

REPATRIATION OF EXILES

The National Coordinating committee for Repatriation of South African Exiles met with the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania in Harare (22/9/90) to discuss the return of exiles and matters related to the changing situation in the country.

The NCC is a body representative of the major religious institutions and the liberation movements. The NCC's objective is to facilitate the repatriation process for those exiles who wish to return home through the establishment of task forces that will deal with matters such as legal protection, housing, employment, education, health and counselling.

The BCMA raised critical questions on matters such as the formation of the NCC, the security of returnees and the crucial need for general amnesty. The delegations reached agreement on the need for preparations for the reception of exiles to be set in motion without delay.

The BCMA endorsed AZAPO's role as its representative on the NCC. The NCC appreciated the BCMA's clear exposition of its often misconstrued stand on negotiations. The BCMA does not reject negotiations in principle. It prefers a peaceful resolution to the conflict. It seeks a common platform with the other liberation movements on negotiations to ensure that once a settlement is reached black people in Azania will enjoy peace, stability and dignity. The BCMA sees the need for an impartial mediator and the safety of the representatives of the liberation movements at talks.