

ABOUT COMRADE ALIE FATAAR

Comrade Alie Fataar, the writer of this issue of APDUSA VIEWS, has an illustrious political career which covers half a century of his life. Here we can do no more than to mention the highlights of his career.

1941: He joined the NEW ERA FELLOWSHIP, an ideological power-house which trained a wide section of the younger leadership of the Non-European Unity Movement.

1943: Founder member and Treasurer of the National Anti-CAD Movement. Founder member of the Non-European Unity Movement and also a member of its Head Unity Committee.

1944: First Secretary of the radicalised Teachers' League of South Africa. He, together with people like B.M Kies, R.O. Dudley, Van Schoor and others, radicalised the TLSA.

1952: Founder member of the Cape Teachers Federal Council which was a federation of the TLSA and the Cape African Teachers' Association. He was also elected its secretary.

1954: Founder member of "THE TORCH". Also a member of its editorial committee.

1959: Elected Joint Secretary together with Comrade Mqotsi of the one section of the Unity Movement.

1961: Founder and Executive member of APDUSA. Banned for five years by one B.J. Vorster.

1965: Forced to flee the country to avoid arrest, detention and imprisonment.

1968-80: Appointed teacher, lecturer and educationist in Zambia. There, for the first time, he and his wife Comrade Ursula, obtained refugee status from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

1980: Went to Zimbabwe, where he was appointed as an education officer in the Ministry of Education and Culture.

1985: Among the first abroad to hail the formation of the New Unity Movement. From the beginning he made himself available to the New Unity Movement and has actively propagated its policy abroad.

The reader will now appreciate why we earlier described his career as illustrious. The long years of eating the "bitter bread of exile" has not made him give way to cynicism or disillusionment. The long absence from the white heat of battle has not made him flabby.

At the age of 73, Comrade Fataar remains an unrepentant revolutionary who has already rolled up his sleeves for the next round of battle.