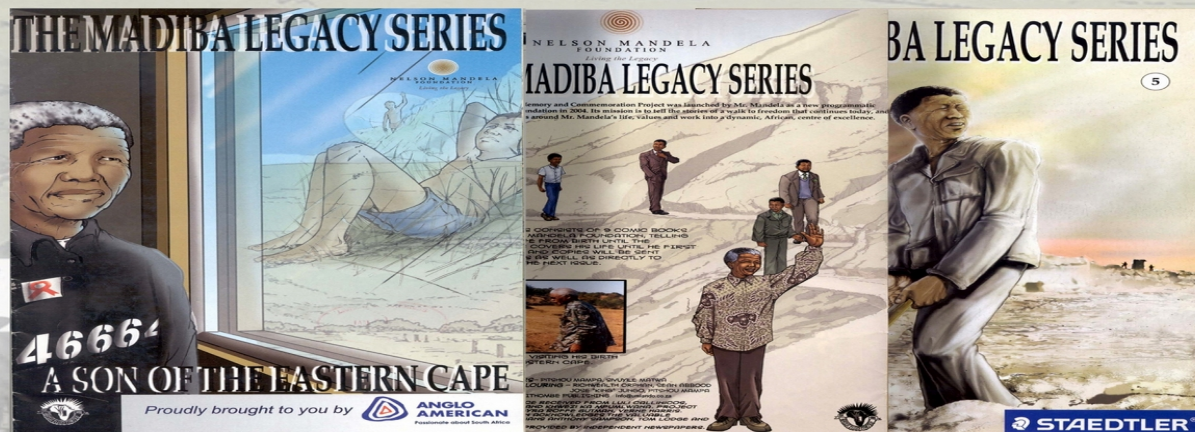
The face of Mr. Mandela is portrayed on the
verso of a R5 coin manufactured by the South
African Mint. In accordance with South
African coinage tradition, the leader of
government is portrayed on the highest
denomination circulation in the year
subsequent to his departure from the political arena





Electronic gift to LC from Rico Schacherl, the artist of Madam and Eve, a popular daily comic that originated in South Africa in 1992

Madiba Legacy Series consists of 9 comic books published by the Nelson Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg telling the story of Madiba's life. Copies were issued without charge through newspapers and were sent directly to schools.



YOUR SON The African Section Pamphlet Collection consists of over 30,000 items in the humanities and social sciences and covers all of Sub-Saharan Africa. Dating from the 1950's and continuing to grow, it is a repository for materials generally outside of the collecting scope of the Library and includes pamphlets, leaflets, broadsides posters, photographic documentation, policy and technical reports, conference proceedings, statistical documents, newsletters, sample serials, and commemorative materials. The collection is housed in approximately 700 archival containers, arranged geographically and subdivided by broad subject. Access is available only in the African & Middle Eastern Division Reading Room.

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ROLIHLAHLA LITERALLY MEANS
PULLING THE BRANCH OF A TREE,
THE ONE WHO TROUBLES...

Additional Examples of Content and Formats

- Digital collection: Timbuktu online exhibit, oral interviews with African authors & poets, Macedo Portuguese Colonial Collection (next three slides)
- Pictorial items: European trading cards, King Baudouin (Belgium) scrapbook, Mandela post cards, iconic South African Sharpeville photo, comics, children's literature (four slides)
- Reading Room Displays: President Obama & American presidents in Africa (two slides)

ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS

from the Desert Libraries of Timbuktu



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Timbuktu, Mali, is the legendary city founded as a commercial center in West Africa nine hundred years ago. Dating from the 16th to the 18th centuries, the ancient manuscripts presented in this exhibition cover every aspect of human endeavor and are indicative of the high level of civilization attained by West Africans during the Middle Ages.



Enter the exhibition for more information on the two inset maps.

