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*The General Consulate of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia in Cape Town 1941–1945  
Historic Notes*

*Summary*

The General Consulate in Cape Town, The South African Union, was opened in July 1941 in special circumstances which our country was facing after the occupation and the exile of the King and Government. Cape Town, one of the centers of the South African Union, was primarily chosen because of its geographic position, favorable for gathering and transporting Yugoslav refugees, mostly high-ranking state officials and their families. Due to this fact the archive material is abundant with facts referring to Yugoslav refugees in the Union, as well as with other essential facts on the activities of the Consulate in war circumstances – military issues, donation collection for Yugoslav war prisoners, propaganda activities etc. The opening of the General Consulate contributed in establishing firmer relation between our Government and the South African Government, especially after the visits of Yugoslav ministers and the General Counselor to General Smutts, considering that, besides honorary consulates there were no other career representative offices of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia in the Union. The archive material is also interesting because of facts on the host country itself, i.e., its domestic policy and the relationship of all relevant political powers during the war towards G. Britain. Especially significant is the material that refers to the Yugoslav colony and its societies who received the opening of the Consulate with special interest. The consulate continued its work after 1945 as the General Consulate of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia in Cape Town.