

10. CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN  
SASO AND BPC; 1973 to 1974

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from Clashes in SASO and BPC  
Administration by members/officials.

SASO +  
BPC not  
conspiring  
together

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Black People's Convention,  
P.O.Box 11/27,  
Johannesburg,  
9th January, 1973.

The Secretary-General,  
SASO,  
86 Beatrice Street,  
Durban.

Sirs,

I take this earliest opportunity of initiating contact with your organisation with a view to working in co-operation where our interests are identical or related.

At its first National Executive Committee meeting the Black People's Convention instructed me to appeal to you to come to ~~us~~ its aid by way of a loan.

The sum required immediately is R2,000. This amount is required to cover the costs of renting offices, paying an honorarium for our three full-time staff, viz. Secretary-General, National-Organiser, and a typist and to enable us to launch a fund-raising campaign.

May I further add that any amount less than the total required will be very much appreciated and will be treated as a loan on your own terms. Otherwise we offer to repay the loan in six months time if this arrangement suits you.

Kindly treat this matter as urgent and communicate with me by phone or Mr. Mosibudi Mangena or Mr. Chris Mokoloto at 72 -3863 or 72-03 6 ext. 29. For a personal interview you may ~~kk~~ kindly call at Dunwell House, UCM Offices at Braamfontein. I am also very much prepared to come and consult you for an interview at any time that may suit you.

Yours faithfully,  
H. S. BUTHELEZI.

  
(General-Secretary.)

9/1/73.

POWER AND SOLIDARITY,

P.O. BOX 11427,  
JOHANNESBURG.  
29TH JANUARY, 1973.

THE SECRETARY,  
SASO,  
86 BEATRICE STREET,  
DURBAN.

Sir

I take this earliest opportunity to make contact with your organization with a view to working in co-operation where our interests are identical or related.

I have been instructed by the National Executive of the Black People's Convention to request you to send us your Constitution. I have herein enclosed the B.P.C. Constitution.

I would very much appreciate a response from you at your earliest opportunity.

"BREAKING THE CHAINS"

SIPHOC BUTHELEZI  
(SECRETARY - GENERAL)

## BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION



PRESS RELEASE: 27th JULY, 1973. (HEAD OFFICE)

The banning of the newly-elected President of the South African Students Organisation, Mr Henry Isaacs should be regarded by the Black Community as a deliberate onslaught on Black leaders by the racist government of South Africa, with a view to crushing Black leadership in this country.

The fascist action taken on Henry Isaacs should not be viewed by Blacks as just an isolated incident and an action directed at students only. It should however be seen as a direct attempt of extinguishing and a dehumanisation of the Black Community as a whole.

B.P.C. calls on all Black leaders as well as all members of the Black Community to refuse to be intimidated by bannings and various assaults directed at all Blacks by the racist, fascist government of South Africa. Such action against our people should on the other hand strengthen our determination to fight relentlessly for the liberation and the total emancipation of Blacks from perpetual slavery and oppression.

It should be clear to all those who are committed to the Black liberatory struggle, that there is no freedom which can be delivered to the oppressed on a silver-plate. This type of freedom is no freedom at all. In the real struggle for liberation Black people should be prepared to suffer human losses, and we should be prepared to suffer for our freedom which we hold dear.

The time has passed when Blacks should be afraid of going to prison for their convictions. In fact as has been said many times, South Africa is a big jail for Black people.

There are many leaders who have suffered for the Black struggle and many more are to suffer if the struggle is to be won.

B.P.C. calls on S.A.S.O. leaders and all members of the Black Student Organisation to show courage and dedication at these times of cowardly acts directed at them. They should regard the banning of their leaders as an honour and an indication that S.A.S.O. is still relevant to the cause of the Black man in South Africa.

B.P.C. pledges solidarity with Mr Henry Isaacs and S.A.S.O. as well as all the victims of racism and oppression in South Africa.

*ISSUED BY SECRETARY GENERAL (BPC)*

*(SIPHO BUTHELEZI)* 27/7/73.

SASO Kantose Durban

# BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION



P.O. BOX 11427,  
Johannesburg, 2000.  
25th July, 1974.

