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## **Donald L. Van Handel Collection, 1976-1982**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

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## **Administrative Information**

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## **Scope and Content**

The collection includes around 200 editorial cartoons published in the “Arab News: Saudi Arabia’s first English language daily” by the Lebanese Cartoonist Mahmoud Kahil (1939-2017). The Arab News is a political and financial newspaper published by Saudi research and marketing company. Among the issues that the caricatures poignantly tackle and illustrate are the Arab/Israeli conflict; the rising political tension between the various coalitions of Lebanese and other Arab and Palestinian political parties, as well as various foreign policy related matters, specifically the international push and pull surrounding Lebanon during the cold war, Arab American relations, international socio-economic issues, specifically ones related to Arab oil resources, all ahead of the eruption of the Lebanese civil war. In addition to that, the collection includes posters dated between 1979 and 1981 on Palestine, human rights, AUB events, arts, etc. and several articles from different newspapers.

The collection is an important source for scholars interested in the political scene in Arab countries during the 20<sup>th</sup> century such as the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Lebanese civil war, and the cold war in the Middle East and its various repercussions.

## **Arrangement**

This collection is arranged in three series.

**Series I:** Posters.

**Series II:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil and Others.

**Series III:** Newspaper clippings

## Historical Sketch

Born in 1923, Donald L. Van Handel joined the Marines in 1942 with his friend Bob Johnson. He later married LaVena Clements. Don went on to fly for United Airlines, Flying Tiger Airlines and eventually became a chief operation inspector with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the international (FAA) where he and LaVena were stationed in Frankfurt, Germany; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Beirut, Lebanon; and finally, Montreal, Canada.

## Subject Headings

Caricatures and cartoons -- Arab countries -- History -- 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
American University of Beirut -- Students.  
Arab-Israeli conflict -- Pictorial works.  
Lebanon -- History -- Civil War, 1975-1990 -- Pictorial works.

## Container List

### Series I: Posters

#### File 1: Palestine

- "إضراب المعتقلين الفلسطينيين في سجون إسرائيل: خنجر جديد في صدر الاحتلال" / التنظيم الطلابي - فتح. مكتوب بخط اليد. 70\*50 سم.
- "سجن نفخة... مدرسة الصمود" / التنظيم الطلابي - فتح. مكتوب بخط اليد. 70\*50 سم.
- صورة لياسر عرفات مع شعار صغير لـ "فتح" الإعلام الموحد. 48\*66 سم.
- صورة لبعض جنود الاتحاد العام لطلبة فلسطين، 15 أكتوبر 1980، بعنوان "التعبئة العامة طريقنا لدحر المخطط الإمبريالي الصهيوني الفاشي". 48\*69 سم.
- نعوة للشهيد جمال سعيد أبو عيطة "أبو عباس" الذي استشهد أثناء التصدي لعملية إنزال صهيوني في منطقة السعديات بتاريخ 3-12-1980 50\*69 سم.
- صورة لعلم فلسطين وعليه قنبلة مع إمضاء "حسين رضوان" تحت شعار "ثورة حتى النصر = Revolution until victory." December 1980. 90\*60cm.

#### File 2: Lebanon

- "لنوقف دمار الحرب آذار 981-978" / المجلس الثقافي للبنان الجنوبي. مع رسمة لـ حسن جوني. مكتوب بخط اليد. 70\*50 سم.
- "تحريراً للشريط الحدودي آذار 81-78" / المجلس الثقافي للبنان الجنوبي. مع رسمة لـ [حسن جوني]. . مكتوب بخط اليد. 67\*48 سم.
- "نطالب بجيش وطني يقاوم عدواً في الجنوب وجنوبي الجنوب" / حزب العمل الاشتراكي العربي مكتوب بخط اليد. 70\*50 سم.
- "إن الجيش بتركيبته الحالية لا يمكن ان يكون أكثر من أداة لتنفيذ سياسات الجبهة الانعزالية" / حزب العمل الاشتراكي العربي. مكتوب بخط اليد 70\*50 سم.
- إعلان لندوة الشباب والطلاب العالمي للتضامن مع الشعب اللبناني تحت عنوان "الن يمرؤا!". بيروت في 16-18 آذار، 1981. The International Youth and Students Conference of Solidarity with Lebanese People under the title "They Won't Pass!" Beirut 16-18 March, 1981. 67\*48 cm.

