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DR J S MOROKA COLLECTION

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Dr James Sebe Moroka was born on 16 March 1892 in Thaba’Nchu, (Orange Free State). His great-grandfather was Chief Moroka the 1st of the Barolong.

After completing his schooling, he attended the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, where he qualified as a medical doctor in 1918. He returned to South Africa, and set up a practice in Thaba’Nchu. In 1933 Dr Moroka went to Vienna, Austria for post-graduate studies. He returned to South Africa, after qualifying as a surgeon in 1936.

Dr Moroka’s political career started when he became involved in Black people’s resistance against the Native Trust & Land (draft) Bills of JBM Hertzog. Moroka participated in the first meeting of the All African Convention (AAC) that was held in Bloemfontein in December 1935, and he was elected as treasurer of the AAC in 1936.

JS Moroka’s association with the ANC began in 1942, and in 1943 he became a member of the Atlantic Charter Committee of the ANC. He rose to prominence, and in 1949, supported by the Youth League, was elected president-general of the ANC. Defiance of the Nationalist government’s policies, led to the arrest of 21 leaders (including Moroka) of the ANC under the Suppression of Communism Act, on 30 July 1952. All accused received a suspended sentence.

At the ANC Annual Conference in December 1952, James Moroka was defeated by Albert Luthuli.

He died on 10 November 1985.

The collection in the Unisa Archives consist of mainly the following, covering the period 1941 – 1974 :

- correspondence regarding ANC business;
- addresses by Moroka at ANC gatherings;
- articles written by Moroka;
- papers relating to various organisations (ANC, Defend Free Speech Convention, Native Representative Council, Non-European Unity Movement, SA Indian Congress, SA Labour Party, Springbok Legion)
- Moroka Methodist Hospital

Sources :

- From Protest to Challenge: a documentary history of African politics in South Africa, 1882 – 1964, edited by Thomas Karis and Gwendolen M. Carter. Vol. 4. Political profiles, 1882 – 1964/Gail M. Gerhart and Thomas Karis. Stanford, Calif. : Hoover Institution Press, 1977
- Dr James Sebe Moroka. available at <http://www.sahistory.org.za/people/james-sebe-moroka>. accessed: 25 June 2012

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A. CORRESPONDENCE, SPEECHES AND ARTICLES

- 1.1 Letter from Messrs. Reitz and Wiley to Moroka re purchase of land in Thaba 'Nchu. Bloemfontein. 18.11.1941
- 1.2 Letter from C S Ramohano, President of the ANC (Tvl) asking Moroka to stand for President-General of the Congress. Johannesburg. 24.10.1949
- 1.3 Letter from S W Motseta, Acting Provincial Secretary, ANC (OFS) asking Moroka to attend and address a special OFS. Conference. Ladybrand. 04.01.1950
- 1.4 Letter from E A Deane, Secretary, National Convention Co-ordinating Committee, to the Secretary of the ANC proposing a Roundtable Conference of all Non-Europeans. Cape Town. 03.01.1950
Enclosed a press statement issued by the above committee. Mimeographed.
- 1.5 Reply of Secretary-General, ANC to above. Johannesburg. 09.01.1950
- 1.6 Letter from Acting Provincial Secretary, ANC (OFS) to (Moroka?) re special Provincial Conference. Ladybrand. Incomplete. 04.01.1950
- 1.7 Letter from D W Bopape, Provincial Secretary, ANC (Tvl) to the Secretary-General re organization of Congress. (Transvaal Province). Johannesburg. 21.01.1950
- 1.8 Letter from D W Bopape, Provincial Secretary, ANC (Tvl) to the Secretary-General re President-General's visit. Johannesburg. 21.01.1950
- 1.9 Reply of Secretary-General, ANC, to both letters above. Johannesburg. 24.01.1950
- 1.10 Letter from Secretary-General, ANC to Moroka re his forthcoming visit to Johannesburg. 24.01.1950
- 1.11 Letter from C D Modiakgotla to Moroka and Molema re meeting in Kimberley. 01.02.1950
- 1.12 Letter from Secretary, Mafeking branch, ANC to Moroka re refusal of passports to 2 Africans for studies in India. Mafeking. 22.08.1950
- 1.13 Letter from Chairman of Working Committee, ANC, to Moroka re financial position and forthcoming National Conference in Kimberley. Johannesburg. 17.10.1950
- 1.14 Letter from Joint Hon. Secretaries of the Tvl Indian Youth Congress to Moroka inviting him to address a gathering celebrating Dr Dadoo's birthday. Johannesburg. 15.07.1951
- 1.15 Letter from Rev. Michael Scott to Moroka re African delegation from SWA to be heard at UN, Paris. London 22.11.1951
Enclosed copy of letter from Dr Bunche of the United Nations to Rev. Scott and cable sent by same to Chief Hosea Kutako. Mimeographed.

