Guide to the Roy Welensky Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1558

CREATOR: Welensky, Roy, 1907-1991

TITLE: Roy Welensky papers

DATES: 1961–1972

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet

LANGUAGE(S): The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The papers are comprised of letters written by Roy Welensky to Flag Captain Gabriel Teixeira of Portugal, a former governor-general of Mozambique. The correspondence ranges from 1961 to 1972 and documents the condition and dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland as well as the state of affairs in Southern Rhodesia after the dissolution. Welensky opposed the end of colonial rule in Africa and the letters reflect these opinions. They also include discussions of the health and well-being of Godfrey Martin Huggins Malvern, a mutual friend and colleague of Welensky and Teixeira. A photographic caricature of Welensky is included in the papers.

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Cite As

Roy Welensky Papers (MS 1558). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Associated Materials

Roy Welensky Papers, Bodleian Library, Oxford University.

Biographical / Historical

Roy Welensky was born on January 20, 1907, in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). He grew up in South Africa and began working for Rhodesia Railways in 1931 as a fireman. In 1934, Welensky moved to Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), where he was elected to the legislative council in 1938. By the late 1940s, he had become a leading advocate for the amalgamation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Welensky became a powerful political figure in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland which was created in 1953 with the unification of the British colonies of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland (now Malawi). From 1953 to 1956, he was Minister of Transport, Communications, and Posts, from 1955 to 1956 he was leader of the House and Deputy Prime Minister, and from 1956 to 1963 he was Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs. With the dissolution of the federation on December 31, 1963, Welensky retired from politics. He died on December 5, 1991.

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Access Terms

Prime ministers -- Rhodesia and Nyasaland.
Rhodesia and Nyasaland -- Politics and government.
Malvern, Godfrey Martin Huggins, Viscount, 1883-1971
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Welensky, Roy, 1907-1991