

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP

Inkatha's membership continues to grow steadily and the last audit showed 984,177 members and 2013 branches throughout the country.

AFFILIATIONS

The National Sugar Refining and Allied Industries Employees' Union affiliated to Inkatha this year.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Central Committee recently approved a new administrative structure for Inkatha at head office, in a bid to streamline the movement's activities in anticipation of the demanding political tasks ahead.

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

It will be administered by a personal assistant to the President. The President has appointed Mr M.Z. Khumalo (formerly the Administrative Secretary) to this position. Under the office of the President there will be the following divisions:

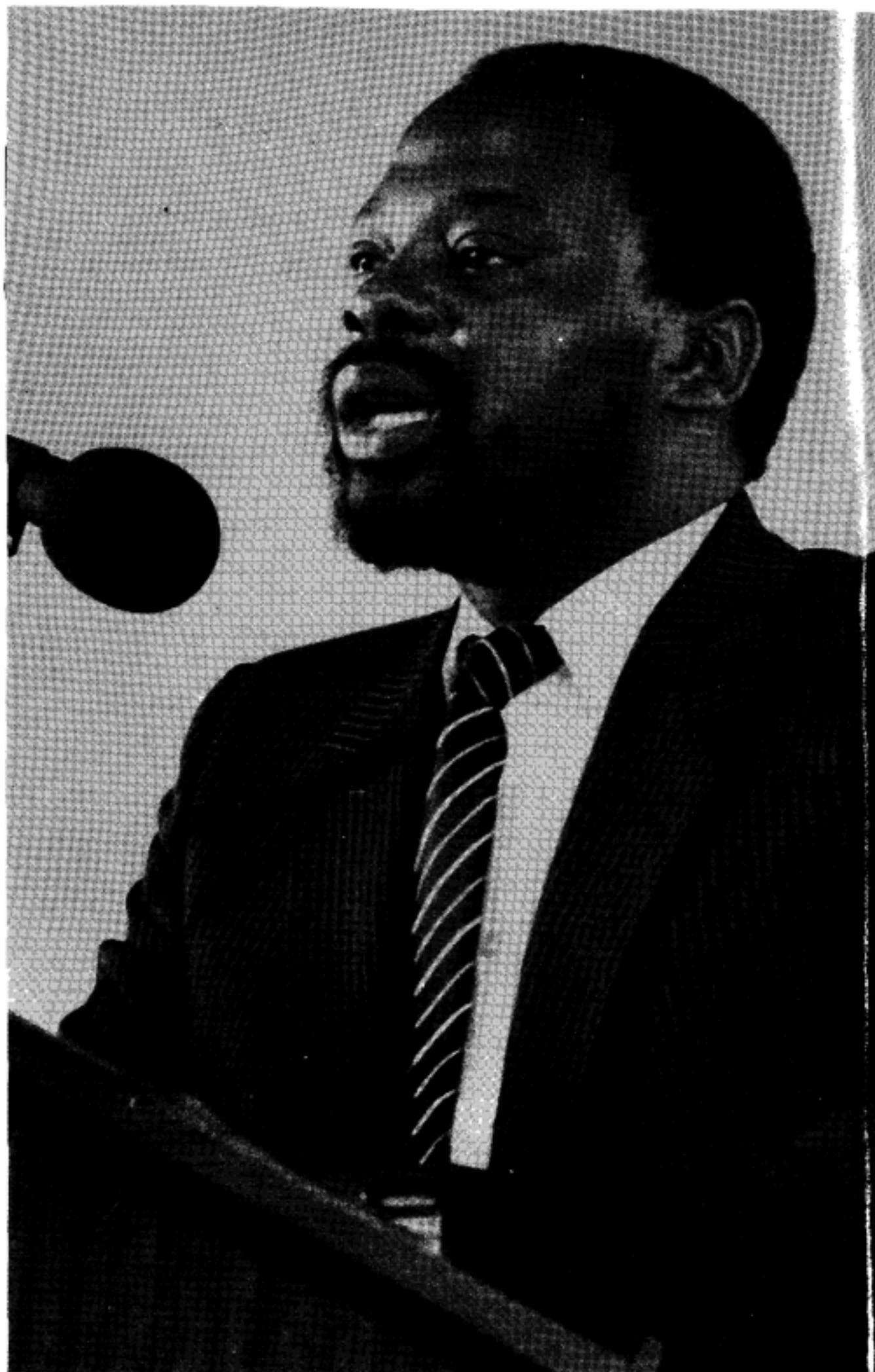
- * Foreign Affairs
- * Womans' Brigade Affairs, headed by the National Organiser of the Womans' Brigade
- * Youth Brigade Affairs, headed by the National Organiser of the Youth Brigade
- * Printing and Translations
- * Press and Media Liaison

THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Has been created, under which will fall the following divisions:

- * Branch and Regional Liaison
- * General Administration
- * Academic Scholarships
- * Inkatha Development Office
- * Inkatha Institute

A nominated post of Deputy Secretary-General has been created and this official will assist the Secretary-General. The President has appointed Chief S.H. Gumede, the



present Minister of Works and member of the Central Committee, to this position.