- 1.16 Letter from Moroka and W Sisulu on behalf of the ANC to the Prime Minister calling for repeal of repressive legislation and threatening a defiance campaign. Johannesburg. Mimeographed. 21.01.1952
- 1.17 Reply from the Prime Minister's Office to above. Cape Town. Mimeographed. 29.01.1952
- 1.18 Reply from the ANC to the Prime Minister to above and statement of intention to launch defiance campaign. Johannesburg. Mimeographed. 11.02.1952
- 1.19 Letter from (?) to Moroka re religion, chemistry and discovery of transforming coloured skin into white. Toledo. Incomplete. 06.02.1952
- 1.20 Letter from (?) to Moroka re Mr Strauss's advice. Bloemfontein. Holograph. 05.03.1952
- 1.21 Letter from the Rev. A B Gamede to Moroka asking for a loan of £150. Fort Hare. 12.04.1961
- 1.22 Letter from John (?) to Moroka re meeting in October. Gabarone. Enclosed copy of letter from Botswana Govt. to Medical Enquiry Commission. Photocopy. 11.08.1969
- 1.23 Letter from Prof W M Kgware to Moroka re his degree of D.Ed. Pietersburg. Mimeographed. 10.02.1970
- 2. SPEECHES AND ARTICLES**
- 2.1 Presidential address by Moroka at Annual Conference of the ANC. Incomplete. (pp 1 - 4 missing) 15 - 17.12.1951
- 2.2 Address by Moroka on van Riebeeck Day at meeting presided over by Dr Daidoo. Johannesburg. 06.04.1952
- 2.3 Address, *Kimberley and the Africans*, by Moroka at ANC meeting. Kimberley. 13.07.1952
- 2.4 Presidential address by Moroka at Annual Conference of the ANC. Johannesburg. (incomplete and damaged). 12.1952
- 2.5 *A united church is a uniting church*. From: Itirelen. Kgatisho I. ...Sgd. by Moroka, Jacob Nhlapo, Paul Mosaka, Alfred Noge. Thaba 'Nchu. 11.1952
- 2.6 *Roads to lasting peace - SA*. (in connection with van Riebeeck festival) by Moroka. Thaba 'Nchu. 1952
- 2.7 MS. sgd. by Moroka as President-General of the ANC. n.d
- 2.8 MS. by Moroka (on African politics). Thaba 'Nchu. n.d
- 2.9 Loose pages, unidentified
- 2.10 Memo. *My views*. (on stock limitation) by Moroka. Thaba 'Nchu. n.d

