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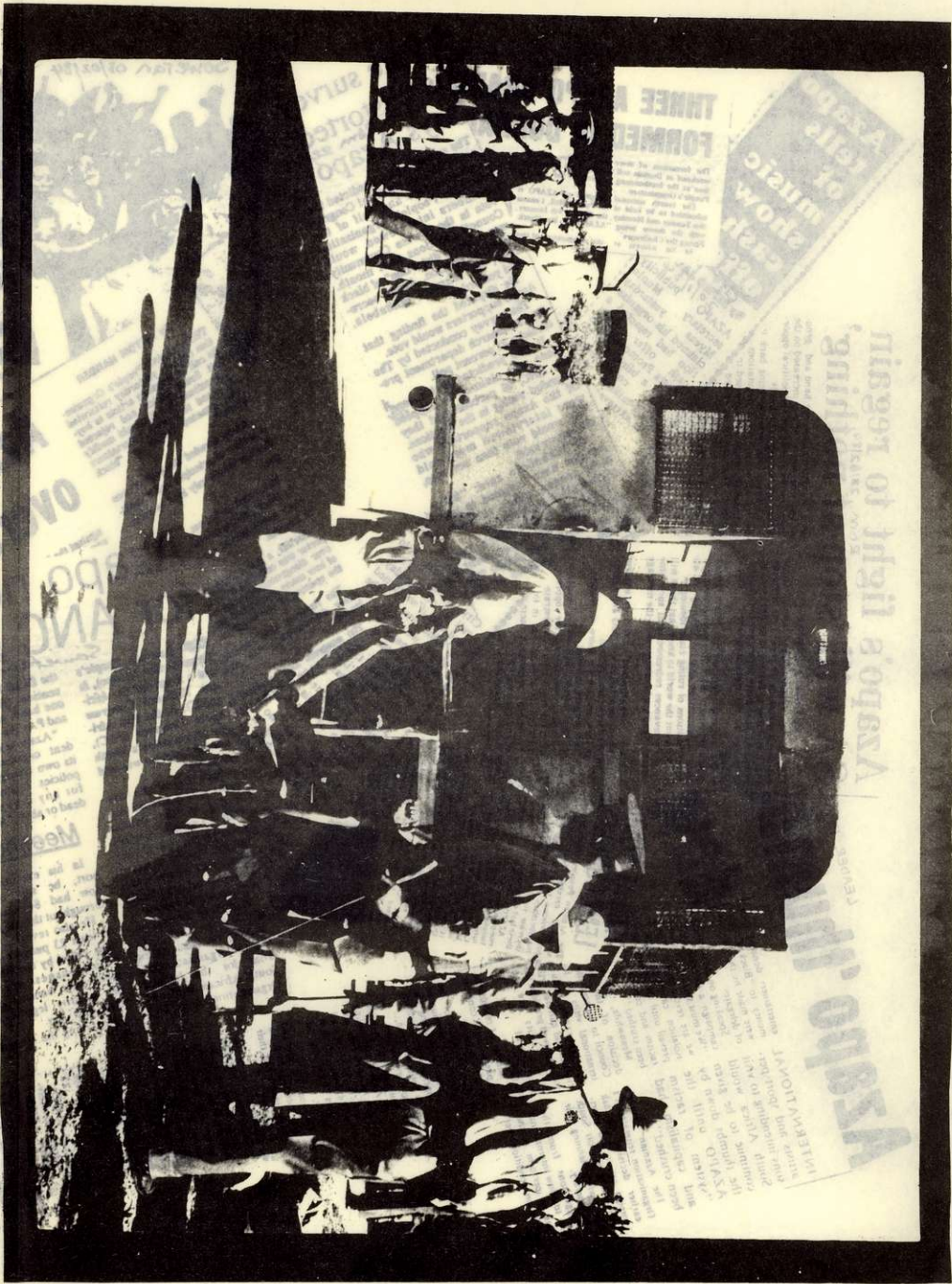
Azapo 4th CONGRESS 1984

Few gatherings of such importance have been witnessed in the history of the liberation struggle in our country. For the Black Consciousness movement the 4th congress was made more historic by the fact that there had never been a congress, let alone of such magnitude, held inside the Johannesburg area. The last congress held in the outskirts of Johannesburg was in 1974 by the now banned South African Students Organisation held at St. Ansgars' Fellowship Centre near Roodepoort.