### File 3: Ministry of Tourism Lebanon

- نسختين من ملصق لإعلان حفلة للمجلس الوطني لأنماء السياحة، مصلحة استقبال الشباب. 27 أيلول، 1980. 35\*50 سم.
- National Council of Tourism in Lebanon (four posters):
  - Cedars
  - Souk al-Khayyateen in Tripoli
  - Jeita Cave
  - Beit Meri

### File 4: International year of the Child (IYC) – 1979

- مجموعة صور للعرض "15 صورة" صادرة عن مكتب الأمم المتحدة للإعلام بالتعاون مع سكرتارية العام الدولي للطفل تحت عنوان "عاملوهم بعناية! إنهم المستقبل." 35\*50 سم.
- Calendar 1979, containing pictures for Children from around the world. 82\*39 cm.
- L' Année Internationale de L'Enfant 1979. 56\*43 cm.
- Poster for children from around the world by UNICEF.

### File 5: Sports

- A handwritten Poster with illustration "Rally Paper." 15, June, 1980. 71\*50cm.
- Beuchat Sub. National Institute for scuba Diving. Beirut, Lebanon. Poster shows a girl swimming under water and wearing diving equipment. 69\*48 cm.

### File 6: Art

#### AUB

- **Exhibits**
- Outdoor Photography Exhibition / American University of Beirut. Photography Club. May 19, 1980. Poster shows a photo for photographer at AUB Campus. 2 copies. 35\*25 cm
- إعلان لمعرض الأشغال اليدوية. رابطة الإنعاش القومي في الجامعة الأمريكية. 12-16، كانون الثاني، 1981. 70\*50 سم.
- إعلان لمعرض الكتاب الإسلامي. تجمع الطلبة المقاصديين في الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت ومركز التأليف المقاصدي في بيروت 27، شباط، 1981. 69\*49 سم.
- **Concerts**
- "Carry the Note with us" by the AUB Music Club and the figures Band. June 28, 1980. Poster shows an illustration for a "Note" with a leg. 60\*45 cm.
- Beirut Jazz. 30, June 1980 at AUB. 50\*70 cm.
- "Fancy dress contest." Summer 1980, by AUB Music Club. Poster shows an illustration of a Man. 60\*45 cm.
- Beirut Jazz Trio. 11, September 1980 at AUB. 50\*70 cm.

- Handwritten Poster for the General Meeting, by AUB Ballet Club. 27, October 1980. 60\*45 cm.
- "Maria Rosa Calvo." 23-3-1981. The Spanish Cultural Center in collaboration with the Goethe institute and the American University of Beirut. Poster shows an illustration of a "Harp."
- The British Council presents: David Parkhouse & Eileen Croxford at AUB. October 24. Poster shows a picture for Eileen holding the "Cello" & David on the Piano. 52\*38 cm.
- **Advertisements**
- Poster for AUB photography Club's advertising a T-Shirt designed by the members of the club. 49\*70 cm.
- AUB students' Book exchange. 26, June, 1980. 49\*69 cm.
- Poster for the first AUB Calendar by student co-op 1981, with AUB logo. 50\*35 cm.
- **Poetry recital**
- Annual students Recital. June 29, 1980. "Zvart & Asdghing Sarkissian." Assembly Hall, AUB. Poster shows a handwritten illustration of a piano. 42\*30 cm.

## Non AUB

- إعلان لأمسية شعرية لتوفيق طه ورياض أحمد. 1980-5-27. يتضمن الإعلان صورة للشعراء. 45\*60 سم.
- إعلان مكتوب بخط اليد لمعرض الكتاب العربي الثالث في الإنترنت ناشونال كولدج من 2-8 حزيران [1980]. لطفل يقرأ كتاب. رسمة (by Fadi). 25\*35 سم.
- Brochure for the Super Club "La Ghouta" 3 sides (English, French, Arabic) Hotel Meridien Damas June 6, [1980]. 16\*36 cm.
- "Les Justes." English Version. June 8, 1980. Beirut College / Albert Camus directed by Marlène Sahyoun. Poster shows an illustration by GK.
- A poster by the Lebanese Fashion Group promoting "Sabah الشحرورة" with a girl holding a flower. 5, July 1980. 57\*44 cm.
- إعلان مكتوب بخط اليد لتأجيل حفلة Stars Band الى نهار الجمعة 18-7-1980. 50\*35 سم.
- إعلان لصدور "مجلة المصباح". 22-أب-1980. 45\*60 سم.
- Poster shows an illustration by Ali Mourabet showing Bliss Street and a part of AUB Campus. 12-10-1980. 2 copies. 50\*36 cm.
- إعلان عن معرض صور فوتوغرافية "لبنان أيام زمان". 16-31 تشرين أول، 1980. يتضمن الإعلان صورة زفاف فتاة وشاب لبنانيين. 48\*67 سم.
- إعلان لسهرة موسيقى العربية لفرقة النادي الثقافي العربي. بقيادة سليم سحاب. 15 تشرين الثاني، 1980. 70\*50 سم.
- مسرحية "قندلفت يصعد إلى السماء" / ريمون حبارة. يتضمن الملصق صورة لـ M. Hakim. November 1980. 50\*34 cm.
- إعلان بخط اليد لحفلة في أوتيل كارلتون يحييها "ريمون رحال". 24، كانون الأول، 1980. نسخة بخلفية لون الأخضر وأخرى بالأسود. 69\*48 سم.
- إعلان لمسرحية "برير آغا" على مسرح كازينو لبنان بطولة أنطوان كيراج 1980. الإعلان يظهر أنطوان كيراج على حصان. 88\*58 سم.
- Antigone / de Jean Anouilh. 1980. 48\*34 cm.