The Central Committee has decided that the Deputy Secretary-General will be responsible for Branch and

Regional liaison as well as general administration.

THE SIX SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Will be increased to seven by the

creation of a new sub-committee to be known as the Community Development Sub-Committee. This sub-committee will work in close co-operation with the Inkatha Development Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Foreign Affairs:

In May this year the President was invited to address an international conference in Sussex, England where a variety of African political, constitutional and economic issues were discussed. During this trip, the President was a guest of the British Foreign and Commonwealth office in London. He also took the opportunity to confer with British Ministers, politicians, and business leaders. The Secretary-General accompanied the President on this trip.

In January, the President sent a delegation of four Central Committee members to Europe and Scandinavia to brief all interested parties on Inkatha's views with regard to present political developments in South Africa.

On their return this delegation held a press conference in Durban where they reported that an anti-Inkatha pamphlet, published by the United Democratic Front (UDF) was being circulated in Europe.

The visit of this delegation was very timely because the delegation took the opportunity to counter all the false accusations against Inkatha that were in the UDF pamphlet.

Numerous Inkatha delegations have been sent by the President to neighbouring African States to brief the leaders of these States.

The President has continued to receive and address a stream of foreign visitors from various countries as well as Ambassadors and Consuls representing Western Governments in South Africa.

The President has also been to Lesotho as a guest of the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, where he was thoroughly briefed on South Africa's efforts to destabilise Lesotho.

We now have an information office in Amsterdam administered by Mrs R. Steenwijk. Funds permitting we plan to open at least two more offices in

Europe (preferably in London and Bonn) and two in America (preferably in New York and Washington).

The President has issued numerous press statements on significant political events like the Accord of Nkomati, the expulsion of ANC members from neighbouring African States, the Ingwavuma-KaNgwane land deal and the problem of Black disunity in South African politics.

YOUTH BRIGADE AND WOMANS' BRIGADE

Since the Youth Brigade and the Womans' Brigade will hold their annual conference this year (August 17-19) and (October 19-21) respectively, I will not report on their activities at this stage.

I wish to however report that the Finance and Economic Sub-Committee has had to reluctantly relieve Mrs D.D. Ngcobo of her duties as National Organiser of the Womans' Brigade on account of the unsatisfactory state of health of her husband Mr A.A. Ngcobo. I wish to thank Mrs Ngcobo for her excellent and dedicated service to the Womans Brigade during her term of office as National Organiser.

PRINTING AND TRANSLATIONS

This year much use was made of our printing division. Besides printing the President's speeches, this division also printed a variety of pamphlets most of which were in response to false statements made by organisations like AZASO, COSAS and UDF. We also printed a pamphlet which explains Inkatha's version of the tragic events at the University of Zululand in October 1983.

PRESS AND MEDIA LIAISON

Besides numerous press statements that the President has issued from time to time, he has also been visited by many journalists both foreign and local. It would be impossible in this report to mention all the journalists and media representatives who have interviewed the President.

It is regretted that we had to take legal action against some newspapers, magazines and journalists as a result of their biased and subjective reporting on Inkatha and its President.

After the tragic events of October 1983 at the University of Zululand we took legal action against a number of newspapers and magazines that published articles accusing so-called 'Inkatha Impis' and sometimes, the President of Inkatha personally, of 'murdering' students. While some of these actions are still pending, other newspapers have already offered out of court settlements which we are still considering.

Position papers on Inkatha have already been written by both the President and the Secretary-General. The latest issue of the magazine **Leadership S.A.** carried the Secretary-General's article on Inkatha, and the **Journal of Asian and African Studies** will soon publish another article on Inkatha which was also written by the Secretary-General. On behalf of the Central Committee and General Conference, I would like to thank all the news media both local and foreign that have covered our activities.

We have started a campaign, with the assistance of Mrs Suzanne Griffin, to improve our relations with the press and other news media, so as to facilitate better communication.

