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Abstract: The African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) was re-established on 27 October 1990 in Soweto. The South African Youth Congress (SAYCO) and the ANC Youth Section, which had operated in exile, merged at this launch. The main task of the Youth League was to mobilise all sectors of the youth into active participation in the struggle to secure democracy.

Introduction

The African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) was re-established on the 27 October 1990 at Orlando stadium in Soweto. The launching of the Youth League was the coming together of the South African Youth Congress (SAYCO) and the ANC Youth Section which operated in exile.

The Provisional National Youth Committee (PNYC) was established to spearhead the rebuilding of the Youth League nationwide. The Provisional National Youth Secretariat (PNYS) was also established. Its main functions included: receiving reports from all departments at the Head Office of the ANCYL, addressing developments related to the rebuilding of the Youth League and strategising the way forward.

The main task of the Youth League was to mobilise all sectors of the youth: working, unemployed, students, young sports people, intellectuals and religious youth, into active participation in the struggle to secure democracy. For this reason, the ANCYL immediately established contacts with different youth and student organisations locally and abroad. Recruitment campaigns were put in place in high schools and in tertiary institutions.

Different departments and committees, e.g. women, labour and pioneers were established to appeal to different sectors of the youth. All campaigns were set up with an understanding that rebuilding the Youth League was in fact rebuilding the ANC itself.

Acronyms

ANCYL - African National Congress Youth League

SAYCO - South African Youth Congress

PNYC - Provisional National Youth Committee

PNYS - Provisional National Youth Secretariat

Related Materials

See also the South African Youth Congress (SAYCO) Collection AL 2425 for material relating to the relaunching of the ANCYL.

Classification



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Inventory

A: Constitution, Code of Conduct, Launching Manifesto and Membership Forms

A1: Membership

A1.1: ANCYL membership form

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This pamphlet constitutes the membership form of the African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) and contains information on basic policy platform, structure and ANCYL's relations with other youth organisations. Date unknown. This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.

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B: Minutes

B1: Provisional National Youth Committee

[2 Oct 1990]

Includes meetings: 2 Oct 1990; 29 Oct 1990; 9 Nov 1990; 2-6 Apr 1991 (Extended meeting); 21-24 Aug 1991 (Extended meeting)

B2: Committee meetings

[05 Nov 1990]

Includes: Secretariat Working Committee Meeting: 05 Nov 1990; Prep Committee Meeting 19 Dec 1990 (hw); PNYS national campaigns committee minutes: 25 Feb 1991; Youth Meeting "Youth Against apartheid" in Oskashamn: 1-3 March 1991; PNYC meeting with 3 Regions of Natal (Midlands); 29 March 1991 (hw); ANCYL Eastern Transvaal Region Meeting 13 Aug 1991 (agenda only); Campaigns Committee Meeting 22 Sept 1991 (hw pcopy)

B3: Meetings With other organisations

[12 Nov 1990]

Includes: TG Meeting with Youth League: 12 Nov 1990; ANCYL Delegation to the NUSAS and SANSCO Congresses 2nd to 08 Dec 1990 FAWU and ANCYL Meeting: 18 April 1991; Meeting between ANCYL and SAMWU: 18 April 1991; Meeting between COSATU Campaigns Committee, ANC Campaigns Committee, ANC, ANCYL: 10 June (includes memorandum for the marches on June 16) & 11 June 1991; Western Transvaal P.R.Y.C (Discussions with ANC and Youth League) on FNB RALLY: 12 June; Meeting with Five Freedom Forum: 09 July 1991; Meeting with South African Zionist Federation: 30 July 1991; Meeting between the PNYS and the ANC Presidential Council

B4: Miscellaneous

[14 May 1991]

Includes Housing Development South of Windmill Park Meeting 14 May 1991



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C: Reports

C1: From the Office of the Secretary General

[20 Nov 1990]

Includes: Suggestion to establish the office of the Secretary General; Report on the state of the organisation: 20 Nov 1990 (hw); Report of ANC Department of Economic Policy; Organisational Reports

