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John D. Jago papers

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:	John D. Jago
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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

A loose group of publications, mainly grey literature, leaflets and pamphlets, on Aboriginal affairs gathered by John Jago in Melbourne in the early 1960s and later in Brisbane.

Provenance

Provenance unknown.

Material separated from collection

One file of pamphlets being 3rd and 4th copies of publications already held in the AIATSIS Library has been discarded.

Related Material

For a complete list of works by John Jago, held by the Library, and for other related material consult [Mura@](#), the AIATSIS catalogue.

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Archivist's note

The provenance of the papers was not established on receipt. Internal evidence indicates that these are papers of John D. Jago.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The papers indicate that John D. Jago was involved with Aboriginal advocacy groups in the early 1960s, including the Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship. In 1963-1964 Jago was Convenor of the Commission on Aboriginal Affairs, Methodist Church of Australasia (Victoria and Tasmania Conference). The *Methodist Church Policy on Aborigines*, published in Melbourne in August 1963, includes articles by John Jago on assimilation and the ILO Convention on Human Rights. John Jago followed a career in dentistry, teaching in the Department of Dentistry, University of Queensland, and at the Dental School, Turbot St., Brisbane, in the 1970s and 1980s. The papers indicate that John Jago maintained an active interest in advocacy for Aboriginal people and, in particular through his connections with Uniting Church, as well as in Federal Parliamentary affairs through his local MP, Manfred Cross and Bill Hayden.

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Note that Professor John Jago of Sale, Victoria, endowed the University of Melbourne with a prize in Community Dental Health in honour of his parents, John and Elsie Jago. The prize has been awarded each year since 1989 (<https://au.linkedin.com/in/ven-woo-90790b123>).

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

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Untitled file, holding leaflets, pamphlets, conference papers and resolutions, a press cutting and other printed material, much of it from Queensland, 1959-1981, including:

- *The Noongar* (Association for the Advancement of Coloured People), No.4, Mar 1962
- Methodist Church of Victoria and Tasmania, Social Services Department, *The Methodist Church and Social Questions: what the Church has said*, n.d., c.1961, 8pp.
- Leslie Rubin, *This is Apartheid*, London, Victor Gollancz, 1959, 16pp.
- *Address by Mr Charles Leon President of the Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship at Annual General Meeting held 22nd February, 1962*, Ts., roneo, 2pp.
- *Report of Northern Missions and Reserves including Weipa, Old Mapoon, New Mapoon, Bamaga, Umagico (ex-Lockhart), Cowal Creel, Thursday Island and Yarrabah*, by Mrs K. Walker, 12 Jul 1964, Ts., roneo, 5pp.
- *Australian Academic Studies on Topics relating to Aborigines*, Feb 1963, Ts., roneo, 9pp.
- *Address by Mr Robert Wanganeen, President of Point Pearce Co-operative (SA) at Annual General Meeting of Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship held 22 February, 1962*, Ts., roneo, 2pp.
- "Toondigoon – the White Lubra: only her bones were found", *Sunday Truth* (Brisbane), 13 Feb 1966, p.30.
- *Aboriginal Perspectives an Assembly Lecture Series... funded by Melbourne University Bicentennial Committee*, n.d. (Jul-Aug 1988), leaflet, 1p.
- *1988... Celebration or Mourning?*, prepared by a non-Aboriginal collective from Action for World Development, Sydney, n.d., 1988, 2pp., leaflet (2 copies).
- Victorian Public Service Board, *Aboriginal employment for the Victorian Public Service*, n.d., 1 leaf, d/s, leaflet.