[Note on transliteration](#) - [Global Gateway Collection: Islamic Manuscripts from Mali](#)

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Honoring Nigerian Author
Chinua Achebe

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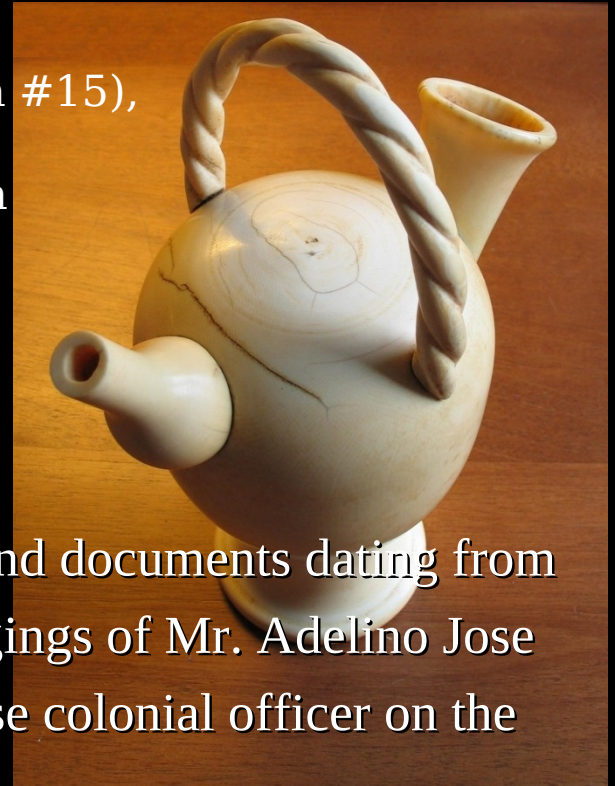
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Macedo Collection: Art and Handicrafts from Mozambique

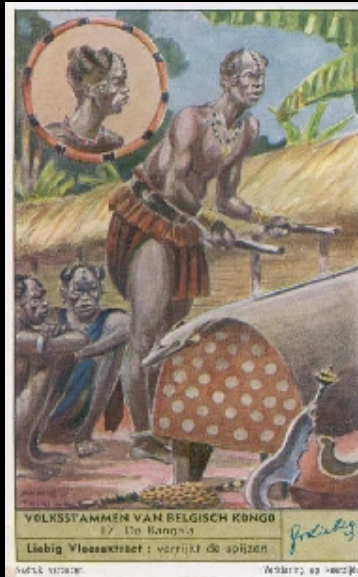


Left: an African doll (c. 1940s) (Item #15),
Top: coffee spoon (Item #2), Right: An
ivory water beaker (Item # 8).



The Macedo Collection consists of publications and documents dating from 1880-1977, as well as photos and personal belongings of Mr. Adelino Jose Macedo (1907-1983), who worked as a Portuguese colonial officer on the African continent from 1926-1972.

Liebig Concentrate Trading Cards Peoples of the Belgian Congo 1955



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Scrap Book

Voyage de Sa Majeste Le Roi Baudouin Ier au Congo Belge en 1955



Zondag 5 juni. Dimanche 5 juin.
97. — BENI.
De Pygmeeën uit Beni dansen voor de Koning.
97. — BENI.
Les Pygmées de Beni dansent pour le Roi.



Dinsdag 7 juni. Mardi 7 juin.
99. — IRUMU.
Vrouwen met schijven in de onderlip.
99. — IRUMU.
Des femmes plateaux.



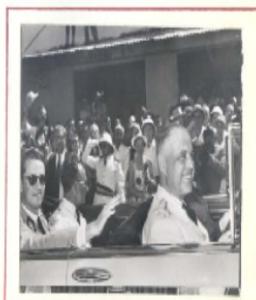
Woensdag 8 juni. Lundi 6 juin.
98. — BENI.
De Koning in een auto tussen Beni en Irumu.
98. — BENI.
Le Roi en voiture entre Beni et Irumu.



Donderdag 9 juni. Jeudi 9 juin.
101. — STANLEYSTAD. — De Koning beantwoordt
de toejuichingen van de menigte.
101. — STANLEYVILLE.
Le Roi répond aux acclamations de la foule.



Woensdag 8 juni. Mercredi 8 juin.
100. — IRUMU. — Vrouwen met schijven,
dansen voor de Koning.
100. — IRUMU.
Les femmes plateaux dansent pour le Roi.



