



## AL3041 - The Dale McKinley Collection

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Abstract: These papers were collected by Dale McKinley, who in 1994 became the chairperson of the Johannesburg Central Branch (JCB) of the South African Communist Party (SACP). He also became the new chairperson of the Greater Johannesburg District Branch from 1996-1998 and was elected to the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) of the party in Gauteng Province in 1998. In early 2000 he resigned from his position as a PEC member and soon after, resigned as an employee of the party. In October 2000 he was expelled from the SACP.

### Introduction

South African born Dale McKinley became an official member of the South African Communist Party (SACP) in 1992. This followed the new blood and spirit that was now being injected into the movement by Chris Hani, (the late prominent and vibrant political activist), who had begun to earnestly encourage debates and free speech within the party. Dale initially joined the movement as a branch member of the Johannesburg Central Branch (JCB). At that time he managed an independent left-wing bookshop called 'Phambili' that operated from 1991-1994.

However, due to lack of finances, the bookshop business was not doing well so he approached the management of the SACP and suggested that the party buy it over, which it did, and now renamed 'Inkululeko books'. It was based in Yeoville, a Johannesburg neighbourhood. Although he relinquished ownership of the bookshop to the SACP, Dale continued running the shop on behalf of the party until 1995. It was realized unfortunately at this time that the financial situation of the bookshop as a business had not improved, hence it was agreed by party management that the bookshop be closed.

Following the closure of the bookshop, Dale was then deployed by the party to its headquarters to run a resource center and library. In late 1995, he became a full-time employee of the party, with the responsibility of managing the resource center and library.

From 1996 Dale became more or less an editor of the newspaper called 'Umsebenzi' meaning 'the worker'. He also became involved with political education, where he conducted programs with the unions, and was also doing work for the finance committee of the party. As far as Dale's role as a hardcore activist within the party was concerned, in 1994 he became the chairperson of the JCB. In 1996, the party decided to reinstate the Greater Johannesburg District Branch of the party which until then had fallen. Dale was the new chairperson of that district from 1996-1998.

In 1998 he was elected to the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) of the party in Gauteng Province. In early 2000 he resigned from his position as a PEC member and almost at the same time, also resigned as an employee of the party.



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According to Dale, he could no longer carry on with his duties as initially identified.

At this stage, he went back to the branch level of the party where he was re-elected as chairperson of the JCB, until the end of 2000, when he was expelled from the party as a result of his practical activism as a party activist (combined with his extensive critical writings) in support of a truly independent SACP that would remain true to its own programme in relation to ANC-led initiatives.

### Notes

This collection is the result of Dale McKinley's many years of activism and employment by the South African Communist Party. The collection includes correspondence, reports, newsletters, articles, newspaper cuttings, minutes of meetings, press releases, speeches and miscellaneous materials.

### Classification

- A: CORRESPONDENCE
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  - B2: President F.W. DE Klerk's speeches
  - B3: Speeches by political party leaders on general matters
  - B4: Speeches dealing with economic-related issues
- C: PRESS RELEASES
  - C1: South African Communist Party (SACP) Press Releases
  - C2: Other press releases
- D: REPORTS
  - D1: South African Communist Party (SACP) Central Branch Reports
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  - D3: Political reports
  - D4: Various Commission reports
  - D5: Provincial Council reports
  - D6: African National Congress reports
- E: INTERVIEWS
  - E1: Interviews with Nelson Mandela
  - E2: Interview with Thabo Mbeki
  - E3: Interview with Cyril Ramaphosa
  - E4: Other interviews
- F: RESOLUTIONS
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- H: MINUTES OF MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES
  - H1: Minutes of meetings
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  - H3: Workshops
- I: ARTICLES AND POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS
- J: DRAFT DOCUMENTS



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- K: MEMORANDA  
L: BULLETINS, JOURNALS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, LEAFLETS, NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS AND FLYERS  
L1: Journals and Journal articles  
L2: Newspaper articles, Leaflets, Newspaper Cuttings, Flyers  
M: BOOKLETS  
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### Inventory

