

# To the memory of Bantu Steve Biko...

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## Aims and Objects of Azapo

### PREAMBLE

Whereas we, the Black People of Azania, conscious of the philosophy of Black Consciousness as a living force amongst the majority of our people, and recognising that Black Workers particularly are responsible for creating the wealth of our country;

And whereas workers are subjected to the most inhuman and ruthless laws;

And further realising that the oppressive system in its effort to render the worker powerless and perpetually subservient, creates and utilises tactics of divide and rule that gave birth to factionalism and tribalism;

And whereas the worker is more determined to see freedom and justice, and desirous of occupying his rightful place in the land of his birth; And also that it is an inalienable right of any community to organise itself into a political movement to express and manifest its aspirations, ideals and goals;

And further believing that Black Consciousness be developed and maintained as a true philosophy for workers;

### THEREFORE RESOLVE

1. To found a political movement which will express and manifest the aspirations of the **Black People** in Azania.
2. To found a movement that will unite all and liberate all from the exploitative and oppressive shackles.

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To conscientise, politicise and mobilise Black workers through the philosophy of Black Consciousness in order to strive for their legitimate rights.
2. To work towards the establishment of an educational system that will respond creatively towards the needs of Azanians.
3. To promote an interpretation of religion as a liberatory philosophy relevant to our struggle.
4. To promote and encourage research into various problems affecting our people.
5. To expose the oppressive and exploitative system in which our people are denied basic human rights.
6. To work towards the unity of the oppressed, for the just distribution of wealth and power to all people of Azania.

## Editorial

Frank Talk is a journal devoted to the memory of Bantu Steve Biko (who used "Frank Talk" as his pseudonym in the now-banned SASO Newsletter) and unashamedly propagates the ideology of Black Consciousness.

There are a few ideologies which are as poorly understood by the "revolutionary" intelligentsia but which so easily strike a responsive chord in the hearts and minds of those who bear the brunt of ruthless oppression.

And the reason for this is not difficult to discern: BC is born out of the experiences of the downtrodden and believes in fearlessly translating these experiences into meaningful and constructive action.

In later issues we hope to offer criticisms of the ideology and we are intent on being the most ruthless dissectors of our own records. Make no mistake — our approach will be critical.

Revolutions all over the world show that if revolutionary movements are not prepared to examine themselves, warts and all, they will suffer from atrophy. This is why so many "revolutions" in the colonized world would have become disasters.

Consistent and open discussion are features which characterize the Black Consciousness Movement and Frank Talk is proud to continue this tradition.

BC is a developing ideology: thus the article on AZAPO's Fourth National Congress in this issue suggests areas that need to be explored within the BC movement.

This issue of Frank Talk offers a development of the BC ideology beginning with the pre-1976 BC movement and it captures the evolution in thought which characterizes the movement.

The fundamental pillars of BC remain intact today despite desperate attempts by liberals and other reactionaries to suggest that AZAPO's socialist direction is at variance with the message expounded by Biko and others.

Socialism is a logical development of BC: the pre-1976 papers that we have included hint at a delicate mix of nationalism and socialism that is crystallized by AZAPO in the 80's.

Frank Talk is of the view that the BC movement must continue in its measured and rational response to its critics, for the only task facing us now is to dislodge the system of racism and capitalism, to promote the leadership of the black working class and to usher in a socialist, anti-racist AZANIA. We are developing an indigenous ideology capable of bringing about this revolutionary era.

Future issues of Frank Talk will include features such as Azanian Focus, international forum and will aim to provide a background to events in this country. Articles will be in English and Zulu and contributions are welcome.

While Frank Talk is the official organ of the Natal Region of AZAPO, it encourages discussion — from all concerned with achieving a socialist, anti-racist Azania.

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