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DAVID OANCIA

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Biographical Sketch: Born in Stonehenge, Saskatchewan David Oancia spent his early teens in the Yukon working in the fur trade. There he learned to speak Cree and devoted his spare time to reading. Eventually moving back to Saskatchewan, Oancia began his journalistic career writing for the *Moose Jaw Times Herald*. His experience in Moose Jaw led to a position with the *Leader-Post* in Regina. When Oancia joined Canadian Press, a national news agency, he began working in most parts of Canada. Joining the *Globe and Mail*, Oancia established their Montreal bureau in 1963 before spending three years as the paper's correspondent in Beijing. From China Oancia wrote about the tumult of the cultural revolution and in 1967 received the National Newspaper Award for his work in the Far East.

Oancia went on to spend time with UN troops on the Sinai desert covering the conflict in the Middle East before a posting to London from which he travelled extensively throughout Europe and North Africa.

Returning to Montreal in 1974 as an editorialist for the *Montreal Star*, Oancia was awarded a Southam Fellowship for Journalists to study the social determinants of change -- a topic of importance to him since his days in China. In 1975 he was appointed director for the Journalism program at Concordia University in Montreal.

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Scope and Content: This collection is comprised of approximately 83 centimetres of textual material and ranges in date from 1952 to 1988. There are 141 photographs and 78 negatives.

Note on arrangement: The Professional Activities series relates to his activities in helping to establish schools of Journalism at King's College and other institutions. News Articles by David Oancia is the main series in this collection and consists of newspaper clippings of articles written by him, a few folders also include drafts of articles and/or research material. All newspaper clippings were photocopied for preservation purposes then discarded, the oversize scrapbook of articles was photocopied for preservation purposes and remains with the collection. The Moose Jaw Times Herald Photograph Album pages were numbered and photocopied for preservation purposes. Loose photographs were numbered and sleeved.

Custodial History: These materials were transferred by the donor's wife to the Archives and Special Collections in October 2015.

Future Accruals: Future accruals are not expected.

Access Restrictions: There are no access restrictions on this collection however File 38 is Closed to researchers without prior permission from the Archivist.

Related Accessions: There are no related accessions.

Box 1	Correspondence		
	1	General	1967, 1971, 1972, 1974
	Miscellaneous		
	2	United Nations Emergency Force Air Mail Envelopes	n.d.
	News Articles about David Oancia		
	3	1966, 1967, 1974, 1975, 1978, 1995 (includes photographs #1-#4)	
	News Articles by David Oancia		
	4	1953 (Oversize Scrapbook and Preservation Copy)	
	5	1954, 1955, 1956	
	6	1955, 1956	
	7	1955, 1958, 1966	
	8	1952, 1955, 1956 re: Canada 1/2 (includes photographs and negatives - see File 9)	
	9	1955, 1956 re: Canada 2/2 Photographs and Negatives from File 8 above (includes photographs: #5-#40) (includes 78 negatives))	
	10	1957 (includes drafts)	
Box 2	11	1959, 1960, 1961 (includes correspondence)	
	12	1960, 1961 (includes photographs #41-#46)	
	13	1960, 1962	
	14	1961, 1962	
	15	1961, 1962, 1966	
	16	1962 re: Arab World: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon (includes research material)	
	17	1963	
Box 3	18	1964 (includes oversize)	
	19	1965	
	20	1965, 1966	
	21	1965, 1967 (includes oversize)	
	22	1966	
	23	1966-1967	
	24	1966-1967 (includes drafts)	
	25	1971 (includes oversize)	
	26	1972, 1973	
	Photograph Album		
	27	1952 Moose Jaw Times Herald Trip to Nahanni [National Park Reserve] (Oversize) (includes photographs #47-#141) Oversize Box 1/1	
	Professional Activities		
	Concordia University		
	Proposal (for Journalism Program)		
Box 4	28	Concordia Senate submission	1974, 1977
	29	Correspondence re: Proposal	1972, 1975 - 1978
	30	Journalism Program	1976, 1977
	31	Major (in Journalism) (includes drafts and correspondence)	1977
	32	Papers: Joint Major Component in Journalism Report #57;	May 1974

		Resource Implications of Proposed New Programmes, Report #22	
	33	Staffing Requirements	1976
		Visits to Concordia University	
	34	Chinese Academics Visit	October 1975
	35	Swedish Press Ombudsman Visit	February 1977
	36	Germany	1961
	37	Laval African Journalism Project	1978-1979
Closed	38	Montreal Board of Trade	1965
		University of King's College	
	39	Correspondence	1974, 1977- 1979
	40	Personnel – Kimber (correspondence seeking employment)	1977, 1978
	41	Publications: Foundation Year Programme Handbook 1977/78; A Proposal for Programmes in Journalism 1976 (2 copies)	
Box 5	42	University of New Brunswick	1982, 1983
		University of Toronto	1974, 1975
	43	Correspondence	1974, 1975
		<i>Massey College Bull</i> (includes articles by Oancia)	
	44	Volume I, Number 2 October 1974; Volume IV, Number 2, January 1975	
		Publications of Interest	
	45	Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia: <i>Guide to Canadian Writer's Outlet</i> – Volume 1 Nos. 2 and 3; Volume III, No. 4 <i>The Writers News</i> - Convention Issue '78 Volume III, No. 6; Volume III, No 8; Summer Issue Volume III, No. 6; Volume III, No 4; Volume III, No. 5;	1978,
		Research Material	
		Canada	
	46	The Canol Pictorial, P.A. Harris	1944
		China	
	47	1963, 1966-1968 (China) (includes Mao Tse-Tung [Speeches] Serve the People, In Memory of Norman Bethune; The Foolish Old Man Who Removed the Mountains	
	48	1965 - 1969 (<i>The Great Socialist Cultural Revolution in China</i> #1, #2, #5, 1966	
	49	1966, 1967 (China)	
	50	1967, 1968 (China)	
Box 6	51	1967-1969 (China) Anthony Grey and Others	
	52	1968	
	53	1968, 1969	
	54	1987, 1988	
	55	Publications: China Pictorial, 1971 7-8 (includes supplement) (oversize); People's Republic of China Atlas (oversize) 1971; Random Notes on Red 1936-1945, E. Snow, 1971; Ten Poems of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung, n.d.	
	56	Documents Algeriens General Progress Report,	1958
	57	Miscellaneous News Articles of Interest	1986-1988
		Science	
	58	1982-1984 (includes writing and correspondence)	