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- A1: Incoming Correspondence (1996-2002)  
[1996-2002]  
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A3: Other Correspondence (1994-2002)  
[1994-2002]

#### B: SPEECHES AND ADDRESSES

- B1: Nelson Mandela's speeches  
B1.1: Nelson Mandela addresses the people of SOWETO, Soccer City Stadium, SOWETO, South Africa, Tuesday, February 13, 1990  
[February 13, 1990]  
B1.2: Nelson Mandela's speech to a joint sitting of the United States Congress - June 1990  
[June 1990]  
B1.3: 'Taking a leaf from the Zimbabwean Experience' Speech by Nelson Mandela, Deputy President of the African National Congress - May 1991  
[May 1991]  
B1.4: Nelson Mandela's statements to the International Press Institute, the Johannesburg Press Club and the Indicator, Kyoto, Japan, April 1991  
[April 1991]  
B2: President F.W. DE Klerk's speeches  
B2.1: Extracts from the speech by President FW DE KLERK to Parliament - February 1990  
[February 1990]  
B3: General Speeches: speeches by political party leaders on general matters (1993-1999)  
[1993-1999]  
B4: Speeches on Economy: Speeches dealing with econom-related issues (1996-2000)  
[1996-2000]

#### C: PRESS RELEASES

- C1: South African Communist Party (SACP) Press Releases (1995 - 2002)  
[1995 - 2002]  
*Topics include issues as Anniversaries, meetings of the Central Committee of the party, attacks on individuals, regional tensions, calls for strike, welcoming leaders, congratulatory messages etc.*  
C2: Other press releases (1995 - 2002)  
[1995 - 2002]  
*These concern most relations and collaborations between the SACP and its partners*

#### D: REPORTS

- D1: South African Communist Party (SACP) Central Branch Reports (1999)



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- [1999]
- D2: Secretariat reports (1996 - 1999)  
[1996 - 1999]
- D3: Political reports (1995 - 2000)  
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- D4: Various Commission reports (1996 - 1999)  
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- D5: Provincial Council reports (1996 - 2000)  
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- E: INTERVIEWS
- E1: Nelson Mandela (1990-1992)  
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- E2: Thabo Mbeki (June 1992)  
[June 1992]
- E3: Cyril Ramaphosa (August 1991)  
[August 1991]
- E4: Other interviews (1991-2002)  
[1991-2002]
- F: RESOLUTIONS (1995-2000)  
[1995-2000]
- F1: SACP resolutions for Provincial Council, Proposals for National Congress, SACP Gauteng Provincial Congress and SACP Greater Johannesburg District.
- G: PETITIONS, PROTESTS AND DECLARATIONS (1998-2000)  
[1998-2000]
- G1: SACP petitions, protests, and declarations, including documents on: Igoli project, SAMWU, and on Dale Mckingley's expulsion from the SACP.
- H: MINUTES OF MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES
- H1: Minutes of meetings (1994 - 1999).  
[1994 - 1999]  
*Topics for these meetings include party-building measures, Alliance PEC's joint meeting, issues discussed by the Executive of SACP etc.*
- H2: Conferences (1996 - 2000)  
[1996 - 2000]  
*These documents mostly relate to the Strategy conferences with issues such as media and IT issues, logistics issues of up-coming meetings, transportation issues, etc.*
- H3: Workshops (1994 - 1999),  
[1994 - 1999]  
*These documents include recommendations from workshops, input on transformation and development, international policy matters, etc*
- I: ARTICLES AND POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS
- I1: Articles and Policy Discussion Papers (1983-2000)  
[1983-2000]  
*These are papers for either formal presentations or for discussion. They reflect the views of members of both the ANC and the SACP relating to the political alliance between them.*



