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Application for membership of the A.N.C.

Comrades of the N.E.C.

I wish to make formal application for membership of the A.N.C. of Sth. Africa. I am an anglican priest, born in New Zealand in 1935, and have been a resident of Lesotho since 1965. During the past fifteen years I have had some responsibility for refugee welfare, more especially as chairperson of the Social Services Committee of the Christian Council of Lesotho since 1972. Since 1966 I have been able to teach many of the youth of Lesotho the facts about apartheid and the liberation struggle through the activities of the Student Christian Movement, of which I am an Executive member, and by the general distribution of literature. Since 1971 I have been prohibited from entering South Africa.

My connection with the ANC goes back to 1958 when I first met ANC comrades in Durban, when on a visit there. Especially since 1977 I have been active in helping to organise and support ANC youth activities, ~~especially by~~ ^{as well as} enlisting support of members of the local community. In 1979 I became the

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person responsible for distributing 'Sechaba', sent to me by the Berlin office, an attempt to eliminate me by the S.A. fascist system failed in July last year, when a bomb was hidden in the May parcel of 'Sechaba'. I together with four other comrades sustained injuries, but fortunately not serious enough to severely handicap our activities.

as a Christian and as a priest I believe that righteousness and justice for all in Southern Africa can only be achieved through the liberation struggle. I fully support the aims and methods used by the A.N.C., and shall continue to try to educate local people, especially the youth, about the importance of the armed struggle and the basic tenets of the A.N.C., as well as to give what support I can to local members of the Movement. I ~~foresee~~ ^{foresee} my life being spent in Southern Africa, and ~~it~~ have started the process of applying for Lesotho citizenship.

I understand Comrade Chris Hani is writing a letter supporting this application.

a luta continua, victoria e certa.

Yours in the struggle

John Osmund. (The Revd.)