BRANCH AND REGIONAL LIAISON

It is hoped that our liaison with branches and regions will improve significantly, now that the Deputy Secretary-General has been appointed to look after this aspect of work.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

We anticipate that our general administration will now fall in line with the new structure proposed. We are still working on the details.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

We continue to give scholarships to deserving black university students. We have now devised a system whereby applicants for these scholarships will have to apply formally on a prescribed application form and at a specified period during the year. Applicants will then be screened by a scholarship committee.

In 1984 an amount of R1 474,60 was spent on scholarships for 23 students.

I wish, on behalf of the Central Committee, to thank our German friends who are visiting us — Messrs. Horst Klaus Hoffman and Herman Klenk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, of the German Institute for Youth and Society, for their substantial donations to the Inkatha Scholarship Fund.

INKATHA DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE (IDO)

The head of this division is Mr M. V. Ngema who is one of our Coady (Canada) graduates. The division specialises in training our members in the establishment and administration of Credit Unions and Cooperatives.

The office work of the IDO is subdivided as follows: Bulk buying relief schemes, marketing and producers co-operatives, training and co-operative management, fund raising and liaison, planning and coordination and general administration.

During the last three months 11 new cooperative groups have been established in Nkandla (1) Durban (1) Gingindlovu (4) Harding (1) Nongoma (1) and Simdlangentsha (3). This brings the number of cooperative groups that have been established to 111. Inkatha branches and interested teachers are also trained and this year alone a total of 327 people have been trained.

A sewing programme has been started by some branches as was explained at the last Womans' Brigade Conference. Mrs Khuluse is assisting this programme with training.

The staff of IDO also got involved in relief work during the floods. They were mainly involved in Ingwavuma and Mahlabathini.

In Mahlabathini, the IDO has worked with the Youth of Emandleni Matleng Camp assisting Rev. L. Buthelezi (Organising Secretary of the Zululand Council of Churches) in distributing food parcels to the flood victims. This scheme serves over 1,000 people every Wednesday of the week.

For the first time since its establishment the IDO will possibly receive donations from the KwaZulu government's Department of Agriculture and Forestry and from the Bureau for

Community Development and Youth Affairs.

Although these donations have not yet been released, we wish to thank the Government for recognising the good work that this division is doing amongst our people.

We must also mention that in all its activities the IDO works together with the staff of the Cooperative Division of the Bureau for the Community Development and Youth Affairs.

INKATHA INSTITUTE FOR SOUTH AFRICA:

SQUATTER PROJECT:

As a response to the 1982 conference resolution, the Institute has carried out a thorough investigation into squatters around Durban. Some of the preliminary results from this project have revealed that there are 1,440,000 people living in shacks.

The Institute is presently investigating the problems and needs of these people.

It is hoped that this information will be used in formulating policy and also in the initiation of community development projects.

INFORMATION PROJECT:

A donation from our German partners in the Konrad Adenauer Foundation has enabled the Institute to put this project on a sound footing. The Institute has an advice bureau to assist Inkatha members and members of the general public. We thank Mr Gerd Bossen, who represents the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Durban, for this welcome donation. It is hoped that the Institute, in conjunction with the Inkatha Office, will soon publish a manual called **Bamba Umhlangano Oyimpumelelo** (holding a successful meeting). This manual is designed to encourage the development of democratic procedures amongst our members and to increase the skills of our local leaders.

When the manual has been approved by the Central Committee, it will be made available to all branches.

The Institute also houses a good library of books, papers and articles on a wide range of relevant issues. This

library is open to our members and the general public for reference purposes.

FILM UNIT

The Institute operates a film unit which serves schools in KwaZulu in both rural and urban areas as well as branches of Inkatha. The unit also distributes educational and development films and audio-visuals such as the Kwashiokor audio-visual which was funded by the Canadian Government. More health care audio-visuals will be made this year. It is hoped that a new film on Inkatha and the President will be made this year to supplement the old film **Power is Ours** which has been shown repeatedly to our branches and schools.

We are grateful to Prof. Lawrence Schlemmer, the part-time director of the Institute and his staff, for the work that the Institute is doing amongst our people.

THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE:

AUDITORS REPORT

As required by our constitution our auditors have provided us with an audited financial statement which has already been scrutinised and accepted by the Finance and Economic Sub-Committee.

ONE THIRD REFUND TO BRANCHES:

As is known, all branches are entitled to claim 1/3 of all membership fees they send to head office. This amount is meant to enable branches to have their own sources of revenue so that they can carry out their own local projects.