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- Geerbaugh Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 466 Ann Street, Brisbane, n.d., 1 leaf. d/s, leaflet.
- ICA Australia (Sydney, in association with Institute of Cultural Affairs International), 4 leaflets, each 1 leaf, folded, d/s: *Pika Wiya Community Health Service*; *Gerard Aboriginal Community*; *Aboriginal Islander Dance Theatre*; *Ceduna-Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service*.
- Local Government Association of NSW & Shires Association of NSW, *Local government and Aboriginal community development: project brief*, Jul 1987, Ts., 5pp., annotated.
- Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA), *A four year proposal toward renewal for Aboriginal and related communities*, n.d., (1986). Ts., 3pp.
- *Liberal Party Policy: a brief analysis of the Queensland Liberal Party's Aboriginal Affairs policy released on Nov 6 by the State Executive*, n.d., 1p., roneo, leaflet.
- Ian S. Williams (Wesleyan Uniting Church, Canberra), *Wandjina Appeal for the Kimberley land Council*, circular letter, 3 Dec 1980, 1p.
- Judith Luckinvey(?) for the Aboriginal Treaty Committee, Canberra, to Sister Kay McPadden, Aboriginal Treaty White Support Group, Brisbane, 1 Apr 1981, Ts, 1p.
- Sr Kay McPadden, Aboriginal Treaty White Support Group, Brisbane, circular letter to friends, 3 Jun 1981, Ts., 1p.
- Coralie Kingston, Aboriginal Treaty White Support Group, Brisbane, circular letter to friends, 23 Oct 1981, with attached Statement by the National Aboriginal Conference issued to all visiting Commonwealth Heads of Government, 30 Sep 1981, Ts., roneo, 4pp.
- H.C. Coombs, *The Aboriginal Treaty Committee writes to the Prime Minister*, 27 May 1981, leaflet, 1p.
- *Dayspring* (House of Freedom Christian Community, Brisbane), Vol.1, No.2, Sep 1982, includes, "Black Australia in the Coliseum: a response to Commonwealth Games".
- Matthew Foley, *The Aborigines Act 1971 – ten years after*, paper presented to the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties seminar, "Civil Rights for Black Queenslanders", 24 Oct 1981, Ts., p/c, 10pp.
- Australian Council of Churches, *Aboriginal land rights: towards a just national consensus*, Apr 1981, Ts., 10pp. a response to Australian Mining Industry Council's paper, *Aboriginal land rights – the need for a national consensus*.
- Uniting Church of Australia, Division of World Mission, Brisbane, Kit No.7, re Local Government (Aboriginal Lands) Bill 1978, Apr-May 1978.

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- Uniting Church of Australia, Queensland Synod, *Progress report: discussions with the Queensland State Government concerning the future administration of Aurukun Mission*, 7 Oct 1977, Ts., 2pp.
- Uniting Church of Australia, Division of World Mission, Brisbane, Kit No.8, re Local Government (Aboriginal Lands) Bill 1978, Apr-May 1978.
- Methodist Overseas Missions (Sydney), *Let my people know!*, n.d., leaflet, illus., d/s, 1 sheet.
- *Aborigines and Ourselves: papers and discussion at the conference held by the Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship, 13-15th October, 1961*, 26pp.
- Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship, *Aborigines and Ourselves, Conference ...13-15th October 1961, Major Resolutions*, Ts., roneo, 2pp.
- Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship, *Aborigines and Ourselves, Conference ...13-15th October 1961, Minor Resolutions*, Ts., roneo, 2pp. (2 copies).

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Untitled file. Manuscript notes in two plastic sleeves, possibly written by John Jago, Convenor, Methodist Commission on Aboriginal Affairs, Melbourne, as follows:

- 1. Notes on FCAA letterhead, n.d., Ms., 5pp., refers to an executive meeting, conversations with Kath Walker, and mentions 'Pizzey', Jim Harris, Marie Breen, Stephen Marks, Killoran, Don Tyson.
- 2. Notes headed, 'FCAA 1964', on University of Melbourne letterhead, Ms., 1p., together with: contact address list 1p.; Notes headed, '1963 Conference', Ms., 12pp.; contact list and notes, Aboriginal Integration Committee (Brisbane), Ms., in notebook, c.40pp.; notes on Colin Tatz, *Uranium and Aborigines in Arnhem Land*, 23 Oct 1980, Ms., 3pp.

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File titled, 'Aboriginal Health', in file cover marked 'University of Queensland', holding about 50 or so photocopies and off prints of medical journal articles and related papers, 1971-1981, together with correspondence of Dr J.D. Jago (Senior Lecturer in Dentistry, Department of Dentistry, University of Queensland) with Dr T.D. Bolin (Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick), Apr 1975; and letter from Harold Hunt (Alcoholism Commissioner, Health Commission of NSW) to Dr Jago (Dental School, Turbot St., Brisbane), 9 Jul 1981.

