



## AL2425 - The South African Youth Congress (SAYCO) Collection

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Abstract: The South African Youth Congress (SAYCO), launched in 1987 at the height of the State of Emergency, brought together the various youth organisations that had grown across the country. It became an important affiliate of the United Democratic Front (UDF). After the unbanning of the African National Congress (ANC) in 1990 SAYCO immediately began the process of re-establishing the African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) and the ANC Youth Section. SAYCO dissolved once the ANCYL was established.

### Introduction

The South African Youth Congress (SAYCO) was launched in 1987, at the height of the State of Emergency. It brought under its banner the various local youth organisations that had sprung up all over the country. SAYCO became an important affiliate of the United Democratic Front (UDF) by representing a vast and militant constituency. SAYCO was a unitary structure with organisations at a regional and local level. SAYCO National consisted of the national Office bearers, Head Office staff and various departments, e.g. Women, Labour or Pioneers. Peter Mokaba was the President and Rapu Molekane was the General Secretary. After the unbanning of the ANC in 1990, SAYCO immediately began the process of re-establishing the ANC Youth League, together with the ANC Youth Section. The Provisional National Youth Committee was set up to oversee this process. SAYCO dissolved once the ANC Youth League was established.

### Notes on the Collection

These documents received by SAHA from SAYCO Head Office are not the complete archives of SAYCO. It is doubtful if records of the period before 1990 were kept or even exist at all given the repressive conditions of the period. Thus, this collection has documents mainly from 1990. This is a small collection, comprising of 3 archival boxes.

### Classification

A: Constitution  
B: Minutes and Reports  
C: National Congress - April 1990  
D: Conferences and Workshops  
E: Correspondence



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### Inventory

- A: Constitution and Guideline working principles of Sayco 1986 - 1990  
[1986 - 1990]
- B: Minutes and Reports
  - B1: National Central Executive Committee meeting. Reports: Political assessment on the state of SAYCO; General Secretariat report; and Departmental reports and Programme of Action: report back from commissions 1990  
[1990]
  - B2: National Executive Committee meetings. 1990  
[1990]  
*Minutes and agendas*  
*Includes SAYCO Executive report presented to 3rd CEC Meeting, 22 Dec 1987 and speech 'Our tasks in the face of enemy fascism'*
  - B3: Head Office meetings. Minutes 1990  
[1990]
  - B4: Secretariat. Aims and objectives and minutes of a secretariat meeting, 14 August 1990 1990  
[1990 1990]
  - B5: Staff meeting. Minutes of a staff meeting, 5 Sept. 1990  
[5 Sep]
  - B6: Departments
    - B6.1: Finance department. Financial policy and financial reports 1986 - 1990  
[1986 - 1990]
    - B6.2: Labour Department. reports and programme of action 1986 -1990  
[1986 -1990]
    - B6.3: Pioneer Department. Reports 1990  
[1990]
    - B6.4: Publicity Department. Reports 1986 - 1990  
[1986 - 1990]
    - B6.5: Women's department. Reports 1986 - 1990  
[1986 - 1990]
    - B6.6: Religious, Manpower Development and Deployment, and Cultural Departments Reports c1990  
[c1990]
    - B6.7: National Education Committee 1990  
[1990]  
*Minutes of meeting held 29/30 May*
  - B7: Reports
    - B7.1: Sayco Southern Transvaal and Transkei reports c1990  
[c1990]



