

BC1329 The Colin Legum Papers

C15.1 Booklets (2 items) (1979)

C15.1.1 Promotional booklet titled "Crisis '79" featuring a collection of Colin Legum's writings, as well as commentary and photographs

C15.1.2 OFNS booklet titled "What goes on plus why it happened & what it means"

C15.2 Clippings (1991-2001)

C15.2.1 "Pick of the bunch over 200 years" (Observer, 28 April 1991)

C15.2.2 "Monument to moderation" (review of David Astor and The Observer by Richard Cockett; The Independent on Sunday, 17 November 1991)

C15.2.3 Obituary for David Astor (The Guardian, 8 December 2001)

C15.2.4 Obituary for David Astor (The Times, 8 December 2001)

C15.2.5 Obituary for David Astor (The Daily Telegraph, 8 December 2001)

C15.2.6 Obituary for David Astor (The Daily Telegraph, 8 December 2001)

C15.2.7 Obituary for David Astor (The Independent, 8 December 2001)

C15.2.8 Obituary for David Astor (The Guardian, 8 December 2001)

C15.2.9 Obituary for David Astor (Sunday Independent, 9 December 2001)

C15.2.10 "Mandela and Queen join to mourn editor" (The Observer, 9 December 2001)

C15.2.11 "David Astor's Suez leader" (The Observer, 9 December 2001)

C15.2.12 "Observing David Astor" (The Observer, 9 December 2001)

C15.2.13 Obituary for David Astor (Financial Times, 10 December 2001)

C15.2.14 "A tireless, committed campaigner" (Mail & Guardian, 14-19 December, 2001)

C15.2.15 Articles relating to David Astor's death (2001)

C15.2.16 Obituary for David Astor (n.d.)

C15.2.17 Editorial/obituary for David Astor (The Observer) (n.d.)

C15.3 Correspondence (35 items) (1955-1997)

C15.3.1 Letter from Colin Legum to "Cyril" dated 22 February 1955

C15.3.2 Letter from "Patrick" (O'Donovan) to Colin Legum dated 29 June 1955

C15.3.3 Letter from Colin Legum to "Patrick" dated 21 July 1955

- C15.3.4 Letter from "Patrick" to Colin Legum dated 4 October 1955
- C15.3.5 Letter from Maurice Laing to Colin Legum dated 20 March 1956
- C15.3.6 Letter from David Astor to Colin Legum dated 27 March 1956
- C15.3.7 Letter from David Astor to Colin Legum dated 11 April 1956
- C15.3.8 Letter from Patrick van Rensburg to David Astor dated 10 September 1960
- C15.3.9 Letter from Patrick van Rensburg to David Astor dated 16 May 1962
- C15.3.10 Letter from Patrick van Rensburg to David Astor dated 19 May 1962
- C15.3.11 Letter from David Astor to Colin Legum dated 22 February 1963
- C15.3.12 Letter from Patrick van Rensburg to David Astor dated 9 December 1963
- C15.3.13 Letter from the Foreign Office to David Astor regarding Nelson Mandela and other trialists dated 8 April 1964
- C15.3.14 Letter from David Astor to Harold Wilson, British Prime Minister, dated 27 August 1965, regarding South African journalist Laurence Gandar
- C15.3.15 Ms memo written on ts office memo from David Astor to Colin Legum dated 20 May 1967
- C15.3.16 Letter from Lawrence Gandar, editor Rand Daily Mail to David Astor dated 25 September 1967
- C15.3.17 Letter from David Astor to Colin Legum dated 12 October 1968
- C15.3.18 Copy of letter from Colin Legum to David Astor dated 4 November 1972
- C15.3.19 Exchange of letters between David Astor and The Observer NUJ Chapel, 7 December 1973
- C15.3.20 Ts copy of letter from Colin Legum to David Astor regarding Colin Legum's position at The Observer dated 19 February 1974
- C15.3.21 Letter from Jeremy Bugler to Colin Legum dated 24 January 1974
- C15.3.22 Letter from Colin Legum to Jeremy Bugler dated 29 January 1974
- C15.3.23 Correspondence relating to a libel case brought against The Observer by Dr Carlow Alcantara, Portugal (1974)
- C15.3.24 Letter from Colin Legum to Robert Chesshyre dated 21 October 1975
- C15.3.25 Letter from the South African Embassy to The Editor, The Observer, regarding the case of Brian Price who had described adverse conditions in SA prisons in the Observer, dated 2 September 1976
- C15.3.26 Letter from Sunanda K Datta-Ray to Bill Millinship, dated 27 August 1977

