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1) I remember very clearly that I first heard of Dr Sultana (1946 & 47) - he was still a student at Heidelberg. I heard it from a young fellow in Heidelberg - he was saying to ~~be~~ me - there was a final year medical student who was showing a quality of leadership which had attracted the attention of young people & the committee there, at the time Mollathorn.

Next I heard of him in 1948: a very big event had happened - a Nat party had come into power - it provoked a very NA reaction among us,

Nkomo

2) Name President ANK in
Jan 1948 - was 32 - was one of
founders in 1944 -
with Manda, Tumbi, Tumbo
& Cumbede - was party at
Mombasa ^(at the time) Jan 48 - until
+ 1953 -

3) Nkomo (he liked to be
called -

we had to experience
our party: ~~was~~ it found
was not quite acceptable
to the leadership of ANK.
We needed some boost
up by certain personalities -
so that's why we had Nkomo
he was a bit president-like

in Ken a medical student at
WVU - Wood Major Beori Beari
very - he was also a medicine
student.

(4 lines)
We thought of them as
liberally minded & not
fully open our outlook. We
thought we would keep
him for long. ~~but~~ They might
not have been aware of the
attitude we did not tell
Ken - we had nobody in Ken,
we respected Ken's students
we were aware of
fact that we had a very
high mission in the state. To
lay it fair for suggestions &
mission we would need a
much more orderly than that

Leadership of the ideology
in matters of ideology

We were fully aware
that students at times
at a time they might not have
a time to carry out a mission.

By agreement they left
a leadership before the terms
over & therefore took over &
Mandela became very &
frank because

I was responsible for
& ideology of the H. They
all looked to me for it.
I had experience in politics.
I played a decisive part in
& election of Xuma in 1939.

[Why not in ~~the~~ (1939?)

"We wanted
nothing before
ourselves, & Karshuni"

↓
It's why one or two
years, we were in
conflict w the old
leadership in terms of
work & CP - it's white
leaders stood for Kar.

"Positive action" phrase
came from sphere
from Humphreys
Conventions
People's Party

(1) (cont) I asked
Niff to ~~restart~~ a
V & sent him to Giddins

It was in August, 1948

that it was started.

Future came to this.

In April 49, I went
to FH for my first
political mission. There.

Prof. I. I. exchanged
correspondence. I outlined
my thinking about it
prop. in FH & invited
him to have an inter-dept
study, "so that he wd have
"a scientific, ~~basis~~
source, ^{for} ~~his~~ ^{his}

outlook apart from
Lurid:— alpha emotive
is important."

In a course of
studies & correspondence
we began to understand
each other really clearly &
began to agree on almost
every point.

At this time he was
already very well
advanced politically, he had
had rubbed shoulders with
intellectuals of the Trotsky group.
— he was a brilliant boy.

our share of a part,
what Lurid & I had
raised, & what in my view
was subject to analysis & so

At one end devoid of a body
a gas thought in roots
deed in it part but they
on people was an outlook
talking into an it realities
to it in as it leaved in
AA, in line of it whole
world, but last & sweet.

— not as a farcical
approach, no 'inhabitation',
no narrow religio. — but
talking up of a whole world
of it manhood & manhood.
In analysis the
developed left, several
AA things took place:

1) a declaration of love
or a met-affirmation

He went on to
develop our ^{work of synthesis} ~~work of synthesis~~ to
an unprecedented degree
a high level that it
is what Lancelotti & I were!

re African neorealist philosophy

In this great work of
analysis & synthesis led us
helped by a group of young
fellows (24 among them)

2) The acceptance of leadership
of a principle of democratic
realism we don't

what means the group
gave to it the undertone,
it to mean, it organization
itself, decisions must be
based on a thoroughly
democratic basis, with
complete equality.

Work & ideas have
been agreed on, it ~~is~~ leads
emerges as a debate, to
vary them out.

3). Another great development
was the emergence of a
principle of mutual
criticism & self-criticism.
This was regarded as
a greater weapon in
building up a leadership

whose mission was to
achieve a truly democratic
FA.

Self & his band of youth
permeated & embodied
these principles in his
leadership.

Break in liberal wing
of A.A.C. (& old leaders) -
A.C. were to A.A.C.: brought
about by ideas at Cambridge
had formulated under the
of African, which is my
leadership as per A.A.C. -
I'd popularized as of nationalism:
and vol. had developed freely
under the name of Pan-Africanism.

The bands of people
we took on a journey to
at a of people are it
summers of this land.

A indigenous people of
this land

this includes +
Abantu
+ + Khoi-Khoi
Sen.

There's nothing out of
June is what I've said
but be there was already
& many of us by interstation
so as to include factors
in a history of Southern Africa
the one & books of time
had emerged as part of a
general history of the African

There factors include
a arrival of the people
Europe - and on there led
by Jan Buelck in 1652 -
Pierre L'Ange, Etienne
Lacharpe, Jean Lacharpe -

There are historical
incidents which did take place.

As an over the centuries
dominance of these people
were born here who know
no other name - some of them
actually called themselves
Afrikans. So the arrival of
people of Europe during the
latter periods did not
alter the fact that there
were indigenous people in the
part of the country.