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- B7.2: Incomplete reports n.d.
- B8: Soweto Youth Congress (SOYCO). Report on Discipline 1986  
[1986]
- B9: Minutes of meetings between SAYCO and Jeugkrug; Johannesburg Youth Movement; and SANSCO 1990  
[1990]
- B10: [UDF] National Treasury meeting minutes, 10 Nov 1990  
[10 Nov 1990]
- B11: Minutes of the meeting discussing the Bantustan Conference, 12 May 1990  
[12 May 1990]
- C: National Congress - April 1990  
[April 1990]
- C1: Agenda, programme and minutes. 1990 Incl lists of delegates  
[1990]
- C2: Congress report; Presidential address and National Executive report
- C3: Congress resolutions and messages of support 1990  
[1990]
- D: Conferences and Workshops
- D1: Report on Qwa-qwa workshop, 26 May 1990  
[26 May 1990]
- D2: Peace Conference c1990  
[c1990]  
*Sayco papers entitled: 'Natal Peace Conference - Our Strategic Approach'; 'The Peace Conference - Our Perspective'.  
Incl paper 'Structure of Peace Committees'*
- D3: Minutes of ANC Constitutional Committee workshop on Interim Mechanisms, 8-9 March 1991; Incl paper by Zola Skweyiya 'An overview of the ANC Draft Bill of Rights'; and photocopy of booklet 'A Bill of Rights for a New South Africa' c1990  
[8-9 March 1991]
- D4: Education workshop pack for ANC branches n.d.
- D5: Funding workshop held in Harare on 25-27 May 1990 for ANC and Mass Democratic Movement.  
[25-27 May 1990]  
*Incl funding policy recommendations; correspondence and address to the workshop by Thomas Nkobi, Treasurer  
-General of the ANC*
- D6: Proposal by Five Freedoms Forum for a Conference on Negotiations 1990  
[1990]
- D7: Conference on Defence and Security. Paper by James Selfe of the Democratic Party during report-back meetings and photocopy of article on the conference in 'Democracy in Action'.
- D8: Centre for Development Studies: Women's Study Commission. Draft minutes of National Workshop, Cape Town, 29 June - 1 July 1990  
[29 June - 1 July 1990]
- E: Correspondence
- E1: Incoming correspondence. Incl letter from the Human Awareness Programme on training of the ANC youth.  
[1990]  
*Also includes a letter by the attorneys on the return of items seized by the South African Security Police 1990*
- E2: Outgoing correspondence. Incl letter to various youth and student organisations concerning the formation of the ANC Youth League c1990  
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- E3: Internal Correspondence. Letters between c1990  
[c1990]  
*SAYCO, and its departments, regions and branches; ANC Youth Section; ANC; and the UDF*
- E4: Invitations received by SAYCO to attend various conferences and to speak at various meetings 1990  
[1990]
- E5: Finances 1990  
[1990]
- F: Campaigns and Events
- F1: Programme of Action (POA). Incl draft and copy of POA adopted on 4 Aug 1990; ANC Youth League 'Summary of discussion paper on POA'; Details of private school programme and paper entitled 'Our approach to our call to white youth' 1990  
[4 Aug 1990]
- F2: SAYCO address to June 16 Rally. Incl messages of support 1990  
[June 16]
- F2.1: SAYCO address to June 16 rally  
[16 June 1990 - Access copy - pdf, Preservation copy - tiff]  
*This speech was delivered on behalf of the South African Youth Congress (SAYCO) to a rally in Kroonstad, Free State to commemorate the 14th anniversary of June 16. This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.*  
*Included in SAHA virtual exhibition - 'The Future is Ours: Commemorating Youth in the Struggle'*
- G: Papers and Reports
- G1: Policy documents. Incl draft policy document; On organisation and leadership; Theory of organisation: the key to victory; Towards restructuring and transforming SAYCO into a unitary structure c1987 - 1990  
[c1987 - 1990]
- G2: Discussion documents. Incl draft discussion document on sanctions; on negotiations; Women and youth mobilisation; strategy to end violence; Towards restructuring the UDF; ANC interim constitutional framework 1990  
[1990]
- G3: Speeches. Incl speeches by Dullah Omar 'Enforcement of social and economic rights'; Nelson Mandela at the ANC rally in Atteridgeville, 26 May 1990; Rob Davies 'Basic principles of ANC economic policy' and 'The third Alternative', unknown speaker, n.d., incomplete c1990  
[26 May 1990]
- G4: Pretoria and Groote Schuur minutes. Reports 1990  
[1990]
- H: ANC Youth League
- H1: Provisional National Youth Committee. 1990 - 1991  
[1990 - 1991]  
*Structures, reports, and minutes of meetings.*
- H1.1: Provisional National Youth Committee (PNYC) of the ANC Youth League  
[Access copy - pdf, Preservation copy - tiff]  
*This document contains a listing of the members of the Provisional National Youth Committee (PNYC) of the African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL). This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.*  
*Included in SAHA virtual exhibition - 'The Future is Ours: Commemorating Youth in the Struggle'*
- H1.2: Political report to the Provisional National Youth Committee (PNYC), circa 1991  
[1991 - Access copy - pdf, Preservation copy - tiff]