C15.3.27 Correspondence (1978) relating to the libel case against The Observer brought by Clarence E Rhodes; The Observer (19 December 1976) in an article by David Martin and Rosanne Harvey had stated that he was a member of the Club of Ten, a pro-SA organisation.

C15.3.28 Letter from "Conor" to Colin Legum dated 31 January 1981

C15.3.29 Letter from "John" to Colin Legum dated 19 August 1981

C15.3.30 Letter from David Astor to Colin Legum (16 January 1992)

C15.3.31 Letter from David Astor to Colin Legum (9 December 1997)

C15.3.32 Letter from David Astor to Colin Legum

C15.3.33 Undated letter from David Astor to Colin Legum

C15.3.34 Undated letter from David Astor to Colin Legum

C15.3.35 Undated letter from David Astor to Colin Legum

C15.4 Financial statements (1974)

C15.4.1 Observer accounts, 1973-1974, dated 16 June 1975

C15.5 Memorandums (100 items) (1967-1982)

C15.5.1 Memo to Observer staff dated 27 September 1969

C15.5.2 Memo from Colin Legum to Bill Millinship regarding Ugandan Asians, dated 6 May 1969

C15.5.3 memo from Colin Legum to Bill Millinship regarding a trip to Washington, dated 13 May 1969

C15.5.4 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor regarding a cryptic note from Nelson Mandela, dated 21 June 1969

C15.5.5 Memo from Colin Legum to the News Editor regarding a proposed Africa trip, dated 6 October 1969

C15.5.6 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor regarding Ugandan Asians, dated 6 June 1970

C15.5.7 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor regarding a request for The Observer to be sent to Clemens Capua, Herero chief, dated 11 June 1971

C15.5.8 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor enclosing a draft letter to the Uganda High Commission, dated 18 August 1971

C15.5.9 Notice to staff members of extension of House Agreement rule dated 17 December 1971

C15.5.10 Memo from Colin Legum to John Lucas regarding a journalist in South Africa, William Raynor, dated 9 August 1972

C15.5.11 Memo from Colin Legum to John Lucas regarding the Ugandan Asians, dated 13 December 1972

C15.5.12 Election of Chapel Officers 1973 dated 28 December 1972

- C15.5.13 Notification to Observer staff of changes to Pension Fund dated 30 January 1973
- C15.5.14 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor regarding the possibility of doing an exposé of problems in the nursing sector, dated 12 May 1973
- C15.5.15 Memo from Colin Legum to David Ascerson regarding problems between two Africa stringers, David Martin and Martin Meredith, dated 12 May 1973
- C15.5.16 Memo from Colin Legum to Neal Ascherson concerning the hiring of John Worrell, dated 25 August 1973
- C15.5.17 Memo from Colin Legum to Linda Blandford regarding Watership Down, dated 17 November 1973
- C15.5.18 Memo from Colin Legum to Bill Millinship regarding stories on Uganda and Mozambique dated 21 November 1973
- C15.5.19 Memo from Colin Legum to Tony Bambridge regarding the disappearance of a Namibian student named Thomas Amwaama dated 17 April 1974
- C15.5.20 Memo from Colin Legum to Tony Bambridge et al. regarding Lonrho, dated 24 May 1974
- C15.5.21 Memo from Colin Legum to Tony Bambridge regarding Lonrho dated 2 July 1974
- C15.5.22 Memo from The Editor to Colin Legum et al., dated 11 December 1974 regarding the upcoming Koningswinter Conference
- C15.5.23 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor, dated 19 February 1975 regarding Mangosuthu Buthelezi
- C15.5.24 Memo from Peter Deeley to Colin Legum and the editor enclosing a letter sent to Stanley Uys in South Africa regarding the investigation of mental health facilities for blacks in South Africa, dated 18 March 1975
- C15.5.25 Memo from Neal Ascherson to The Editor et al., dated 14 March 1975, regarding formalities for entering South Africa
- C15.5.26 Memo from The Editor to Colin Legum enclosing a draft response to an appeal from the Anti-Apartheid Movement for The Observer not to carry South African adverts, dated 13 May 1975
- C15.5.27 Memo from Colin Legum and Robert Stephens on "The Closed Shop" policy dated 17 May 1975
- C15.5.28 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor regarding libelous comments made against David Martin regarding Idi Amin, dated 2 August 1975
- C15.5.29 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor et al., dated 9 September 1975
- C15.5.30 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor regarding possible stories on Portugal and The Pope and Idi Amin, dated 10 September 1975