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*The following are some of the titles as seen in the papers - 'Time for the National Democratic Revolution to take a left turn: Towards an Anti-Capitalist Democracy', 'The working class in South Africa's Transition to Democracy', 'Building Socialism now: preparing for the new Millenium', 'Rethinking Union Investment Strategy'*

### J: DRAFT DOCUMENTS

- J1: SACP program of action - A year for consolidating the Socialist Perspective - draft
- J2: CANSA: The way forward - draft document for discussion
- J3: Revisiting an unfinished debate: Towards a Vanguard - Party - Movement
- J4: Alliance Summit - Gallagher Estates Augusts 31 - September 1, 1997 - draft  
[September 1, 1997]
- J5: 'The South African Revolution in its International Context' Summary draft Chapter 1
- J6: SACP Johannesburg Branch - draft program of action 1999/2000  
[1999]
- J7: Alliance Summit Draft discussion Document - 1 June 1998  
[1 June 1998]
- J8: Targeting Intergovernmental Transfers: Guidelines for an Indigent Policy - draft
- J9: Draft Paper for presentation to SACP Consultative Conference, 20 June 1992  
[20 June 1992]
- J10: 'The State and Transformation' - Alliance Summit: 25-25 October 1998 - draft  
[25-25 October 1998]
- J11: Response by Dale McKinley To: 'Charles relating to bringing the SACP into disrepute and publicly attacking and questioning the Bona Fides and integrity of the SACP and its leaders' - draft
- J12: 'Let us not lose sight of our strategic priorities' Secretariat Political Report draft
- J13: 'Assessment of the current phase of transformation' - draft
- J14: 'Building on the Foundation for a better life: strategy and tactics of the ANC' - draft
- J15: Brief review of South African foreign policy since April, 1994 - draft  
[April, 1994]
- J16: Building and consolidating the political consciousness of the working class: Draft program of action and implementation plan, June - December 1999  
[June - December 1999]
- J17: 'Towards strengthening the influence of the working class' a draft discussion document prepared for a bilateral meeting between SACP Gauteng and COSATU Wits
- J18: Masakhane and the National Democratic Revolution - draft for internal discussion
- J19: SACP draft discussion document

### K: MEMORANDA

- K1: IGOLI 2002 - The way forward - 15 November 1999  
[15 November 1999]
- K2: SACP - Johannesburg Central Branch - IGOLI 2002 Workshop - 04/05 December 1999 - Internal memorandum  
[05 December 1999]
- K3: Memorandum to the Chairman of the Executive Committee Comrade Prema Naidoo and The Chairman of the Executive Committee Comrade Colin Matjila
- K4: Memorandum from the SACP - Gauteng Province to All Districts and Branches

### L: BULLETINS, JOURNALS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, LEAFLETS, NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS AND FLYERS

- L1: Journals and Journal articles (1980 - 2002)  
[1980 - 2002]

*Titles of some of the journals include 'Vote ANC', 'Kasrils on Umkhonto', 'The military factor', 'Disillusioned return of an*



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*MK 'hero', 'SACP rebellion', 'Just how possible is peace?' 'The SACP fights for freedom' etc*

L2: Newspaper articles (1996 - 2002)

[1996 - 2002]

*Some of the titles include 'SACP to grill outspoken McKinley', 'Cansa attacks IMF: demands reparations', 'Thumbs up from the markets', 'World Bank to help Igoli 2002', 'ANC accused of silencing dissent', 'Should we fight for Socialism now?', etc.*

M: BOOKLETS

M1: 'Build people's power - build Socialism now!' - Programme of the South African Communist Party - One copy

M2: 'SACP 10th Congress Discussion Documents' - One copy

M3: 'COSATU Special National Congress 18-20 August 1999 - Composite Resolutions' - Book 2 - One copy

[18-20 August 1999]

M4: 'Submit or fight! 30 years of Umkhonto we Sizwe - The history of the people's army' - One copy

N: MISCELLANEOUS

N1: Miscellaneous Documents (1994-2002)

[1994-2002]