~~2~~
" Mr ret out. to be
a champion of the oppressed
indigenous people - it
owes no apology for it -
it did not ret out as
a mechanical organization"

And then I went out
mission - and went to
Chennai to see the people,
Lumumba, and the people,
political power of the
establish a democratic
black majority and now
does it give the
people, but
where the

~~Myer House~~ ~~Paulg. J. J. Mahoro~~
~~some~~ ~~the~~ ~~rest~~
nationalist people of
different origin

ray
"yes"
"the right"

"L'charmit"
had played a NB
role in breatherway
for MLC - needed political
response - if would
had to be chipped off

(3) rds
2 Derai

Apr 49 - 1st meeting?

My impressions of him
fortified & improved
I had of him during the
week-end.

After I had addressed
a student at Univ. of Ill.,
I had private discussions
with the group - had a
all night session at a
location nearby.

He impressed me
as a humble man, he had
humility. He was not a dog
who had to impress his ideas
on ~~the~~ people, or to play big.

One and that he was
My: he ~~had~~ stood back &
listened to other people.

seriously, he understood
me as a man in a real love
for his downtrodden black
people & he appeared to
feel that he was one of them
in every way. This was a
very striking feature which
was so powerfully intellectual,
yet he felt that he was
one of the servants, not
masters.

at 1 ran people
young men some in good
tuits - to which everyone

he was overhead -

We all whispered
"Look at him"? We were
embarrassed. "Here's a true
leader of people"

Third, he inspired us as
a man who was very
clear on the issues of
national struggle towards
freedom & struggle.

He had fully &
unambiguously embraced the
position of internationalism
& saw this as a basis
upon which to establish unity
of the black people, & the
basis for achievement of
national freedom for
all people.

as a step towards a
fully fledged democracy
and it.

First, I feel that he
believed that a leader must
have total commitment
to the struggle of the people for
national liberation; no
matter what the hardship may
be, or what the obstacles may be.

Secondly, ~~he~~ also felt
believed that the leader
himself must be in the
forefront of the struggle. They

Over 4 years
my inquiries were
confirmed

fact, I find him to be
free from any trace of
rascals or anti-whiteism.
But he was inflexibly
opposed to white domestic
He made a distinction in this matter:

Sovereign, he had a capacity
to win personal attention
to himself. He had an
amiable character. He id
terest quickly, he id laugh
uproariously. He was a
fine conversationalist on
good terms.

Cape Congress's bill?
Who drafted No A?

The ingredients were
drafted by us in '44,
It includes substance.

I wrote it No A:
I invited put it to
'44 people, who made
suggestions.

Immediately I became
president I began to campaign
for a truncated program for
a AML rule and also be
a nation-building program.

It had been rumored
to the UN until then - I
began to form branches in
Natal & Cape & Free State.

I went to the Cape region,
was drafted to the N.A. I put it
to the journal for debate.

The Cape region accepted
a program & set to work
in a debate. To be played
role as there were other
FA people also but he was
most articulate.
Then to the Nat. Congress!

I sent Plaudde &
Through 50's, v.l.s.
& giving guidance -
w/ writing anonymously
for a grant -

Shd t breakaway have
occurred?

Yes. It was
inevitable

The Bureau ~~of~~ of
Agric. National

MOA
I
Founded in 1952
based in E. London

operated by ~~Cowenthe~~
Cowentshe

& Leffti
& Jabel Fazi
issued "Balletti".

1951 conference -
purpose of article appeared
to implement No A,
decided on former sentence.

Examined & discussed the
purpose was to keep
the view & perspective
of the goals of positive
action from the P. D.
view of national
And also to highlight
& limitations of a defense

~~expensive~~

In about 53(?) he
was writing for
A Publicist or
of nationalistic
wrote 2 or 3 times -
at the time
wrote anonymously.

He was also accused of
leading people to
significance of a definite
campaign - there was
full support for it
among the nationalistic.

But we were then
that it should be
understand, for what it
was & what it wanted.

1900: It was
ready. It did not
be expected to carry
us right to the
shore of freedom. In the
nature of things it could
not. Because it really
white ground had all
a red on its side.
It had the old power, it
had the state machine work
at its control.

I was dubious about
a campaign inspired by
the ropes. But these
fellows had done
heretofore ground work
they had toured the country.

It is true they lacked
funds, but it boys
did it, ~~not~~ far beyond
all our expectations. They
left us dumbfounded.

Some did not suspect
A ban laws for work -
A ANC which had worked
A idea, ~~so~~ even without
rd, it boys have
done it.

Confidential in NYC?

Got us 10 these
men who did not
believe in conspiracy —
he believed in dog
theory to be that it had to
be done, irrespective of
what anyone else said.

-
- had love has launched on Haver
 - levels of intel. consciousness
were different in different
part of a country
 - levels of openness to PRC
were different
 - large nos of people in
NY had no belief
conspiracy

~ nature of campaign was
novel to many people
in rural areas.

relative to it
non-seasonal results
of a time of circumstances
A PAC campaign was
remembered times.

"The campaign was a
step forward
side steps!"

of nationalities
What for Aubrey?

It's all for reaching
sympathy & importance
it at what it stands for
& what it feels to achieve
is to well upon & slaves,
as did Harbans in Roman
history. To say: slaves,
know that you are
human beings & that your
heritage as human beings is
of freedom & equality in
all other beings, esp. in
SA.

Special? It is a
The best appeal to the
working class - it is
a class party.

of its meanings is
a SA is it, but a white
worker, are a privileged
class & you have left
them to look out of people

The AYL here emerges
for all the things to i SA -
for those who rule: it
invites them to dismantle 'the
organization'.

It is said, and
pave we will ~~to~~
wake respect for
a ruling group.

of nat. being
together a potential
force & force it will
make a white
man think

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