


Author Prain, Ronald, Sir, 1907-
Title Ronald Prain papers, 1921-1978.

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Subject(s) American Metal Company.
Rhodesian Selection Trust, Ltd.
Roan Antelope Copper Mines Limited.
Copper mines and mining -- Africa.
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Mufulira (Zambia)

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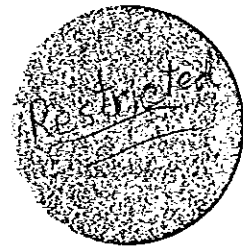
Biography/History Info Sir Ronald Prain was a British metals industry executive and civil servant in Northern Rhodesia. He joined Marshall Brothers, an associate of American Metal Company of New York, in 1926. In 1939 he was appointed director of Rhodesian Selection Trust, Roan Antelope Copper Mines, and Mufulira. During the 1940s he served at the Rhodesian Ministry of Supply. He became chairman of Anglo-Metal Company Ltd. in 1946 and chairman of Rhodesian Selection Trust Ltd. in 1950. He was knighted in 1956 for public services in Northern Rhodesia.

Summary The collection contains speeches, reports, and other writings by Prain; correspondence with British, Rhodesian, and Zambian government officials; correspondence with executives of American Metal Company and Anglo-American Corp.; subject files on African copper mining; photographs; and miscellaneous biographical material.

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THE RONALD L. PRAIN COLLECTION, Acc. #8753-84-09-17

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for details.

Box 1:

Biographical Information

Mining executive, typed autobiography

Files, Correspondence

Harold Hochschild, American Metal Co. Ltd., 1940-1969, 6 files
Zambian government members, 1963-1968
Walter Hochschild, American Metal Co. and Amax, 1947-1969, 2 files

Box 2:

Files, Correspondence

RLP as controller of Diamond Dies and Diamond Tool Controls, 1940-1945
● British government members, 1955-1969 (correspondence with Edward Heath and Harold MacMillan restricted during their lifetime)
Commission on Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, 1960
Appointment of RLP to board of International Nickel of Canada, and chairman of Rhodesian Selection Trust, Roan Antelope Copper Mines and Mufulira Copper Mines Ltd., 1950-1957
● Governors of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, 1954-1964 (restricted during correspondents' lifetime)

Box 2 (Cont.):

Files, Correspondence (Cont.)

- Sir Roy Welensky, 1951-1959 (restricted during correspondents' lifetime)
- Retirement of RLP from RST Group, 1972
- Miscellaneous, including Harry Oppenheimer and other directors of the Anglo American Corp., 1953-1978 (restricted during correspondents' lifetime)

File, Subject

African advancement on the Copperbelt in the 1950's

Manuscripts

By RLP: "Chronology of Rhodesian Selection Trust Ltd." no date
 By RLP: "Chronology of Roan Antelope Copper Mines Ltd." no date
 Colquhoun, J. "The Passing of the Arizona Copper Company", 1921

Maps, 1961

Mining industry of Central Africa

Menus, 1950-1972

Lunches and dinners connected with the mining industry, 40 items

Newspaper and Magazine Clippings, 1956-1972

RLP's knighthood, 1 file
 Mining, Colorado, and Africa, 5 items

Program, 1964

Church service, Westminster Abbey

Reports, 1957-1958

Mining statistics, 2 items
 Northern Rhodesia

Box 3:

Files, Correspondence

- International Nickel Company of Canada, 1951
- Sir William Murphy and Sir Harold Cartmel-Robinson, RST, 1953-1964
- British South Africa Company, 1953-1967
- President Kaunda of Zambia, 1969 (restricted during President Kaunda's lifetime)
- * ● A. Chester Beatty and others, 1953-1978 (restricted during RLP's lifetime)
- Miscellaneous Business, 1942-1967

Files, Subject

Botswana, correspondence, reports, 1958-1967
 Senate Committee on Government Operations testimony, legal documents, correspondence, newspaper clippings, transcripts, 1956.

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Box 3 (Cont.):

Files, Subject (Cont.)

India, b+w photographs, menus, invitations, programs, 1961

Poland, periodicals, reports, 1977

Ankh Award, Copper Club, New York, correspondence, speech, newspaper
clippings, program, 1964

Memoranda, 1960-1962

By RLP re: Rhodesian Selection Trust, 2 items

Newspaper and Magazine Clippings, 1956-1973

Re: RLP, 1 file

Reports, 1926-1927

Roan Antelope Copper Mines Ltd., Rhodesia, 2 items

Speeches, 1968-1973

By RLP, printed and typed, 1 file

Box 4:

Books

RLP, REFLECTIONS ON AN ERA, 1981

RLP, COPPER: THE ANATOMY OF AN INDUSTRY, 1975

RLP, SELECTED PAPERS, 1953-1967, Vols. 1-4

Certificates, 1961

1 item

Pamphlets, 1962

Mufulira Copper Mines, Rhodesia

Photographs and Related Material

B+W and color photographs of RLP and colleagues, 20 items. (transferred
to Photo Archives.)