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NATIONAL library OF SOUTH AFRICA

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National Library of South Africa

- Cape Town campus (1818)
- Pretoria campus (1887)



Heritage Collections

- Primary source of SA published documentary heritage
- Wealth of information
- Books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, special collections, government publications, foreign official publications



Reprographic and Digital Services





On demand

- Photography & microfilming: transformed
- Existing staff
- Film scanner (neg + mf)
- Digital cameras
- Large-format scanners
- Digital video



First years

- DISA
- Research
- Pilot projects
- On demand



Digital Innovation South Africa

- 1997-2009: DISA
- Implement digital technologies in libraries
- Socio-political interest
- SA Freedom Struggle
- DISA: training and support
- Journals (40+)
- Archival collections
- 220 000 images/pages

Sechaba: 1 (1) 1967



Indian Opinion: 48 (1) 1950



INDIAN OPINION

ASIA FINDS HERSELF

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"All over Asia we are passing through trials and tribulations. In India also you will see conflict and trouble. Let us not be disheartened by this; this is inevitable in an age of mighty transition. There are a new vitality and powerful creative impulses in all the peoples of Asia. The masses are awake and they demand their heritage. Strong winds are blowing all over Asia. Let us not be afraid of them for only with their help can we build the new Asia of our dreams. Let us have faith in these great new forces, and the dream which is taking shape. Let us, above all, have faith in the human spirit which Asia has symbolised for these long ages past.

—JAWAHARLAL NEHRU



Research

- Legal deposit of web-based publications (2004)
- Digitisation in Africa (2005)
- SA policies en legislation (2007)
- Software



Training

- Metadata for librarians
- Software: Greenstone / DSpace
- Multimedia & graphics
- Digital photography



Pilot projects

- UNESCO Memory of the World (300 drawings by SAN) - 2003
- LOCKSS-SA (2004)
- COM – newspaper (2006)



Future plans

- SA newspapers
- Approx 7.5 million pages
- Black Press
- 200 000 pages



Stages: Black Press

- 1830-1880: Christian Missionaries
- 1880-1930: Independent Protest Press
- 1940-1960: From Protest to Resistance



Definition

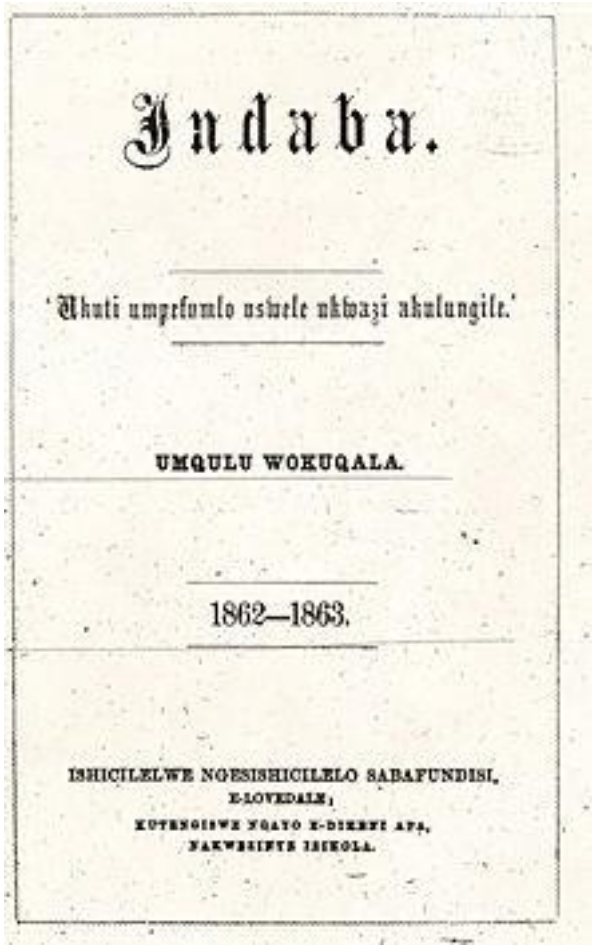
- According to readership
- African, Indian & Coloured audience
- Not all owned or edited by
- Bi-lingual: English +
- Zulu, Xhosa, Tswana, Sotho



1830-1880
Christian Missionaries

- Two publishing centres
- Lovedale Mission Press (Presbyterian)
- Morija Printing Works (Paris Evangelical)
- Lovedale -> Xhosa
- Morija -> Sotho





Indaba.

'Ukuti umpefumlo uswele ukwazi akulungile.'

UMQULU WOKUQALA.

1862—1863.

ISHICILELWE NGESISHICILELO SABAFUNDISI,
E-LOVEDALE;
KUTENGISWE NGAYO E-DIKENI AFA,
NAKWESIFUTI ISIKOLA.