The 4th AZAPO congress was marked not only by the massive turn-out of delegates, observers, the press and diplomatic corps., but was made significant also by its unequivocal re-affirmation of Black Consciousness as the liberating philosophy of the Black people. The congress laid to rest the murmurings and pontifications that, on the other hand Black Consciousness was on the merge of changing its philosophy to system's "new dispensation" and, on the other hand, that Black Consciousness had fulfilled its role of conscientising and should, therefore, call it a day and close shop. Not only were these naïve and politically puerile arguments dismissed and jettisoned but the congress served to prove the viability and dynamism of B.C. with such authority and incisiveness that Black Consciousness has been shown conclusively to be the only ideology that has correctly analysed the contradictions in the S.A. society. The seze and consistency of B.C. has shown itself to be the only force capable of offering genuine and successful opposition to the forces of oppression existing in our land.

The fifteen hundred people who attended the congress were also an indication of the phenomenal growth the organization has experienced over the past year. An increase in membership at least 200%, the organization boasts a total number of 84 branches from 12 regions spread throughout the entire country. It is to the credit of the organization that the attendance was consistent over the two days even though the congress was held on a Sunday and a Monday but had representations as far apart as Pietersburg and Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Nelspruit, Durban and Bloemfontein.

Many a detractor and opponent of B.C. was made to eat the humble pie and shocked to see the living reality B.C. shatter dreams and illusions about the dearth of B.C. A more truer and more precise slogan than "Viva AZAPO" could be a fitting description of B.C. and AZAPO.



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Azapo 'thumb-down'

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INTERNATIONAL artists and sportspersons intending to visit South Africa would continue to be given the thumbs down by AZAPO until the "system of racism and capitalism had been crushed".

The Azanian People's Organisation received the decision to ask foreign artists to ask permission to visit South Africa when planning their tour in Johannesburg. Suggestions for a floor to show international artists to perform in the country on condition that

they "donated their money to Black Consciousness" were made by the majority of delegates campaigning on a delegate's initiative. "We must sacrifice because we are not revolutionaries," said Lenz. "We must be present until the system of racism and capitalism has been crushed and the system of oppression has been destroyed."

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A number of resolutions were passed at the congress among them being:

- Condemnation of the imperialist invasion of Rhodesia including the South African involvement in South Africa's invasion of Angola and calling for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of S.A. forces from the territory.
- Decision to involve and give direct support to Black Consciousness Campaigns.
- Condemnation of the Department of Education and Training for bringing down the pass rate among Black students.
- Decision to support whether the interests of Black students in Western, Eastern, Southern, and Northern Africa.
- Condemnation of the banning of the meetings of AZAPO.
- Call for AZAPO to intensify its campaign against the constitution which would result in the abolition of the

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Azapo's fight to regain SA will 'stop at nothing'

By CHRIS FREUND
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Black "emancipation" would be ensured as the struggle against interests and apartheid is being fought. As they prepare to re-assert their presence in the South African continent, "justice for the oppressed" is the message.

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Azapo tells of music show cash offer

The formation of three new branches over the weekend in Durban will increase local representation at the forthcoming congress of the Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO) in the fourth national congress of AZAPO scheduled to be held at the Pabdar Hall, Lenasia, this Sunday and Monday, the 8th and 9th January, with the theme being "AZAPO on the March Facing the Challenge".

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Participation RDM rejected by Azapo 9/10/84

By ANTON HARBER

PARTICIPATION in Government-created political structures was treasonable, the president of the Asanian People's Organisation, Mr Lybon Mabasa, has said. Opening Azapo's fourth annual congress yesterday, he reaffirmed the organisation's stand against participation in any Government structure and said Azapo had no need to review its commitment to Consciousness.