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*This document constitutes a political report to the Provisional National Youth Committee produced by the African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL), circa 1991. It contains a section on the tasks of the ANCYL. This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.*

*Included in SAHA virtual exhibition - 'The Future is Ours: Commemorating Youth in the Struggle'*

- H1.5: ANC Youth League Report to the Chairperson of the ANC ILC, Comrade Walter Sisulu and the Deputy President-General of the ANC Comrade Nelson Mandela

[1990 - Access copy - pdf, Preservation copy - tiff]

*This ANC Youth League Report to the Chairperson of the ANC ILC, Comrade Walter Sisulu; the Deputy President-General of the ANC, Comrade Nelson Mandela; the ANC Organising Committee member, Comrade Steve Tshwete and the ANC NEC was produced by the Provisional National Youth Committee (PNYC) of the African National Youth League (ANCYL) in 1990 and includes information on the the structure of the PNYC. This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.*

*Included in SAHA virtual exhibition - 'The Future is Ours: Commemorating Youth in the Struggle'*

- H2: ANC Youth League. Various discussion papers on building the ANCYL. Incl draft programme for launch; launch manifesto; provisional constitution; guidelines for Code of conduct and booklet containing the adopted Constitution and Code of conduct 1990

[1990]

- H2.4: ANC Youth League Constitution and Code of Conduct

[Access copy - pdf, Preservation copy - tiff]

*This document comprises the constitution and code of conduct of the African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL). This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.*

*Included in SAHA virtual exhibition - 'The Future is Ours: Commemorating Youth in the Struggle'*

- H3: Misc reports. Incl 'ANC National Youth Conference report', report of visit to Nordic countries; and draft paper on 'the extended political strike' Nd

### I: Other Organisations

- I1: United Democratic Front.

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- I2: African National Congress

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- I3: South Africa Communist Party. See AL2457 D6

- I4: World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY). 1991

[1991]

*Report on ANCYL Presidency of WFDY, Political Declaration and Constitution of WFDY*

### J: Miscellaneous Documents

- J1: Misc speeches and statements. c1990

[c1990]

*Bojosi Othlogile 'Social and economic aspects of Human Rights in Botswana'; Country-wide message by State President FW de Klerk, 18 Dec 1990; Press statement by Minister of Justice, HJ Coetsee, 2 Nov*

- J2: Misc documents. Incl 'Youth volunteers for Popular Democracy' and 'Promotion and Advocacy Dept.' both papers on the Philippines; Hans Peter Schneider 'From autocracy to democracy: the process of political transition in postwar Germany and Spain after Franco'; Fide Castro 'Socialism or Death'; Mao Tse-Tung 'On Contradiction'

[1990]

*KSAYCO Publications. Includes a copy of 'Young Lion', SAYCO newsletter; and various pamphlets 1990 1 file*

### K: Press Cuttings

- K1: Press cuttings. Photocopies of various articles relating to the ANC and youth 1990



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[1990]

K2: Copies of 'Points from the press', compiled by the ANC; copy of 'Information Digest by COSATU and copy of 'Freedom Alert' by the International Freedom Foundation 1990

[1990]

L: Misc

[1991]

*Curriculum Vitae of Derek Masoek, SAYCO 1991*

*member, and member of the National Organising Committee of ANCYL. Incl copies of various blank organisational forms*