Donderdag 9 juni. Jeudi 9 juin.
102. — STANLEYSTAD.
De menigte juicht de Koning toe.
102. — STANLEYVILLE. — La foule acclame le Roi.



Donderdag 9 juni. Jeudi 9 juin.
104. — STANLEYSTAD.
De Koning bezoekt de inlanderswijk.
104. — STANLEYVILLE.
Le Roi visite la cité indigène.



Vrijdag 10 juni. Vendredi 10 juin.
106. — STANLEYSTAD.
Een klein negerje komt de Koning
groeten in de inlanderswijk.
106. — STANLEYVILLE. — Un petit
nègre vient saluer le Roi à la cité indigène.



Donderdag 9 juni. Jeudi 9 juin.
103. — STANLEYSTAD.
Een meisje biedt de Koning bloemen aan.
103. — STANLEYVILLE.
Une petite fille offre des fleurs au Roi.



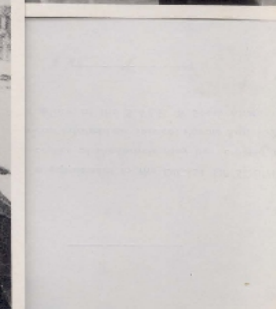
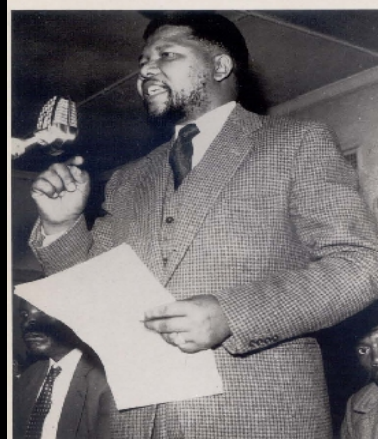
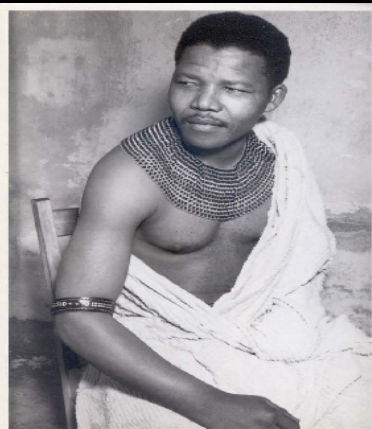
Vrijdag 10 juni. Vendredi 10 juin.
107. — STANLEYSTAD. — De Koning
bedankt de jagers voor het geschenk van
drie welpen.
107. — STANLEYVILLE. — Le Roi
remercie les chasseurs qui lui ont offert
trois louveteaux.



Vrijdag 10 juni. Vendredi 10 juin.
105. — STANLEYSTAD. — Een jeugdige inlandse scout
biedt de Koning bloemen aan.
105. — STANLEYVILLE.
Un louveteau indigène offre des fleurs au Roi.



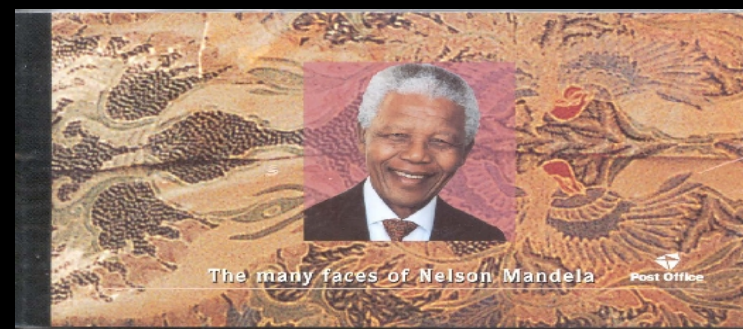
Vrijdag 10 juni. Vendredi 10 juin.
108. — STANLEYSTAD. — Een jonge
chimpanzee werd de Koning aangeboden.
108. — STANLEYVILLE. — Un jeune
chimpanzé a été offert au Roi.