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spectrum, including organisations with a "chameleon type of attitude to the issue of participation".

Azapo's fear was that it was a reactive organisation that would find itself bogged down by many issues which emerge at the same time. The National Forum, on the other hand, was a positive platform for the discussion of principled and meaningful unity and its Asanian People's Manifesto was the basis upon which this unity could be attained, he said.

The general secretary, Mr Muntu Myeza, described the UDF as "an unprincipled amorphous pot-pourri of organisations with conflicting

had met twice with but had turned to UDF before in private.

Mr Saths police had of busloads air way to Port Elizabeth Grahamam.



FOREST OF FISTS... from Azapo supporter

Azapo calls for 'return of our land'

STAR 9/11/84

By Michael Tissong

The minimum demand of blacks was "the repossession of our land", Azanian People's Organisation president, Mr Lybon Mabasa, said at Azapo's congress in Lenasia yesterday. "We shall wage our struggle until our land is reposessed and a public order of a socialist worker re- of land is established."

Azapo sticks to its course

THE Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) congress held in Lenasia yesterday has shown quite clearly that, given the challenge, blacks can rise to the occasion in a magnificent way.

Last year proved to be a testing time for Azapo and its opinion has been times of serious concern on policy, ideological and strategic matters. There have been attacks from rival organisations, but these have not been the serious and finality they had been the symptoms for the type of political programme that would be placed before the masses.

What is notable is that Azapo has not shied in its consistency, has not become reactionary and more so, has not been revolutionary as it has been accused by certain quarters. All this has not been very

Committee members of the organisation have had the freedom of action to set up projects which in many ways tried to deflect them from their consistency. Fortunately, although there have been some voids in the various laboratory organs, the various laboratory organs managed to stick to its course.

It was with a measure of pride and self-confidence that they had 29 members who were very warmly welcomed by the audience.

The congress was really held by a BC organisation in Johannesburg, was seen as an occasion where success by figures are important, but those counts more are the revolutionary and the kind of programming that a political organisation prepares for the year.

placed themselves in an inalienable privilege of protecting their position of misdirect our political struggle. "Black people can no longer tolerate the so-called radical elements in that community who are the main people trying to contain the revolutionary struggle in this country." The meeting reaffirmed Azapo's "Black Consciousness stand and its Azapo vice-president said that what

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Little change to new committee

By Daya Pillay

THERE was little change to the Azapo executive, now renamed the central committee, at the end of its two day congress this week.

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AZAPO REJECTS AFFILIATION TO UDF

By Trevor Harber

The United Democratic Front (UDF) was slammed at the Asanian People's Organisation (Azapo) congress yesterday. This attack by AZAPO's outgoing secretary, Mr Muntu Myeza, was one of several of its kind, in which the UDF was accused of being a "chameleon" organisation which had been formed to serve the interests of the Government.

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Democratic Front (UDF), he said two meetings had been held, and although Azapo would not affiliate to UDF, it would co-operate with the UDF in certain instances.

"We can say that on matters that deserve co-operation between us and them, Azapo shall not hesitate to co-operate as long as such co-operation furthers the struggle and does not place it in an invidious and compromising position," he said.

Some delegates were however critical of the UDF, but said that they would retain cordial relations with black UDF affiliate organisations.

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SHARPEVILLE MASSACRE

The event of the Sharpeville Massacre remains an indelible mark in the history of the liberation struggle in our besieged land. The events of March 21st 1960 demonstrate a turning point in the methods of the struggle against white racist domination. The racist government of South Africa unleashed brutality which was until then a crime the world had turned a blind eye to. The magnitude of the atrocities perpetrated against Black People caused the world to abandon the cloak of ignorance and listen to the pleas of Black people in South Africa. The determination and intolerance of the Black people caused the arch-racist to reel with shock and disbelief. The then Minister of Justice said, "There was a time when we could shoot as many natives as we could and the world never seemed to care"

Many peace-loving people the world over were stunned when they realized that the racist monster that is South Africa was not going to realize its wrongs but was to become even more vicious and more intransigent. In one fell swoop certain organizations were out-lawed and thousands, including the leadership of those organizations, were thrown into the dungeons of oppression. The whole Black nation was subjected to a reign of terror. Fear became the determinant in the lives of Black people.

