

Staff Appointments and Changes



Rev. Canon Xundu



Nic Borain



Mrs. Judy Martin

AS of 1st October 1988 several structural changes were made to the staffing positions. Mr Noel de Vries was appointed to the position of Head Office Accountant. At the same time Mr Thaabit Albertus became National Administrator and Mr Nic Borain took up the latter's position as Regional Director for the Western Cape. In addition Mrs Beverley Haubrich was appointed as Public Relations Officer and Mr Ian Liebenberg re-joined the staff as Research Consultant.

New appointments made were Mrs Judy Martin as Donor Reporting Co-Ordinator and Mrs Veronica Taylor as Head Office Receptionist. Finally, the Transvaal regional office appointed Ms Nancy Gasela as Receptionist and Ms Melody Emmett as Regional Secretary, whilst

the Natal office appointed Ms Rose Louw as its Regional Secretary.

An important additional appointment was made to the IDASA Board of Trustees. The Rev Canon Mcebisi Xundu, who is director of the Justice and Reconciliation Programme of the Diocese of Port Elizabeth, was appointed to the Board as of 11.8.88.

LISA SEFTEL APPOINTED AS RESEARCH CONSULTANT

ANOTHER recent appointment has strengthened and enriched IDASA's staff — Ms Lisa Seftel has taken up the position of Research Consultant attached to the Transvaal regional office!

Lisa was born and brought up in

Johannesburg. In 1976 she was a Rotary Exchange Student to Minnesota in the USA. On her return she studied at the University of the Witwatersrand where she majored in Politics, following that up with an Honours degree in Industrial Sociology. During this period she served two terms on the Wits SRC. In 1981 she joined the NUSAS head office staff as Projects Officer.

After the formation of the UDF in 1983 she became active in white democratic politics and was general secretary of the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (JODAC) in 1985 and 1986. In August 1986 she was detained and kept in detention for a period of seven months. She is currently also active in the Johannesburg Five Freedoms Forum.

Application for Monde Mtanga's release delayed

KEITH J. WATTRUS

MONDE MTANGA, a regional co-ordinator in the Eastern Cape office of IDASA, has been detained without trial since 10 December 1987. IDASA has been taking what legal steps it can to secure his release, and on 28 September 1988 an application was brought to the Supreme Court in Port Elizabeth.

Counsel for IDASA had advised that on the basis of the affidavits before the court, no favourable judgement could be made in Monde's favour. They advised that the tenor of the application should be to argue for oral evidence to be led so that both Monde and those who had made the opposing affidavits

could be cross-examined in court.

Counsel for IDASA thus argued that the arresting officer had formed an impaired opinion when arresting Monde, and that, because of several disputes of fact, his evidence should be allowed to be tested in court. Not unexpectedly the application was turned down with costs.

IDASA now intends to apply for leave to appeal and, if that is granted, to appeal against the above decision. If the appeal is upheld then only will Monde be allowed to appear in court to lead his own evidence — a protracted process indeed but IDASA is intent on ensuring that justice is done.

Mrs Sebolelo Mohajane

AS this issue of *Democracy in Action* was going to print we were informed of the tragic and untimely death of Sebolelo Mohajane. She was killed in a car accident over the weekend of 8-10 October near Ladybrand in the OFS. IDASA extends its sincere sympathy to her family and relatives.

Mrs Mohajane served on the IDASA Board of Trustees since its inception, and was always a most supportive and enthusiastic member. Her positive commitment was a constant source of inspiration to other Board members and the Institute's staff. We know that she will be greatly missed, not only by IDASA, but by the many community organisations she served with distinction.

Mrs Mohajane, a trained teacher, had been the executive director of the Careers Centre in Johannesburg since 1983. She was married with five children.