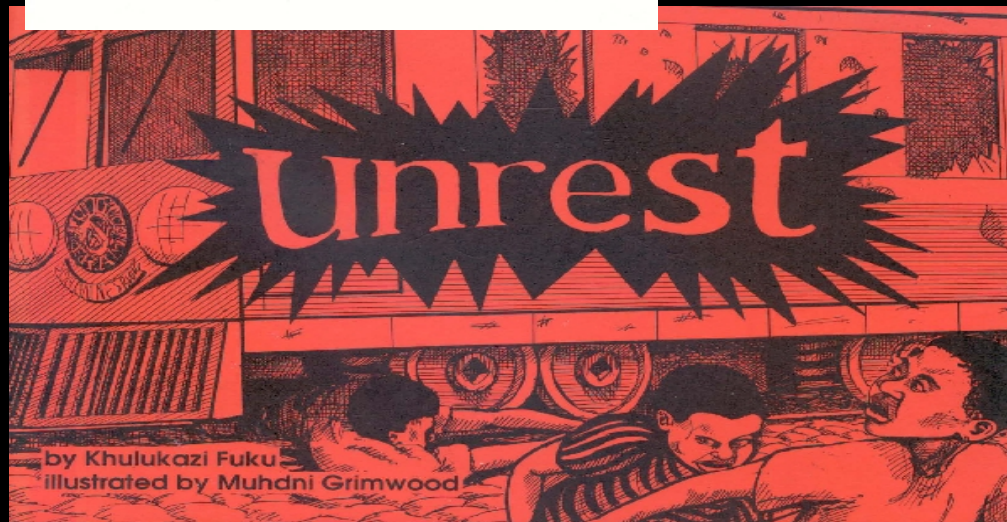
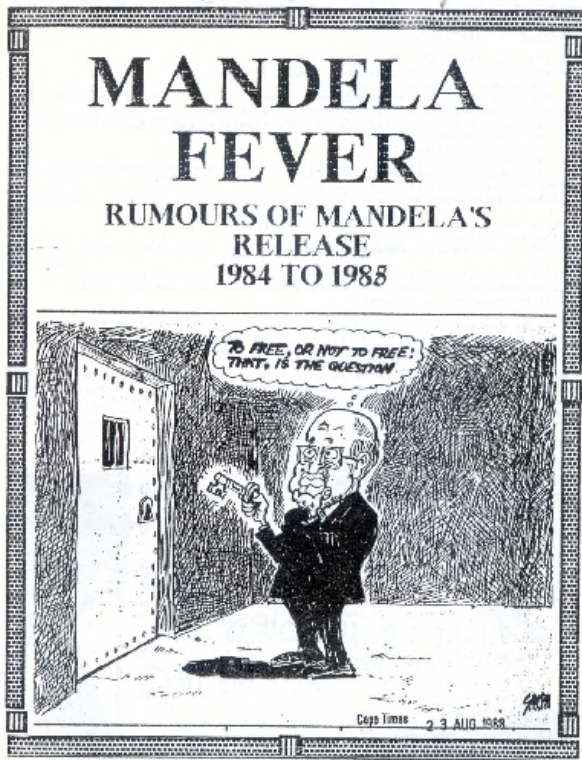
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8
postcards
of **'I WILL RETURN'**
NELSON MANDELA



Classic photo, Comics Children's Literature



Reading Room Display

Obama 2008 Memorabilia from Africa



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U.S. PRESIDENTIAL VISITS to AFRICA

Heritage
Will Stand By
to Reading

AFRICAN LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
THE EXCELLENT LITTLE BOOKS
BY THE
MR. CARVER
APRIL 5, 1998

President Barack Obama was the first African American President to make a state visit to sub-Saharan Africa in the 21st century.

President Barack Obama, the first African American president, made his first official visit to sub-Saharan Africa. He followed a speech by the Chairman of the Board of the African Development Bank, and toured the Cape Coast Castle.

President William Jefferson Clinton visited the modern era of Africa in 1998, with his ground-breaking visit to Africa.

THE VISIT OF
PRESIDENT
WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
TO
THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
PRESS INFORMATION
KAMPALA, UGANDA
MARCH 24-25, 1998

PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT
WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
TO SOUTH AFRICA
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