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**D D T JABAVU COLLECTION**

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Davidson Don Tengo Jabavu was born in King William's Town in 1885. He was the eldest son of John Tengo Jabavu. He went to school at Lovedale and at Morija Institution in Basutoland. He completed his high school career in Wales, after which he started his studies at the University of London in 1906. He graduated in 1912 with a bachelor's degree, majoring in English. From London he went to Birmingham University, where he obtained a diploma in Education.

Davidson Jabavu returned to South Africa in 1914, after undertaking a trip to the United States, where he visited Tuskegee and other black institutions. Jabavu kept a diary in which he wrote down his experiences. He called it *My Tuskegee Pilgrimage*. Jabavu's description of his boat trip to America, as well as his visit, is very enlightening. On his return to South Africa, he was appointed as the first member of staff at Fort Hare, which was to open the following year. Throughout his career, his reputation grew and at his retirement as professor of Bantu Languages in 1944, he was Fort Hare's most prominent African faculty member.

On the political front Jabavu preferred to use the methods of rational argument and persuasion, rather than confrontation. He accepted the principle of a qualified franchise, but was adamant that the common voters' roll was a safeguard of African interests, and a symbol of a common society. In the 1920's and early 1930's the Cape Native Voters' Convention, with Jabavu as president, became the most outspoken opponent of proposals for the disfranchisement of nonwhites.

Jabavu, together with Abdul Abdurahman of the African People's Organization, played a major role in the organizing of the Non-European Conference. It was attended by Africans, Coloureds and Indians. Meetings took place between 1927 and 1934.

In December 1935, Jabavu & Pixley Seme of the African National Congress convened the first meeting of the All African Convention, an umbrella organisation that consisted of various organisations that were opposed to segregation. In 1943 the Non-European Unity Movement was formed, with Jabavu as chairman.

In 1953 he received a honorary doctorate from Rhodes University. He died in East London in 1959.

## **The collection in the Unisa Archives consist of the following :**

- Publications by DDT Jabavu
- Other publications
- University College of Fort Hare
- *My Tuskegee Pilgrimage*
- Photographs
- Newspaper cuttings

## Sources:

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## D D T JABAVU COLLECTION (0,8 Im)

### 1. PUBLISHED MATERIAL

#### 1.1 Publications by D D T Jabavu

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The findings of the All African Convention. (Pamphlet three).	1935
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IBBOTSON, Percy & RAMUSHU, Rev. Oswald, D. African family life. Methodist book room.	n.d
ISIMISELO se -tempile somhlambi okululekileyo wama tempile ngenene; omisiswe ngo August 1875... Right worthy true temple.	1930
IVANGELI ngokubalwe ngu-Marko. British and foreign Bible Society.	1934
IZIFUNDO zesi-kolo se cawa kunye na ma-nqaku o-titshala... Lovedale Press.	n.d
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KALEYA, Stephen, M. The fight for health. Sheldon Press.	1940

KERR, Alexander.	An old church in a new age. Christian Council of South Africa.	1941
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NAKASA, C J.	Ivangeli Lokuz'akha. Mission Press.	1941
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	1937
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POWELL, Harold.	Fundamental principles of co-operation in agriculture. Federated farmers of SA Ltd.	1921
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SEME, P. Ka I.	The African National Congress: is it dead? No, it lives? The proposed amendment of its constitution. The Newcastle advertiser.	n.d
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2.5 Cape Province Native population.	-
2.6 Minutes of the informal discussion of the representatives of youth organisations held at the Bantu Mens' Social Centre.	02.04.1955
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3.2 Correspondence.	-
3.2.1 Letters and telegrams of condolence on the death of Tengo Jabavu Jr.	03.1955
3.2.2 Correspondence of a general nature.	12.06.1934 - 21.12.1966

- 3.2.3 Letters and telegrams of condolence on the death of Prof D D T Jabavu. Collection list. 08.1959
- 3.3 Notes and drafts of religious and political nature (holograph). (Incomplete). -
4. **PHOTOGRAPHS**
- 4.1 Photographs of D D T Jabavu.
- 4.2 Partly identified group photographs.
- 4.3 Miscellaneous photographs.
- 4.4 Album of photographs: D D T Jabavu, family, etc.
- 4.5 Printblock of photo.
5. **NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS**
- 5.1 On African matters. -
- 5.2 Press and other reviews of *The Black Problem* by D D T Jabavu. (Pasted in exercise book). -
- 5.3 On Prof. Jabavu's retirement. (Letter pasted on). -
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- 6.1 Certificates; educational, baptism.
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- 6.9 Articles on D D T Jabavu.
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- 6.14 Rubber stamps: All African Convention and SA Native Farmers' Congress.