1880-1930
Independent Protest

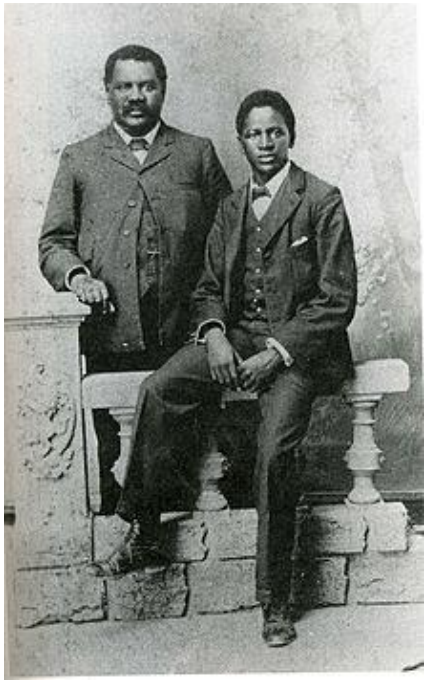
- New generation
- African nationalist newspapers
- Black literary tradition
- First political bodies



Leaders

- John Jabavu: Imvo Zabatsundu (1884)
- Walter Rubusana: Izwi Labantu (1897)
- Solomon Plaatje: Koranta ea Becoana (1901)
- John Dube: Ilanga lase Natal (1903)
- Mahatma Gandhi: Indian Opinion (1903)
- Abdullah Abdurahman: APO (1909)

John Jabavu: Imvo Zabatsundu (1884)





Imvo Zabantsundu

NATIVE OPINION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Does Your baby weigh enough?

NUTRINE

ABANTU.

Otukululayo.

UMATUKULULA!

Elokuhlambulula Igazi.

Lihlamba Umzimba Wonke

NUGGET BOOT POLISH

NUGGET BOOT POLISH.

Obtainable in all Shades.

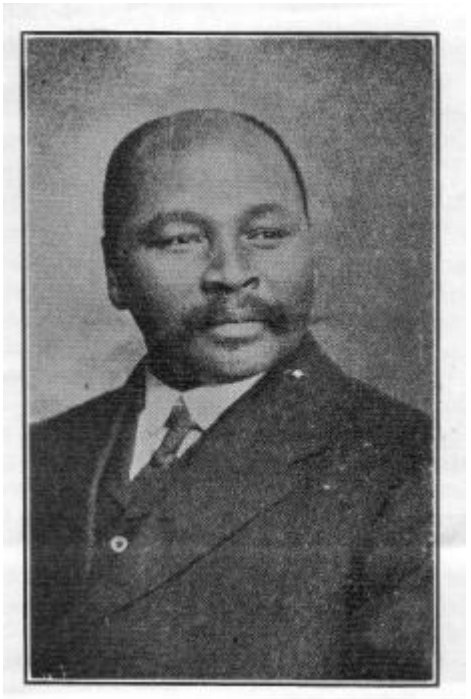
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A. H. TODD, Ltd., Chemists, Red Hill

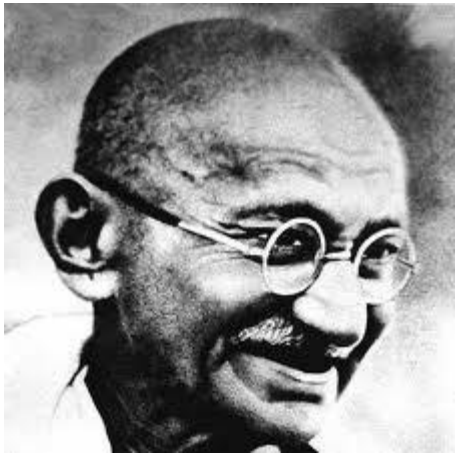
Rubusana & Dube





Abdurahman & Gandhi



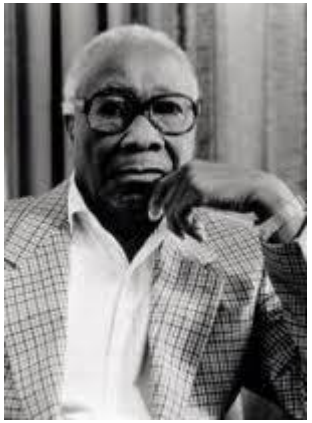




1940-1960
Protest to Resistance

- Great Depression mid-30s
- Critical years
- Trek to cities
- 1948-election

Govan Mbeki: Inkundla ya Bantu (1938)





INKUNDLA A BANTU

BANTU FORUM

VOL. XI. No. 308. SATURDAY MAY 19, 1951 [Registered at the G.P.O. as a Newspaper] PRICE 6D