C2: On Meetings and Seminars

[12 Nov 1990]

Includes: TG meeting with the youth league 12 Nov 1990; Meeting with ANC Chief Rep to Sweden 01 March 1991; Report of the extended PNYC meeting Durban 02 to 06 April 1991; Report meeting with a Delegation of the Buraku Liberation League from Japan 07 Aug 1991; Report meeting with ANC Chief Rep to Nigeria; Report of the Extended P.N.Y.C. meeting Bloemfontein 21 to 24 Aug 1991

C3: From Other Committees

[10 March 1991]

Includes: Organisers Report to end of 1990; Office of the Chairperson's Report 10 March 1991; Campaigns Committee Report to PNYS 17 April 1991; ANCYL Campaign : Summary and Assessment of events; Proposal for a Special Committee of the Youth League PNYS/C to set up and run the Solomon Mahlangu Memorial Lectures; Commission report on 'The Crisis in Education'

C4: On the Youth League Tours Abroad and Visits to the Regions

[21 June 1991]

Includes: Visits to the Border, Natal Midlands and Transkei; Report on ANCYL's Fundraising tour of Denmark 16 to 21 June 1991; Swedish Report (hw); On the USA Youth to Youth Tour

C5: Regional Reports

[31 Oct 1990]

Includes: Financial Statements and Rally Reports From Different Regions: From 31 Oct 1990 to 15 Aug 1991

C6: Cultural Reports

Includes: Reports from Arts and Cultural Department; Festival Committee Report; Workshop on Cultural Boycott

C7: Miscellaneous Reports

[19 April 1991]

Includes: On Youth Front Seminar 19 April 1991; On proposal from Wits University Centre for Health Policy; Perspectives on the Patriotic Conference

D: Inaugural Congress

[02-06 April 1991]

Includes: Congress preparations: 02-06 April 1991; ANCYL Rules of Procedure; Draft Programme for the ANCYL Congress: 23-27 April 1991; Draft Programme of the ANCYL Inaugural Congress and Beyond: Aug 1991-; Discussion Documents, Programme, (a) Draft policy, (b) The ANCYL and Autonomy, (c) Building the Youth Front, (e) Building the ANCYL, (f) The Emancipation of Women

E: Discussion papers

E1: Establishing the Youth League

[27 Oct 1990]

Includes: Establishing the Youth League 1990; Draft Programme and the Final programme of the Launching Rally (Orlando Stadium) 27 Oct 1990; Building the ANC Youth League (introduction); Building the organisation

E2: ANCYL Recruitment

Includes: Summary - Recruitment for the ANCYL at all Tertiary institutions: (1) Introducing the youth League: (2) A political briefing to the PRYC's; Recruiting in the High Schools

E3: ANCYL Department of Political Education

[Nov 1990]



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Includes: Discussion Document Interim Government; Campaign for an Interim Government; The Constituent Assembly; The role of DPE in building the ANC Youth League; National Education Programme (Alliance Politics); Political Education Programme of the ANCYL: Nov 1990 to April 1991; Discussion Document Patriotic Front; draft Paper on the extended political strike (Introduction); Report on the Visit to Northern Cape Region: 04 Dec 1990; DPE Report August 1991; feature: Codesa; Codesa Update 1

E4: Human Rights

[April 1991]

Includes: Social and Economic Aspect of Human Rights in Botswana April 1991; Conference on a Bill of Rights for a Democratic South Africa Durban 10-12 May 1991 Women's emancipation and affirmative action: The eradication of inequality; Giving effect to health and welfare (Namda); Paper on Gender Equality

E5: Special Topics

Includes From Autocracy to Democracy; Ernie Wentzel Memorial Lecture

F: Correspondence

F1: Internal Correspondence

[22 Oct 1990]

Includes: Letters to the PNYC and the PNYS; Letters to other regions; A letter from Allan Munger to Oliver Tambo, President of the ANC;