- Announcement 50% off sale on 2 volumes of leading Encyclopedia “100 years of Plastic Art in Lebanon 1880-1980”. 34\*50 cm.
- Poster “The River of the Great Alligator” 68\*98 cm.
- Exposition: Calligraphie Arabe de Dr. Sami Makarem. January 1981, Goethe. Institut, Beyrouth. معرض الخط العربي للدكتور سامي مكارم. 50\*33 cm.

### File 7: United Nation (UN)

- أسبوع الأمم المتحدة لنزع السلاح. 24-30 تشرين الأول 1979، "على البشرية ان تختار: اما وقف سباق التسليح وإما التعرض للإبادة". 67\*97 سم.
- United Nations Disarmament week 24-30, Oct. 1979. “Mankind must choose: Halt the arms race or face annihilation.” 81\*67 cm.
- Pillage de l’ uranium Namibien. New York. 7-11 Juillet, 1980. 87\*56 cm.
- The Freedom Charter of South Africa, ميثاق الحرية لجنوب أفريقيا (In Arabic & English). صدر عن لجنة التضامن من جمهورية ألمانيا الديمقراطية بالتعاون مع مركز الأمم المتحدة. لمناهضة التفرقة العنصرية. 40\*58 سم.
- Women & Men’s rights. Published by the United Nations office of Public Information, text is in Arabic with 9 photos under title: "مختلفات ... ولكنهن متماتلات" في الكفاية". 87\*56 سم.
- Recycling & Sustainable development, 2 posters. 35\*50 cm
- Waste not, Want not! Plant trees! Recycle! With a picture.
- Listen! There are kilowatts in the wind. With a picture.
- Mozambique & Zambia have both closed their borders. Most of Southern Rhodesia’s trade once went through Mozambique. 24\*35 cm.
- Posters showing 3 pictures. 35\*35 cm.
- Soldiers of Minority régime training in the Mazoe District, North Salisburg.
- Weapons captured from Nationalist forces fighting near the Mozambique border.
- An anti-mine vehicle on a white estate in the Eastern highlands. Land mines are an increasing hazard as guerillas penetrate deeper into the countryside.
- Three empty envelops for a Photographic display set, produced by the United Nations office of public information. 58\*37 cm.
- The struggle for independence in Namibia and the southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe)
- Wanted by the world: a new mandate for energy power for the people.
- Science and Technology for development: Third UN development Decade 1981-1990.
- International Year of Disabled Persons 1981. السنة الدولية للمعوقين 1981. 56\*43 cm.
- Habitat: The United Nations Conference on Human Settlements. Vancouver, 1976, Canada. 71\*57 cm.
- “People need machines and tools to make their work more efficient and productive.” Poster contain a picture for Philip Tauscher. The purpose of tools is to help workers, not to displace them.

### File 8: Miscellaneous

- “Socialistes de Catalunya” (2 posters). 68\*48 cm.
- Remember Cyprus.. تذكروا قبرص. 45\*60 cm.
- PostHaste, Poster shows a collection of stamps. 37\*55 cm.

- How Western Media present Middle East News at AUB by AJME. June 11. 51\*41 cm.

## **Series II: Caricature drawings: Mahmoud Kahil & others**

- File 1:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during July 1981, (10 items).
- File 2:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during August 1981, (12 items).
- File 3:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during September 1981, (22 items).
- File 4:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during October 1981, (22 items).
- File 5:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during November 1981, (21 items).
- File 6:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during December 1981, (22 items).
- File 7:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during January 1982, (21 items).
- File 8:** 6 Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during March 1982, (6 items).
- File 9:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during May 1982, (33 items).
- File 10:** Caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper during April 1982, (17 items).
- File 11:** Undated caricature drawings by Mahmoud Kahil published in Arab news newspaper, (8 items).
- File 11:** Miscellaneous caricature drawings, (7 items).