INKATHA CONFERENCE CENTRE:

The Sub-Committee is not satisfied with the way in which branches are collecting funds for the building of the Conference Centre. As at 31/12/1983 the Conference Centre Fund has accumulated only 10% of our target which is R2-million. Even this target is no longer realistic owing to the phenomenal escalation of building costs. It

would be safe to assume that the new target will be much higher than the present one.

The Committee appointed by the Central Committee and led by the Secretary-General continues to consult with architects with a view to arriving at an acceptable concept of the proposed conference centre.

INVESTMENTS

The bulk of our investments are with Inkatha's Holding Company, known as Khulani Holdings (Pty) Ltd. For two years in succession these investments have yielded a dividend of 10 per cent per annum. The outlook for future earnings is promising and the subcommittee plans to invest more funds in this project.

FUTURE FINANCIAL

COMMITMENTS

Political developments dictate that the movement should have a more stable and reliable source of funding. Consequently the Central Committee has decided to establish a **Litigation Fund**. All members of the Central Committee have resolved to contribute about R200,00 to this fund.

All members of Inkatha are therefore invited to contact the Chairman of the Finance and Economic Sub-Committee and make arrangements with him as to how they will contribute to this fund.

THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL

SUB-COMMITTEE:

This subcommittee has been involved in two main community projects, namely:

POULTRY PROJECT:

This project is the brainchild of Mr Zenda, a 1971 graduate of our Cwaka Agricultural College. Mr Zenda has been working in Nongoma since 1972. The sub-committee has recommended that a pilot project be started in Nongoma with the following objectives:

- (1) To promote the standard of living of our committees.
- (2) To promote the establishment of agricultural projects and improve agricultural production.

- (3) To counteract the shortage and the rising cost of meat.
- (4) To help the community fight malnutrition.
- (5) To teach our people to initiate self-help projects.
- (6) To teach our people to form co-operatives.

The Nongoma pilot project has twenty participating members who raised the R20 000 capital required to start the project.

Four chicken runs with a capacity to hold 1,200 chickens each were built, and every two weeks, since November last year, 1,200 day old chicks have been received.

The chickens are ready for the table in six weeks. Already 2,400 chickens are sold every month and the aim is to increase production to 10,000 per month.

The sub-committee recommends to the General Conference that various regions of Inkatha should study this project thoroughly with a view to introducing it in other areas. There are various reasons why this project is recommended:

- (a) It requires less land to be utilised.
- (b) It provides protein which is so deficient in our peoples' diet.
- (c) It teaches the fundamental principles of self reliance.
- (d) It encourages cooperative endeavours amongst our people.
- (e) It reduces the rate of poverty and disease among our people.

FUNERALS

In response to the concern expressed by the President of Inkatha with regard to the unbelievable extravagance of our people when they bury their dead, this sub-committee examined the problem more thoroughly. Consequently this sub-committee has made detailed recommendations as to the procedure to be followed in funeral ceremonies so that **bereaved families will not be expected to spend substantial sums of money on funerals.**

THE POLITICAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE:

The sub-committee worked out a

number of amendments to the constitution which will accommodate the proposed new structure.

THE ELECTIONS, PUBLICITY AND STRATEGY SUB- COMMITTEE:

This sub-committee was active during our last KwaZulu Legislative Elections in 1983. In conjunction with the Central Committee, an election strategy was worked out and it is gratifying to note that Inkatha once again won 100% of the seats in the present KwaZulu Legislative Assembly. The Chairman of this sub-committee, Mr G.J. Thula, has had to resign and his successor has not yet been appointed.

THE DISCIPLINARY SUB-COMMITTEE:

The membership of this sub-committee was crippled by the deaths of P.H. Simelane and S.E. Bulose. It was able to meet and consider a number of recommendations including:

- (1) That elections of all branch officers should take place during the same month each year all over the country. The suggested month is February.
- (2) That members should adhere strictly to the uniform approved by the movement and should not wear additional items that are not part and parcel of the uniform of the movement.

THE DEFENCE AND SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE:

This sub-committee attempted to study some of the factors that militate against the rapid growth of the movement. It has subsequently decided to intensify the campaign to educate people on Inkatha and its political action programme.

Attempts have also been made to devise strategies that will foster Black unity in South Africa.

The Chairman and members of this sub-committee have volunteered to visit various Inkatha branches and regions in an attempt to make the philosophy of Inkatha part and parcel of daily community life.