- C15.5.31 Memo from Colin Legum suggesting a profile on Adnan Kashoggi, dated 13 September 1975
- C15.5.32 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor et al., dated 8 October 1975 regarding local UK politics
- C15.5.33 Undated memo to "Ken" in which Colin Legum puts forward several of his articles to be considered for journalistic awards in 1975
- C15.5.34 memo from Colin Legum to Bob Chesshyre suggesting a story on Jock Hall, the man who had blown the whistle on Marconi's involvement in Namibia, dated 8 April 1976
- C15.5.35 Memo from Colin Legum to management concerning an invitation from the Swedish government to visit Sweden at the time of their elections, dated 10 April 1976
- C15.5.36 "This buck stops at your desk" (internal memo, 6 May 1976)
- C15.5.37 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor regarding a proposed trip to the US, dated 8 September 1976
- C15.5.38 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor enclosing a draft response to criticism of The Observer's criticism of BBC coverage of events in Uganda, dated 9 September 1976
- C15.5.39 Memo from The Editor to Colin Legum et al enclosing suggestions for news coverage, dated 15 September 1976
- C15.5.40 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor, et al., dated 19 October 1976
- C15.5.41 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor, et al., dated 19 October 1976 regarding "selling the Observer"
- C15.5.42 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor, et al., dated 19 October 1976
- C15.5.43 Memo from Colin Legum to Pat Ferguson regarding prize money owed to him, dated 14 November 1976
- C15.5.44 Memo from the editor to Observer staff, dated 11 December 1976
- C15.5.45 Memo from Colin Legum to management regarding an invitation to deliver a paper at a symposium in New York
- C15.5.46 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor et al. regarding the upcoming Commonwealth Conference, dated 20 May 1977
- C15.5.47 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor et al., dated 10 September 1977 regarding Begin's visit to London
- C15.5.48 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor et al., dated 24 September 1977
- C15.5.49 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor, dated 1 October 1977, enclosing a letter from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Donald Treford dated 25 September 1977
- C15.5.50 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor et al., dated 4 October 1977

