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INTRODUCTION

1. ACCESSIBILITY

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2. CURRICULUM VITAE¹

Mr. Boyd is a chemist's son, and an only child. He was born in Johannesburg in 1911. He Matriculated at St. Charles College, Pietermaritzburg. Later he passed the qualifying examinations of the Institute of Secretaries, the Institute of Bankers and the Institute of Administration and Commerce.

His wife, Miss Emma Mosewicz, was a domestic science teacher. Mr. Boyd started his career in a bank, where he worked for seven years. He was vice-principal and later principal of the Rapid Results College. He was managing director of a large Durban printing firm and director of a number of other large companies.

Mr. Boyd started his public life as a Durban City Councillor. His 14 years in the City Council included one as Deputy Mayor and two as Mayor. He became Mayor at the age of 35, and was Mayor at the time of the 1949 riots in Durban. The Leo Boyd highway was named after him by the Durban City Council as a token of appreciation for his civic work.

In local government, Mr. Boyd has occupied most of the important posts, from City Councillor to President of the United Municipal Executive, on which is represented all the local authorities in the Union. He was its principal negotiator with the Government on

The Natal Witness, 24 August 1959; as well as file 5/1/1.

local government matters and also conducted its major financial negotiations with Ministers.

In 1943, he entered politics when he won the Greyville Provincial constituency from the Labour Party, then in pact with the United Party. In 1948 he again stood as an independent in the same seat and won it against Nationalist opposition.

He became official United Party candidate for Gardens in 1954, and won the seat. Since then and until his resignation, in August 1959 when he joined the Progressive Party, he has been in the United Party.

From 1948 to 1958 Mr. Boyd was chairman of the Natal Provincial Council, and from 1958 until his resignation on Thursday was a member of the Natal Executive Committee.

He held the unofficial portfolio for education, and his name became a household word over the Stander issue. Both Mr. Boyd and Mr. Lester Hall, the other Progressive M.P.C. have also been among the leaders of the anti-republican stand in Natal and in the United Party.

Mr. Boyd's achievements in the Provincial Council have been too many to enumerate. He was mainly responsible for the decision that the Province would share motor taxation revenue with local authorities, which was worth R140 000 to Durban each year and a further R100 000 to the other Natal local authorities. He has, by his grasp of financial matters, also succeeded in keeping down increased taxation.

He died unexpectedly on Wednesday, 11th June, 1980.

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THE DOCUMENTS AND THEIR ARRANGEMENT

The collection was donated to the Institute for Contemporary History by Mr. A.D. Boyd.

The collection consists of loose documents, which are sorted in series according to the kind of document. In all cases documents are arranged chronologically within each series.

The collection is in a good state of preservation and occupies 0,20 meter shelving space.

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	INVENTORY	
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1.	AGENDA AND MINUTES	
<u>FILE NUMBER</u>	DESCRIPTION	PERIOD
1/1	GENERAL	
1/1/1	Agenda of the International	1960, Jan. 2
	Parliamentary Debating Society	

	2.	CORRESPONDENCE	
FILE NUM	BER	DESCRIPTION	PERIOD
	2/1	GENERAL	
2/1/1		Correspondence	1960, March 18- 1979, Jan. 5
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3.	SPEECHES, LECTURES AND STATEM	ENTS
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3/1	GENERAL	
3/1/1	Speeches ²	1936, Dec 1937, Dec.
3/2	L.L. BOYD	
3/2/1	Speeches	1950, July- 1956, Apr.
3/2/2	do.	1957, June 15- 1957, June 25
3/2/3	do.	1959, Sept 1959, Nov.
3/2/5	do.	1960, Feb. 2- 1960, Nov. 30
3/2/5	do.	1961-1979
3/2/6	do.	n.d.
3/2/7	do.	n.d.

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² Consists of extracts from the speeches of General J.B.M. Hertzog and General J.C. Smuts concerning the Native policy.

FILE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PERIOD
3/2/8	do.	n.d.
3/2/9	do. ³	n.d.

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Only consists of extracts of Mr. Boyd's speeches.

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4. NOTES AND DIARIES

<u>FILE NUMBER</u>	DESCRIPTION	PERIOD
4/1	GENERAL	
4/1/1	Notes	n.d.

5. PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

FILE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PERIOD
5/1	GENERAL	
5/1/1	Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Leo Boyd, etc.	1980, June

	6.	INFORMATION SHEETS	
<u>FILE NUMB</u>	ER	DESCRIPTION	PERIOD
	6/1	GENERAL	
6/1/1		Information sheet	n.d.

	ANNEXURE A : NEWSPAPER	CLIPPINGS
<u>NO.</u>	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
Kn. 601/1	Clippings, 1958-1977	

ANNEXURE B : MAGAZINES

DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
Contact '78, June 1978	
Progressive News, February 1963	
Verkiesingsnuus, Jan. 1958	
	Contact '78, June 1978 Progressive News, February 1963

ANNEXURE C : PHOTOGRAPHS

NO.	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
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PV 601/1	Leo Boyd as a child; photographed in sailorsuit	
PV 601/2	Leo Boyd, 5 ½ years old (2 photo's)	
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PV 601/4	Leo Boyd, as a child	
PV 601/5	Leo Boyd with team mates and mascot	
PV 601/6	Leo Boyd	
PV 601/7	Leo Boyd and unidentified child	
PV 601/8	Leo Boyd	
PV 601/9	do.	
PV 601/10	Leo Boyd as Mayor of Durban City,	
	1946-1949	
PV 601/11	do.	
PV 601/12	Leo Boyd and Mangosuthu Buthelezi, 1978	

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