

STEVE BIKO MOTION

THIS UNION NOTES:

1. In April 2004, it will be the tenth anniversary year of the end of apartheid.
2. That UBU has, in the past had policy on Steve Bantu Biko (Original policy attached)

THIS UNION BELIEVES:

1. That it is important to promote awareness of the life and death of student leader Steve Biko.
2. That, although apartheid has ended, there still remains huge problems of racial inequality, both in South Africa and across the world.
3. That, as the original motion states, we must not forget.

THIS UNION RESOLVES:

1. To raise awareness of the life and death of Steve Biko by producing posters and publicity.
2. To work with the South African High Commission to prepare an event marking the ten year anniversary of the end of apartheid in April 2004.

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BIKO BAR

THIS UNION COUNCIL NOTES:

1. That Steve Bantu Biko, aged 31, a founder member of the Black Consciousness movement in South Africa, was murdered on the 12th September 1977 while under interrogation by the South African security police.
2. He was the 46th 'official' victim of this racist force to be murdered in the silent and secret circle of the South African security police.
3. Steve Biko is our magnifying glass through whose fate a whole spectrum of South Africa, and indeed international, reality is exposed.
4. In the fate of Steve Biko is encapsulated the truth about South Africa today, and the truth about its 26 million citizens, four fifths black, one fifth white.
5. That the death of political activists or opponents is not confined to the Republic of South Africa and that many thousands of people have been murdered while the secret and silent circle of the international police community, for what they believe and think.

THIS UNION COUNCIL BELIEVES:

1. That as a body concerned with promoting freedom, justice and equality within the international, as well as the domestic community, that such events as the murder of Steve Biko cannot go unrecognised and that this Union though in a comparatively weak position politically must do all in its power to make a stand against such infringements.

THIS UNION COUNCIL RESOLVES:

1. That, given our position of limitation, the most we can do is resolve that what political martyrs died for is not forgotten.
2. That one of the most effective ways, within our limits, of remembering is by naming (or renaming) a building, or room, in memory of what they stood for and died for.
3. That this Union should name (or rename) the Students' Union Bar on D Floor of the main University building 'The Steve Biko Bar' and dedicate it to the political death and political prisoners of the world.
4. That a plaque, stating these sentiments, should be displayed in this bar 'less we should forget'.

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