## **Series III: Newspaper clippings**

### **File 1: Press clippings**

- Ascherson, Neal. (1981). Solidarity overshadows KOR. Arab News newspaper. Sunday, October 11, 1981.
- Knutson, Lawrence L. (1981). U.S. spent millions in Sadat security. Arab News newspaper. Saturday, October 10, 1981.
- Clift, Jeremy. (1981). Spector of car bombs haunts Lebanon. Arab News newspaper. Saturday, October 10, 1981.
- Former co-stars rate Ronald Reagan, part I, Sometimes a misleading man, Dorothy Malon: The "old" Reagan was much better. Turkish Daily News, 6.
- Former co-stars rate Ronald Reagan, part II, Sometimes a misleading man, Virginia Mayo: he stood up for a vamp. Turkish Daily News, 6.
- Former co-stars rate Ronald Reagan, part III, Sometimes a misleading man: Patricia Neal "he knew his business." Turkish Daily News, 6.
- Flint, Julie. (1982). Beirut's other war: city's streets become battlefields littered with bodies of cars. The Houston Post. Sunday, March 21, 1982.

- Hillinger, Charles. U.S. hummingbird capital fascinates bird watchers.
- Kennay, Alan. (1981). Saudia develops civil aviation. Arab News newspaper. Wednesday, September 23, 1981.
- Kenney, Alan; Zahid, Aiman. (1981). Accident victims to receive greater compensation. Arab News newspaper. Tuesday, November 3, 1981.
- Saudi fighters turn back Israeli jets [1981].
- Property prices set record in war-hit Beirut.
- Russia buys more U.S. grain.
- Khazen, Jihad. (1981). Good morning. Arab News newspaper. October 6, 1981.
- U.S. to offer Russia 10 million tons of grain.
- Hebert, Josef H. Air controllers strike 'is over.'
- President Sadat: His life and career. Wednesday, October 7, 1981.
- Smith, Colin. A triumph claimed for the Palestinians.
- Baldwin, Tom. PLO's voluntary disarmament plan aims to end Beirut's 'wild west.' Arab News newspaper. Tuesday, November 10, 1981.
- Lund, Kathy. Driving from Saudi Arabia to Jordan: a worthwhile trip through impenetrable deserts and history. Arab News newspaper, 6.
- Shanley, Cynthin; Bureaum Houston. (1981). Arabian Oryx species is facing extinction. Arab News newspaper. Wednesday, September 30, 1981, 7.
- Khazen, Jihad. Good morning. Translated from Asharq al-Awsat.
- Gemayel agrees to Arab panel resolutions. *Arab News newspaper*, Middle East. Tuesday, November 10, 1981.
- Saud urges U.S. PLO contact. *Arab News newspaper*, Local. Tuesday, November 10, 1981.
- Satellite view, Photo. *Arab News newspaper*. Sunday, November 1, 1981.
- Stranded submarine, Photo. *Arab News newspaper*. Friday, October 30, 1981.

## **File 2: Miscellaneous press clippings**

- The Dallas Morning. Thursday, March 17, 2016. Pages: 7-10.
- The Dallas Morning. Saturday, March 26, 2016. Pages: 9-12.
- L'Orient le jour. Volume 56, number 3934. Lundi, Août 17, 1981.
- Arab News newspaper. Monday, August 24, 1981. Pages 5-8. Page 6 contains a caricature drawing by Mahmoud Kahil.
- Arab News newspaper. Wednesday, December 16, 1981. Pages 1 & 2.
- Le Réveil. Volume 5m Number 1603, Mercredi 7 Octobre 1981.
- Monday Morning cover page. v.11:no.508(1982:March).
- Monday Morning cover page. v.11:no.516(1982:May).
- Arab News. Wednesday, September 30, 198. "Market Place"

## **Related Material**

### **Archival Material**

- Melhem Imad--Charles Jackson Bird Collection, 1973-1975. [ARCHIVE 741.5.1](#)

### **Books**

- Mahmoud Kahil Award 1. (2016). [CMC 741.5:J619jA:2015:LARGE](#)



- Mahmoud Kahil Award 1. (2016). [CMC 741.5:J619jA:2015:SMALL](#)
- Mahmoud Kahil Award 2. (2017). [CMC 741.5:J619jA:2016](#)
- Mahmoud Kahil Award 3. (2018). [CMC 741.5:J619jA:2017](#)
- Mahmoud Kahil Award 4. (2018). [CMC 741.5:J619jA:2018](#)
- Mahmoud Kahil Award 5. (2019). [CMC 741.5:J619jA:2019](#)
- Mahmoud Kahil Award. (2021). [CMC 741.5:J619jA:2021](#)
- Mahmoud Kahil Award 7. (2022). [CMC 741.5:J619jA:2022](#)

### **Posters**

- Mahmoud Kahil award 2016 exhibition of comics, illustration& editorial cartoons from the Arab World. [Ps:AUB:201702/28\(02\)](#)
- Organization of solidarity of the people of Asia Africa and Latin America (OSPAAAL) Poster Collection, 1960s-1980s. [SC Ps:OSPAAAL:1960s-1980s](#)