Umhlangano wonyaka welAMF

Remember!! Atlas Garage FOR DAY & NIGHT SERVICE

THE 'GRAND' SHOE STORE -Shoes For The Family- 350 Pine St., DURBAN

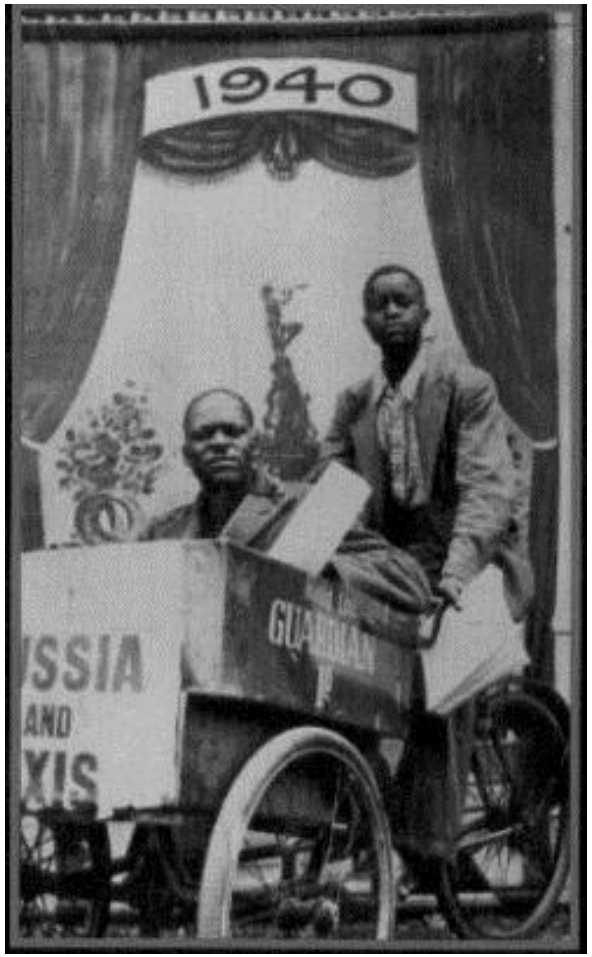
NUGGET keeps my shoes Smart!

Make sure that you ask for Nugget Boot Polish, as I do. That is the way to keep your shoes looking brighter and smarter for a long time. I never use any other polish. You should use it too—everyday.

NUGGET Boot Polish for the brightest shine

Ruth First







Policy development

- National policy
- Guidelines
- Coordinate and protect
- Draft tabled Feb 2011



Draft policy

- Role of existing memory institutions
- National Digital Repository
- Inclusive info society
- Develop institutional capacity



Building digital collections

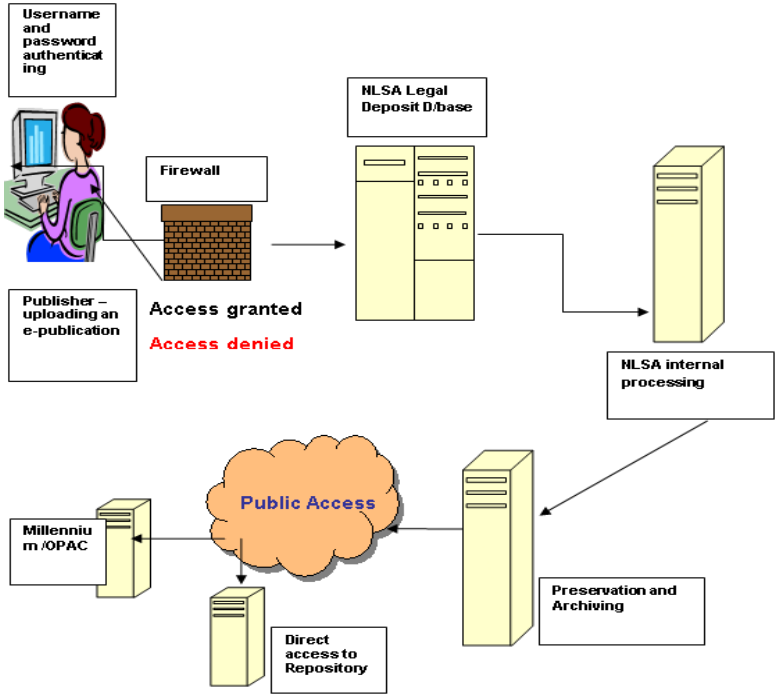
- Digitisation: converting
- Acquisition: original digital works
- Access to external resources



Deposit of e-publications

- Model developed
- Accept original digital works
- Web-based protocol

e-deposit model



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