- C15.5.51 Memo from Colin Legum to KP Obank, dated 8 October 1977
- C15.5.52 Memo from Colin Legum to Bill Millinship, dated 8 October 1977
- C15.5.53 Memo to Colin Legum regarding salary increase dated 25 November 1977
- C15.5.54 Memo from Colin Legum to the editor, dated 26 November 1977
- C15.5.55 Memo from Colin Legum to Bill Millinship regarding the Makerere "massacre" and other items, dated 2 March 1978
- C15.5.56 Memo from Colin Legum to the editor dated 19 April 1978
- C15.5.57 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor dated 14 March 1978 regarding Simon Wiesenthal and Nazi criminals
- C15.5.58 Memo from Bill Millinship to Colin Legum et al., dated 16 March 1978
- C15.5.59 Memo from Colin Legum to Bill Millinship et al., dated 18 March 1978
- C15.5.60 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor dated 18 March 1978
- C15.5.61 Memo from Colin Legum to Bill Millinship regarding Zambia, dated 23 March 1978
- C15.5.62 Memo from Colin Legum to Bill Millinship dated 21 June 1978
- C15.5.63 Memo from Mark Frankland to Colin Legum et al. regarding sales of arms to China, dated 6 July 1978
- C15.5.64 Memo from Colin Legum to Mark Frankland et al. regarding sale of arms to China and The Observer's position on the issue, dated 7 July 1978
- C15.5.65 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum, enclosing changes to an article on Harold Wilson, dated 23 September 1978
- C15.5.66 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum et al., dated 4 October 1978
- C15.5.67 Memo from Colin Legum to Conor Cruise O'Brien, dated 18 October 1978
- C15.5.68 Memo from Colin Legum to The Observer management regarding his working a three-day week, dated 20 October 1978
- C15.5.69 Memo from Colin Legum to Conor Cruise O'Brien, dated 28 October 1978
- C15.5.70 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum, dated 10 November 1978
- C15.5.71 memo from Roger Harrison to Colin Legum et al. regarding the Clarence Rhodes case, dated 28 November 1978
- C15.5.72 Memo from Colin Legum to Roger Harrison et al. regarding The Observer having to apologise to Clarence Rhodes, dated 29 November 1978
- C15.5.73 Memo from Colin Legum to management regarding African coverage in 1979, dated 2 December 1978

- C15.5.74 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum dated 5 December 1978
- C15.5.75 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum dated 12 January 1979
- C15.5.76 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum et al., dated 17 January 1979
- C15.5.77 Memo from Colin Legum to John Cole dated 18 January 1979
- C15.5.78 Memo from Colin Legum to Bill Millinship dated 15 February 1979
- C15.5.79 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum and other staff, dated 14 February 1979
- C15.5.80 memo from The Editor to Observer staff, dated 8 March 1979
- C15.5.81 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum dated 8 March 1979
- C15.5.82 Memo from Colin Legum to Conor Cruise O'Brien dated 17 March 1979
- C15.5.83 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum dated 19 March 1979, enclosing correspondence between The SAIRR and O'Brien
- C15.5.84 Memo from Colin Legum to Andrew Wilson dated 31 March 1979
- C15.5.85 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor dated 29 April 1979
- C15.5.86 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum dated 29 May 1979, enclosing a memorandum from the proprietors of The Observer regarding editorial policy
- C15.5.87 Memo from Colin Legum to Conor Cruise O'Brien dated 8 June 1979
- C15.5.88 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum dated 8 June 1979
- C15.5.89 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor regarding Rhodesia, dated 29 June 1979
- C15.5.90 Memo from Colin Legum to Andrew Wilson dated 10 October 1979 expressing dissatisfaction with the way one of his articles on Oerlikon, the Swiss arms manufacturer, had been condensed
- C15.5.91 Memo from Colin Legum to Observer staff regarding a trip to America, dated 10 October 1980
- C15.5.92 Memo from Conor Cruise O'Brien to Colin Legum dated 23 November 1979
- C15.5.93 Memo from Roger Harrison to Colin Legum regarding a libel case involving Clarence Rhodes and the South African Muldergate scandal; encloses correspondence from solicitors and a copy of an article on Rhodes from Private Eye
- C15.5.94 Notification to Observer staff on the workings of the Observer photocomposition system (by Iain Lindsay-Smith, 21 February 1980)
- C15.5.95 Memo from Colin Legum to Connor Cruise O'Brien setting out what The Observer's essential stance is, dated 12 June 1980

