

Clyde Sanger

1928 - 2022

Clyde William Sanger was an intrepid correspondent, a brilliant professor and a prolific author. His many years as a journalist informed the Canadian public on African and Canadian politics, the Commonwealth, international development and the environment. For over 25 years, Clyde was the G78's conference rapporteur, pulling disparate conversations and a myriad of strong opinions together to weave the proposed resolutions together into a clear, coherent, elegant statement of positions for the Group to advance in the public arena. He was, in essence, "The Voice" of the Group of 78.

Clyde was born in Westminster, England, in 1928. He attended Twyford School from 1938 to 1942 and Shrewsbury School from 1942 to 1947, where he was school president. After graduation, he fulfilled his National Service by serving as a second lieutenant in the 4th Royal Tank Regiment on the Suez Canal. He then studied at Brasenose College of Oxford University between 1949 and 1952.

He began his journalism career working as a reporter for the *Staffordshire Evening Sentinel*, the *London Evening News* and the *Daily Mail*. He then moved to Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in 1957 and became editor of *The Central African Examiner*, a magazine on politics and economics. In 1959, Clyde married journalist and activist Penny Ketchum, with whom he had four sons, and joined *The Guardian*, where he became the paper's first Africa correspondent in 1960. His work covered news stories of a social, economic, environmental and political nature. During this period, he met a wide array of prominent African leaders.

Clyde moved to Canada in 1965 to work not only as a correspondent for *The Guardian*, but also for the United Nations and *The Economist*. He was also a parliamentary reporter for *The Globe and*



Mail, and he regularly contributed to Gemini News Service. Outside of the media world, he served as a Governor of NewsConcern International Foundation, as Director of Information for The Commonwealth Secretariat, and as Director of Communications for the North-South Institute. Beginning in 1984, he served as a sessional lecturer with Carleton University's School of Journalism and Communication, and from 1992 to 2006, as an Adjunct Professor. In addition, he briefly served as an instructor at the University of Peace in Costa Rica.

After his wife's passing in 2017, he donated to the Guardian News & Media Archive a treasure trove of his own notebooks, letters, files of cuttings, draft articles and reports created and maintained throughout his career, dating all the way back to the late 1950s. The full catalogue is available online. Additionally, he donated a large collection of books to Carleton's Institute of African Studies and parts of his journalism collection to its Reader's Digest Resource Centre in the School of Journalism and Communication. His legacy also lives on through the annual fellowship he helped to establish for early-career correspondents. Clyde died in January 2022 at the age of 93.