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Loose printed material, as follows:

- Charles Duguid, *Aborigines' Sunday: ABC Guest of Honour Talk 2nd February, 1947*, 4pp.

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- *Redfern*, Ms. notes on Police violence against Aborigines in Redfern. n.d., in particular members of the All Blacks Football Club, 2pp. (Information from Eric Robertson professional footballer, South Sydney?).
- Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship Christmas card with bark painting motif, sent by Mr & Mrs Charles Leon, President, Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship, 1963.
- 'Given \$40 and free flight to Brisbane, says Aurukun leader', *Courier Mail*, 28 Apr 1978, p.3, re Fred Kerinden, Neil Peinkinna, Horace Wikmunea, Ben Yunkaports, and his wife Maud, Dougal Tarpuncha and Mrs Jean George taken from Weipa by the Aboriginal & Islanders Advancement Department to Brisbane to speak in favour of Queensland government running missions.
- National Missionary Council of Australia, *General Policy on Aborigines*, 1959 (re printed 1963), 8pp. (4 copies).
- H.C. Coombs, *Kulinma: listening to Aboriginal Australians*, n.d. (c.1973), publication leaflet, d/s, 1 leaf.
- National Institute of Mental Health, Indian Health Service, *Suicide among the American Indians: two workshops*, 1969, 37pp.
- Australian Council of Churches, Division of Christian Education, *Racism in Australia: tasks for general and Christian education: report of conference at Southport, Queensland, November 19-24, 1971*, Melbourne, c.70pp., bound. Not held by AIATSIS Library.
- A. Barrie Pittock, *Racism in Australia: an introductory perspective*, Melbourne, Australian Council of Churches, Division of Christian Education, Nov 1971, 22pp.
- Kim Beazley, 'Dispossession and disease – or dignity? some thoughts on Aboriginal policy', *Provocative Pamphlet*, No.115, Sep-Oct 1964, 14pp.
- Uniting Church, Social Responsibility Working Group, *'Development without destruction': Christian concern for Aboriginal People. Noonkanbah sacred sites and mining*, Perth, leaflet, 1 leaf, 6pp. (Not held in AIATISI Library.)
- Heather Wearne, *A clash of cultures: Queensland Aboriginal policy (1824- 1980). An analysis of the Aborigines Act 1971-79, Regulations of 1972 and By-Laws*, Brisbane, Division of World Mission of the Uniting Church of Australia, Jun 1980, 73pp.
- C.M. Tatz, *Queensland Aborigines: natural justice and the rule of law*, paper presented at APSA conference, Aug 1963, 24pp.

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File titled, 'M.D. Cross MP', holding John D. Jago's correspondence with Manfred Cross, 1966-1983, together with annotated copies of

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Parliamentary Debates and Notice Papers relating to supply of documents and questions asked in Parliament by Cross and others on behalf of Jago relating to dental services, public health, foreign affairs and Aboriginal affairs; together with Jago's correspondence with Bill Hayden, Mar-Nov 1969, re questions asked in Parliament by Hayden on behalf of Jago relating to foreign affairs.

MS 5024/6 Copies of Parliamentary questions asked by M.D. Cross MP, and responses, c.1967-1968; together with copies of Parliamentary Debates, 5-11 Dec 1968, 9-10 Dec 1971, 9-11 Apr 1974 & 11 Nov 1975, annotated to indicate matters of interest to Jago.

MS 5024/7 Commission on Aboriginal Affairs, Methodist Church of Australasia (Victoria and Tasmania Conference), *Methodist Church Policy on Aborigines*, Melbourne, Aug 1963, leaflet, 1 leaf, d/s, 4pp. (3 copies), includes: John Jago, 'A big job for eleven million Australians'; 'The Australian Aboriginal; is assimilation the answer?'; A.F. Ellemor, 'Landless in their own land'; John Jago, 'Aborigines, Human Rights, and ILO Convention 107'.

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