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On one of the days in the early stage of the PAC strike campaign in OT, I think it was the third or fourth day of March 1960, Philip Kgosana, who was one of the leaders of the PAC here, went to New Age at the invitation of the editor, Mr. Brian Bunting, where he was invited to make a statement of what the aims and objects of the PAC were in this particular campaign. Now, I do not recollect whether he accepted this invitation or whether he was about to accept it, but he did put the matter to Pat Duncan at Pat's office at Contact. As I remember, Duncan told him in no uncertain terms that for Kgosana to associate himself with the New Age group, with the Congress Alliance, would be to repudiate the very reason for which the PAC had come into existence. My memory is hazy, but I seem to remember Mr. Duncan putting to Kgosana that Robert Sobukwe had made a very clear and unequivocal stand against cooperation with the Congress Alliance, and with particular journals such as New Age. And Duncan asked Kgosana ~~xxxx~~ whether as a leader of PAC he felt he was doing his duty by ~~xxx~~ Sobukwe if he went along and associated himself with the New Age newspaper.

Kgosana didn't say much, but he accepted this point of view, but I could see that he was not entirely happy at being reminded of his obligations to his own org. by Duncan. But in fact, the other PAC members who heard about this, approved of Mr. Duncan's attitude.

I think it was Frances Mbelu, discussing this matter afterwards, said that Kgosana had been angry to have been chided by Mr. Duncan and said he didn't feel he should be treated this way. But the view of Mbelu and others was that Duncan was quite right in pointing out this matter to Kgosana.

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