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Abstract: Hosted by the Institute for a Democratic Alternative in South Africa (IDASA), this South African Writers Conference was held in Zimbabwe to allow Afrikaans speaking South African writers to discuss their role in a democratic South Africa with leaders from the African National Congress (ANC). Speeches, readings and comments were delivered by Alex Boraine, Ampie Coetzee, Antjie Krog, Baleka Kgositsile, Breyten Breytenbach, Charles Malan, Ettiene van Heerden, Fanie Olivier, Friederich Naumann, Hein Willemse, Jeremy Cronin, Julian Smith, Mandla Langa, Marius Schoon, Mike Cope, Ingrid de Kok, Pallo Jordan, Patrick Fitzgerald, Patrick Petersen, Rebecca Matlou, Steve Tshwete, Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, Vernon February, Wally Serote, Wilhelm Liebenberg and Willie Kgositsile.

Introduction

This IDASA Conference took place at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, in July 1989 where Afrikaans speaking South African writers met with leaders from the African National Congress (ANC) to discuss their role in a democratic South Africa.

The following people delivered speeches, readings and comments at the conference: Alex Boraine, Ampie Coetzee, Antjie Krog, Baleka Kgositsile, Breyten Breytenbach, Charles Malan, Ettiene van Heerden, Fanie Olivier, Friederich Naumann, Hein Willemse, Jeremy Cronin, Julian Smith, Mandla Langa, Marius Schoon, Mike Cope, Ingrid de Kok, Pallo Jordan, Patrick Fitzgerald, Patrick Petersen, Rebecca Matlou, Steve Tshwete, Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, Vernon February, Wally Serote, Wilhelm Liebenberg and Willie Kgositsile.

Notes

This collection consists of 20 audio-cassettes containing speeches, readings and comments by the following conference attendees: Alex Boraine, Ampie Coetzee, Antjie Krog, Baleka Kgositsile, Breyten Breytenbach, Charles Malan, Ettiene van Heerden, Fanie Olivier, Friederich Naumann, Hein Willemse, Jeremy Cronin, Julian Smith, Mandla Langa, Marius Schoon, Mike Cope, Ingrid de Kok, Pallo Jordan, Patrick Fitzgerald, Patrick Petersen, Rebecca Matlou, Steve Tshwete, Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, Vernon February, Wally Serote, Wilhelm Liebenberg and Willie Kgositsile.

Inventory

- C1: Day 1, Saturday P.M.
 - C1.1: Welcome and introductions by Alex Boraine and Van Zyl Slabbert
 - C1.2: Participants introduces themselves
- Day 2, Sunday A.M.
 - C1.3: Message from Friederich Naumann



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- C1.4: Alex Boraine intro Steve Tshwete
- C1.5: Speech by Steve Tshwete
- C2: Day 2, Sunday A.M.
 - C2.1: Steve Tshwete continues
 - C2.2: Alex Boraine welcomes Albie [Sachs?]
- C3: Day 2, Sunday A.M., Second Session
 - C3.1: Discussion
- C4: Day 2, Sunday A.M., Second Session
 - C4.1: Discussion ends
 - C4.2: Summary by Alex Boraine
 - Day 2, Sunday P.M., Session 1*
 - C4.3: Introduction by Mandla Langa
 - C4.4: Speech by Ampie Coetzee
- C5: Day 2, Sunday P.M., Session 1
 - C5.1: Speech by Ampie Coetzee continues
 - C5.2: Speeches by Charles Malan, Ettiene van Heerden, Marius Schoon, Vernon February
 - C5.3: CASA Declaration
- C6: Day 2, Sunday P.M., Session 2
 - C6.1: Discussion
- C7: Day 2, Sunday P.M., Session 2
 - C7.1: Discussion ends
 - Day 3, Monday A.M., Session 1*
 - C7.2: Introduction by Hein Willemse
 - C7.3: Speeches by Andre Brink, Jeannette Ferreira, Willie Kgositsile
- C8: Poetry
 - C8.1: Mike Cope, Albie Sachs, Hein Willemse, Baleka Kgositsile, Jeremy Cronin, Vernon February, Marius Schoon
- C9: Poetry continues
 - C9.1: Willie Kgositsile, Fanie Olivier, Patrick Fitzgerald, Patrick Petersen, Ingrid de Kok, Antjie Krog, Rebecca Matlou
- C10: Poetry continues
 - C10.1: Breyten Breytenbach, Wally Serote, Mike Cope, Jeremy Cronin
 - C10.2: (Side 2 is blank)
 - Tape NoDetails*
- C11: Day 3, Monday A.M., Poetry continues
 - C11.1: Patrick Petersen, Wally Serote
 - Day 3, Monday A.M., Second Session*
 - C11.2: Summary by Hein Willemse
 - C11.3: Discussion
- C12: Day 3, Monday A.M., Second Session
 - C12.1: Discussion continues
- C13: Day 3, Monday A.M., Second Session
 - C13.1: Discussion ends
 - Day 3, Monday P.M., First Session*
 - C13.2: Baleka Kgositsile, Rebecca Matlou, Antjie Krog
- C14: Day 3, Monday P.M., First Session
 - C14.1: Antjie Krog cont, Menan? du Plessis, Mandla Langa



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Day 3, Monday P.M., Second Session

C14.2: Summary by Barbara [Masekela?]

C14.3: Discussion

C15: Day 3, Monday P.M., Second Session

C15.1: Discussion

C15.2: Discussion ends

C16: Monday night party

C16.1: Stories by Vernon February

C16.2: (side 2 is blank)

C17: Day 4, Tuesday A.M., First Session

C17.1: Pallo Jordan

C17.2: Discussion

C18: Day 4, Tuesday A.M., First Session

C18.1: Discussion ends

Day 4, Tuesday A.M., Second Session

C18.2: Barbara Masekela, Jeremy Cronin

C19: Day 4, Tuesday A.M., Second Session

C19.1: Hein Willemse, Julian Smith, Wilhelm Liebenberg, Breyten Breytenbach

C20: Day 4, Tuesday A.M., Second Session

C20.1: Breyten Breytenbach cont

C20.2: Discussion

C20.3: Discussion ends