- C15.5.96 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor raising issues about foreign coverage and enclosing correspondence about an article on Tanzania carried by The Observer that had created problems in Tanzania, dated 13 September 1980 (plus later correspondence with Joan Wicken, Tanzanian cabinet)
- C15.5.97 Copy of ts memo from Colin Legum "Proposed itinerary for West African trip: October 10 to December 20"
- C15.5.98 Memo to Observer staff regarding cost reduction scheme
- C15.5.99 Memo from David Astor laying out the requirements of profile writing for The Observer
- C15.5.100 Memo from Colin Legum to The Editor dated 17 March 1979
- C15.6 Motions (2 items) (n.d.)
  - C15.6.1 NUJ Chapel motion regarding the appointment of an editor to replace David Astor
  - C15.6.2 Motion for Chapel meeting
- C15.7 Newsletters (6 items) (1971-1974)
  - C15.7.1 Bulletin of the Observer NUJ Chapel (1971)
  - C15.7.2 Bulletin 2 of the Observer NUJ Chapel 1 March 1972)
  - C15.7.3 Bulletin 4 of the Observer NUJ Chapel (5 August 1972)
  - C15.7.4 Bulletin 7 of the Observer NUJ Chapel (7 November 1972)
  - C15.7.5 Bulletin 9 of the Observer NUJ Chapel (8 May 1974)
  - C15.7.6 Internal newsletter (n.d.)
- C15.8 Miscellaneous (4 items) (1954-1984)
  - C15.8.1 Ts document titled "A brief history of The Observer" (issued 1954)
  - C15.8.2 Ts notes on career and activities of Peter Abrahams (n.d.)
  - C15.8.3 Programme/menu marking the retirement of Robert Stephens, including incomplete ts notes of a speech (11 January 1984)
  - C15.8.4 Ts notes headed "Notes of talk with William Clark/Roger Harrison/David Windlesham"
- C15.9 Photographs (1 item)
  - C15.9.1 David Astor (black and white) (n.d.)
- C15.10 Policy documents
  - C15.10.1 House Agreement 1970-1971
  - C15.10.2 Document "The Observer Pension Fund, Life Insurance Scheme and Disablement Scheme"



- C15.10.3 The Observer House Agreement 1975-1976
- C15.10.4 The Observer House Agreement 1976-1977
- C15.10.5 The Observer House Agreement 1977-1978
- C15.10.6 Policy on staff appointments and dismissals
- C15.11 Lonrho takeover of The Observer
  - C15.11.1 Articles (1 item) (1981)
    - C15.11.1.1 Ts copy with handwritten notes of Colin Legum's final Observer article "Signing Off"
  - C15.11.2 Clippings (1981-1994)
    - C15.11.2.1 "The crisis that rocked an editor's chair" (The Observer, 1 November 1981)
    - C15.11.2.2 "How Africa helped Lonrho win The Observer" (African Business, September 1981)
    - C15.11.2.3 Various clippings relating to Tiny Rowland's appointing of Godwin Matatu as African correspondent
    - C15.11.2.4 "Tiny turns on the screws" (Cape Times, 27 April 1984)
    - C15.11.2.5 "Observer 'lost 1 million pounds' by Rowland pay deal" (Financial Times, 20 June 1984)
    - C15.11.2.6 "New Rowland threat to close Observer" (The Guardian, 28 May 1984)
    - C15.11.2.7 "Rowland holds talks today on paper's future" (The Observer, 29 May 1984)
    - C15.11.2.8 "Islamic zeal plunges Sudan into new turmoil" (The Observer, 20 May 1984)
    - C15.11.2.9 "The long arm that stretched from Jamba to London" (The Daily Telegraph, 16 May 1984)
    - C15.11.2.10 "How Mr Mugabe's war came to Fleet Street" (The Sunday Telegraph, 22 April 1984)
    - C15.11.2.11 "The white bwana" (The Observer, 22 April 1984)
    - C15.11.2.12 Letters to the Editor regarding the Lonrho takeover (The Times, 21 April 1984)
    - C15.11.2.13 "Shore warns Rowland of gaol penalty in Observer conditions" (The Guardian, 27 April 1984)
    - C15.11.2.14 "Observer conditions of transfer not breached" (The Times, 27 April 1984)
    - C15.11.2.15 Letters to the editor (The Guardian, 11 May 1984)
    - C15.11.2.16 "Observer 'guarantee' sought" (The Times, 24 April 1984)
    - C15.11.2.17 "Observer directors censure Rowland for interference" (The Times, 25 April 1984)
    - C15.11.2.18 "Observer watchdogs back editor" (The Guardian, 25 April 1984)
    - C15.11.2.19 "Observer directors round on Rowland" (The Guardian, 1 May 1984)

