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NAME - VASENDHA PHYLLIS RUTH NAIDOO

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BIRTHDATE - 5th January, 1928.

PARENTS - VIOLET AND SIMON DAVID
both products of indentured labourers.

CHILDREN - NERSEN JOSEPH (born 25/1/50)
- SAHDHAN NAIDOO (born 4th April, 1961 -
assassinated in Lusaka 15/4/89
by SAn agent TEX)
SHARADH NAIDOO (born 31st July, 1962)
SUKHTHI ANANDHI NAIDOO (born 29th May, 1966)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND - INDIAN SCHOOLS 1934 - 1945

Primary : Esther Payne Smith School - Pentrich
Pietermaritzburg (1934 - 1939)

Secondary : Berg St. Girls School (1940 - 1941)
Woodland Secondary School (1942 - 1945)

University : Natal University (Part-time student -(1954-1958)
Bachelor of Arts Degree (English and Psychology)

Unisa/Natal University - Natal Law Certificate
(parttime while banned & not allowed to enter
educational institutions)

N.E.D. Natal Education Dept.- Teachers Diploma

University of Oslo - Womens Law Diploma 1987.

PROFESSIONAL :

1. Teacher under Natal Education Dept. 1950 - 1963
2. Articled clerk 1963 - 1973 to Attorneys Bill Bhengu, RAV Ngcobo, Don Kali, RS Pather and Mehta
3. Attorney practising under style and name of A.J. Gumede and Phyllis Naidoo -1973 - 1977

EXILE: 23rd July, 1977 - 24th June, 1990

4. Joined the African National Congress.
Admitted to practise in the Lesotho High Court 1977.
5. Chief Legal Aid Counsel for Govt. of Lesotho
(1979 - 1983)
6. Procedural Law Lecturer - University of Zimbabwe
(1984 - 1987)
7. Women's Law Diploma - University of Oslo
Norway. 1987.

WORK EXPERIENCE :

- 1946 - 1947 - Fosa TB Settlement - voluntary worker.
- 1947 - 1948 Springfield Hospital - TB nurse training
- 1948 - 1950 Springfield Health Centre
Health Assistant.
- 1951 - 1963 Teacher various schools (Indian) in Natal.
- 1963 - 1973 Articled Clerk various attorneys
see above
- 1973 - 1977 Attorney in partnership with Archie
Gumede in firm A.J.Gumede & Phyllis
Naidoo - 1st cross cultural practice in
South Africa.
- 1977 - 1978 Professional Assistant to Mohaleroe Sello
& Co., Maseru, Lesotho.
- 1978 - Sought work in Swaziland - access to
children in UK easier - given 24 hrs to
leave Swaziland - SA responsible for this.
- 1979 - 1983 Chief Legal Aid Counsel for Lesotho until
forced to leave by SAn regime.
- 1984 - 1987 Procedural Law Lecturer - University of
Zimbabwe.
- 1987 - 1990 Campaigned against the Death Penalty in
SA.

1987 - University of Oslo, Norway - Women law
Lectured on Destabilisation in Southern
Africa.

Most of the work listed above was remunerative work or part remunerative.

1950 - 1954 - Member of N.E.U.M attending lectures not a threat. As teacher no politics was the rule. First application for passport refused.

1954 - 1958 - Student politics - Congress. Treasurer SRC. joined NIC. Fund raising for detainees following treason arrests.

1960. - Banning of ANC - helped organise meetings in Inanda. Leafletted Umkumba at night (under searchlight at Natal Un.) with others. The next day Cato Manor marched into Durban and to the Durban jail calling for release of our leaders.

Following arrests : cared for detainees families, political prisoners. Cared for those underground avoiding arrest.

Formed Human Rights Committee to take care of those banished under a 1927 Act to Natal

Committee Member of Defence and Aid in Natal until its banning.

Took care of our comrades on Robben Island. Studies, Medical etc. Attended to their family needs- including burying dead children from starvation. Arranged visits for families, health of families in Natal.

As our comrades were discharged found jobs, clothes and shelter for many.

1966 - 1976. Banning and House Arrest Orders - Served 10 day sentence for failing to report to police one Monday.

Attorney in political trials. Poor persons attorney. Worked in the ANC underground until forced to leave the country in 1977.

Worked in ANC media unit in Lesotho.. Parcelled bombed on the 5th July, 1979.

SA threatens to kill 21 ANC cadres including myself. Lesotho asks me to leave as they cannot protect us. 9/9/83.

1977 -
1983
1984

Refugee status transferred to Zimbabwe.
Part of ANC constitutional team in Zimbabwe.
Ran the ANC campaign to protest the execution of our comrades.
Author of Waiting to Die in Pretoria