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NOTES FOR STATEMENT TWO

X How I met Gavin

X Reasons why we read Capital

X Before FOSATU started - dec. on General Union

X Ideas were put to the group

Babak (Nehemiah K. Makama)

5. Also asked B. Kay about going into FCWU

Why - Good organi

X My support for it initially

X (Gang of four Opinion) ✓

8. Gavin - couple of discussions -
the SACTU position taken.

9. Discussions Oscar on FOASTU. Both agreed FOSATU was taking a wrong path. *

✓ 10. Reasons why Oscar was satisfied with me.

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- X Registration
- X Working well - complaints
- X Had enough money

✓ (Discussion in C.T. three people to become our organiser - Mike Morris - Jan told me)

11. Taking Oscar to see Gavin + Siphio

X Sylvia ***** (Gong?) - asked me to attend meeting with I.I.R. why - Recognition Agreements.

13. Johnny Myers - Medical School 2nd + 3rd he was in Final Year

*Myers - campus politics - medical campus

Liz - Contact with J Myers over Industrial Health - JM felt that his Ind. Health - active throughout country strained? relationship

CUSA
MAWU - Competition
Booklet

I knew Barnabas in VPP - new legislation - problems - rather leave SAAWU. VPP speeches - drew people into SAAWU. Not using it.

LIZ **** */****/Housing.

Pensions/Migrant workers/Org +
Eng + Allied - Hammanskraal 2 Weekend.
Incl 1 Councils
Registration
Pensions

Form of FOSATU

Orange Vaal G.W.U.

To Union itself - Springs at night.
+ Vereeneging 1 or 2

Sympathies in SACTU. Against registration
Favours strong/democratic/militant/progressive
Militant - aren't toothless like TUCSA get some body + strength:
Discussed FOSATU = Criticisms of FOSATU - Undemocratic elements. Registration position not viable. - Liz not trying to break FOSATU - not getting orders.

Helped Sisa about meetings and gave him transport did not write speeches for Sisa.

Been to Barbara's flat once -

I support the direction of SACTU + I'm working in the same direction as SACTU but I'm not in SACTU: I've got no links to SACTU: I was furthering the aims but I didn't have any instructions.

Dave Dyson: Political Active at University -

BA do ***** - Unions started in IAS - organiser in TG they wouldn't take him. EDA? workshop group Active Sharp mind. Crown Mines he organised a Crown Mines - Tenants association. Read political books. In those meetings leading person: brightest guy - forceful. (Gang of five didn't agree with that position: - should have stayed in SACTU. Support SACTU in general.)
After death of Sister - break up with Marina? - change in attitude stays at home, watches TV not meeting ***** people.

Gavin: When out of detention already depressed about divorce: - released while other people been released. Surrendered to the arguments of Security Police because involved in family.

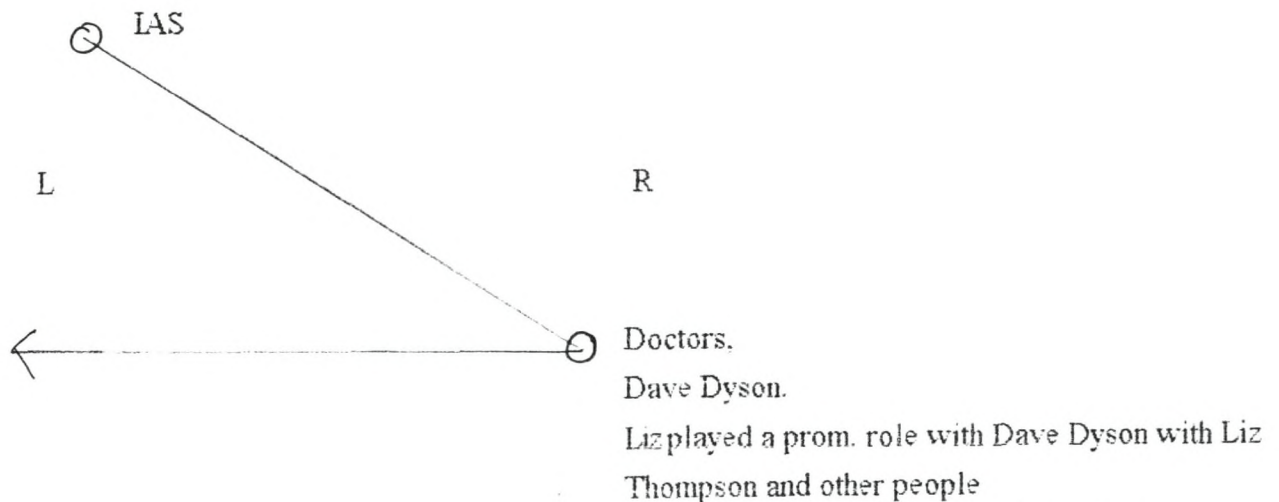
Nicci very depressed - reason for writing to him.

Liz: Domineering, Moralistic, Strong, also quite soft. Socializes easily with people on superficial level, but does not have close friendship on a deep level. Liz doesn't fit into my set-up. Tensions between us.

Contact with Merle Favis of Liz.

Does dislike FOSATU + the leadership

Whole LAS unhappy about FOSATU - wanted to move out of the folds of FOSATU. Bonners happy with FOSATU: but were not on executive any more. Dave/Zac/Liz Thompson most against going into FOSATU trying to close LAS down, LAS independent body; now FOSATU wanted to control the LAS - under office bearers LAS said no we are service organisation. FOSATU was moving in a right direction.