B OTHER PAPERS RELATING TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

3. AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)

- 3.1 *Programme of action*, statement of policy adopted at the ANC Annual Conference. 17.12.1949
Mimeographed.
- 3.2 Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the ANC held at headquarters ... Johannesburg. 05.02.1950
- 3.3 Statement on 'Defend Free Speech Convention' issued by the Working Committee of the Executive Committee of the ANC (Tvl). Johannesburg. 15.04.1950
Damaged.
Mimeographed.
- 3.4 Statement of the National Executive Committee of the ANC in an emergency meeting at Thaba 'Nchu on May 21st, 1950. Johannesburg. 22.05.1950
Mimeographed.
- 3.5 Circular letter to all branches of the ANC (Tvl) re *Unlawful Organisation Bill*. Johannesburg. 26.05.1950
Mimeographed.
- 3.6 Circular letter to all members of the Natives Representative Council from *National Day of Protest* Co-ordinating Committee, sgd. by W Sisulu and Y A Cachalia. Johannesburg. 13.06.1950
- 3.7 Secretary-General's report on the National Day of Protest, June 26, 1950
26.07.1950
- 3.8 Contract for supply of bread for the Thaba 'Nchu Central School-feeding Committee, sgd. by M J S Moroka, Thaba 'Nchu. 21.12.1950
- 3.9 Minutes of meeting of the National Executive held at Thaba 'Nchu. 10.02.1950

4. DEFEND FREE SPEECH CONVENTION

- 4.1 Order paper. Agenda, reports, resolutions, messages of support, etc. Johannesburg. 26.03.1950
Mimeographed.
- 4.2 Draft resolution. (part of 4.1) -
- 4.3 Handbills. -

5. NATIVE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- 5.1 Minutes of meeting. Pretoria. 04.01.1949
Mimeographed.
- 5.2 Opening address at above meeting by Dr W J G Mears, Secretary for Native Affairs. n.d
Mimeographed.
- 5.3 MS regarding the NRC by (?). Incomplete. n.d

- 6. NON-EUROPEAN UNITY MOVEMENT**
- 6.1 Proceedings of the 2nd Unity Conference held on 8th July 1944. Johannesburg. Mimeographed. 08.07.1944
- 6.2 Collecting list, no. 6 sgd. by Chairman and treasurer. Mimeographed. n.d
- 7. SA INDIAN CONGRESS**
- 7.1 Agenda book, SA Indian Conference. 19th session, 15/16th and 17th September 1950. Johannesburg. Mimeographed. 09.1950
- 7.2 Opening address at above by Moroka. Johannesburg. Mimeographed. 16.09.1950
- 8. SA LABOUR PARTY**
- 8.1 Non-European policy, as adopted by the Special Conference held on 10th November 1946. Johannesburg. Mimeographed. 10.11.1946
- 9. SPRINGBOK LEGION**
- 9.1 Memorandum on South African Non-European policy. Mimeographed. n.d
- 10. PROFESSIONAL PAPERS**
- 10.1 MS. *Suggestions to teachers* (on Hygiene lessons). n.d
- 10.2 *Health assistants training school. Syllabus of training.* Mimeographed. n.d
- 10.3 1 loose page, unidentified.
- 11. MISCELLANEOUS**
- 11.1 African National Soil Conservation Association**
- 11.1.i Report on the formation and development of the ANSCA. Mimeographed. 11.1953
- 11.1.ii Memo (?) on ANSCA and soil conservation. Incomplete. Mimeographed.
- 11.2 **Bantu association for the rehabilitation of the disabled.** Mimeographed. n.d

11.3 Newspapers

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| 11.3.i | The Methodist Churchman | 30.12.1940 |
| 11.3.ii | The Friend. Incomplete. | 12.09.1951 |
| 11.3.iii | British Weekly | 18.09.1952 |
| 11.3.iv | Indian Opinion. Incomplete. | 28.11.1952 |

11.4 Moroka Methodist Hospital

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| 11.4.i | Agenda for Board meeting
Attached: Methodist Church of SA Appendix XII. Constitution and regulations for mission hospital.
Mimeographed. | 26.02.1974 |
| 11.4.ii | Board meeting
Agenda, with Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Board on 29.08.1974. | 26.11.1974 |
| 11.4.iii | Balance sheet for year ended. | 31.03.1974 |

11.4.5 Miscellaneous items.

Odd items not related to other sections of the collection.