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BUTHELEZI Manas



1. Buthelezi was born at Ceza, Mahlabatini, in 1935. He matriculated at Mariannahill and took his teacher's diploma there also. After teaching for a year he studied at the Lutheran Theological College, Mapumulo, from 1958 to 1961, and while there graduated B.A. from UNISA. He then went to Lamontville as parish minister.

Cartoon: Again we encounter the problem of depicting an academic career. I suggest Buthelezi as Lutheran minister preaching in Lamontville, a black township of Durban.

2. Buthelezi now entered the big world. In 1964 he graduated Master of Sacred Theology at Yale, and Ph.D. at Drew University. He returned to teach at Mapumulo. In 1972 he was Visiting Professor at Heidelberg University, West Germany. On his return he entered troubled waters. He became Natal Director of the Christian Institute, and in 1973 was banned.

Cartoon: Buthelezi receiving his banning order from a senior police officer

3. After five months the ban was lifted, a rare occurrence. Strong international pressure was undoubtedly exerted. In 1974 To The Point virtually accused Buthelezi of advocating violence, for which it had to pay him R13,500 plus costs. In 1976 he was consecrated a Lutheran Bishop. He is married, and he and his wife have four children. He has said that Black Christians may have to re-convert White South Africans, and that the place of the Church is where there is suffering, injustice, hunger. He is one of our leading churchmen today.

Cartoon: Either Buthelezi among the poor and hungry. I don't like this much because what is he to do? Hand out food parcels?
or Christ healing the blind
or Black Buthelezi healing the White blind.