- C15.11.2.20 "Tiny Rowland in row with 5 directors" (Rand Daily Mail, 2 May 1984)
- C15.11.2.21 "Rowland lists Observer options" (The Observer, 22 April 1984)
- C15.11.2.22 "Publish and be damned" (The Sunday Times, 22 April 1984)
- C15.11.2.23 "Proprietor vs Editor" (The Observer, 22 April 1984)
- C15.11.2.24 "Rowland apologises to Premier [Mugabe] over Observer report" (The Herald, 17 April 1984)
- C15.11.2.25 "Row rages over Tiny's apology" (Rand Daily Mail, 18 April 1984)
- C15.11.2.26 "Editor to defy order to return to Harare" (Rand Daily Mail, 19 April 1984)
- C15.11.2.27 "Lonrho apology for Observer report"
- C15.11.2.28 "Lonrho under renewed pressure" (The Guardian, 11 June 1984)
- C15.11.2.29 "An editor's fight against Press dictatorship" by Colin Legum (Rand Daily Mail, 24 April 1984)
- C15.11.2.30 "No concert parties at the House of Frazer" (The Times, 10 August 1984)
- C15.11.2.31 "An inquiry into Tiny's character and methods?" (The Times, 10 August 1984)
- C15.11.2.32 "Tiny Rowland and the evidence that was 'out of step'" (The Guardian, 10 August 1984)
- C15.11.2.33 "Rowlandia and the 6 Ms of Africa" (The Sampson Letter, 4 June 1985)
- C15.11.2.34 Clippings relating to Tiny Rowland's ousting from Lonrho
- C15.11.2.35 Letters to the Editor regarding the Lonrho takeover
- C15.11.2.36 "The Observer and Lonrho"
- C15.11.2.37 Letters to the Editor regarding the Lonrho takeover (The Observer, 12 May 1984)
- C15.11.3 Correspondence (1981)
  - C15.11.3.1 Correspondence between Colin Legum and the Monopolies and mergers Commission
  - C15.11.3.2 Correspondence regarding Colin Legum's departure from The Observer and the terms of settlement
  - C15.11.3.3 Undated letter from Grietta to Colin Legum on Observer letterhead reflecting the Observer's list of directors under Tiny Rowland
  - C15.11.3.4 Memo from Colin Legum titled "Lonrho's involvement in Africa, the Middle East and other Third World countries" (9 April 1981)
- C15.11.4 Press statement (1 item) (1981)
  - C15.11.4.1 Statement by Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, on the transfer of the Observer to George Otram & Co., Ltd (9 July 1981)

- C15.11.5 Financial statements (1980)
- C15.11.5.1 Lonrho financial report and accounts 1980
- C15.11.6 Regulatory documents (2 items) (1981)
- C15.11.6.1 Articles of Association (1981)
- C15.11.6.2 Memorandum of Agreement (n.d.)
- C15.11.7 Reports (1 item) (1981)
- C15.11.7.1 Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed transfer of The Observer to George Otram & Company Ltd (1981)
- C15.11.8 Statements (1 item) (1981)
- C15.11.8.1 Ts telex detailing Derek Taylor's experiences with Lonrho in Zambia
- C15.11.9 Testimony before the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (6 items) (1981)
- C15.11.9.1 Submission by Conor Cruise O'Brien to the Monopolies Commission (April 1981)
- C15.11.9.2 Testimony to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by David Astor and Lord Goodman
- C15.11.9.3 Draft written submission by Observer journalists to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission
- C15.11.9.4 Evidence by Colin Legum to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission
- C15.11.9.5 Evidence by David Astor to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission
- C15.11.9.6 Note of Colin Legum's hearing at the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 5 April 1981