



Enuga S. Reddy

An in-depth look at an Aluka partner who is contributing materials to the Struggles for Freedom in Southern Africa content area

Enuga S. Reddy, former director of the United Nations Centre against Apartheid and former Assistant-Secretary General of the United Nations, began supporting the struggle for liberation in South Africa in the 1940s. In addition to working for the United Nations for 35 years, E. S. Reddy has authored and edited numerous articles and books on South Africa, Gandhi, and India's role in the movement against apartheid.



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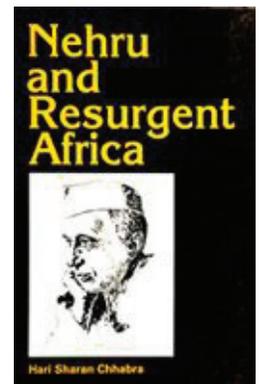
In mid-2007, E.S.Reddy began advising Aluka concerning its *Struggles for Freedom in Southern Africa* content area. He has provided a wealth of recommendations and materials for digitisation and several developing Aluka collections are the result of his contributions.

The first collection, for which he provided his personal copies, consists of the reports of the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid. E.S. Reddy was the principal staff person from the inception of this committee in 1963 until the end of 1984. The committee was the driving force behind U.N. action to isolate the apartheid regime in South Africa and support the movement for a nonracial democratic society. For each of its 32 years, the committee produced an annual report, along with many special reports, for the General Assembly and the Security Council. These reports contain a wealth of information not only about the committee's activities but also about developments in South Africa and the world-wide anti-apartheid movement. Some of the topics covered include political trials and repression against opponents of apartheid, government expansion of military and police forces with the goal of repression at home and acts of aggression beyond its borders, the boycott of apartheid sports teams and other racist institutions, and other actions by governments and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organisations to exert pressure on the South African government and to assist the struggle for liberation.

The second collection provided by E.S. Reddy is a collection of publications on India's role in the Southern African freedom movements and includes articles, books, pamphlets, and reports. India provided not only political support but substantial material assistance to the African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa. It hosted the Asian Mission of the ANC in New Delhi. In the 1970s, it awarded Nelson Mandela, who was in prison at the time, the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding—the first international award Mandela received. At the United Nations, and through its involvement with the Non-aligned Movement, the Commonwealth, the International Olympic Committee, and other organisations, India championed the cause of freedom in South Africa.

The third E. S. Reddy collection planned to appear in Aluka will contain a variety of materials on Southern Africa written by him or taken from his personal library.

E. S. Reddy has donated portions of his written works and collections of papers to several repositories, including the Gandhi-Luthuli Documentation Centre at University of KwaZulu Natal, the Nehru Memorial Museum, University of Cape Town, University of the Witwatersrand, Yale University, and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. His purpose in doing so is twofold: to allow wide access by students and scholars through these diverse repositories and to make as much of the material as possible available in digital form. In addition to contributing materials to the ANC website, the South Africa History Online website, and setting up his own site, E.S. Reddy continues to work with Aluka on selecting additional material for digitisation in the interest of maximising access to these valuable historical sources.



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