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| COLLECTION TITLE | Papers of Peter Hastings |
| COLLECTION IDENTIFIER | MSS 374 |
| INCLUSIVE DATE(S) | 1950 to 1990 |
| EXTENT | 19 boxes + 1 oversize + 5 AV boxes |
| CREATOR | Peter Dunstan Hastings (1920-1990) |
| RELATED ENTITIES | Peter Dunstan Hastings (1920-1990) |
| RELATED COLLECTIONS | Papers of Peter Hastings |
| ACCESS POINTS | Journalists |

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Peter Dunstan Hastings (1920-1990) was born on 1 October 1920 at Wahroonga in Sydney. In May 1941 he enlisted in the Citizen Military Forces and in 1942 transferred to the Australian Imperial Force. As a sergeant in intelligence, he served with the Central Bureau, a code-breaking signals unit and with the Far Eastern Liaison Office.

Having joined Consolidated Press Ltd after the war he was posted to New York from where he sent dispatches to the *Daily Telegraph* especially about the United Nations where his contact was Gordon Jockel, a member of the Australian delegation.

Hastings held several positions related to the press: editor of the *Bulletin* (1962-64), foreign affairs writer for the *Australian* (1966-70), and the *Sydney Morning Herald* (1970-74, 1976-90).

He was banned from Indonesia for reporting on its military preparation for the 1975 invasion of East Timor and in 1984 for reporting on the death of anthropologist Arnold Ap in Irian Jaya.

Hastings was the executive officer for the Council on New Guinea Affairs which he and Sir John Kerr had helped to found. From 1974 to 1976 he was senior research fellow at the strategic and defence centre, Australian National University.

References:

Australian Dictionary of Biography Online Edition: Hastings, Peter Dunstan (1920-1990) <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/hastings-peter-dunstan-12607>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection relates to the journalist Peter Hastings and includes his collected papers donated by his wife Jolika Hastings.

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The papers of Michael Richardson (Journalist and Researcher on East Timor), [MSS 190](#). Collection of his research materials on East Timor political history and conflicts from 1970 to 2009. Including Richardson's photographs of the Declaration of Independence by East Timor on 28 November 1975.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS

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