The Secretary-General  
South African Students' Organisation,  
86 Beatrice Street,  
DURBAN.  
Comrade,

*14/8/74  
file. Kender*

re: THE TRANSFER OF THE BLACK WORKERS PROJECT.

I believe you are aware of a move that was initiated last year to have the workers project transferred over to the Black People's Convention. I have been led to believe that a resolution has been passed to that effect at one of the previous General Students Council.

May I just point out to you that when we took the decision -at an inter Executives meeting sometime early this year-to bring about a co-operative working policy between B.A.W.U. and B.W.P., the ignorance of this move abounded in most of us. It is my belief that the said move is in no way at variance with what we decided upon and at the same time in no way bound by our decisions.

Your attention to this matter at your earliest convenience shall be greatly appreciated and may I just say here and now that we look forward to yet another inter-Executive meeting to deliberate on this issue.

"BREAKING THE CHAINS"

*[Signature]*  
Zithulele N. Cindi  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

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BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION  
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# SASO

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## THE SECRETARIAT

ref:

6th August, 1974,

The General Secretary,  
Black People's Convention,  
P.O. Box 11427,  
JOHANNESBURG.  
2001

Black Brother,

The South African Students' Organisation had its 6th General Students Council on the 30th June to the 6th July, 1974, at the St. Ansgars Fellowship Centre in the Transvaal. Your movement was invited to this conference and we were pleased to note that you did send a representative whose presence was appreciated and did in actual fact make mammoth sized contributions.

We hope that the high state of brotherhood and solidarity shall be maintained until Azania shall be free.

As your representative(s) shall by now have reported the proceedings of the 6th GSC a number of resolutions were adopted of which one merits your special attention. The said resolution is Resolution 39/74 which hold:

'That this G.S.C. noting,

- (1) the close relationship existing between SASO and BPC
- (2) the fact that members of SASO are also card-carrying members of B.P.C.
- (3) that this dual membership creates a multitude of problems when it comes to the administration and implementation of.....

- mentation of activities and schemes,
- (4) that invariably active SASO members hold executive portfolios or are also very active in BPC
  - (5) that BPC could never really muster the community support and involvement it deserves due to this stifling participation of SASO members.

AND FURTHER NOTING

- (1) that the pat attribution between SASO and BPC was a direct result of the factors noted above
- (2) that it was perhaps unfortunate that SASO came before BPC to fill the vacuum created by the repressive measures launched against the Black Community by the white racist regime, thereby forcing SASO to spread her activities over a broad and diverse field.

THEREFORE RESOLVES TO

- (1) to let members of SASO assist in the establishment and initiation of BPC branches
- (2) to prohibit people who are in the administration of SASO participating in the administration of BPC activities
- (3) to communicate the contents of this resolution to BPC'

Thus read the resolution that underwent a hot and trying deliberations. We sincerely hope and wish that this resolution will assist toward the flawless running of the Black Movement.

May I also state that you shall receive further communique from us.

Power and Solidarity.

*Muntu Mbyeza.....*

Muntu Mbyeza.

(Secretary-General).

# SASO

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Re: Executive and Staff

The Executive Committee(National) and the staff of SASO for the year 1974 - 1975 consists of the following:

Executive Committee:

- (a) Phandelani J. Nefolovhodwe : President
- (b) Rubin Hare : Vice President
- (c) Muntu kaMyeza : Secretary-General
- (d) Mosioua Lekota : Permanent-Organiser
- (e) Norman Dubazana : Publications-Director

Staff:

- (a) Benj Langa : Administrative Assistant
- (b) Ben Louw : F.U.S. Organiser

Regional Secretaries:

- (c) Mapetla Mohapi : Eastern Cape
- (d) Johnny Issel : Western Cape
- (e) Gerald Phokojoe : Transvaal
- (f) Pumzile Majeke : Natal
- (g) Welile Nhlapo : B.W.P. Field Worker

The above-named are the people who have been trusted with the duty of steering the ship of the people.

Power,

*Muntu kaMyeza*

Muntu kaMyeza  
(Secretary-General).



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