

# IDASA STAFF APPOINTMENTS



*Ms Marion Shaer*

MARION Shaer joined the IDASA staff as a Western Cape Co-ordinator in January. She is filling Nic Borain's position since his promotion to Director in the region.

Marion has just completed her B. Journal Hons. at the University of Stellenbosch where she also did her BA majoring in politics and sociology.

Whilst at Stellenbosch she served two terms on the SRC.

In 1983 she matriculated from Queenstown Girls' High and then spent a year as an exchange student in the United States. Last year she attended the International Summer School in Oslo studying peace research.

She grew up in Zastron in the Orange Free State.



*Ms Ronel Scheffer*

RONEL Scheffer was appointed as IDASA's Director of Publications in February.

The publications section of IDASA produces the regular news bulletin, *Democracy in Action*, a series of occasional papers and other publications generated by the international and national projects of IDASA.

A former regional co-ordinator of IDASA in East London, Ronel is an experienced journalist and has spent most of her working career on newspapers in the Eastern Cape, serving for a period too as the political correspondent of the East London based daily, the *Daily Dispatch*. She holds a BA-Communications degree from The University of the Orange Free State.

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through which he learnt his skills as a political organiser. He was a founder member of the End Conscription Campaign in Durban and was elected as one of its national organisers in 1988 and served in this capacity until the closure of the ECC under the Emergency regulations.



Ms Rose Louw

ROSE Louw is regional secretary at the Durban office. She was appointed to the position in October 1988. She has been an active Black Sash member including serving on the executive of the Natal Coastal Region. Rose, who is married, was previously a journalist for nine years on the *Diamonds Fields Advertiser* (in Kimberley), the *Pretoria News* and *Personality* magazine. She studied for her BA (UNISA) part-time while at the *Pretoria News*. She originally hails from Cape town.



## Giliomee misrepr

Dear Sir,

Response to "Leverkusen exposes the myths", *Democracy in Action*, December 1988.

I would like to take issue with one point made in an otherwise good article by Ms Elsabe Wessels on Leverkusen in your December 1988 issue. She writes that Prof Hermann Giliomee "argued for a continued post-apartheid struggle between Afrikaner nationalism and black nationalism" (p1).

I hope the misrepresentation of Giliomee was not deliberate, but whatever the case it can only be described as appalling. The whole point of Giliomee's paper at Leverkusen was the fact that by acknowledging and allowing the expression of communal nationalist commitments, such commitments could be articulated into an over-arching unity and transcendent national identity.

At the conference his utterly clear argument was misunderstood and he was at pains to explain during discussion that the defusing of sectional commitments could not be achieved by denying their legitimacy or validity. As in the theory relating to the national question in the Soviet Union after 1918, not "continued struggle" but accommodation and the basis for willing commitment to national unifica-

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