Nkabinde

Liz: Calvin Nkulunde? FOSATU - pamphlets, so that people wouldn't take their jobs - Liz asked me. - Showed Liz how to use machine.

Oscar: Cape Chairman of ANC. Battle with Dr Xuma for the leadership of Cape Branch in 40s and 50s churned up a lot of support in factories - Oscar won it told me how active in the union - factory militant, combined with pol activities in the ANC:- combined TU with political couldn't separate.

Capital: Understand what we were reading. Studied other South African writers. Beady. If at University can discuss with students - if not then can't do that. People studied together mainly friends living together. Pat a friend of Gavin's [?] Dissolved as soon as we finished reading. No resolutions.

Got clearly defined perspective - involved to develop that perspective - if in underground organisation.

Did not know there were links between FCWU and Zambia.

Still doing same work as SACTU did fifty years ago

Under the impression Jan and others - developing their own line in the union. Not using me - they don't tell me the whole story for a lot of things. Many things go on without me knowing about it.

I didn't know SAAWU formed by SACTU - didn't know we had links with SACTU - knew the hist(?) of SACTU. Recently seen SACTU and SAAWU's constitution in SACTU - SAAWU September/October aware that in Sept they get money from SACTU did not tell me that he was going to Botswana/Swaziland.

First started working in the LAS, I was in favour of it initially. Rejected the whole concept. I felt I must work in the TU + do any work properly in the TU. Recently, the whole situation with SAAWU and FCWU developing - meant that ideas which I had, that you just work in the union - don't need contacts with SACTU - actually viable: I was invited to those other meetings by various people, Barbara came + discussed WR boycott going on.

Gavin tried to include me in discussion groups because - he had respect for me. We had been in those other discussions. He knew that I followed that direction, He knew that I was an organiser in the FCWU + had links with SAAWU.

I was not aware of this.

SAAWU I realised that it was very progressive. I did not know that SACTU had contact with SAAWU found out SAAWU's constitution was the same as SACTU's late in 1981. I was against the method of SACTU. If our union had a SACTU constitution I wouldn't break away from it but the method that SACTU tried to use was not viable.

Conference in Cape Town - ANC man - ^{story} **** what I thought - possibly a security policeman.

I am sympathetic to the ANC. Not a member of the ANC.

**** + I: Factory part of group discussion.

Build up organisation inside the factory.

- underground trade union.

Worker's Unity - put forward **** app.

Split within SACTU gang of 4 - what their position had been.

✓ Stayed within SACTU + not split away

Details - of - Nationalist/Working Class positions.

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Gavin + I meeting - TU discussions - Gavin invited myself Dave and Sipho - discussions

Not formal thing: - informal - types of organisation possible. Not following one or another. Not structured.

I decided 1. Not viable

2. Anti-democratic no elements of a trade union. Gavin still thought viable

- I continued working in Union - discussing now + again with Gavin. He did not give me instructions. Discuss what was happening in the factory. Not a formal group that I left + left 3? some discussions together.

Food and Canning discuss with Gavin now and then - not necessary to belong to SACTU or to have SACTU structures; possible just to work in our trade union - carry out same directions of SACTU

I try to organise workers strongly as a class to be militant + to fight for their rights

Gavin knows I ^{have} an idealistic ideology Liz knows what my ideas are.

I know that Gavin was in the movement (ANC). Auret van Heerden - g Gavin had said he was in the

state army
MST/ML

Gavin said that Barbara was going into Botswana - Met with G + S. About military training.

Auret van Heerden was in movement but had gone to army.

1 Marius Schoon sent money to SASPU for newspaper

2 Internal Reconstruction.



Only evidence:- that Jan Theron was in SACTU was the piece of paper.

I was aware that Gavin, Auret and Barbara working together - never specifically told that they were in the ANC but I suspected it. I often saw Auret at Gavin's house.

I did not want to go to the army on political grounds.

An actual underground union was not started, but discussions were started between myself, Dave Dyson, Gavin Andersson, Siphon Kubheka - about 4 discussions.

Names 7 in N2.16

No minutes gatherings -

Roughly 3-4 months - discussions - dissolved. At that time discussed in group of 7 to get other people into the group (other workers). I pulled out of it, the others may have continued discussing - No such union exists.

✓ Oscar influential in me getting the job, not placed? (pleased?) there - I was pushing the SACTU line.

Used to read Worker's Unity + see the line that SACTU was taking, criticise + appraise it and the feeling was that that was the correct position at that time + SACTU's reasons for going underground were that they needed organisations that were secret organisations that couldn't be smashed by the State. Aims to organise militant wc into militant organisations that could challenge the existing structure of society; the present economy + the way the economy works. Through organising workers exclusively to put pressure on the govt. By being a well organised working class.

✓ I - the last year I was building up the structures of the union - because I saw it important as working legally. I do see workers unity has communistic ideology. During this time I didn't want contact with any political organisation - important to develop the union. being involved in the ANC was dangerous. I wanted

Reasons why I have become more active in the last year.

1 Wilson Rowntree boycotts

2 Strikes in some of our factories.

3 Discussed with BH about the unemployed workers union.

~~4~~ We discussed with Oscar: about registration.

The meeting that we had on military training was the closest that I came to working in the ANC. I was not recruited. I never made reports to Gavin I told him about what was going on in the union. I never wrote anything down for him. I was not aware that Gavin made reports to SACTU. I see it as a possibility because he had been to Botswana before to meet with the SACTU people and he could have had regular contact with them.

I've never been recruited, though I have communistic ideas. Never been a member of the ANC, SACP and SACTU. I associated myself with SACTU.

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