THE LULL

There was a death of political activity in the Sixties after Sharpeville until the emergence of a vibrant and dynamic force which was to completely change the style and approach to the liberation struggle. That force was the philosophy of Black Consciousness which, unlike ideologies of previous organizations continues to live.

BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS

Black Consciousness is the philosophy of the people. It is an articulation of the feelings and aspirations of the Black people and owes its existence to the realization of the evil nature of racist capitalist oppression and the desire to establish a system that conforms to the aspirations of Black people and the rest of the peace-loving and human world.

THE SPIRIT OF SHARPEVILLE

Black Consciousness moves the people's hearts and minds and is true to the spirit of determination, tenacity to purpose and commitment to liberation. In October 19th, 1977 Black Consciousness organizations were out-lawed, the leadership banned, banished and jailed. The spirit of Black Consciousness was made victorious by the refusal to be dominated by fear and to create another lull. Six months later, after the bannings of Black Consciousness organizations, in April 1978 another organization was formed - The Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO)

THE AZANIAN PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (AZAPO)

Azapo has withstood tremendous odds in its relatively short period of existence. Azapo remains the only overt National liberation movement operating inside the country and has embraced the legacy left by black sons and daughters of Azania, like Steve Biko, Mopeta, Mohapi and Ongopotse Tiro. Azapo has remained steadfast, courageous and undaunted in the face of immense odds and opposition. With Azapo at the helm of the struggle, liberation is a certainty.

PREAMBLE

Whereas we, the Black People of Azania, conscious of the philosophy of Black Consciousness as a living force amongst the majority of our people, and recognising that Black workers particularly are responsible for creating the wealth of our country.

And whereas workers are subjected to the most inhuman and ruthless laws;

And further realising that the oppressive system in its effort to render the worker powerless and perpetually subservient, creates and utilises tactics of divide and rule that gave birth to factionalism and tribalism;

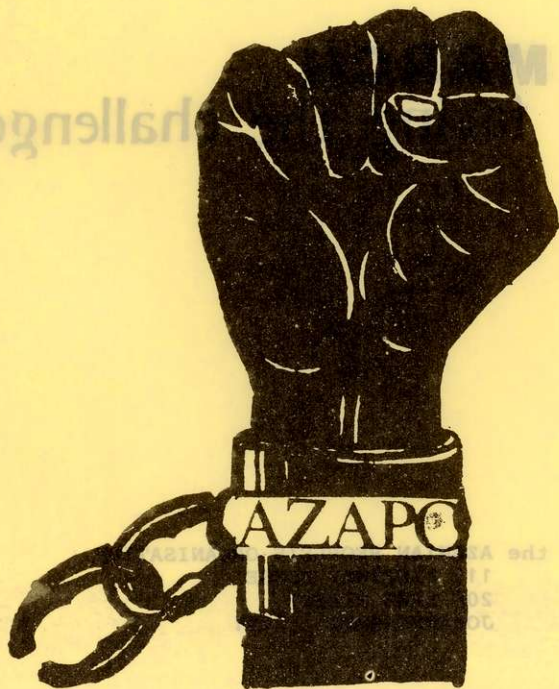
And whereas the worker is more determined to see freedom and justice, and desirous of occupying his rightful place in the land of his birth.

And also that it is an inalienable right of any community to organise itself into a political movement to express and manifest its aspirations, ideals and goals;

And further believing that Black Consciousness be developed and maintained as a true philosophy for workers.

THEREFORE RESOLVE

1. To found a political movement which will express and manifest the aspirations of the Black people in Azania.
2. To found a movement that will unite all and liberate all from the exploitative and oppressive shackles.



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