Also includes hand written letters: From 22 Oct 1990 to 10 Sept 1991

F2: External Correspondence

[30 Oct 1990]

Includes: Letters and Faxes from other organisations and individuals from other countries in Africa and overseas: From 30 Oct 1990 to 09 Sept 1991

G: Programme of Action

[Nov 1990]

Includes: Draft programme of action; Objectives of our POA; Programme of action Nov 1990 to April 1991; Month of Youth action for Mobilisation and Organisation, May 16 to June 16; Programme June 16; Programme of Action April to July 1991; Campaigns Section 12 Sept 1991; Programme of action Sept to Dec 1991 (objectives, External POA, Internal POA); Plan of action for the youth task force; Summary of Discussion paper on programme of action; Programme for Regional Teams; POA Religious Department; The Youth League occupies the British Embassy and Consulate; Paper: 'The mass action campaign: Towards formulating a strategic approach in the post-February situation'

H: Youth League Sub Committees and branches

H1: Women Sub Committee

Department in activating female in the youth league; The role of the women's committee in building the Youth League; Secretary for women affairs programme of action

H1.1: Role of the Women's Committee in building the Youth League

[Access copy - pdf, Preservation copy - tiff]

This article on the 'Role of the Women's Committee in building the Youth League' was possibly written by a member of the African National Congress Youth League Women's Committee. Date unknown. This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.

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H2: Other Sub Committees

[14 June 1990]

Includes: The strategic Analysis And Planning Committee and Advisory Committees; The objectives of the Youth Front; Secretary for Pioneer Organisation; Labour Department Report, 14 June 1990; Labour Department Programme of Action; Proposal on Department of Person Power Development; Department of Information and Publicity (Recommendations from the national collective)



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H3: Names of Members of Youth Committees

Includes: Members of the Provisional Youth Committee of the ANCYL; Members of the Provisional Regional Youth Committees; A list of Regional Chairpersons; Addresses and Contact Numbers of Regional Offices of the Youth League; Membership Update; List of Cosas Regional contacts

H4: Branches

Misc pamphlets

I: Statements

[23 Feb 1991]

Includes: Statement of the ANCYL on the murder of Comrade Bheki Mlangeni 23 Feb 1991; ANC and Indian Congresses 20 March 1991; Statement of the Provisional National Youth Committee 07 April 1991; Mr Buthelezi and ANC Ultimatum 09 April 1991; ANCYL Statement on the harassment of Rapu Molekane 08 May 1991; Statement on mass action for an interim government 29 May 1991; Statement on May 31 The Racist Republic Day; Democratic Party Youth Statement on Sanctions 15 July 1991; Statement of the ANCYL on the National Peace Convention 11 Sept 1991; ANCYL Response to Denigrating Allegations; Statement of the ANCYL on the 15th Anniversary of June 16; Statement on the third force; Press Release ANCYL Solomon Mahlangu Day Rally; Statement of the Provisional Youth Secretariat of the ANCYL; ANCYL Report to the ANC Conference, F.W DE Klerk's Speech: ANC and Mass Action

Also includes statement by the National Youth Committee of the ANC, 16 June 1983

J: Messages and Speeches

J1: Message and Speeches

[June 16 1991]

Sansco Nusas Message of Support: June 16 1991; Speech by Mr M.N.N Ramodike During a Peace Rally at FNB Stadium 16 June 1991; Statement from Febe Potgieter to the ANCYL 17 June 1991; ; Message of the President of the ANC, Comrade Oliver Tambo to extended PNYC of the ANC Youth League; Message to the South African youth by Comrade Oliver Tambo on the Occasion of the 15th anniversary of June 16th; Message of Solidarity by Rapu Molekane Secretary General

J1.1: Message to the South African Youth by Comrade Oliver Reginald Tambo

[16 June 1991 - Access copy - pdf, Preservation copy - tiff]

This signed message by Oliver Tambo as President of the African National Congress (ANC) and Honorary President of the ANC Youth League (ANCYL) to the South African youth was delivered on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of June 16th in 1991. It contains a special message of greeting to the ANCYL. This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.

