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ICS : SOAS : Papers.

Earlier question: would not say disillusioned - not as a group. T. Lang was connected to Freedom Radio. A. de Crespigny & Robin Scott-Smith. Funding did from Ghana. NCC was short of funds. "Funds were obtained and never reached us" De C. won't talk.

NIA was funded by CCF until we were thrown out. Ev. was funded. T.O. after bitter disputes. CCF spend funds widely. I remember going to Nairobi asking where its CIA. They said big american company. We were flung out after bitter disputes. ~~The~~ We were exp. to know what to say. Our series on Africa & Marxism they did not like NCC. and ~~ETA~~ ~~was~~ ~~an~~ ~~american~~ ~~news~~ ~~had~~ ~~anything~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~with~~ ~~each~~ ~~other~~ GW's claims are total fabrication.

Escape: see Diver on Duncan.

How much discussion? A good deal. Prager, Brumann were "brightly keen" on those sort of things.

What kind of SA. Non-racial democracy, socialist econ. basis.

NCC. "catalyst cum leading org to work towards unified underground opposition" Felt that this could only be achieved by what we thought ~~to~~ we were inspired by NCC's work and thought by (...) still in era of not human life & fully skilled attacks we would become - we would earn place as effective force, would not have to go cap in hand, would even be able to provide facilities. Should have had money - not having it we disaster. If we'd been properly funded we might have been more successful. Leadership felt we were only at beginning of training when it ended -

We did not see ourselves as a political organization in same way as... we were a committee - had wide spectrum of political views - received would be long haul... we were not writing

election manifesto... were a military organisation.

Bargaining: partly to bring them together. ANC had W/out
bad, PAC B w/out H. We thought we could
bring to together. Creating a mass movement
we were impressed with mass Af move in
Zimbabwe. Thought we'd play a role and
reestablish national lib movement. Our
own people would have earned

We had resources, training, ability, skills.
Ghana was only source - tho some of us would
have taken American money. (Though Cuba, bay
of pig made CIA dir would so maybe wrong.)
Felt that if we and our ideas were to have
any weight, we would have to have something
to offer.

Ideol. differences: usually - (PAC was so new) some
of us knew the dedication and principle which were
also to be found in ANC. Opp. would have
come from New Age, C.O.D. people who hated
our guts. Thought that our results would
supersede it. Distract was not as if two totally
opposed ideologies. Ideol. differences were organisation.
diffs of planning, - not that large or significant
(don't know when people form pol. parties. First
form parties, think ideol. up later. At
we felt ANC had neglected reserves. We were
going to develop.

B COP: Peter Rodda belonged to both. CI: hostility was
strong: grew out of NR elections. we put up candidates
against the people like Ben Turok. Exacerbated by arrival
of Pat Duncan in the Cape. Had turning anti-communist
thing. One had personal friends... What ag. them?
The old say against C.O.D. that here were four year
congresses - and COP had equal status. Tail
wagging dog. Thought it was COP was massive
phony. Lot of us had holy horror of Communism
weirdal Stalinist terror. Sachs: to you should.
COP LP ~~the~~ Fishcuffs were very intense.
Stay at home: we thought it was misconceived
we thought COP people were misleading ANC.