

Benny → A few comments on the
Kgossana statement

Page 2. Para 3 Not true -
Pat, Joe Daniels & I all knew PK was
a PNC member. I am not sure we knew
he was a regional secretary. Of course,
Contact was not anti-PNC. It was critical
of the more extreme anti-white attitudes,
but we never heard these from Kgossana or
his colleagues who also came from time to
time to Contact offices.

Pat, in fact, asked Joe D to ~~to~~ keep Kgossana
as a paper seller, because he, Pat, saw him
as a promising young, non-PNC leader.

P.S. I am not sure I was Cape Liberal Home
at the time, and have no recollection
of this meeting.

I did know that on Monday 31st Kgossana
& some PNC colleagues came to
Contact offices about midday & said
PNC leaders had been arrested & they
were in charge at large. They were worried
about violence. Pat took PK to the Cape
Argus for him to issue an appeal for
calm.

That evening we held a CP exec meeting
in my flat in Sea Point. Pat argued
that we should do all we could to
assist the PNC in its non-violent struggle
against the pass laws. In Feb. 1960 I had

attended an LP national executive meeting in Pietermaritzburg where Transvaal & members to reported talks they had had with the PAC (I think Sobukwe had part) about the pass campaign.

We discussed support and, I think, we agreed we should provide back-ups, such as ~~legal~~ help for defendants, possibly legal aid (not requested by PAC), & other unspecified services.

I was ~~not~~ certainly strongly influenced by this National Exec meeting & decision when I - urged support for local PAC. A few days later, I telephoned Peter Brown (before he was detained). Of course, I could not say much on the phone, except that we were acting on the Nat. Exec decision re the PAC.

We were to give back-up, and this we did throughout the campaign; and it was a decision, taken by majority vote of the L.P. Conf. executive on Monday, 21st.

Pages 3 & 4 - Pat never mentioned any conversation between Kgosiwa & Boshoff, & was in the LP & Contact offices about that Monday afternoon.

Page 5 & 6 - This is bullshit. PAC members came to us, saying K & some others had been arrested. What should they do? Pat had by then established contact with Tembache. He went to Isidoro Square. Tembache said there were hundreds of people demanding to be arrested.

There were too many for him to handle. Pat said it was not his problem; ~~the~~ Tebello then enquired no-one was going to be arrested for not carrying a pass. There was an enthusiastic response, but the people outside demanded their leaders. Pat told Tebello that they would not leave without them. Kgama was then released, with a few other young PNC men.

There was a huge response as they went out & K. was carried away by the crowd. This was really when he gained the following that enabled him to lead the big march the following week.

Far from being angry at that time he and other PNC people praised Pat's efforts, and this established our close link with the PNC over the next few weeks.

Page 6 The dance did take place, I did not go & was not in favour of it. But, as you will remember, Rupert was seen at the time as a Liberal Afrikaner. Pat wanted to impress him with the quality & determination of African leaders in the Cape Town Ngwenya. I thought it useful, but complained that "young Kgama" was carried away by the fervour of the events of the week, and was listening to nobody.

~~Pat~~

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