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J2: Launching Rally, 27 Oct 1990.

[27 Oct 1990]

Message by Walter Sisulu; Message of the President of the ANC, Comrade Oliver Tambo and booklet 'The Heroic rebirth of the ANC Youth League'

J2.1: The Heroic Rebirth of the ANC Youth League

[27 October 1990 - Access copy - pdf, Preservation copy - tiff]

This booklet, titled 'The Heroic Rebirth of the ANC Youth League' was produced for the occasion of the relaunching of the African National Congress Youth league (ANCYL) on 27.10.1990. This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.

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K: Memorandums

K1: Memorandums

[30 April 1991]

Includes ANCYL Memorandum to Embassies in South Africa 30 April 1991; Bright Horizon Youth Festival by Rapu



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Molekane, 10 September 1991

K2: Legal

[19 June 1991]

Includes: Affidavit of William Andrew Hofmeyr, 19 June 1991; Memorandum - 10th Sept 1991 (incl photocopies of charge sheets - Republic of Bophuthatswana)

L: Finance and Projects

L1: Finance and Projects

[Nov 1990]

Includes: Financial Budget Proposal Time Frame Nov 1990 to Nov 1992; Financial Statement Expenditure for Oct to Nov 1990; Report Secretary for Finance and Projects 01 Nov to 31 July 1991; Quotations 22 Nov 1990; Transport Payments to Uncle Shakes Care Drive 16 June 1991; Financial Statement for the nine months ended 31 July 1991; Request for Financial Assistance 09 Aug 1991; Letter to members of the ANCYL 14 Aug 1991; Project Proposal 1991 to 1992; Financial Report and Statement 13 Nov 1990 to 27 March 1991; Discussion Paper on Finance and Projects; Mathebekwane Trust Fund; Bills paid by the ANC head office; Transport costs from PRYC N.TVI 12 June 1991; ANCYL Financial Recommendations; Suggested financial Workshop; Quotations from Auto Pedigree

M: Publications

M1: Pamphlets

[15 June 1991]

Includes: March against Retrenchments and Violence 15 June 1991, Klerksdorp; June 16 Rally Kanana Stadium and Manzil Park Stadium; A call to the youth of South Africa (general); June 16 call to the youth of South Africa; Northern Cape Regional Launching Conference; ANC Youth League Workshop Moroka Branch; A tribute to Bachana Matthews Mokoena; ANCYL letterheads

M1.1: A Call to the Youth

[1991 - Access copy - pdf, Preservation copy - tiff]

This pamphlet titled 'A Call to the Youth' was issued by the Western Cape Region of the African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL), circa 1991 to invite all youth to become actively involved in the shaping of a new South Africa. This document was digitised by the South African History Archive (SAHA) in 2012.

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M2: ANC Youth League Bulletin

[12 July 1991]

Includes: 03 May, 21 June and 12 July 1991

M3: Horizon - Journal of the ANC Youth League

[March 1991]

Includes: March 1991; March/April, May/June, July/Aug 1991; Number 4 1991; Volume 2: Number 1, 2, 3 and 4: 1992; Vol 3 No1, 1993

M4: Front Fine

[Oct 1990]

Includes: Oct 1990 (1 page) Nov and Dec 1990; Points from the press 31 Oct and 06 Nov 1990

M5: Forward - Official organ of the ANC Youth

[Nov 1981]

Includes: Vol 1, Nov 1981; No.5, 1982; No.s 10/11, 1984; No.12, 1984; No.16, 1985

N: Press Cuttings

[07 Feb 1991]

Includes: Press Statement on IFP Youth Brigade and ANC Youth League meeting; Formation of the Youth League; The return of FUWA, Times of Namibia Tuesday 07 Feb 1991; Face the Nation, Cultural boycott must stay- Semenya; Boycott Bombshell